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## Home Again—IN CHINA

My heart is filled with praise these days because of God's wonderful love and grace in bringing me safely back to my old China home and friends of 25 years. It is wonderful how He leads when we put ourselves definitely in His hands. If I had ever doubted, I couldn't now. The way He opened doors for me to return more than 19 months ago; the stop-overs en route and opportunities for witnessing in New Zealand, Australia, India, in free China and then back home is like a story book.

I have already told you of my work and experience in Chungking with the government and of the 119 fine young men baptized; of my experiences with the Generalissimo and other high officials.

After the Japanese surrender the Chinese Communists in North China rose up and cut all railways, highways and telegraph and telephone connections. This happened before the central government troops could be transported to this area to take over from the Japanese. These communists have ruined their reputation now and forever with the people of China and other countries.

I waited in Shanghai for a time to see whether they would get control of all of North China. Since there was a group of U. S. soldiers and airmen stationed in Tsinan, a good airfield, radio station and tri-weekly army plane service between Tsinan and Shanghai, I felt I should come on and if it became too dangerous I could fly out with our troops. I got a plane on December 17, put all my baggage on and in three and one-half hours was in Tsinan. Being in uniform I was able to travel free.

It was a happy day when I arrived back in this city. I left here June 16, 1942, a prisoner of the Japanese, and no Chinese dared to accompany me to the train for fear of suspicion. When news of my arrival back got around I was besieged by my old friends and many others whom I scarcely knew, until I have hardly had time to sleep. Major General Li, the highest military official here, Governor Heh, Mayor Chang and others have in turn had me as guest of honor at feasts in their homes and in the government banquet halls. I've preached to full houses at least twice each Sunday in the different churches since my return.

It thrills my soul to see the work of the Lord going on in such a wonderful way. Not

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By JOHN A. ABERNATHY  
Shantung, China

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one of our Chinese coworkers has quit; even when severe famine swept this province in 1944, nor when the Japanese and Communists persecuted sorely. They have been hungry many times and it has been a long time since most of them had any new clothes but they, when asked how they had fared said, "Chü te en tien go yungte (The Lord's grace has been sufficient)." We could use a lot of money in the way of relief in this province among our Christians. They are worthy of every cent we may be able to give them.

It was very fortunate that I returned to Tsinan when I did. The Japanese were still occupying our missionary residences and the True Light Middle School buildings. The Chinese Government gave me permission to take over this property directly from the Japanese. A colerel was living in my house; some lower officials in Misses Crawford and Alderman's, and Chinese puppet troops had been living in the Evans' house at Cheeloo University. They had moved out, but the house was stripped clean of everything.

Our two residences had not been damaged much and some of our furniture still remained in the houses. I told the Japanese to move in four days and to leave everything except their clothes and personal effects. They did and I am now well established in our home again with some of our furniture and some Japanese stuff. Our piano, dining table, chairs and all the beds were gone. I have borrowed some things and am making out. I have been told some of this furniture can be found and restored.

The Chinese provincial government gave me a car to replace mine taken by the enemy after Pearl Harbor was bombed. It is a 1938 Buick four-door sedan in good condition; also enough gas and oil to last two months. I had not dreamed of such good fortune.

The only way to reach Tsinan now is by plane. We have good reason to believe that the differences between the Communists and Central Government will soon be settled and communications restored. (The civil strife has ended since this was written.) News from Chungking came over the radio last night saying an armistice had been agreed upon and Communist troops instructed to return the railroad tracks to their places and do all possible to restore communications as soon as possible.

I'm singing with joy the past few days since I received a cablegram saying Jewel (Mrs. Abernathy) sailed from Houston, Tex., for China on January 10. In four weeks she will be in Shanghai. Can hardly wait for her arrival there. You can bet your bottom dollar I'll be on the dock to meet her, and bring her on home as soon as possible. We may still have to come by plane, which will necessitate cutting baggage weight. We can leave some things in Shanghai until trains are running again and then have them shipped to Tsinan.

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## Cooperation Clarified

By W. B. O'NEAL

The only way two persons can operate a cross-cut saw is to cooperate harmoniously in their pushing and pulling. If this harmony is broken, the workers begin to pull or push against each other and the saw drags heavily or stops altogether. If each leaves it to the other, either to take the saw through or to send it back, both will soon tire and little will be accomplished.

Two good sawers will bend their backs, freeze their hands to the handles of the saw, set their feet firmly on the ground, (not on the saw), fix their eyes on the mark to be followed, and they will pull—shove, pull—shove, pull—shove, while the saw slips along singing to their hearts its song of, "True blue, thru and thru; true blue, thru and thru," to the final, sweet clang of the last stroke, when the block falls away. Here the sawers will unbend, take a deep breath, move on up a little, spit on their hands, and start right in again.

Two good sawers form a corporation, a company, an association, a body, politic. In their union there is strength. "Divided they fall." In their unison of cooperation there is the joy of achievement.



Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

## THE WORLD NEEDS A SAVIOUR

**STIMULUS FOR WORLD UNITY**—Religion, rather than government, must provide the stimulus for national and world unity, Congressman Brooks Hays declared in an address at the Washington Cathedral in Washington.

Pointing out that democratic government, like religion, embraces the elements of beauty, truth, and goodness, Mr. Hays said that government and politics must turn more and more to the sources of religion for faith and guidance.

He declared that the world eventually will be organized, but that the question today is: "Will it be organized by force or by those who believe in the Christian way of life?"

"If we are to give the world a demonstration of national unity as a preface to world unity," the speaker asserted, "we must find a way to destroy hate and suspicion, and to work toward harmonious relations based upon mutual respect among groups at home and nations abroad."

**ALABAMA LAYMEN**—An Alabama Baptist Layman's platform was adopted at the organization meeting of a permanent state-wide Baptist layman's group which convened at Montgomery. The platform, which will change from year to year as different needs and conditions dictate, calls for the following in 1946:

1. Aid to veterans in returning to school and in re-establishing their homes, securing employment, business, farms, or hospitalization.
2. Independent laymen's surveys designed to assist the local pastor in fashioning a church program related to local needs.
3. Increasing study and attention to the juvenile delinquency problem.
4. Massing Christian forces to help Americans become world citizens and forestall another world war.

Every Baptist pastor in the state was asked to appoint a minimum of two delegates to the organization meetings, regardless of size; and larger churches were asked to send one delegate for each 500 members. Plans for the meeting were promoted by a committee headed by H. L. Anderton of Birmingham, Ala., committeeman of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

The laymen's program each year will be submitted for discussion and approval to the Alabama Baptist Convention.

**MORE LIGHT**—Missouri Baptists attending a Statewide Evangelistic Conference adopted a resolution calling on the Missouri legislature to consider favorably a bill before the State House of Representatives which would require more lights in taverns, taprooms, and roadhouses.

**RETURNS TO SERVE**—A young woman who survived a ship disaster as a baby 28 years ago when her parents were en route to Madagascar to become missionaries is now returning to the island to serve as a missionary there herself.

Evelyn Lovaas, commissioned by the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, will work

on the same mission field at Fort Dauphin, Madagascar, which her parents served.

It was at this station that she gained the Malagasy name meaning "child of the sea" because of her rescue from the sea, with her parents, after the British ship, City of Athens, struck a mine and sank in August, 1917, off the coast of Cape Town Africa. One missionary was killed in the disaster.

Miss Lovaas lived for fourteen years in Madagascar and returned to this country fourteen years ago with her parents. She is a graduate of Augsburg College and Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, and took advanced language work at University of Minnesota.

**MINISTRY AS PROFESSION**—An illustrated brochure, "I Chose the Ministry," is being distributed by the Northern Baptist Convention to high school and college youth possessing talents which would qualify them for the ministry. Prepared under the direction of a committee of the Board of Education on Recruiting for the Ministry, the pamphlet contains messages and pictures of twelve outstanding pastors serving Northern Baptist churches.

**FREE TAXI**—In an effort to boost church attendance, the Rev. Daniel Y. Brink, a New Jersey pastor, has inaugurated a taxi service, free to members of the congregation.

Members who are unable to get transportation to church may phone the parish house before Sunday morning service and laymen motorists, who volunteered for taxi duty, will call for them.

**FAST WORK**—How several church groups raised \$500,000 in 36 hours was told by Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, director of the Commission for World Council Service, relief arm of the World Council of Churches.

Recently he received a cablegram from World Council headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland, that valuable army stores were available if \$500,000 in cash could be secured—stores needed acutely for relief. Immediately he got in touch with the headquarters of the National Lutheran Council, which gave \$100,000.

A telephone call to headquarters of the Missouri Lutheran Synod brought promise of another \$100,000. The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. gave \$50,000; the Methodist Church, \$50,000; the Protestant Episcopal Church, \$35,000; and the Congregational-Christian Churches, \$25,000. Soon the whole amount was pledged—in 36 hours.

**RELIEF**—Purchase of surplus army supplies worth \$5,000 has been authorized by the World Relief Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention. The stores will be used for relief purposes in Europe.

The committee also has voted to spend \$2,000 for children's aid in Czechoslovakia and \$1,450 for the dependents of Baptist conscientious objectors. General relief work in Europe and Asia will receive \$20,000. These allocations bring the total relief outlay of the committee since 1940 up to \$926,828.

In conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention the denomination has voted to open a joint warehouse for the collection of clothing.

## THE SCARS OF JESUS

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"Except I see—I will not believe."

Some one has said that Thomas "stumbled onto" a profound truth. There is no doubt that Thomas stumbled, nor is there any doubt of the profound truth which he unwittingly proclaimed: "Except I shall see in His hand the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe."

May I ask, would we believe were it not for the scars? Would we want a Christ without the scars, with unpierced hands? A gospel that leaves out the scars of Jesus is no gospel at all. Take the cross out of the gospel and the only thing left is a spiritual moral philosophy which provides neither incentive nor the power to reach the heights of the Sermon on the Mount. "Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins."

Our religion must partake of the same quality of supreme sacrifice. We don't want a religion that won't hurt. Or do we? A religion that leaves on us no scars will do us no good. Unless we are willing to follow the Lord in sacrificial living, we can scarcely call Him as our Saviour. "Take up thy cross and follow me," is Christ's instruction to His disciples.

