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Call for Christian Soldiers

By

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Today there is growing a consciousness of man's responsibility toward man such as we have never had before. And this awareness can only grow out of a true evaluation of human beings as brothers, each of infinite worth. The sickening cost of war, in terms of human life and suffering, have brought this fact of mutual responsibility home to thinking men around the world.

Civilization, if it is to survive at all, must recognize this mutual interdependence of men. Long ago, the priests and the Levites passed by on the other side of the road from the wounded traveler. Today, on this modern Jericho road of life, the priests and the Levites no longer have the option of passing by on the other side. They must follow the example of the Good Samaritan or themselves fall victim by the wayside.

Whether you will be called upon to fight for human rights in battle or to fight for them with equal zeal in peacetime, it is what you think about the value of human beings that makes the fight worthwhile. In battle array and in their earnest and unceasing work to build a better world, I seem to see hundreds of thousands, millions of young men and women standing, every man by his own standard, firm in his conviction and his purposes. It will require such an army, with each man and woman at his post, to repair the physical damage and restore the damaged soul of this world now that the war is over.

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

A SERMON FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

President Truman turned preacher when he addressed a Christmas Eve crowd on the snow-covered White House lawn for the purpose of lighting the national Christmas tree. Radio Commentator Morgan Beatty termed it probably the most scriptural bit of advice ever to be issued from the White House.

A solution to all the world's ills—said the executive officer of the nation destined to be most instrumental in making peace endure—lies in the teaching of the Prince of Peace, "love one another."

"I do not believe there is one problem in the country—or in the world—today which would not be settled if approached through the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount," Mr. Truman proclaimed. ". . . Would that the world would accept that message in this time of greatest need!"

The President gave thanks for this Christmas which "a war-weary world has prayed for through long and awful years. . . . With peace come joy and gladness," he said. "The gloom of the years fades. We meet in the spirit of the first Christmas, when the midnight choir sang the hymn of joy: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

"Let us not forget that the coming of the Saviour brought a time of long peace to the Roman world. It is, therefore, fitting that we remember that the spirit of Christmas is also the spirit of peace, of love, of charity to all men. From the manger of Bethlehem came a new appeal to the minds and hearts of men: 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.'"

Mr. Truman appealed to the world to be guided by that commandment if it would follow the ways of peace.

"With our enemies vanquished we must gird ourselves for the work that lies ahead," the President continued. "Peace has its victories no less hard won than successes at arms. We must not fail or falter. We must strive without ceasing to make real the prophecy of Isaiah: 'They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'

"In that day, whether it be far or near, the kingdoms of this world shall become indeed the Kingdom of God and He will reign forever and ever, Lord of Lords and King of Kings."

WINCHELL, TOO—Even Walter Winchell, the New York gossip columnist, did a little preaching in his syndicated feature:

"This year Christmas was the most significant—since the Star shone on Bethlehem 1,945 years ago . . . In the next few years, the human race will adopt the principles of the Prince of Peace—or the human race will disappear . . . The choice is as simple and clear as right and wrong. Either world-wide brotherhood or world-wide destruction.

"After nineteen war-torn centuries—mankind must learn that the teachings of the Prince of Peace have wider application than to a life in the hereafter . . . His teachings are the only and the very last practical methods of daily life on this earth . . . He died for His love for all men. Not for a love of any particular race, creed or theory . . . and those principles for which He died are the only one by which men can live . . . His rules of

decency were meant for every-day living . . . Between nation and nation, between race and race, creed and creed—as well as between man and man . . . At Christmas, 1945, far more than nations need their mighty armies, they need His humility. Because their last chance for international decency is as deadly as it is clear and simple.

"The only defense to the atomic bomb is the Golden Rule . . . The only really necessary international law is The Sermon on the Mount."

DISGRACEFUL BOAST—A proud man stood up in England recently and made what the Christian Herald termed the year's worst speech. He had reached his 71st birthday. Holding up a long cigar and a whiskey and soda, he boasted: "The doctors say that unless I give these up and slow down I'll have only two more years. I don't propose to do either. I won't be a pill-swallowing, retired gentleman."

Aside from his choice between deliberate suicide and pill-swallowing, the identity of the boaster is important. He was no un-schooled laborer; he was no lowly cockney boasting in a pub. He was Mr. Winston Churchill, who, alas, plans to visit the U. S. shortly as an "ambassador of goodwill."

RICH NATION—Paid admissions at American race tracks last year totalled twenty million. Race track gambling involved more than one billion dollars. Illegal track gambling involved two to three billions. Some 400,000 miles of transportation were used to feed the tracks' horses, gamblers and suckers—while soldiers and civilians suffered on the railroads as they have never suffered before.

But despite this, rich America says that a million a year is too much to spend on cancer research. And five and a half million Southern Baptists, who pride ourselves on missions, are able to send out only 550 foreign missionaries!

TRAVELER—Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance who has offices in Washington, has been in England and on the European continent the past few months. He has visited many Baptist congregations in Britain, has had some contact with Baptists in Holland and France. At last report he was in the American occupation zone in Germany, with a possibility nurtured that he will also be permitted into other occupation areas. We eagerly await a report of his observation.

LOUD "AMENS"—How loudly one may recite "Amen" during a church service without creating a disturbance will be determined in circuit court at Brookings, S. D., as result of an action filed by the Church of Christ.

The church and its trustees are attempting to enjoin Mr. and Mrs. Allen R. McMillan, members of the congregation for many years, from attending services since they were expelled from the membership by an action taken September 9, 1945.

In its petition the church accuses Mr. and Mrs. McMillan of disturbing services by repeatedly shouting "Amen" during the services, and cites one particular instance when the couple disrupted the first sermon of Rev. Hubert Prather on August 12, 1945.

SECRET OF INCARNATION

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"The world hath not known thee; but I have known thee."

Here are two statements, set over against each other, which explain why Jesus became incarnate.

The world did not know God. But he endowed with a god-consciousness, men invented gods of their own and attributed them all the capriciousness, jealousies and intrigue which were known among men.