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hand the print of the nails, and put my finger in the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe." John 20:24, 25.

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The pastor is called upon to do many things, some of them essential, others nonessential. But when the books shall have been made up, perhaps the greatest single service he has rendered will be in the field of the discovery and enlistment of competent, consecrated, devoted, fruitful teachers.—G. S. Hobbs in the Sunday School Bulder.

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The principle of atomic power is demonstrated in the working of Christ in his followers. As this divine energy develops in the life of one Christian it is transferred to the life of another. The spiritual dynamic thus comes contagious, growing in potency and multiplies in the lives of others.—Herschel Hobbs in Training Union Magazine.

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# Across the Editor's Desk . . .

## All Gain

A comparative statement of Arkansas Baptist statistics for the years 1943 and 1944, published last year, indicated losses in two departments of the work. Happily the 1944 and 1945 comparison reveals gains in all phases of activity. Note the table on this page.

## Pathway to Peace

A colorful ex-confederate soldier recently observed his 100th birthday. He looked up from the desk of his insurance business at Bristol, Va., to observe to reporters that Christianity is the only thing that can save the world."

He is Gen. Julius Franklin Howell, spry former commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. His philosophy after 60 years of living in which he witnessed our wars is:

"I have studied all the great religions of the past and present, and the political isms of many nations. I have concluded that Christianity offers the only hope for solution of the ills that confront mankind, the only pathway that can lead to a just and lasting peace."

President Truman attended the morning service of worship at the First Church, Washington, Sunday, January 13. When deacons counted the morning offering they found a five dollar bill autographed by the President, with a note attached stating that a deacon might have the autographed bill provided he placed \$10 in the offering. Pastor E. H. Truden has the idea somebody might pay even more for the bill.

Chaplain Clyde Godfrey, now stationed in Korea, writes in agreement with Chaplain James Kelly's article that the world is hungry for the gospel. "The people of Korea have plenty of religion—mostly non-Christian. They need Christ presented as the personal saviour of all who believe on Him and not as just another religion to add to the multiplicity of religions they already have."

Southern Baptists have been slow to follow trends until each trend was measured by the unchangeable bedrock truths. Each time these questions must be asked and answered—Is it true to the Bible? Does it accept Jesus as the Son of God? Will it work with the majority of Southern Baptist people? Does it magnify the church of which it is a part?—J. N. Garnette in Sunday School Builder.

## Mission Record

During the 100 years of its existence, the Home Mission Board has employed 44,895 missionaries for one year, or, if you prefer to think of it another way, one missionary for 44,895 years. This is 170,250,000 man hours, counting ten hours to the day.

Home Mission Board missionaries in 100 years have baptized 830,673 converts. They have organized 9,245 churches. The number they have baptized is equal to about one out of five of our present church membership; and the churches organized are equal to about one out of every three of our present number of churches.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick said in a letter of recent date, "Of course I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does." We do not know what Dr. Fosdick uses as a yardstick for intelligence, but we believe we could make him retract the latter part of his vicious anti-Christian statement if we had opportunity for a few minutes visit together.

If we build on and around our churches, the greater respect the world will have for them. Too many ministries that should be reserved for our churches are farmed out to other organizations.—W. R. White in Sunday School Builder.

## Ninety Cents Worth

In a recent address Dr. J. Howard Williams, the new executive secretary of Texas Baptists, related an amusing incident that occurred some years ago when he took his family to Washington. Standing in the great Lincoln Memorial, he read the Gettysburg address to his two small sons, Howard and Dan, telling them that it was one of the greatest messages of all time. Furthermore, he told his sons, if they could memorize it, letter perfect, he would give them a dollar.

Shortly after the elder son came to his father and recited the address perfectly and was given the award. Turning to the younger son the father asked, "Well, Dan, how are you coming along on the address?"

"Well, Daddy," replied the boy, "I think I know about ninety cents worth of it"

Too many years have passed away since then for this editorial to be written with any intent of chiding Dan, but what he said on that occasion reveals an almost universal human trait.

How much the world has lost by our willingness to sell out for ninety cents, when, by just a little more effort, we could have rendered the perfect job or the perfect service.

The great contributions which have been made to the world in all fields of human endeavor have been made by men who strove to be letter-perfect, whose constant effort was to create works without flaw or blemish.

Our word to all is, "Don't sell out for ninety cents," if by that you fail to render the best that is in you. Every task to which we set our hands is worthy of the most meticulous effort, that we might present it a worthy offering to our Father, who, His creative work, was the Perfect Worker.

—Baptist Review.

## ARKANSAS BAPTIST GAINS

	1944	1945	Gain
Baptisms .....	8,183	9,539	1,356
Church Membership .....	176,292	181,060	4,768
Sunday School Enrolment.....	105,501	113,356	7,855
Training Union Enrolment.....	28,024	33,278	5,254
W.M.U. Membership .....	14,791	17,506	2,715
Total Property Value.....	\$7,410,421	\$8,307,796	\$897,375
Total Pastors' Salary.....	\$671,563	\$795,554	\$123,991
Local and Associational Missions.....		\$70,380	
Total Local Work.....	\$2,241,092	\$2,713,034	\$471,942
Cooperative Program .....	\$228,915	\$302,131	\$73,216
Total to All Missions.....	\$471,637	\$601,070	\$129,433
Grand Total Gifts.....	\$2,712,729	\$3,314,104	\$601,375

The above figures, for the associational year October 1 to September 30, are released by Taylor Stanfill, recording secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. They are a summary of the many revealing reports being published in the 1945 Convention Annual, now on the press.



# NOTES OF ADVANCE

Dr. J. F. Plainfield, twenty years a missionary of the Home Mission Board, is retiring. Since May, 1926, Dr. Plainfield has served Southern Baptists as a missionary to his own people, the Italians, as well as to other foreign groups. He will continue to fill engagements on evangelism and missionary endeavors.

Mt. Ida Church, W. Clyde Hankins, pastor, with less than 120 resident church members, had 89 in Sunday School and 83 in Training Union, January 27. During October, before bad weather and the flu epidemic, the church averaged 108 in Sunday School and 83 in Training Union. Offerings average more than \$100 per Sunday. More than \$6,000 is now in a fund to be used in erecting a new building; nearly \$3,000 is in another fund to be used in building a parsonage. Gifts to Cooperative Program are at an all time high. There were six conversions in January. The Arkansas Baptist goes into every home. Explaining this progress, Pastor Hankins, who has been on the field five months, says, "The late Brother J. W. Hulseley had laid a wonderful foundation here and we have a group of laymen that mean business. If every church had a membership with the spirit of cooperation that this church has, we would have fewer gray haired pastors."

Royal Ambassador chapters and the Girls' Auxiliaries of Arkansas and the Baptist Book Store are broadcasting a series of missionary adventure stories over KLRA each Saturday morning at 8:45. Skipper Jim tells dramatized stories to three young people and a discussion follows. Be sure to listen.

First Church, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor for nearly 25 years, had 30 additions and several definite commitments to enter the gospel ministry or some other form of full-time religious work in a revival January 13-20. Dr. Duke K. McCall, newly elected Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, did the preaching. The church has accepted a goal of 750 new members for 1946. The goal of 500 for 1945 was exceeded.

A member reports that Atkins Church is making fine progress along every line of church activities under the leadership of Pastor Cecil Archer, who came to the pastorate in November last year. Without high pressure methods, the reports says, every phase of church life has doubled, some even tripled. The entire community is catching the spirit and entering into the plans of the pastor and church.

An interesting coincidence, related in The Watchman-Examiner, is that the section of Germany now under the control of General Eisenhower is the ancestral home of his family. It was also the home of the Anabaptists, who were bitterly persecuted in their day. The General's family belonged to that sect.

Thomas Thad Walker was ordained to the ministry in services at Columbus Church recently. An ordination council was composed

of R. C. Crede, J. M. Bolding, Dannie Hamilton, S. A. Whitlow, Henry Haynes, and G. H. Ussery. Pastor E. H. Acuff, Fountain Hill, preached the ordination sermon. Mr. Walker the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Walker, Columbus, is a student in Ouachita College.

Celebrating its one-hundred-first anniversary, Mary Hardin-Baylor College held charter day exercises on the campus, February 2. The college, established under the Republic of Texas in 1845, is entering the second century as an educational institution for young women.

First Church, San Antonio, Tex., observed the ninth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Perry F. Webb January 27. Dr. Webb has baptized a total of 1797 during the nine years. There were 739 additions during 1945, with 206 coming for baptism. The church budget has increased from \$44,000 in 1937 to \$223,388 in 1946. Church property worth \$700,000 was dedicated debt free in 1945. Dr. Webb was pastor at Pine Bluff before going to San Antonio.

Biggers Church building was completely destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, January 27. Only a few pews and the piano were saved. Loss was partly covered by insurance.

Pastor Paul Fox, Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, who has been in a Knoxville, Tenn., hospital since December 18 due to injuries received in an automobile accident, is reported improving. He will be able to leave the hospital after three or four weeks.

First Church, Little Rock, will have a revival May 26 to June 9 with Dr. McKinley Norman, State Evangelist of Texas, preaching.

Dr. J. R. Grant was the only 100 percent member of the Training Union of First Church, Arkadelphia, for last quarter, according to The Baptist Voice, church bulletin.

Half of the congregation and more than half of the active church membership of Felsenthal Church, Liberty Association, rededicated their lives to Christian service, at a unique service of the church, Sunday morning, January 27. Rev. Edward E. Harris preached on "Facing the Future," pointing out past mistakes and ways and means of avoiding them in the future. Following the service, Mr. Harris was called as half-time pastor. The church has been without a pastor for more than a year.

Chaplain Henry G. Spraggins, released from military service, has moved to 518 Fifth Ave., Fort Worth, Tex. He is available for evangelistic work.

Dr. Fred C. Eastham, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, announces a regular weekly broadcast at 8:45 a. m. Sundays, of the Gospel in Spanish over

## PASTORAL CHANGES

J. Tucker from Lexa Church to First Church, Cotton Plant.

## LeTOURNEAU IN LITTLE ROCK

R. G. LeTourneau (opposite page) to be in Little Rock, Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10, for a series of speaking engagements. His itinerary includes the following:

The Men of the Churches organization of Little Rock will meet for a banquet in the West Side Junior High School cafeteria at 6:45 Saturday evening, February 9. Tickets are being distributed through the men's Bible class in all churches of Little Rock and can be secured for 75 cents until 400 are sold. Only that number can be accommodated.

Following the banquet, Mr. LeTourneau will speak in the auditorium of the school. This meeting is free and open to the general public.

Sunday morning at 10 a. m. he will speak to the Berean Bible Class of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

At the 10:50 a. m. service of Immanuel Church he will speak on "Four Times When I Met God."

A city-wide mass meeting at the Little Rock High School auditorium will be held at 3:00 p. m. Sunday. The meeting is being sponsored by the Men of the Churches and the Ministerial Alliance of Greater Little Rock.

Radio Station KWBU, Corpus Christi, 1000 the dial. Beginning with a theme song in Spanish and closing with a Spanish song, the program will have a twelve-minute segment in Spanish by a Mexican preacher.

The Home Mission Board has moved its new headquarters building at 494 S. Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. The request made that all who correspond with the Mission general secretaries and the book business offices address mail to the new quarters on Spring Street.

The Southern Baptist Press Association hold its mid-winter meeting in Mobile, Alabama, February 7-8. The editor of the Arkansas Baptist is in attendance.

Missionary L. A. Thompson, Ouachita Association, began a series of doctrinal sessions at Wickes Church, January 27. Subjects discussed were "The Necessity of the New Testament," "The Difference Between the Kingdom of Christ and the Church of Christ," "The Principles of the Church," "The Mission of the Church," and "How to Finance the Church."

Do you have a second-hand pulpit or that you would sell to a village church? If so, write the Arkansas Baptist.

The West Central District Bible School will be held in Ozark this year. This district includes Concord, Clear Creek, Buckner, and Fayette County, Russellville, Dardanelle, and Fayette County Associations. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free to all who wish to attend through the school, but it is necessary to have a pastor. Pastor Don Hook, Ozark, has a list of names coming. Write him if you plan to come.



# "God's Businessman"

Robert Gilmon LeTourneau, one of America's leading industrialists and manufacturers, is perhaps the nation's most energetic Christian layman. Twenty years ago he was a "one-hoop" garage mechanic; today he is owner of five large plants which build half of all the earthmoving machinery produced in the world.

But LeTourneau's basic interest is even deeper and more driving. It is his role as "God's businessman." Of the millions of dollars that have come to him he has kept only a fraction. In 1935 he contributed more than 80 per cent of his worldly possessions to the LeTourneau Foundation, the world's largest exclusively religious foundation. "Not how much of my money do I give God—but how much of God's money do I keep for myself," is the motto which hangs on the wall of his office.

## The LeTourneau Foundation

Endowed with \$13,000,000, the LeTourneau Foundation, with headquarters in New York, has assisted hundreds of young persons to prepare for missionary work. It supports ten evangelists, conducts religious training camps in Indiana, Georgia, and New York, and owns radio stations in Toccoa, Ga., and Portsmouth, N. H. In 1943 it spent \$200,000 on Gospel tracts alone, distributing 35,000,000 copies in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian.

In addition to visiting all of his American plants each week, air-minded LeTourneau uses his personal sixteen-passenger Lockheed plane in flying an average of 4,000 miles weekly to hold speaking engagements. Often he takes along a quartet of Gospel singers and a soprano. He averages 500 speaking engagements per year. At present 700 invitations are on file, and dates are booked two years in advance.

In an unpolished but forceful manner and in a mechanic's language he has told great audiences from coast to coast what God can and does do with a yielded life. Practicing what he preaches he sees that an evangelistic program reaches every one of his almost 8,000 employees in shop evangelistic meetings and daily prayer services.

## A Hard Worker

A jovial, stocky, six-footer, LeTourneau works sixteen hours a day. He dashes through his factories on a scooter to save time—which time he spends in developing new ideas for tackling old problems.

LeTourneau was born in 1888 in Richford, Vt. Shortly afterwards, his family moved to Portland, Ore. It was a religious family. Three uncles, two aunts, and two sisters were missionaries.

Robert left school at fourteen while still in the seventh grade and got a job in a foundry. Four years later he took a wood-cutting contract in the San Joaquin Valley of California because he wanted to try out a theory he had evolved as to the value of part-time work, part-time study—now a feature of his factory program. All morning he slashed the cord wood; then spent the rest of the day slugging away at correspondence courses in algebra, geometry, and mechanical engineering.

His profits from cutting wood brought a half interest in a small Stockton garage.

While repairing automobiles he became so fascinated with an oxyacetylene welding torch that he used it on every repair job as well as to make plant fixtures and tools.

## His First Scrapper

During the first World War, LeTourneau learned the electric machinist's trade at the Mare Island Navy Yard. Back in Stockton after the war he took up the repairing of tractors. Immediately, tractors and earth moving machines stamped his imagination just as welding had done.

He bought a tractor, welded his own scrapers together, and went into the land leveling and road-building business. His welded scrapers were lighter, stronger, speedier, and more durable than the old riveted ones. It so intrigued a rival contractor that he ordered one just like it. Instead, LeTourneau built a new and better one for himself and sold the old one. He soon had a production line in full swing. When he was short of help his wife often went scurrying out to find a badly needed part.

LeTourneau built his first plant in Stockton, Calif., in 1921. In 1935 company headquarters was moved to Peoria, Ill. Other plants are located at Toccoa, Ga.; Vickburg, Miss.; and Sidney, Australia. He is now building plants at Longview, Tex., and in southern England.

The plants turn out mechanical monsters with such names as scrapers, angledozers, bulldozers, rooters, pushdozers and sheep's foot rollers. Other machines are called after their inventor: Tournapulls, Tournatractors, Tournacranes. Sales run close to \$40,000,000 a year. His newest piece of machinery is a powerful unit that scrapes up 180,000 pounds of dirt at a single bite and pushes it along at two miles an hour.

## Gives God the Credit

During the war all the plants were engaged one hundred per cent in war work. Scrapers and bulldozers, most of them LeTourneau's, are credited with a major share in saving Guadalcanal. It has been reported that during the last year of the war Mr. LeTourneau furnished the government with \$52,000,000 worth of dirt-moving machinery, and that his machinery built two of every three airports during the war.

Mr. LeTourneau believes that the inspiration for many of his unique inventions, on



... Will Speak in Little Rock

which he holds more than fifty patents has come directly from God.

He was past thirty with sixteen years of church going behind him when he thought seriously of becoming a missionary. "But you know," his pastor reminded, "God needs businessmen, too." "All right," replied LeTourneau, "Then I'll be God's businessman."

## Flying Missionaries

Several years ago LeTourneau became interested in Toccoa Falls Institute, a small religious school in northeast Georgia, as an ideal place to put into operation his vocational and educational program. So he built a steel welding plant in Toccoa to give the students an opportunity to earn their expenses. He built steel houses and rented them to students. He has added a dairy, beef cattle and a stock farm to make his industrial organization agriculturally self-sufficient.

When returned missionaries told him sad stories about time wasted in tedious travel through deserts and jungles, Businessman Bob decided to speed up foreign missions with a missionary flying school. Prospective flying missionaries can earn their way through a complete course at the LeTourneau plant at Toccoa.

Last summer when the first four (chosen from fifty applicants) were graduated as full-fledged "sky pilots," Bob LeTourneau viewed them as forerunners of a "mighty armada of flying missionaries."

"My platform has three planks: speed, the welding torch, and the Bible," LeTourneau sums up. "Two things I like most to do. One is to design machines, turn on the power, and see them work. The other is to help turn on the power of the Gospel and see it work in people's lives."





# CHARACTER IS MOLDED AT HOME

By JAY C. SMITH  
Lakeland, Florida

The Bible magnifies the home as no other religion does. The Jewish religion as portrayed in the Bible was largely home-centered. The Jewish family did not delegate to the temple or the synagogue the religious instruction of children. The home was the source and center of religion.

The Mosiac law speaking of God's commandments enjoins parents, "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deuteronomy 6:7-9.)

## Direct Training

Every child is entitled to training. The folly that a child is not to be corrected nor his will opposed has been demonstrated again and again in ruined characters and wrecked lives. Only the poinsettia that is properly pruned and fertilized produces the finest blooms. Only the children who have been properly trained in obedience, reverence and religious truths produce the strongest men and most useful citizens.

Susannah Wesley, mother of nineteen children, took each at the age of five years and taught them the alphabet and how to read. Bible truths were instilled in their earliest years. From that group came John and Charles Wesley, two of the world's most effective evangelists and song writers. Bible stories heard at their mother's knee gave them the foundation for spiritual life and power.

The Wall Street Journal, strictly a business publication, is quoted as saying, "What America needs more than railroad extension, western irrigation, a bigger cotton crop and a larger wheat crop, is a revival of religion, the religion that counted it good business to take time for family worship each morning, right in the middle of wheat harvest; a religion that prompted the quitting of work a half hour earlier on Wednesdays so that the whole family could get ready to go to prayer meeting."

## Indirect Training

Children learn more by imitation than by direct teaching. Aesop has a fable about a crab and a little fish that became friends. The crab longed to learn the graceful movements of the fish and the fish undertook to teach him. All day long they tried and the crab seemed to be making good progress. When he went home, his father, mother,

## Living Clay

*I took a piece of plastic clay  
And idly fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will.*

*I came again when days were passed;  
The bit of clay was hard at last;  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
But I could change that form no more.*

*I took a piece of living clay  
And gently formed it day by day;  
And molded it with power and art;  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*I came again when years were gone,  
He was a man I looked upon;  
He still that early impress bore,  
And I could change him never more.*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

## In All Thy Ways

A Page Dedicated to  
Christian Homes



*old-fashioned family altar in our homes, and lead us into following more closely the Christian principles laid down by Christ.*

*"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." This page is dedicated to Christian homes in the hope that the stories, articles, and poems may bring inspiration to all the family. We trust it will help restore the*

brothers and sister made fun of his trying to swim like a fish. He finally gave up, saying, "It's no use, they all swim sidewise at home."