Over against man's ignorance of God, and against man's misconceptions of God which led to gross immoralities and flagrant abuse of all spiritual powers, Jesus declared: "I have known thee." Jesus knew the righteousness, the purity, the justice, the mercy, the love and grace of God.

What a contrast between God, as Jesus knew Him to be, and the distorted, depraved and judicious conception of God in the world. It was enough to break His heart; it did break His heart.

Dr. W. O. Carver has said, "Jesus could have remained in glory and look upon a world that did not know God as Father." Jesus, knowing the Father and knowing that the world did not know Him, came to the world to make God known to men. This explains the words of Jesus: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Referring to His disciples, Jesus said, "And these have known that thou didst send me."

Jesus is the perfect and complete revelation of God the Father. There is no longer any excuse for being ignorant of God. For to know Jesus is to know God.

"O Righteous Father, the world hath not known thee; but I have known thee, and I have declared unto them thy name, and they have not believed; that the love wherewith thou loved me may be in them, and I in them." John 17:25, 26.

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First Church, Tulsa, Okla., announces that Chaplain Robert S. Bazzell has accepted the call to become director of young people work in Tulsa and has begun his duties. Before entering the military service, Chaplain Bazzell was Sunday School and B.T.U. secretary for Oklahoma. He is now on terminal leave. His service of over four and one-half years took him through the North African, Italian battles and the French and German campaigns.

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Across the Editor's Desk . . .

The Time Is Now

We said it just after V-J Day, but it needs repeating now with even greater force. The post-war era is here. All our talk, during the war, of what we would do for missions after the war must be put into reality now. We cry for help, spiritual and material, from around the world. Read Dr. Carter's article on Page Seven. Read your daily newspaper. Pray, give and act . . . we must work NOW.

Modernism, opines a friend, is the something that demands that a pastor's prime requisite be not education or experience or consecration or even ability to preach but simply a promise to dismiss the congregation at 12 noon.

The time has come for famed Reno to lose its reputation of home-breaking. Figures for the year 1945 indicate that Reno counted 727 marriages and 8,554 divorces, a ratio of one divorce for every 2.25 marriages. In Little Rock, there were 3,310 marriages and 6,620 divorces, a ratio of two divorces for every three marriages.

Stewardship

Money is life. It matters not how much or how little money you may have—it is life. We are going to be judged by what we do with our life—with the money and time and influence which God has entrusted to us. Make a study of your own life in terms of your stewardship of money, time and influence. It will be revealing and rewarding. As you make such study, keep your Bible open to the many, many passages in which God speaks to us concerning these vital equations—money, time and influence. It will be interesting to read the parables of Jesus and see how He teaches the meaning of money. A Christian who is right on money will, almost invariably, be right on every other matter.

Prayerful study will simplify many questions that confront and confound the average Christian. We often find ourselves confused when we regard to just how much we have "given" to the Lord, and usually the explanation is that we have not followed His plan of bringing all the tithe into His storehouse. We are confused about how much we should put down for exemption in making out our tax returns. There is no need of such confusion, if we put things first. I have never known a Christian who systematically tithed who did not go beyond the tithe—who did not also make offerings of love and thanksgiving unto the Lord.

—Louie D. Newton.

Career for Women

One of the most humanitarian of all careers is that of the nurse. With a gentle hand and an understanding heart, she ministers to man's sick body and stands as a symbol of goodness and hope.

The war and its wounded have demanded more and more nurses to bring health and faith back to those critically injured by the exhibition of man's folly. This demand will continue throughout the generation.

Another factor to create a desperate shortage of nurses is the recognition of preventative medicine by our population. We now major in public health services that will keep us well, rather than waiting until epidemic stalks a fatal path.

Hospitals throughout the land have sent out the call for young women to train for this humanitarian career. The nurse's ministry starts from her first day on the hospital floor, through her three years of study and on throughout the career . . . day by day becoming more of a blessing to those who need her help.

The educational period is without cost to the student. Many hospitals pay a small monthly honorarium in addition to furnishing uniforms, textbooks, room and board. All young women desiring a career should investigate immediately. And even for home makers, nurse's training is a valuable asset. Contact your Baptist hospital now.

Phone Shortage (?)

Religious News Service reports by wireless from Rome that Vatican City will soon have a telephone for each of its 5,000 employees.

A new telephone exchange is being installed by the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation of New York to handle traffic from 5,000 lines instead of 1,000, as at present. The equipment being replaced was built by the company during the pontificate of Pope Pius XI, when Vatican City became independent territory.

Beginning with the New Year, wages of Vatican employees, it has been announced, will be increased by about one-third.

Noting that the Rev. Taylor Stanfill, Baptist missionary for the city of Little Rock, has made two holes-in-one on a local golf course, the Arkansas Gazette quips: "It pays to live right."

Situation Critical

Twenty-five house trailers are being moved onto the campus of Ouachita College to help meet the crowded housing conditions among students of that Baptist institution.

And we are told the crowd this year is just a drop in the bucket. The college has been warned that as many as 400 Baptist students will be back from the army, knocking at Ouachita's doors by next September. Many have families with children. To help Ouachita get ready for them, the government is moving 100 or more cottages from war-time population centers to the beautiful woodland on the north side of the college farm.

The two new dormitories called for in the state Convention's Million Dollar Campaign for the college are to house Ouachita's regular students. President J. R. Grant says: "I dread to see next September come, unless we have more room for students."

Ties With the Vatican

There'll be no noticeable change in 1946 in American-Vatican relations, predicts Religious News Service.

Their Washington reporter explains that "President Truman, caught between the constant opposition of American Baptists and other church groups to any type of representation at the Holy See and gentle Roman Catholic prodding for full-scale representation there, likely will leave things as are."

Myron C. Taylor, the President's personal representative at the Vatican, returned to his post there last month. He had been resting in this country, rumored in ill health. Harold H. Tittman, Jr., counselor of the American representation at the Vatican, is reported to have left Rome December 18 for Washington (by plane), but as far as can be ascertained, Tittman's trip home has no special significance.

"Of course, elevation of four more American archbishops to the rank of cardinal hardly could be viewed as anything but a further strengthening of American-Vatican ties," says R.N.S.

Dedication

Use me, God, in Thy great harvest field,
Which stretcheth far and wide, like a wide sea.