The teacher may teach good English in school, but the child will speak the language he hears at home. The Sunday School teacher may emphasize good moral and religious principles, but the child will use intoxicants, profane language, bad table manners and selfish acts according to those which the parents use at home.

The opposite is also true. A father was concerned about the religious life of his daughter when she left for college. He expressed his concern in a letter to her. Imagine his gratification when he received her reply, "You need not worry, father, God has been a member of our family too long for me to lose Him now."

## Early Training

Horace Bushnell, a great educator is quoted as saying that the first three years of a child's life are more important in their bearing upon education and character than all the years of discipline that may come afterward. During these early years indirect training makes up most of what the child acquires. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6.)

The home is God's earliest school. It antedates the church and the public school. It was established in the Garden of Eden. It continues to be the most influential of all agencies for bringing to pass God's ultimate purpose in the world. Parents cannot escape responsibility for the sort of training which the home provides.

The home is the greatest builder of character in the world. It always will be. That is its responsibility. One never can tell what may come out of a family of children. The seeds in an orange may be counted but one never can count the oranges possible from a seed. The home which neglects its greatest mission fails in its duty to itself, its children and its nation.

Good homes make good nations. There can be no good nations if the homes are not right. In the ideal home God's name is honored and children are sent out into the world with high moral and religious convictions. In this new atomic age it is more important

than ever that the "citizens of tomorrow" shall be thoroughly grounded in the fundamental principles of righteousness.

If the beautiful picture in Burns' "C Saturday Night" could be repeated da every home in the world it would solve the problem of future wars and conflicts between individuals and nations. It is the universal experience that where the Bible goes Christian homes and Christian civilization quickly follow.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE BIBLE

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QUESTIONS

1. What kind of people were Adam's and his descendants?
2. What did God decide to do to these people?
3. Whom did God save from the flood?
4. Why did God save them?
5. How did God save Noah and his family?
6. How did the flood come?
7. What sign did God give that there would not be another such flood?

## ANSWERS

1. They were sinful people.  
2. He decided to destroy them with a flood.  
3. Noah and his family.  
4. Because they loved and obeyed Him.  
5. He saved them in a great boat, or ark, that Noah made.  
6. It rained forty days and forty nights.  
7. A rainbow.

## ★ RADIO ★

Bringing to the Baptist Hour twelve years of experience in successful religious broadcasting, Dr. J. W. Storer of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will speak on the broadcast next Sunday, May 10, as disclosed by The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Storer has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa for fourteen years. The subject of his broadcast message is, "Freedom for Men."

Dr. Storer is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Southern Historical Society, a 32nd degree Mason, and holds many positions of trust and leadership among the Southern Baptists. He has been selected among the 22000 Baptist preachers of the South to preach the Convention sermon at its forthcoming meeting in May in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Baptist Hour Choir will sing on the broadcast, rendering a special number following the message.

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# BEFORE YOU BUILD

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Beech Street Church, Texarkana.



Before you begin your building program you must be sure you are building on the best location available. The best is the place where your church can best serve its constituency.

It may be necessary for the church to move a block or a mile if it is to reach a maximum of people in the community. Of course, it is not easy to get the membership to agree on a move for there are some who look on the old location as a shrine, hallowed by the footsteps of their fathers.

Ancestors have a great deal to do with many people's worship. To raze an old building that needs to be replaced by a new structure or to move to a more desirable lot is easier said than done.

## Good Location Vital

A church in North Carolina is laboring under a great handicap because they failed to move two blocks before they built a large and modern church plant. In the present location it is surrounded by factories, tenant houses, and narrow streets. Two blocks away is a wide boulevard connecting the city with a good residential section. The pastor told me it is very difficult to get prospects for his church to turn up the side street into the factory district.

In Georgia a church with a long honorable history is in a changing community. Most of the white people have moved out to new additions and Negroes have moved in on three sides. The only hope of the church is in another place but there are some who want to remain.

Second Church, Hot Springs, recently manifested good judgment in purchasing a beautiful building site on a main thoroughfare diagonally across the block from the present building. It cost money to give up the old building but it has enriched the future of the church. Park Place in the same city, is separated from the main avenue by a half block. During the pastorate of Dr. J. F. Queen these lots were purchased and their new building will front on this important street.

## Planning the Auditorium

There is no Baptist plan of auditorium. The main thing to keep in mind is that it should be worshipful. A rectangular auditorium with the length about one-fourth greater than the width has been found very acceptable. The pulpit should be in one end with the choir, organ console and baptistry behind it in full view of the congregation.

Everything possible should be done to take away from the worship room the atmosphere of a theater. If a concrete floor is used it should be covered from wall to wall with a rug. Church pews are much to be preferred to opera chairs. Modern pews give both beauty and comfort. In recent years there has been on the market a combination opera seat and pew, the individual opera seats built on to the long pew back. From the front or rear these seats give the appearance of pews. In figuring the seating capacity of a pew eighteen inches should be allowed for each person.

## Other Items

The inclined floor, so popular the past thirty years, is giving way to the level floor because it makes the room more worshipful.

A slight addition to the height of the rostrum will compensate for most of the loss in vision.

The balcony should be limited to the rear of the auditorium and planned for use only as an overflow on special occasions. The church that finds it necessary to use the balcony every Sunday needs a larger main floor. The side balconies take away from the dignity and beauty of the building, and should be constructed only as a last resort for room.

The ideal auditorium will not have a half basement because it makes too many steps for many people to climb in order to reach the worship place. Also the basement will be damp and dark, and unless treated with the best water proofing and construction water will find its way inside. The tendency is away from basements.

The organ should be a pipe organ. There are some substitutes for the pipe organ which have been placed in many churches but at the present the substitutes are substitutes and do not measure up to the pipe organ in the minds of those who know music. The trained ear can tell a difference. Small pipe organs are being made to compete in price with those instruments which would displace them and they are more acceptable.

# STEWARDSHIP—A Matter of Service

By W. W. MOORE  
Helena

The emphasis now seems to be on stewardship. The Biblical qualification is that a steward be found faithful.

We have stressed money more than service. We are getting the harness before the horse. The Lord did not say "Give me money," but he did say, "Give me thine heart," for out of the heart are the issues of life. Get the heart right and the tithe will come. The emphasis has been on tithing rather than service. The results demonstrate the neglect of enlistment. Failure to enlist our laymen is appalling.

The Lord never depended on money. His treasurer was a traitor. The disciples did a great work without money. Peter on one occasion, when he was appealed to for alms, said, "silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee," and the beggar received something more valuable than money.

Stewardship is more than tithing. The Bible has more to say about the poor than money and the tithe. He came to give the gospel to the poor. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." The only time that God admits owing anything and I think a loan to Him would pay large dividends.

The wise servants who had five and two talents were commended. "Thou has been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler of many things, enter thou in the joys

## Young Mission Church A Growing Lighthouse

Seeking a more dignified name, the congregation at 400 East Tenth Street, Little Rock, has voted to call itself the Trinity Baptist Church rather than Hanger Hill.

The two-year-old church originally was a mission of First Church, Little Rock. In four years it has grown into a progressive little church filling the need of the people of that section of the city. Nelson Tull, now of Nashville, Tenn., was the first mission pastor. He was succeeded by William M. Burnett, the present pastor of the church.

In the two years since its organization into a church Trinity has almost doubled its membership, more than tripled its financial program and has steadily increased its organization and efficiency.

The old mission house built by First Church, Little Rock, has been torn down and a new building is now under construction. The new building which is expected to be completed in time for a spring revival, will care for 300 people both in the Sunday School plant and the auditorium. A budget of \$5,000 was adopted for 1946. The newest addition to the church organizations is a twenty-voice girls chorus.

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I believe in the church as a body of regenerated baptized believers in Christ, equal in rank and privileges, administering its affairs under the headship of Christ, and covenanted together to do what he has commanded.—B. B. Hilburn in *The Teacher*.

of thy Lord." The servant who had ten pounds gained ten pounds and he was put over ten cities. Both instances put a value on service and neither were told to put it in the store house.

We have oiled and streamlined our program until there is no spirit of worship in our giving more as a duty or obligation with no heart in it. Our offering has become more of business than religion, more commercialized than Christian. Why not put the right emphasis on life? A life wholly dedicated to the Lord will be an asset.

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I believe in immortality because if we live at our best, we must have the background of eternity. Permanence is the supreme thought in man amid all his calculations. This is a preparatory world, a school in which primary courses of study are pursued but not crowned with graduation. This life without the after life beyond is poor, pitiful, meaningless. This immortality affirms.—Robert G. Lee in *The Teacher*.

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The creative Christ, if allowed to have his way, will refine and enrich our personalities for his use. He will make our hands skilful for his work and our feet swift to carry his message. He will transmute our silver and our gold into the legal tender of heaven with which we can send missionaries to win immortal souls for him.—J. E. Lambdin in *Training Union Magazine*.



# CHAPLAIN MYERS GOES TO MISSOURI EDITORSHIP

Dr. Lewis A. Myers, former editor of the Arkansas Baptist and for the past two and a half years an army chaplain, has accepted a call to the editorship of the Word and Way, Missouri Baptist publication, and will assume his duties March 1.

Announcement of Dr. Myers' election and acceptance was given the Arkansas Baptist by Dr. T. W. Medearis, general superintendent of the Missouri Baptist General Association. The publication, privately owned by the Western Publishing Company since its founding by the late Dr. S. M. Brown in 1898, was purchased by the General Association as of last January 1 so it might be more definitely a convention organ.

Dr. T. W. Croxton, one-time editor of the Arkansas Baptist, former instructor in Bible at Ouachita College and former pastor of First Church, Monticello, has been acting editor of the Word and Way since January 1. The circulation showed great gains in January, one figure indicating a net increase of 1,500 the first three weeks of January. Dr. Croxton is pastor of the First Church,



Editor Myers

Sedalia, Mo., and a member of the Word and Way committee.

Dr. Myers, a Mississippian, is a graduate of Mississippi College, Mississippi University and Southwestern Seminary. He once taught journalism at the Seminary, and served churches at Memphis and New Orleans before coming to the Arkansas Baptist editorship in 1940. The paper showed tremendous gains in circulation, prestige and financial standing during the three and a half-year period he served it. He has a host of friends in Arkansas, and has been making his home in Hot Springs since his release from the army last November 3.

We predict bright and glorious years ahead for the Word and Way. Given fresh interest because of its new connection with the state association of Baptists, we predict that the added stimulus of permanent editor trained in journalism, experienced in the state paper field and versed in the conditions because of his overseas service in chaplaincy, will be a tremendous boost to the publication.

## Eight Bible Schools, for Training of All Church Workers, Will Be Held in State

By OTTO WHITINGTON

This year it was decided to have more Bible schools in hope of reaching a greater number of our people and especially rural preachers. The arranging of these schools and making out the programs was turned over to the state missionaries in their several districts. Making out these programs is a long, hard job. These missionaries have done well and the following Bible schools have been arranged. The programs have not yet been finished but will be soon and will be printed in the Arkansas Baptist.

The first group will be held February 25-March 1.

Under the direction of Rev. H. A. Zimmerman, Arkadelphia:

1. Camden, First Baptist Church. The out of state speaker will be Dr. S. E. Tull of Jackson, Miss.
2. Mt. Ida, First Baptist Church. Out of state speaker will be Dr. C. R. Barrick.
3. DeQueen. Out of state speaker Dr. D. S. Haworth.

The second group of schools will be March 4-6.

Under the direction of Rev. James H. Fitzgerald, Jonesboro:

1. Forrest City, First Baptist Church.
2. Osceola, First Baptist Church.
3. Jonesboro, (place not selected).

Under the direction of Rev. C. C. Roberts, Bentonville:

1. Ozark, First Baptist Church.
2. Springdale, First Baptist Church. Out of state speaker, Dr. W. T. Conner of the Fort Worth Seminary.

Under the direction of Rev. E. D. Estes; Pine Bluff:

Monticello, First Baptist Church.

We hope to print the entire program of these schools in the Arkansas Baptist in the near future.

## Atlanta Church Buys Fourteen-Acre Plot

Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., James P. Wesberry, pastor, has recently purchased a new site consisting of fourteen and a half acres. Dr. E. M. Conover, of the Interdenominational Bureau of Church Architecture, New York City, stated on a recent visit to the church that he had traveled all over the nation and that he had never seen a lot as beautiful. In one of his letters to the church he said, "You now have the finest piece of protestant church property in the United States."

On this beautiful, wooded, hilly location Morningside Baptists are planning to erect one of the most worshipful and attractive churches in the nation. It is estimated that the church spire will be seen in downtown Atlanta. Plans are that the building will cost approximately \$300,000. The location lends itself to the development of one of the most attractive recreational opportunities and ideal parking arrangements.

J. C. Penney says: "If I could get a message over to the youth of this country, it would be that success in life does not depend on genius. Any young man of ordinary intelligence, who is morally sound, above-board in his dealings and not afraid of work, should succeed in spite of obstacles and handicaps, if he plays the game fairly and squarely and keeps everlastingly at it. The possibilities before one are measured by the determination which is within one."

According to statistics there are more women drunkards in the United States than ever before, and the number is increasing constantly . . . there are 1,350,000 girls employed in the liquor traffic in the United States. This number does not include those who are selling liquors illegally.

## Gale Dunn to Texas

Gale Dunn, popular director of music education at Second Church, Little Rock, contributor to the Arkansas Baptist, has signed that he may accept a similar post at the Baptist Temple, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Dunn came to Little Rock last February from First Church, Pine Bluff, and prior to that was at Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are parents of two sons, Richard Albert, aged two.

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Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Marion, Ill., has been elected general secretary in Illinois to succeed Dr. E. W. Reeder who will retire March 10. F. R. Sawyer, Salem, Ill., layman has been elected to succeed George Schroeder as Brotherhood Secretary.

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One hundred thousand Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School officers and teachers are estimated to have attended associational Sunday School meetings on January 1. An estimated half million are expected to attend Sunday School planning meetings to be held the first two weeks in February.

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Carl Sanders and J. H. Lee were ordained to the office of deacon by Matthews Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, January 29. Sam K. of Calvary Church, Pine Bluff, served as moderator, John Wafford presented the candidates, and Pastor L. G. Whitehorn conducted the examination. J. J. Whiteaker of Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff, prayer the ordination prayer, and Missionary Marvin Jagers, Harmony Association, delivered the charge to the church and deacons. Pastor Lloyd Sparkman of Southside Church, preached from the sixteenth chapter of Acts. Deacons of Immanuel and Southside churches were guests.

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One thing now stands out with tragic clearness. We have been placing the emphasis in the wrong place. We have been busy developing the instruments of power while we have neglected the building of the right kind of men. — H. Guy Moore in Training Union Magazine.



# LIFE HAS TWO ROOMS

For the preacher and other denominational worker, Life has two rooms: the *Room of Activity* and the *Room of Retirement*. Time was when both rooms of life lay open to the winds of misfortune and the storms of adversity. Then came the Relief and Annuity Board, and, with its retirement plans, it roofed over the *Room of Retirement*, affording a sheltering security to the brother who would live to retirement years, and beyond. Now, with the *Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan*, the Relief and Annuity Board is extending that sheltering coverage over the *Room of Activity*, and an opportunity to purchase security undreamed of only yesterday is offered all servants of the denomination. There is now a sheltering security for the work *In Event He Lives Beyond Retirement*, and a sheltering security for his wife *In Event He Dies Before Retirement*.

In the Southern Baptist Convention, more than twelve thousand denominational workers — pastors, secretaries, teachers, educational directors, institutional executives, and other salaried employees — have acted upon the assumption they will be blessed of the Lord with long life, and have become members of that particular retirement plan for which they are eligible. Today, the vast majority of these are still active contributing members of these retirement plans. Thus, they are demonstrating foresight and faith, for which they are to be commended and shall some day be rewarded.

Now the question arises, *How Long Will You Live?* While no one can predict the length of a given life, statistics reveal how many of a given number of individuals will live beyond a given age, and how many *Will Not Live That Long*. Based upon statistics available, it is reasonably safe to say that a large percentage of the denominational workers referred to above will not live to retirement age, but will be called home somewhere along life's pathway before reaching the sixty-fifth mile stone.

*Are You One of These?* Who can say? Assuming longevity, you have protected yourself by membership in a retirement plan. Assuming a short life, what protection have you secured for your family? Life insurance is most excellent, but the average preacher or other denominational work cannot afford sufficient insurance to solve all the economic problems occasioned by his untimely death. We believe the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan is the Lord's provision looking toward such a solution.

Membership in any one of the contributory retirement plans of the denomination makes any salaried married man in denominational service eligible for membership in that plan.

Do you have questions concerning it? Address them to your state office. They will be answered through these columns in a subsequent issue.

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## ROYAL AMBASSADOR AIMS FOR 1946

ALVIN HATTON  
State R. A. Secretary

1. **More Royal Ambassador Chapters.** At the close of 1945 there were a few more than 200 Royal Ambassador Chapters in Arkansas. At the close of 1946 there should be at least 400. This can be true if more chapters adopt the "Little Brother" plan and help a church that does not have a Royal Ambassador Chapter to start one. Make this a project for your chapter.

2. **More Associational Royal Ambassador Conclaves.**

3. **More District and Associational Royal Ambassador camps.** Is your association planning a camp for this summer? If not, why not? Now is the time to plan it. If you need help call on your State Young People's Secretary or State Royal Ambassador Secretary.

4. **More Men Enlisted in Royal Ambassador Work.** This important boys' work cannot go forward as it should unless it has the backing of men. Pastors, laymen, Brotherhoods should participate in R. A. work. Boys need men.

5. **More Boys Advancing in Ranks.**

6. **More Missionary Education For The Boys Of Arkansas.** This will automatically be true if the aims stated above are carried out. Boys need missionary education. They receive it in R. A. through missionary programs, mission study classes, work on ranks, community missions projects and missionary camps. Royal Ambassadors is a missionary organization for boys. Winning boys to Jesus and leading them to be Ambassadors for Christ is the business of Royal Ambassador work.

### A Week of Royal Ambassador Work in Hot Springs Churches

Mr. Hatton worked four days in Hot Springs with leaders in the four Baptist Churches. Two evenings he held conferences and instruction periods on Royal Ambassador work. During the day he contacted many men in interest of this work. Thursday evening the Second Baptist Church was host to all boys of the four churches in a conclave of Royal Ambassadors. Plans were set in motion for the organization of a permanent City-wide R. A. Conclave. A committee also was appointed to look into possibilities for an associational

camp this summer. Two brand new chapters got under way in First Church with men counselors. The WMU Young People's Director of that church initiated this week's work and is rejoicing over it.



### Girls' Auxiliary Focus Week Feb. 10 - 16.

Focus attention upon the missionary auxiliary for girls in your church.

In Arkansas there are 322 Girls' Auxiliaries. In the South there are 9,744.

This missionary auxiliary for girls of our Baptist churches has for its ideals:

Abiding in Him through prayer, Advancing in Wisdom by Bible study,

Acknowledging My stewardship, Adorned with good works, Accepting the challenge of the Great Commission.

Why not organize a Girls' Auxiliary in your church during Focus Week if there is none? Order organizational literature free from State Young People's Secretary.

### Sixth Missionary Round Table Reported

Mrs. L. E. Walker, mission study chairman of the W.M.S. at Siloam Springs, reported a very active and enthusiastic Round Table Group in her society. The members of this group meet once a month for reports on books read, then exchange books for the next month's reading. Several other women lack only one or two books of finishing Courses One and Two and so they hope to form another group before the year is over. This group is studying books on America and World Peace.

This makes the sixth Missionary Round Table group formed in the State. The other groups are: Bentonville with Mrs. A. G. Newman as chairman, El Dorado First with Mrs. L. R. Prickett chairman, Ft. Smith First Church with three

groups with Mrs. H. M. Keck chairman. The requirement for membership in a Missionary Round Table in Arkansas is that Courses One and Two should be completed first. Write your State W. M. U. Headquarters for leaflet and list of books and organize such a group in your society.

### From The Hospital

Greetings to Arkansas Baptist Women in 1946! Your loyalty and cooperation have been a constant inspiration to your State Hospital Chairman.