The garnerers are so few, I fear the precious yield

Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me.

A place where best the strength I have will tell;

It may be one the other tollers shun.
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well,
So that the work it holds be only done.

—Christina Rossetti.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Mrs. Leslie E. Swaim, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, will speak February 3 for Columbia Broadcasting System's "Church of the Air" at 9-9:30 a. m., CST.

Evangelist A. D. Muse, Box 505, Louisville 1, Ky., will be with Rev. J. Earl Bryant and his church at Fort Smith, January 13-20, and is available for another seven or fourteen days' meeting January 21 and following.

Chaplain Robert S. McCarty has returned from two and one-half years of duty overseas where he has been serving in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Samar, Leyte, Cebu, Manila, Subic Bay and Japan. He hopes to make use of some great experiences among the Melanesian, the Filipino and the Japanese Christians in speaking engagements and pastorates. He plans to finish his Th.M. degree at Southwestern Seminary in May. Chaplain McCarty may be addressed at 4104 Hawthorne, Dallas 4, Tex.

Rev. Joe Shaver recently supplied the pulpit of Ravenswood Church, Chicago, Ill. He has been discharged from military service and may be addressed at 3842 Shenandoah, St. Louis, Mo.

Missionary D. F. Stamps, one of the first groups to enter the front door of China after V-J Day, writes to the Christian Index of Georgia a letter in which he closes with these hopeful words: "The demand in China for relief work in many places will be very urgent. The need for missionaries is greater now than ever before, for the opportunities are much better. Our own mission work is more fully unified now than it has ever been. Our Baptist people at home should support the program of missions both at home and abroad with all their strength in men and in money."

We should go all-out for Christ at this time. And I believe we will do a better job for the Lord than has been done during our hundred years of organized work."

First Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., has a total membership of 3,000 and contributed last year \$143,995, with more than half going to various forms of missions.

The First Italian Baptist Church of Philadelphia is broadcasting a religious service over Station WAAT in the Italian language.

Chaplain Jesse H. Garrett of Texas writes: "My missionary fervor has been greatly intensified by contacts with people in Africa, Italy, and Europe who do not know the Lord. It is pathetic to see how hard some of them work to save themselves, not knowing the Saviour."

A recent report from Java indicates that thirty ministers and missionaries have been killed in Java. A holy war is being waged against Christians by the Moslems, with hundreds of casualties and thousands of Christians in danger.

"I am a Gospel singer and will be available for revival work beginning February 3. For reference anyone may write Dr. M. M. Barnett, Missouri State Evangelist, Baptist Building, 1023 Grand, Kansas City, Mo., or Rev. Lloyd R. Simmons, Evans Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex."—J. Thurman, Williams, 915 W. Cannon, Fort Worth, Tex.

PASTORAL CHANGES

V. E. Defreece from First Church, Murfreesboro, to North Central District as state missionary.

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, Debt Free

That Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, debt free was announced at the evening service of the church December 30. The building, which was originally \$61,000, has been paid in full and a nice surplus fund placed in the church treasury.

A \$10,000 fund for building a new addition annex to the present building has been set aside. The proposed addition will cost about \$30,000. During the last four years approximately \$6,000 worth of improvements have been made to the church property. The present property is now valued at \$25,000.

Pastor Victor H. Coffman is finishing his eighteenth year with the church. During this time the membership has increased from 1,500 to approximately 2,700. The church has a very progressive missionary program. A budget of \$45,000 has been adopted.

Officials of the church, besides the pastor, are Idus V. Owensby, general director of church activities, Miss Mabel King, assistant director of church activities, and Miss Margaret Wilson, secretary to the pastor.

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Silver Anniversary For the C. R. Pugh

Mr. C. R. Pugh has observed his silver anniversary as manager of the Bottoms Home, Monticello. At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees Mr. Pugh was re-elected superintendent for his twenty-sixth year. Mr. Pugh was re-elected assistant superintendent.

Committees were appointed to look into the immediate enlargement of the physical plant of the orphanage. Plans are to install laundry equipment and to erect a new training building and garages.

New officers of the Board of Trustees are: Pastor Paul Aiken, First Church, Vice president; B. E. Hart, Monticello, vice president, and R. F. Hyatt, Monticello, secretary and treasurer.

WAR VETERAN ORDAINED BY FIRST CHURCH, FORT SMITH

Jack Cutbirth, recently discharged from military service after having served as chaplain's assistant overseas for practically all the war period, was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, Fort Smith, December 30. He is a student in Ouachita College.

Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cutbirth, Fort Smith. Before entering the service of the country he served as summer field worker under the direction of the Religious Education Department and while a student in Fort Smith Junior College he was president of the Baptist Student Union.

He is an organist and while on his way overseas, composed the words to a sacred song, "Wonderful Saviour," using the melody of "Beautiful Dreamer" by Stephen Foster. He served in North Ireland, Scotland, England, and with the invasion troops that went into North Africa. Later he was stationed in Italy.



Mr. Cutbirth

Jack and his chaplain worked at times with the Advance Medical Units, administering to the wounded and dying. It was there, he says, that he saw the real courage of the American youth. They held from five to seven services on Sunday many throughout the week.

After having worked with several chaplains, Cutbirth says that they all have been true to God, doing their best and giving their all, at all times.

The ordination council was composed of the pastors of Fort Smith churches. Pastor B. V. Fennell, First Church, was chairman; Pastor J. Earl Bryant, Grand Avenue Church, was secretary; and L. H. Davis, Calvary Church, preached the ordination sermon. Other members of the council were Pastors W. A. Crow, First Church, South Fort Smith; Victor H. Coffman, Immanuel Church; G. Escott, Bailey Hill Church, and H. E. Miller, Mill Creek Church.

Christian Education Holds The Key to World Peace

By J. R. GRANT, President
Ouachita College

Good international relations depend on good international education. Nations are peace-minded or war-minded today, depending on the kind of education they had yesterday. Education is any mental change for better or for worse. It is the result of any experience or teaching at home, school, church, play or work, that gives us ideas, ideals, attitudes about ourselves, our neighbors, our nation, our money, our work, our God.