The year 1946 is the Silver Anniversary of the Hospital Charity Fund. Mrs. J. M. Flenniken visited your churches 25 years ago seeking your interest in the Hospital Charity. In July 1921, she organ-

ized the Women's Auxiliary to Baptist State Hospital.

Mrs. Carroll D. Wood was first Auxiliary President, and Flenniken has been President more than twenty years. Mr. C. Rudisill was State Hospital Chairman for more than twenty years. Hand in hand, these Baptist leaders worked for good of the Hospital, until Women's work is a vital fact

The Mrs. R. C. Rudisill Memorial Chapel in the Hospital was completed soon and will be a beautiful tribute to her years of service. In tribute to these two, for suffering humanity, let covenant together to make Silver Anniversary the best of all.

Mrs. Chas. Brough  
State Hospital Chairman

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## 1946 Arkansas Baptist Assembly JULY 2-11

### Dates

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### Program

Again it will be an "All Baptist Program For All Arkansas Baptists." International, southwide and state preachers and leaders will appear on the program. We are indeed fortunate in having engaged Dr. Harry Rimmer of California to speak at both the noon and night hours during the Assembly. Dr. Rimmer is perhaps the most sought after speaker on the Bible and science that there is in the world. 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.

We are fortunate also in having engaged Dr. M. Ray McKay to have charge of the morning devotional hour which will come each morning immediately following breakfast. Dr. McKay is pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. He is different, having a style of presentation all his own. We predict a 100% attendance for each day at the morning devotional hour under the leadership of Dr. McKay.

Arkansas Baptists will be glad to learn that Dr. W. L. Howse, Associate head of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will attend the Assembly

and participate in many of the programs.

In addition to these named, there will be on the program selected leaders in all phases of Baptist work.

Mr. Roland Leath, Educational & Music Director, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, will lead the singing. We have the promise from the two splendid pianists of last year to serve this year. This means another great session of inspirational sacred music. Classes will be provided for every age in Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union work.

### Recreation

For two years Miss Mary Wright, now attending Southwestern Theological Seminary, has efficiently directed the Assembly recreation. She has been assisted by Rev. Fred White, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Prescott. This splendid team will have charge of the recreation this year. They are planning many new and special features. Of course the election and coronation of the King and Queen, with the usual sports such as tennis, softball, swimming, etc. will be retained. This should be the best year yet for recreation.

### 1946 Rates

Due to the constantly increasing cost of everything that is needed to maintain the Assembly property throughout the year and to operate the annual session, it has at last become necessary to increase the Assembly rates. Every effort has been made to operate without increasing rates but this can no longer be done and make the repairs necessary and the improvements needed.

Assembly-owned cottages and dormitory space are limited. Approximately 500 can be cared for in Assembly-owned space. Another 500 can be cared for in the different church-owned dormitories and cabins. This is the total equipment capacity of the Assembly. It is impossible with the present equipment to take care of more than ap-

## 1946 ASSEMBLY RATES

### FULL-TIME RATES:

<b>Registration, Cot and Mattress in Dormitory and All Meals:</b>	
Individuals in Assembly-owned Dormitories	\$14.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories	13.00
Individuals in Church-owned Dormitories Providing Own Cots and Mattresses	12.00
Children 5 to 10 Years, Inclusive	12.00
<b>Registration, Cot and Mattress in Dormitory Room and All Meals:</b>	
Individuals	\$15.00
Children 5 to 10 Years, Inclusive	13.00
<b>Registration, Cot and Mattress in Cottage and All Meals:</b>	
Individuals	\$16.00
Children, 5 to 10 Years, Inclusive	14.00

**NOTE: ALL individuals staying with churches serving meals will pay an assembly maintenance fee of—\$3.00.**

### PART-TIME RATES:

Registration, Per Day		\$0.25
Meals: Breakfast		\$0.50
Dinner		.65
Supper		.50
Per Day		1.50
Cot, Per Day		.20
Mattress, Per Day		.20
Dormitory Space, Per Day		.20
Cabin Space, Per Day		.70

### MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES (without meals)

Cottages, Single (2 Cots and Mats)	\$ 7.50
Cottages, Double (4 Cots and Mats)	15.00
Tent Space—Campers	2.50
Tent Space—Churches	5.00
Electric Plate or Grill	3.00
Electric Fan	2.00
Other Electrical Appliances, each	1.00

*Note—There Are No Special Rates.*

proximately 1,000, and only 500 of this number are assembly-owned cabins and dormitories. For the past several years more people have requested reservations than could be accommodated. Last year forty or fifty who made reservations never appeared to claim them. The result of this was that there were forty or fifty who wanted to attend and could have attended but were refused reservations because all had been taken.

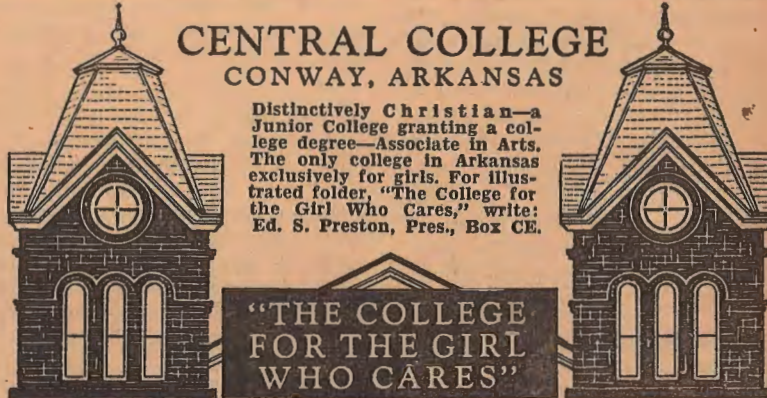
This year reservations will be made only for those who send name or names with a \$2.00 reservation fee for each name. There will be no exceptions and no reservation fee will be returned.

This reservation requirement may seem strict but it being made

so that as many as possible may attend the Assembly.

Read the rates carefully and make your reservation at once. Accommodations will be guaranteed only if reservations are made before the Assembly begins. Cottages are limited and are reserved for married couples only. A \$2.00 reservation fee must accompany all reservations. This amount will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made at the Assembly. Please do not ask for reservations unless your name and fee are attached. Send all reservations to Dr. Edgar Williamson 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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# DeWitt Pastor Says Absolute Renunciation Is the Necessary Attitude Toward Movies

By DOUGLAS M. WHITE  
Pastor, DeWitt

Two articles in a recent issue of the Arkansas Baptist caught my attention. The short one by Charles A. Wells, entitled "Protestant Movies," describes a movement designed to counteract Roman Catholic domination of the religious phase of the movie industry. He says, "The major aims of the organization will be to provide films with a distinctly Christian message, to promote and facilitate a coordinated approach by Protestant churches and agencies to the motion picture industry."

The longer article entitled "A Possible Attitude Toward the Movies," is by J. Marshall Walker. The sum and substance of his article is that, since the movies are here to stay, we may as well make the best of it, and start out to convert Hollywood.

### Attacks Former Viewpoint

Both writers are agreed that the movies are here to stay—that is obvious. So is liquor, prostitution, immorality, profanity, tobacco and a thousand other evils. Both agree that the motion picture is one of the most effective teaching agencies known. They are also agreed that the movie industry is having a very unwholesome effect upon society and Christianity. They are also in agreement regarding the necessity of counteracting this unholy influence. I believe, however, that their suggested antidotes will not solve the problem.

First of all, the movement which is seeking to produce "Protestant Movies" is not orthodox or evangelical, but is governed by modernism. Therefore anything they put out (though slightly less degrading than the average Hollywood production) will not be "distinctly Christian" by any means.

The best to be expected from that source will be such pictures as "One Foot in Heaven." A minister starts out with a biblical message and high ideals and standards of Christian living, but ends up giving book and movie reviews and shooting craps in the back alley with the boys. The one foot idea is all right, but they have the wrong location. No! The devil monopolizes, owns, controls and propagates the movie business, and unless he suddenly changes his tactics, is not going to cooperate with any coordinated movement to produce wholesome movies, much less "distinctly Christian" pictures.

Now let us consider the other approach. Mr. Walker's major and final contention is that "The moving picture industry must be made to conform to the ideas of a Christian America."

In the first place, America is not Christian. Granting that half the population of America can be found on the church rolls, a large

percentage of that number is Roman Catholic. Again, a large percentage of the remaining number have never been regenerated, though they have been "churched," and they are just as lost as any other sinners.

Furthermore (tragic truth) the majority of those who do seem to have been born again are still content to live in the lusts of the flesh, and don't want "distinctly Christian" pictures, even if such a thing were possible. The ideals of the vast majority of professing Christians are (unfortunately) no higher than the ideals of Hollywood.

Finally, the Church is not going to make the movie industry do anything it doesn't want to. No, Hollywood is not going to be converted, and it is quite significant that whenever an actor or actress is converted they immediately leave the place. A Christian in Hollywood is comparable to Lot in Sodom.

### 80,000,000 Admissions

Yet, the fact remains that 80,000,000 people attend the movies every week, feasting their eyes and feeding their minds on the social sewage and moral putrefactions of Hollywood. Only about one per cent of the average church membership attends the mid-week prayer service, but seventy per cent will go to the movies every week. The popularity of the latter explains the negligence of the former.

The movie industry has sense enough to understand what the Church has wellnigh forgotten and ceased to teach. That is, that humanity is completely, utterly and totally depraved. Jesus said, "Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Humanity prefers filth, so the movie industry caters to the desires of sinful men and gives them what they want. Put up a sign "Children under sixteen not allowed" and the place will be packed (with plenty of them under sixteen) because it suggests something vulgar.

The movie industry is the number one enemy of all truth and righteousness. It tears down everything which the Church is trying to build up. It approves and commends every form of evil mentionable, and destroys everything which is pure, holy, respectable and decent. It would put the Church out of business tomorrow, if it could, and is injuring the Church more than any other one thing today. It damns the souls of millions of people every year.

It corrupts the lives of millions of others. It is the direct cause of more than ninety per cent of the juvenile delinquency in America today. These facts are so painfully obvious that only those who are "willingly ignorant" could fail to recognize them.