Education for Good or Evil

The world is in a bad fix today because our education was bad yesterday. Hitler's type of education developed a selfish, war-minded, "superior" race. Hitler's type of education ignored all principles that promote peace, good will and friendly international relations. There was a narrow, selfish education that limited the "general welfare" to one nation—Germany. "My country, right or wrong, my country." Such narrow national education leads to war.

Before individuals or nations can live together in peace, their education must have many good elements in common. It may be too late to educate some selfish adults to be peace-minded citizens, ready and willing to promote world peace.

Train for World Citizens

Nations can and must develop their young people into world-citizens who not only want to live and let live, but who want to help their neighbors live the abundant life. Even selfishly thinking, we can live longer and happier by helping our neighbors live longer and happier.

Our young people can and should be taught that might can never make right. Youth in all nations should learn from history that military power never has and never can bring peace, happiness, prosperity or security to any nation. Our own Christian nation should lead the United Nations in a world program of disarmament.

Never before were there so many reasons why education in all nations should develop world-generation into peace loving world-citizens. Surely modern methods of communication and transportation have made us one big world-community. With the radio and television one teacher could teach a class of one billion people. With atomic energy, a few people in a few hours could kill a billion people.

The aim of the United Nations is to promote the general welfare and to provide for the common defense. This aim is not limited by race, color or national boundary lines. It is a one-world aim. No nation today can live securely to itself.

Resolution Not Easy

The problem's analysis is easier than its solution. We realize that in our own strength we can not love our neighbors as ourselves. We know that people living in devastated countries, whose school buildings and books

have been burned and whose teachers have been murdered or taken away as slaves, are in a poor mood to develop into peace-loving world-minded citizens. Millions of them are poorly fed, clothed and housed. All this, however, should help them see that war is a curse to any people. No age has had more evidence that education for good will and world peace is the best way out, than ours.

International education can and should respect any national education whose aim is to develop farsighted, constructive world citizens. The United Nations should not permit any nation to prepare for war, psychologically or materially. No nation should even expect the "right" or "freedom" to dress its boys in military uniforms and develop them into narrow war-minded, war-loving citizens. The United Nations will not be dictatorial. It will guarantee the right to any nation to any education program that promotes peace on earth and good will to men.

Need World-Minded Leaders

In any system of education, the big problem is to secure good teachers. In a system of international education we need peaceful, world-minded teachers at the head of our homes, schools, churches, business and all phases of government.

Let Us Help . . .

Make the Dreams of Youth Come True

By MRS. BONNIE LELA CRUMP
State Orphanage Chairman of W.M.U.

About three months ago some of you read the article entitled, "Bridging the Gap," which told of a Student Loan Fund being launched for the children of our Bottoms Baptist Home as they reach the age of eighteen and look out upon the big world in awe and almost fear.

Those of you who are interested in helping to "bridge the gap" will be glad to know that our fund is growing (now almost \$400) and a part of it is already being used to help a very bright, efficient girl toward a business education. The Fidelis Sunday School class of First Church, Warren, sent us a check. Some W.M.U.'s and Business Women's Circles have responded well and several individual gifts have been very generous.

Two big moves forward were made during the month of December, 1945. The Bartholomew Association W.M.U. of which Mrs. Paul Aiken is president not only gave their collection of \$22 in their December meeting but voted to make this collection continuous. This is just the kind of step forward we need and we feel that other associations and religious groups would like to help in the same way toward this great and worthy cause.

Then at the Board meeting on December 18, the Trustees, of which Rev. Paul Aiken is the new chairman, voted unanimously to approve and support this movement and asked that this article be written for and published in our Arkansas Baptist. This approval of the

In the United States we now have 10,000 foreign students in our colleges and universities. If all nations could educate students from other nations who could return home as missionaries of good will, it would do much to guarantee good international relations. Let us learn to think of our neighbor students from other nations, not as foreign, but as world students. They should help classmates get a bigger and better vision.

The very presence of world students should help develop world citizens whose love, loyalty and patriotism are not bounded by race, creed or color. It might cost nations a little to educate some students in other lands, but millions spent on constructive education is a much better investment than billions spent to kill, to destroy, and to rebuild.

Moral and Spiritual Values

Knowledge is power for good or evil. Knowledge and literacy are not enough. They do not guarantee peace, progress, happiness, or security. In knowledge and literacy Germany and Japan stood at the top. Any system of education that promotes better "inter-individual" and international relations has a big place for the Golden Rule. It has moral and spiritual values. It helps young people grow "in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man."

If Tojo had been a Christian, if Hitler's education had developed him into a peace-loving world citizen—no, let's forget those ifs. Let's begin now to think and educate for a better world. It may be later than we think.



Board should give encouragement and lead toward the enhancement of offerings.

During this Christmas season and as we look out upon a New Year full of hope and eager anticipation, our hearts overflow in gracious goodness for those about us who need a helping hand—a "hand upon the shoulder," comfort, cheer, and joy. Many diamonds lie buried in the hills. They must be discovered and refined and given worth. The power of directed good will is beyond compute.

Let us resolve to do more for youth the coming year than we have ever done before. Let us help to make their "dreams come true."

BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL

School of Nursing



The passing of war and the coming of peace has ushered in a Golden Era for qualified nurses. Hospitals, the Veterans Administration and the Public Health Services have enormously increased their urgent demands for more nurses.

Baptist State Hospital School of Nursing is now accepting applications for its next class, to begin February 15. Applicants should be between 17 and 30 years of age, of normal weight and height, and should have completed a high school course.

A liberal cash allowance will be paid monthly to each student. Room, board, text books and uniforms are furnished free of charge.

NURSING

—A Career

The young woman who selects nursing for her career enters into a deeply satisfying work filled with interest and challenge. She has opportunities for constructive service in these crucial times. Her technical skill and professional knowledge meet individual and human needs.

As a graduate nurse, a woman can earn from \$2,000 to \$8,000 annually. She may select her career from various opportunities offered in civilian hospitals, public health service, school nursing, industrial nursing, or in military nursing. She may become a teacher in a school of nursing, or a hospital executive or administrator.

Nursing is an excellent preparation for a career or for home-making. It gives you security for the future by providing you with a profession which you can follow all of your life, or return to in later years, if necessary.

For Further Information and Application Blanks, Write

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

KEEPING PACE In World Emergencies

By ALFRED CARPENTER

Southern Baptist Superintendent of Camp Work

While visiting North Africa, Egypt, Iran, India, Burma, China, Okinawa, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Guam, Hawaii, and other islands of the Pacific and the Atlantic, I held 54 conferences for chaplains with 714 attending. Conferences for missionaries and civilian Christians were arranged for me. I met with civic groups and interviewed hundreds of individuals of different races, creeds and colors.

It is with caution that I draw the following conclusions:

Pre-War World Gone

1. The pre-war world is gone, never to return. Neither is there to be a return to former normalcy. A new normalcy is to be established.

The world has experienced a colossal, costly conflict. Destruction cannot be measured by material losses. Religious and moral values have been sacrificed as rapidly and ruthlessly as have material resources and human life.

Has the war left our churches spiritually improved or impoverished? Are Christian leaders, and especially mission boards, willing to face the facts and deal with them realistically? Is this generation of church people willing, by faith, to pay the price and make the sacrifice to meet this present emergency in order that future generations may reap the glorious harvest?

Are we willing to permit existing factual realities to disturb us sufficiently to produce an alertness to immediate action? Three years hence will be too little too late—for the time is NOW!

New Appraisal Needed

2. Pre-war plans of promotion and program will not meet the demands of this spiritual emergency or crisis in a post-war world. If we are to fulfill the sacred, supreme obligation imposed upon us by the Great Commission, there is need to survey the total situation, which will create a new appraisal of our responsibility, and to reconstruct a workable strategy, utilizing available material and personnel to meet present needs.

3. A missionary emergency of world proportion exists. As our people responded to the war emergency with their men, means, and material, willing to suffer any hardship and heartache necessary to win an armed conflict, so will Christians likewise respond to the present missionary emergency with all they have and are, if the emergency is presented and they are alerted.

An all-out missionary program is necessary now to meet the spiritual and moral needs of this world. If this conflict is not won, former triumphs called military victories are ultimately lost.

"Send Us Missionaries"

4. On all fields contacted, commanding officers, especially those dealing with military government or rehabilitation, and civilian Christian leaders made an appalling appeal for spiritual help immediately.

When asked what specific type of help was

Military Victories May Be Lost If Present Missionary Emergency Is Not Met, Says Arkansan, Upon Completion of World Tour.

needed, the answer was: "Missionaries of the right sort, Bibles, song books, literature."

Dr. T. Kagawa, world-famed Christian missionary in Tokyo was the only leader who placed prayer as the first need. He stated, as did others, that relief in material things such as food and clothing was of little avail unless it was accompanied by a spiritual message and ministry.

"If we had only one, either relief or the Gospel to give, withhold the relief and freely give the Gospel. If Japanese people are evangelized, channels of relief will be opened such as never before realized," Kagawa said.

5. On the itinerary, I contacted 29 Baptist missionaries. I met six Southern Baptist missionaries in China, where we probably have eleven. Our missionaries there on the field have represented Southern Baptists nobly during the emergencies of war. They have adapted their work to current conditions, remaining as close to their stations and original program of work as rules of war would permit.

Plea for Personnel

6. Seemingly, mission headquarters were busy with relief programs, operating schools and hospitals together with other worthy institutions. Their activity had the atmosphere of administration rather than zealous evangelism and a program of preaching the Gospel.

7. The program of personal soul-winning and of organizing churches is left to the natives. This is more prevalent among groups other than Southern Baptists.

8. The missionaries feel the pinch of inadequate personnel. Many are approaching

the retirement age and a sufficient number of younger leadership is not forthcoming in sight. Therefore it was suggested that, in order to fill the gap and meet present emergencies, mission boards send out: First, qualified chaplains who have served in immediate fields; second, pastors and other leaders selected for special phases of work; third, consecrated laymen, who could be utilized in reconstructing property and in rehabilitation programs.

These groups would go out to the field in brief periods of, say, two to four years. Such temporary help would release the missionary force to their ordained work of evangelism.

Service Centers Suggested

9. The year 1946 is the time. 1950 will be too late. One of our own missionaries said "Our present time is given to relief programs. By spring of 1946 we will survey the field (which will take the balance of the year). Then with Chinese Christians in council, a definite program of work will be formulated.

In other words, this, our largest mission field, has no definite mission program now. It may have by 1948.

If UNRRA can use 800 technical advisors in China, why do not our mission forces meet the challenge and keep pace!

10. Missionaries in China, especially schoolmen who have lost all their equipment, are asking for "tools to work with." They want books in good condition, commentaries, dictionaries, encyclopedias, church histories, theological books, sermon outlines, religious fiction, study course books, office equipment, typewriters, and paper.

11. Manila, Guam, and especially Honolulu, are in immediate need of an adequate Baptist service center in the downtown area. Chaplains and missionaries urge that this be given priority consideration. My conviction is that a chain of Baptist service centers across this area would pay large spiritual dividends.

—Home Missions.

Washington Writer Says Churches Have Great Influence in Making Nation's Laws

By LARSTON D. FARRAR

Religious News Service

The New Year finds representatives of churches and religious organizations in Washington determined to make a greater imprint on national legislation, although none of them is ashamed of the part played by religious forces in the capital during 1945.

Most religious leaders here look on '46 as potentially the most-fruitful year for some time. They have felt more or less under a cloud since the beginning of World War II, which many of them felt was the ultimate rejection of hope in all that was religious and noble in life.

Divided on the question of American participation in the war, but not lacking in the essential loyalty to their nation, churchmen will be more united as to objectives and methods of achieving those objectives in 1946. No longer faced with the problem of having to determine whether a project did, or did not, promote more death and bloodshed, clergymen and laymen alike move with a firmer step, speak with a stronger voice.

Did the church influence Congress in 1945? Yes, undoubtedly.

Through use of the right of petition, church groups and religious organizations by the hundreds made known the will of their members to the men who pass our nation's laws. Just how great was the influence in any particular instance, no observer could rightly say, but that the influence was always perceptible can hardly be doubted.