### Urges Absolute Renunciation

There is only one possible attitude of the true Christian toward the movie industry, and that is not "approach" but retreat. Paul says, "Flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." Total abstinence and aggressive opposition is the only consistent position which the Church can take.

I have never yet seen a movie-going Christian who was a spiritual soul-winner. The minister who "selects" his movies (I have always wondered how you could select something you had never seen) is approving the whole wretched mess in the eyes of the populace, and is jeopardizing the spiritual welfare of every Christian in the community.

Apart from every other consideration, we have no right whatsoever to take the money which God has committed to us as a holy trust, and turn it over to the denizens of Hollywood (via the ticket windows) to promote their adulterous debaucheries. If every citizen would follow my example the Hollywood crowd would either starve to death or go to work.

The movies were responsible, more than anything else, for leading me away from Christ for many years, and they almost led me right into hell. I have never set foot inside a theater since the day I found Christ, and my children will never do so, with my knowledge or consent.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses . . . saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants

of the land from before you, destroy all their pictures, and stroy all their molten images, quite pluck down all their places" (Numbers 33:50-52). Absolute renunciation and separation from the movie industry, which under the domination of Hollywood, is the only satisfactory course of action for the Church follow today.

I dread the coming of television. Hollywood's slogan is, "Evy home a theater." May God bid! "For if they do these things in a green tree (the present tree what shall be done in the (when television comes)?" It is popular to condemn the movie but may God give us courage stand in the breach and endeavor to stem the tide.

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## Figures to Inspire

January 27, 1946

Atkins, First	98
Benton, First	407
Camden, First	393
Conway, First	331
Cullendale	217
Dyess, Central	70
El Dorado, First	700
Fort Smith, Immanuel	472
Hamburg, First	235
Harrison, First	267
Hope, First	353
Including Mission	372
Hot Springs Churches:	
Central	3
First	225
Park Place	1
Second	407
Including Mission	482
Hoxie	5
Jacksonville	130
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	176
Levy	127
Little Rock Churches:	
Bethel	42
Calvary	3
First	15
Pulaski Heights	1074
Reynolds Memorial	139
South Highland	1
Tabernacle	3
Worrell's	44
Malvern, First	2
Magnolia, Central	1
Mena, First	2
Monticello Churches:	
First	2
Second	96
Norphlet, First	204
N. Little Rock Churches:	
Baring Cross	5
Including Mission	473
Central	193
First	1
Ozark	189
Paris, First	2
Pine Bluff Churches:	
First	8
Including Mission	584
Second	180
South Side	2
Including Mission	392
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Stuttgart, First	248
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## Departing Pastor Writes Letter To Arkansas Baptists

By R. HOUSTON SMITH  
(Called to Pineville, La.)

Upon the eve of my departure from the state may I express to Arkansas Baptists my sincere gratitude for every kindness shown me during these brief months. The memory of these fleeting days in Arkansas and in fellowship with God's people will bless and gladden all my days. The First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia is truly a great church. Its location makes it one of the most strategic churches in all the land. Only a very pressing call from a similar situation in my native state could induce me to break these ties at this time.

The work at Arkadelphia is in good shape. More than \$45,000 cash is now in hand in the build-

ing fund with sufficient pledges to bring that up to more than \$50,000 by mid-summer. The people have a mind to build. They are a great people and deserve the very best in pastoral leadership.

I believe a new day is just ahead for Arkansas Baptists. You already have one of the very best colleges to be found anywhere. It is going to be much greater. The "Arkansas Baptist" is second to none. With great people, great churches and ever-growing institutions, the future is as bright as are the promises of God.

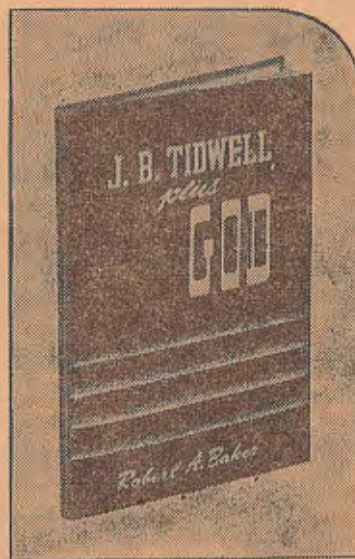
The Baptists of Arkansas have been gracious to me and I have delighted in their fellowship. I shall pray for them as I go to take up my work in another state.

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## Pastor's Conference Program Is Listed

The annual Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, usually held in March, will be held this year April 1-5 inclusive, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the seminary, has announced.

Speakers for the conference will be: Dr. Herbert H. Farmer, successor of the late Dr. John Oxman as professor of philosophy at Cambridge University, England; Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.; and Dr. W. O. Carver, professor emeritus of comparative religion and missions, Southern Seminary.

Dr. Farmer, author of the book, "The Servant of the Word," will give the Mullins lectures on preaching; Dr. Storer will be the conference preacher; and Dr. Carver will speak on the theme, "Christianity in the World Order."

Because of crowded living conditions on the campus, the seminary will be unable to provide accommodations for visitors attending the conference. Those who plan to attend are advised to make advance reservations at any of the following Louisville hotels: Brown, Kentucky, Watterson, Seelbach, Tyler, Milner, or Cortlandt.

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## Dr. Bridges is Speaker At Arkansas Banquet

"The Arkansas Travelers' Banquet," annual dinner of Arkansans attending Southern Seminary, was held at Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, recently with State Secretary B. L. Bridges as honor guest and principal speaker. Mr. Lehman Webb played "The Arkansas Traveler," Wade Armstrong served as toastmaster, and newcomers to the group were introduced by President Andy Hall.

Through crystal gazing the six Arkansas students who will receive their degrees from the Seminary in May, David O. Moore, Andy Hall, D. Wade Armstrong, Frank Norfleet, Edmond Walker, and Thomas Halsell, were presented as of 1966. The program included vocal numbers, a contest in "ministerially speaking," a quiz contest on "The Wonder State," and other features.

Dr. Bridges gave a brief report on the progress of Baptist affairs in Arkansas, interspersed with appropriate after-dinner stories, and expressed the hope that the Lord would lead Arkansans now in the seminaries back to Arkansas for their life work.

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Eighteen years ago the First Methodist Church, of Savannah, Ga., permitted the Jews of the city to hold services in their building while they were erecting a synagogue. The Methodists are now holding services in the synagogue while their building, partially destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt.

## ALWAYS DOMINANT



In looking back over the shelves of history, we find an ever changing pattern of human leadership. Like waves of the sea, men have risen and fallen. Some were weak; others were strong; some were cruel; others were merciful. But overshadowing all, there has stood the figure of Christ—the one dominant figure—dominant in strength, in wisdom, in mercy. Not only has He so dominated history in the past, but with each new decade His influence grows. In our day we see the world shattered at our feet because men have tried to deny Him, and the only return of hope and restoration now centers in Him. He is the unavoidable, inescapable fact of history. He is God in history.

—Charles A. Wells.

## Vision of Heaven

Mrs. Mary Hill of Route 1, Springdale, a subscriber to the Arkansas Baptist for 34 years, writes of an experience of her youngest sister, the mother of eight sons and four daughters, who lives in California.

"During a very serious sickness she thought she was in heaven and what a beautiful place! Just outside was the oldest son, the only unsaved member of the family, wearing a long black overcoat. (To me this represents the cloak of sin of unbelief.) She reached and reached and reached for him but never got hold of him. When she became well she wrote him a letter.

"The next letter she received from him said, Mother, I've good news for you. Ruth, the children,

and myself have been converted and joined the Baptist church.

"When she came to, she said to me, 'Mary, I was most sorry it wasn't so. It was so nice in heaven and I was so happy'."

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The bulletin of Bartin Heights Church, Richmond, Va., says, "Our 60 deaconesses have been busy visiting and telephoning during the past year. Of the 1,385 women and girls 839 have been contacted personally. Of the 297 left most of them live too far or are out of town with their husbands. A total of 2,285 visits have been made to group members and a total of all visits, 4,463 including visits to sick and persons not in groups." Rev. Clyde V. Hickerson is the pastor of this church.

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## Mr. Moore Still Wants A State Brotherhood

By W. W. MOORE  
Helena

The task of Baptists, as it is, is to enlist that host of laymen—the spiritual acumen of our laymen—laymen is at a very low level. Just a very few are able to render any kind of service in the lay work.

Why does Arkansas fail to have a State Brotherhood? The speaker who reported last year gave an account of the Brotherhood offerings were increased and rendered a fine service in promoting the whole program.

Six or seven years back, the Convention elected Bro. C. Durrett president, and this year the Convention elected Bro. C. Hart to the secretary of the State Brotherhood. We have no organization but we are making progress. President Truman's fact-finding board might speed up the movement.

The Southern Baptist Convention deemed it wise to enlist laymen in a Brotherhood organization in 1927 and put its approval on it. After waiting nineteen years, we should either get in operation or just say we won't have one. To trail along behind other states is not a very enviable position.

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South Carolina Baptists are tired of seeing non-Catholic ministers portrayed in the movies most without exception, in a promising or embarrassing situation, while Catholic priests are always the "heroes." At their convention a resolution was adopted that "We should insist that the moving picture industry stop making the impression that all the best ministers belong to one denomination, that all the faithful and bad ones come from the Protestant group."

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# Discipline Is Often Necessary To Bring Men Into God's Will

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

"Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt!" Or "Would God that we had died in this wilderness!" Such were the murmurings of the Children of Israel as they weighed the report of the spies who had been sent out to search the Land of Canaan. Even though the land had been represented as flowing with milk and honey, the hearts of the people failed them upon hearing the staggering account of the giant sons of Anak, in whose sight they would appear as grasshoppers, and their courage fled.

If Moses had been a man of less stature spiritually, he doubtless would have had great difficulty in persuading the people to adopt the minority report of Joshua and Caleb.

## Spiritual Dullards

"And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and how long will it be ere they believe me for all the sign which I have shown among them?" It is difficult to understand why the Children of Israel were so slow to accept the promises of God.

Already great signs and wonders had appeared in their midst at the hands of their God but still they remained a group of spiritual dullards. Stupid and slow to perceive the ability of God to lead them through any and every difficulty that might arise, they continued to long for the fleshpots of Egypt.