Specifically, it seems apparent that religious influences made easier the path of legislation not only to appropriate new money for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration this year, but to authorize appropriation of a much greater sum for the next fiscal year.

The voice of religious groups—faintly at times, more loudly at others—also has influenced thinking in Congress on universal military training legislation, disposition of the atomic bomb, federal aid to hospital legislation, federal aid to schools, the school lunch program, and other subjects.

"Congressmen read all their mail," said one cynical reporter. "They read mail from ministers and church representatives carefully."

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in the **BOOK STORE**

Last week we promised to tell you how a mail order is handled when it comes into the store. Mail is delivered three times a day. The major portion of it comes in during the morning. All mail is opened immediately after 8:30 a. m.

The mail is divided into three classifications: the Paid-on-Accounts, the Cash Orders and the Charge Orders. The charge orders have labels made on them and go downstairs immediately for filling. After the bookkeeper has checked the cash on the other orders, these go downstairs too. We keep a carbon of all these labels so that we will know just exactly where all the packages go.

If we have an article in the house, in most instances, this order is filled and on its way by 5 p. m. when the Delivery Service picks up all our mail. One day just before Christmas, we had 188 packages to go out. However, a normal day runs from 75 to 100 packages a day.

As the orders are taken downstairs and filled we find that we had some difficulty in the past because we have had so little space in which to work, and it has been so easy to get the packages mixed. However, we are eliminating that particular error and we believe that with the enlarged quarters, we are going to be able to completely eliminate this.

If at any time a package which you get has something extra in it, it is out of order because we have simply mixed a package and we do appreciate your reporting this to us. This will happen some time, but we feel that we are getting away from this. At the end of the day, all of the orders that have been filled come back to the office for proper distribution there.

If the order is a cash order and has been completed, it is checked to see if the right amount of money has been sent and the order is sent on to the files. If it has been partially filled, it goes to one of the girls who writes a letter to tell you that we are out of this particular item, but we will get it for you just as soon as possible or it will have to be cancelled because we cannot get this item. In this case your money is refunded.

If the order is a charge order and has been completed, the order goes to the charge desk where the next day it is charged to you. If it is partially filled, it goes to the girl who writes a letter telling you the situation. In other words you should get a letter from us explaining what is the difficulty if the order is incomplete.

We have had many letters go astray during the Christmas holidays, even though we had started them out to you at the proper address.

If the order is a charge order and only partially completed, a back order is made on the items which are not sent and the balance is charged to you.

We have had a great deal of difficulty in charging to the right person because the girl who charges, in many cases, is new, inexperienced help and she does not know, for instance, that this individual is Educational Director in some certain church and the item should be charged to the church. It would be much better if you would have one individual order for the church and if you would state definitely in each letter that this is to

Revised Version of New Testament Will Preserve Beauty of King James Translation With Modern Accuracy

By **FRANCES DUNLAP HERON**
Chicago

The world's consistently best selling book will establish a new anniversary in literary and religious history on February 11. On that date the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, over which eminent American Bible scholars have labored for fifteen years, will go on sale in bookstores throughout the nation.

Authorized by the forty Protestant denominations that compose the International Council of Religious Education, which holds the copyright, the new version attempts to translate the original Greek text into the everyday language of Americans of today. Dean Luther A. Weigle of the Yale Divinity School, who heads the revision committee, will exhibit the first official copy at the annual meeting of the International Council in Columbus, Ohio, on February 11. Receiving it will be Capt. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, and the active president of the International Council.

Ancient Manuscripts Used

The Revised Standard Version is a revision of the American Standard Version, published in 1901, which was in turn a revision of the King James Version, published in 1611. In ordering the new translation in 1930, the denominations recognized that much of the archaic language of the King James Version is difficult to understand today, whereas the stilted literal word order of the American Standard Version lacks beauty and force. Further stimulus to a new translation came from the discovery of ancient manuscripts throwing new light on the Bible text, and from the unearthing of quantities of papyri revealing new rules of translation.

Members of the revision committee were asked to prepare a version that would eliminate the archaic language and inaccuracies of the King James Version, at the same time retaining its simple, classic English style. They have worked in two sections, one dealing with the Old Testament and one with the New Testament. All changes in the translation of the New Testament were voted upon by both sections.

The translation of the Old Testament will take about four more years. Throughout its research and revision, the committee has consulted with an Advisory Board composed of representatives of the different denominations.

be charged to a church or to you. It would help a great deal in eliminating many errors.

Next week we will explain our bookkeeping system.

If you have not ordered your Sunday School Helps for 1946, we would suggest that you do so immediately.

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Each book of the New Testament was signed to one or two committee members for initial revision. After this individual work the whole section met for group discussion. Much additional work was done by correspondence and in meetings of smaller groups.

Carefully Prepared

The publication of the new version marked the end of 31 meetings of the New Testament Section, covering 145 days, usually in morning, afternoon and evening sessions averaging three hours each.

When a member had completed his initial revision of a particular New Testament book a typed copy of his draft was sent to each member of the section for study. When the section met, the draft was discussed, verse by verse. A new draft, prepared by the leader, Dr. James Moffatt in the light of the decisions reached, was then mimeographed and distributed for further study.

At later sessions of the section, the mimeographed draft was discussed once more, verse by verse. Suggestions of the Advisory Board and others were considered. A revised set of the mimeographed drafts was next submitted to members of the Old Testament Section.

At a meeting in Northfield, Mass., August 15-29, 1943, the manuscript of the entire New Testament again underwent scrutiny, with consideration being given the notes and comments of the Old Testament Section. Finally the revised manuscript was placed in the hands of a small editorial committee to prepare for publication.

Now the Revised Standard Version awaits the most important test of all—that of everyday American citizen. The committee hopes that in his hands it will become not only the best seller but the best read Bible of this and succeeding years.

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Indians Build Tabernacle

Dr. J. B. Rounds said recently that there are more Baptist Indians in Oklahoma than from all other denominations combined. Recently the Cherokee Indians put their hands to the construction of a tabernacle, seating 2,000, where their annual associations might be held. He and Missionary Roe Beard hoped that the tabernacle might be provided within a year, but within a very few weeks they had the building up and paid for. Dr. Rounds is being greatly blessed in his work as superintendent of Indian Missions under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

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ROYAL AMBASSADORS, *A Missionary Opportunity*

By ALVIN HATTON
State R. A. Secretary

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A church that is not interested in helping the boys of the church and the community is not very missionary, no matter how much money it gives to missions. Boys present to church one of its biggest missionary opportunities. Royal Ambassadors is an organization that gives a church the means of doing something about this big missionary opportunity.

In the first place the R. A. chapter can be the means of winning boys to Jesus. Certainly the other organizations of the church are seeking to do this, but in an organization that is strictly a boys' outfit, an appeal can be made to boys that could never be reached otherwise. This is not just a theory. I know boys who would not go to church or Sunday school, but who went to R. A. with other boys and found Jesus there, and then joined the church and enlisted in Sunday School and Training Union.

Character Building

Missions means "soul-winning" and also "soul-growing." Through the R. A. the church has an opportunity to help boys grow in Christian character. R. A. is a character-building organization. The R. A.'s pledge of allegiance will point that out.

"I pledge myself to try to live worthily of the name of our order." That means my character will be in keeping with the name "Royal Ambassador." Royal pertains to a king and Jesus is our King. Ambassador means an agent or representative, and "we are ambassadors for Christ." II Cor. 5:20.

"I pledge myself—to guard my lips against profanity and untruth." One of the biggest jobs a boy has is to guard his lips against profanity and untruth. The air is thick with it. A boy cannot grow in Christian character or be a true ambassador for Christ unless he diligently guards his lips against profanity and untruth.

"I pledge myself—to keep my body clean and useful." Bodies are sacred because they are temples for the indwelling of the Spirit of God. For the glory of God as well as our own good we should seek to have strong, healthy bodies. Unclean habits should have no place in the life of an ambassador for Christ.

"I pledge myself—to study the lives of noble ambassadors set forth in God's word and the world history." A boy grows like those who take as his ideal and example. A boy should have the opportunity to know the great characters of God's word and world history.

"I pledge myself—to give what I can to support missions and by every possible deed of service to help bring in Christ's Kingdom." Whether money, time, self, nothing is too good to give for the cause of Christ and the bringing in of His Kingdom.

"I assert my allegiance to Jesus Christ, my desire to live for Him and serve Him always

"I will live pure,
Speak truth,
Right wrong,
Follow the Christ the King,
Else wherefore born?"

What a pledge for a boy to know and to live!

Alvin Hatton has just come to State Headquarters to serve Arkansas as Secretary of Royal Ambassadors work. We are happy for him here to present a summation of the importance of training today's young men through this vital church-sponsored organization. For information about Mr. Hatton, see the Woman's Missionary Union column on page ten.

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Church Sponsored

There are other character-building organizations for boys, but where else can you find one that is giving a strictly Christian and missionary emphasis? Besides, the R. A. is a church organization—meeting in the church, counselors elected by the church, promoting the program of the church and enlisting for the church.

Through the Royal Ambassadors the Church can help boys receive missionary education and a missionary vision. What the world needs is to hear and accept the Christian message. Christian missions is not an out-moded thing. The world of tomorrow will be in need of Christian missions. Much will be new in tomorrow's world, but sin will still be in the world and as long as there is sin there is need of Christian missions. The Christian message is the only hope for the world. We have it and should share it.

Preparatory for Mission Needs

Will tomorrow's world be ready for the Christian message? Whether the world is ready for it or not, Christians must be ready to give it. Christian missions has had a hard but glorious history. Paul was a missionary in spite of stonings, imprisonments, beatings, shipwrecks, and other hardships. Opposition did not keep William Carey out of India. Adoniram Judson kept on preaching in Burma when the natives would say, "Our religion is good for us, yours for you." He preached seven years before seeing his first convert.

However, there are some evidences that the world is ready for Christian missions. For one thing people are hungry physically and spiritually. We can see that in the world today and know that it will be true in the years just ahead. Then, new doors have been opened, even during the war, to Christian missionaries, and the indications are that other doors will open. Add to this the improved material facilities of transportation and communication which will help in the advancement of Christian missions.

Missions Need Men!

It is up to Christian people to be ready to enter these open doors and make use of these improved facilities to spread the Gospel. Will we do it? No, not unless the youth of today see the need of taking the Gospel of Christ around the world and dedicate themselves to the mission cause. That's why I believe in R. A. R. A. is a missionary organization for boys. In R. A. boys receive missionary education through a missionary program every month and through work in the ranking system in which they learn about missionary heroes and types of mission work done on home and foreign fields. Also, in R. A. camps

they become acquainted with missionaries and hear first hand stories about their work.

The need of missions is men. Our Foreign Mission Board wants more men. Women are needed, too, but especially men. Right now the need is great and the need in tomorrow's world will not be less. The world needs missions. Missions need men. And only boys make men. That's why a missionary organization for boys is not just another meeting at the church to take up a boy's time.

Come on churches, wake up! "Lift up your eyes and look"—pastors, brotherhoods, Woman's Missionary Societies—here is one of your biggest missionary opportunities. And it's right under your noses. It is that bunch of boys in your neighborhood. Some of them are not Christians and need to be brought to Jesus. Some are taking up bad habits and think it's all right, because so many older people do it. All of them need to be challenged with the "King's Business" and the great task of being ambassadors for Christ.

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Church and Home Are Best Crime Remedy

Warning that at the present time too few of the youth of America are being reached by the churches, J. Edgar Hoover, director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, pointed out that this "failure to make contact with the citizens of tomorrow is producing a fertile field for future crimes."

"I sincerely believe that if America is to remain devoted to the fundamentals of Christian living, more adults must assume their responsibility in bringing our young people closer to the church," Mr. Hoover stated. "Youths too young to vote accounted for 21.4 per cent of the arrests last year, and unless a concerted effort is made through the media of the church and the home these same delinquents may be the hardened criminals of tomorrow."