It is at this point that the cause of Christ suffers grievously today. Believers fail to take seriously His promises. They accept the Scriptures in theory but not in practice. They speak persuasively of the sustaining power of God's grace in the presence of the trials of others but fail utterly to rely on those promises when they come to their own Red Seas.

Man's most satisfying experiences are to be had as he appropriates God's counsel along life's endless journeyings. There is light for all dark hours, comfort for every sorrow, encouragement for every trial.

## Divine Discipline

Because of their murmurings and their failure to dwell in the counsels of God, the Children of Israel had to be disciplined. Instead of seeing the Land of Promise and entering with joy into the abundance of its gracious provisions, God decreed that they should fall by the wayside while others of greater faith should go in to possess it.

There are times in the growth and development of a Christian life when severe discipline is needed. Only by such is one brought back into the circle of God's will.

## Sunday School Lesson For February 10

Numbers 14:11-24

Periods of grave trial serve to stimulate our zeal for God and create within us a deeper desire to do his bidding.

In the words of H. W. Beecher, "Man is a sword; daily life is the workshop; and God is the artificer; and those cares which beat upon the anvil, and file the edge, and eat in, acid-like, the inscription on the hilt—those are the very things that fashion the man."

William Penn puts it this way: "No pain, no balm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown."

One of the great tragedies of life lies in the fact that disciplines for many come too late to be of value for life here and now. A man said to me recently, "I have nothing to look back upon except a wasted life." The stern disciplines of old age were creeping upon him; the strength of manhood was passing; the shadows of evening were falling hard by; he was beginning to see the folly of his wasted years but too late to make sufficient amends from the standpoint of his loved ones who had suffered most at his hand.

## Our Long-Suffering God

Moses could always fall back upon this one assurance; His God was long suffering. No matter how great the perfidies of the Children of Israel, he knew, as their spokesman and divinely appointed leader, he could gain direct access to the long-suffering ear of God.

The mercy of a loving father, however, does not free him from the responsibility of disciplining his children. Parents know too well the piercing sting of inner regret upon having to discipline a wayward child; but that same parent realizes the divine obligation to do everything within his power to surround his child with safeguards to keep him from falling.

God is long suffering. Constantly He yearns for the homeward step of even His most wayward child. His love, His mercy are unending. It is not His will that the least of the children of men should perish. On the other hand, we must realize that over against the mercy and the long suffering character of God is the wrath of God—that principle of retribution which causes us to reap even as we have sown.

## Following Him Fully

"But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him

will I bring into the land where-into he went; and his seed shall possess it." We have in these few words more than a parable. They constitute indeed a sermon that might well be heard by every ear in the land.

Had it not been for Joshua and Caleb, the mission of the spies would have been in vain. These two men became a mouthpiece for God. For them the land was "exceeding good." For them there was no doubt concerning their ability, under God, to take the land: "If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey; neither rebel not against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land."

Caleb followed Him fully, and that is our paramount need today in the realm of Christian experience. This is no time for doubters. Our age demands men of faith who, in spite of circumstance and all the pitiful howlings of the old men of the sea, prove themselves loyal to God.

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## Golden Opportunity

By LOUIS J. BRISTOW  
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Southern Baptists have 27 hospitals in successful operation, with eleven additional ones now being established. There are only three or four Baptist hospitals in this country outside the territory of the Southern Convention.

The latest available figures indicate the Catholics have 786 hospitals with many others in pros-

pect. The latest Catholic proposal of which I have knowledge is to be located in Hartsville, S. C. I was reared near Hartsville and the town was regarded as a Baptist stronghold.

In November I spoke on "The Ministry of Healing" before the California Southern Baptist Convention. That body has a committee which now is endeavoring to get the Southern Baptist Convention to establish a Baptist hospital in that State. Catholics have many hospitals in California, but Baptists have none.

In many places throughout Southern Baptist territory the only hospital is Catholic owned. Baptists and all others are dependent upon our Catholic friends for hospital service. That should not be. Care of the sick is a Christian obligation. Hospitals are the best institutions for such Christian ministry, and where effort has been made, money has been contributed with which to build Baptist hospitals.

Other denominations are far ahead of Baptists in the number and location of their hospitals. Moreover, those denominations which serve the people are apt to win the people.

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A new kind of service flag has been unfurled in the First Christian Church of Garden City, Kan. It is called a Christian service flag and has seventeen crosses for all its members who are in full time Christian service or are in preparation for such service.



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## COLORED BAPTISTS SEE IT TOO

All of us should realize that the final authority in the control and management of our Baptist institutions resides in our Baptist churches. A Board of trustees is appointed to be trustees of the institution for the churches. To operate such an institution the churches express their will through the process of sending messengers to the annual meeting of the Convention where directions are given by the messengers of the churches.

We should not forget that if any of us accept an appointment to be trusteeship for the convention, appointed by the messengers of the churches in convention assembled, we should be faithful to the trust committed to us, and that accordingly we are answerable to the churches when their messengers assemble in convention.

The colored brethren see this and they are emphasizing it. We give you here a quotation from one of the writers to the Official Organ of the Consolidated Negro Baptist Convention. The following is a quotation from an article written by Dr. T. O. McJunkins of El Dorado.

"Once a special auditing committee went up to audit the books of the college. I was a member of the special committee named by the president of the convention and voted on by the convention. When we went in to begin the audit, the college president had this to say to us as a reminder: 'Well, I'll say to you men, you may go ahead and audit the books, but I want you to know that Arkansas Baptist College is controlled by a trustee board, it matters not what your findings may be, the board controls.'

"I was not a trustee at that time, but I did not like the statement at all. I thought of how I had persuaded First Baptist Church, when we were in the mortgage drive to do a

good part in the drive and on the day of mortgage burning, I carried \$310 from our church treasury; how each convention year the church has sent to the men's meeting from \$100 to \$150, while the women have carried anywhere from \$50 to \$500 to the women's meeting. Just a year ago, a member of our church was in the Princess Revue contest and the church gave her in the district try out more than \$200, then stood with her with additional hundreds to put her over in the conventional Princess Revue contest. All of that money went for the support of the college.

"There are still other pastors whose churches have put in more than the church I pastor, but it is not sweet to hear some man on the inside come out and say to you: 'Matters not what you find, Arkansas Baptist College is board controlled.'

"The trustees of the Arkansas Baptist College show wisdom when they hear the Baptist pastors of Arkansas whose churches keep the college doors open. No man should be ignored because he is not on the trustee board. Many of the pastors who are not trustees, do more than some of the trustees. The trustees in any concern, especially a Baptist concern, only represent the people. We don't need too much of the trustees getting off in a corner doing things since the people pay the bills.

"Don't forget, I am a member of the trustee board for the next three years too. But I am opposed to any board running off with peoples' things. That is doing as it pleases regardless of the wishes of the men and women who make it possible for the concern to run. I favor all the pastors being consulted constantly in big matters concerning the Arkansas Baptist College. The Pastors represent the people, yet I do not mean to exclude active laymen."

sionaries should preach the fundamental doctrines of the word more incessantly, without "piddling" with small tasks, in 1946 than ever before. They will cooperate with Dr. Whittington. God seems to have made Whittington for the Mission work.

We hope Ouachita can find another man who can raise the million dollars. We are for it.

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### Plumerville Going Forward

First Church, Plumerville, is making splendid progress along all lines. Among other advances it has increased its contributions for the Cooperative Program twenty per cent. It also increased its contributions for associational missions. Pastor Smith of Osceola will assist them in a revival this month. L. L. Jordan is the hard working, busy pastor of this splendid church. Kirkland and Kramer and others are among the Lord's chosen.

## Should You Join the Retirement Plan

Should you join the Retirement Plan unless you are going to pay the "dues." It is nothing "magic" about the Retirement Plan. It is a matter of Church business. If you join the Plan, be sure to pay your monthly payments. Else there will be no Annuity for you when you retire. **BRETHREN, YOU KNOW THIS IS TRUE; PLEASE JOIN ACCORDINGLY.**

If you join the Plan and you and your church keep your payments, then your life will have a golden glow that will make a rainbow out of every tear that falls to your eyes.

Please do not get in arrears with your payments. If you are now in arrears, catch up once. If you are in arrears for some months of a preceding calendar year, add one per cent to the three per cent when you pay. Otherwise the Convention cannot pay you three per cent along with your three per cent.

Brethren, we are building a Plan that will make us happy in our old age. Please help us to conduct it on a sound, dependable basis. Make your monthly payments every time.

### A Change

The Auditor recommends (and we think is right) that all retirement dues received in the office each month before the month of the report. At the close of this month we are to make our report and send all money to the Board in Dallas, Tex. Therefore you should have yours in our office by the last day of the month. We cannot wait till the 5th of the following month to make up our reports to the Annuity Board. This change applies to churches and pastors, both. If you will send the February payments along with the January mission contributions, and the February payments along with the February mission funds, that will prevent the necessity of paying an extra stamp. So, please get your February Retirement payment to us by the day of the month, "and so on."

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### The Honor Club and Camden

On one Sunday recently the First Church in Camden, Dr. T. L. Harris, pastor, took more than \$1100 to be applied on our debts. This is a great church, led by a pastor who is always on the up and up "on the beam." Among the wide awake leaders who are leaders in this church are Mr. T. as Watts, Dr. Jameson, John M. Lyde, Holt, G. S. Dobbins, R. E. Shelton, and others.

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### The Honor Club Is Growing

Quite a few worthy contributions are received to be applied upon our old debts. We hope that the leaders in every church will undertake to swell the contribution for our cause. How about getting your church to match G. W. Puryear on the \$1000 contributed? We must make the Honor Club more during 1946.

## Dr. Otto Whittington Will Continue With State Mission Work

Dr. Otto Whittington was asked to join the Ouachita College Board and become the financial agent in an effort to raise a million dollars for the college. He has announced his decision to remain with the Executive Board in the position of Superintendent of Missions.

Both the members of the Executive Board and all the State Mission forces are happy that he has decided to stay with the mission work. Dr. Whittington has been in this position one year, just long enough to find the weak spots in the work and to "build the fences higher." He can do an unparalleled work in 1946.

This ought to be the greatest year in missions that Arkansas has ever had. Our mis-