★ RADIO ★

Pastor of First Church, Owensboro, Ky., for eighteen years, Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, the Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday, January 13, is a most effective preacher, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Kentucky pastor is recognized for his insight into the Scriptures and his grip on the spiritual needs of men everywhere. He is thus eminently qualified to discuss his subject, "The Source of Peace."

The programs of the Baptist Hour originate from Atlanta again this year, and the broadcasts cover the territory from the nation's capitol to the Gulf and westward to include Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Missouri.

The program can be heard in Arkansas over radio stations KUOA, Siloam Springs; WFAA, Dallas; WREC, Memphis; and WHAS of Louisville, at 7:30 CST. Also over KTHS, Hot Springs at 4 p. m. Sunday.

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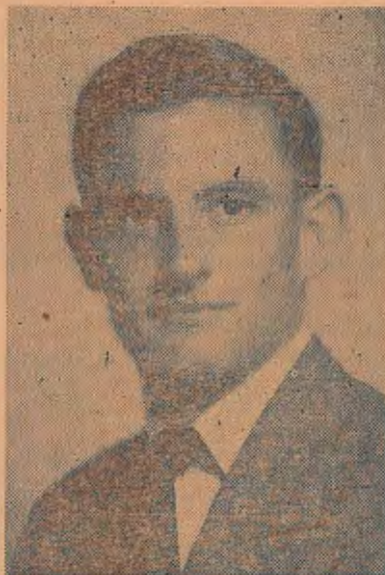
Introducing Full-Time R. A. Secretary

Rev. William Alvin Hatton is a native of Texas, a B. A. graduate of Hardin-Simmons College, Abilene, and lacks only a few hours of his degree from Southwestern Seminary where he was a Religious Education major. Mr. Hatton has been a Royal Ambassador, himself, and through his years of college and seminary training he worked with Royal Ambassador chapters. Not only has he had experience in churches working with the missionary education of boys but he has assisted in many Royal Ambassador camps.

Mr. Hatton came into Arkansas last June to serve as the special summer Royal Ambassador worker for three months under the direction of the Young People's Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union. He traveled all over the state making engagements with chapters in many churches, serving in several associational and district camps, directing the State Royal Ambassador Camp, preaching in many churches, speaking at many young people's rallies and even greatly assisting with some work in the Rohwer Relocation Center.

We feel that Mr. Hatton is extremely well fitted for this task in our state and we commend him to our Baptist constituency. He will start his work the first week in January. His office will be in the Woman's Missionary Union offices, so he may be addressed at 209 Radio Center, Little Rock. He will gladly advise with counselors on the work and make such engagements as he can on behalf of the missionary education of boys of our churches. We hope that Baptist Brotherhoods will seek his help to instruct them in this important boys' work of our churches. He will come to any church with his expenses paid since he is a state worker. As with other state workers we will look to the churches for his entertainment while he is serving them.

Since Mr. Hatton has had such good educational training, such fine practical experience and even three months already in our state in this work, we know he is highly capable of this new task but we would also state that we have found him very consecrated to Kingdom work and to his Lord. So again we commend him to you to



Mr. Hatton

serve you; and as he enters this new field we covet your prayers for him as foundations for time to come will be laid well.

Lottie Moon Offering For Foreign Missions Surpasses \$25,000

The total amount received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions as of December 31, 1945, is \$25,311.33. This is the first report we have presented on this offering and I know that you will rejoice to know of the splendid increases by all organizations.

We express gratitude to God and to you for the amount received thus far. We feel confident that the offering goal of \$30,000 will be far surpassed. Please continue to remit all funds on hand for this cause.

How Those Young Orphans Do Give!

The Lottie Moon Offering from the five auxiliaries of our Baptist State Orphanage at Monticello under the leadership of Mrs. C. R. Pugh amounted to \$50 this year. Last year it was \$40. What a nice increase! Who can match such loving giving as these children?.

German Children In Christmas Services

Children made up a large part of the attendance at Christmas services at Frankfurt, Germany. Church authorities declared congregations were larger and more receptive than at any time since the Nazi regime, according to a R.N.S. report.

"The parents who attended these services," one pastor explained, "are the generation that went through the Hitler Youth movement, and we are seeking to get at this lost generation through their children."

A service for the children of Trinity Church, destroyed during the war, was held in the gymnasium of the school building and attracted 400 children whose interest

in a gaily-lighted Christmas helped them to ignore the absence of heat in the building.

"We have had hard times," an eight-year-old girl said, "but children look on the sunny side. We love joy, and here today we find the Christ Child, who brings us joy." A three-year-old boy cited a piece about the Christ Child being his little brother.

Pastor Otto Fricke, who has been twice imprisoned by the Nazis, told parents:

"Your children are back here celebrating Christmas in the ruins. The Nazi criminals tried to tempt to take Christmas from the children, but failed because they yearning for peace is deep in the hearts of the people, and it will come with the spirit of Christmas becoming a spirit among all nations."

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Baptist Student Representative



State Reporter for the B.S.U. organization is Joyce Franks, junior at Central College, Conway from Earle, Ark.

"I appreciate your electing me State B.S.U. Reporter and will do my best at the position. I am responsible primarily for reporting State B.S.U. news and for campaigning for the Baptist Student. I would like to stress particularly that the goal for the Baptist Student in the colleges is 360 subscriptions and 240 in the churches. Every church should order several copies for their leaders. Even though the first campaign for subscriptions is over, publicity chairman and magazine representative should keep working. Introduce the Baptist Student, make its contents familiar to the students, and it will almost sell itself."

Someone asked a minister whether he ever went hunting. The minister answered: "Yes, my friend, I spend half my time hunting for my lost members."

IMPORTANT 1946 EVENTS

- January 22—Southwide Simultaneous Associational Sunday School Day. A Sunday School Rally in Every Association.
- February—Southwide Associational Sunday School Church Visitation Month. An Associational Team to Visit Every Church in Every Association.
- February 18-22—Statewide Music Leadership School.
- March 10-21—Statewide Sunday School Workers Clinic.
- April 21-May 3—Eight District Training Union Conferences.
- June—Statewide Youth Choir Festival.
- July 2-10—Arkansas Baptist State Assembly, Siloam Springs.
- September 16-27—Eight District Sunday School Conferences.
- October 18—Statewide Associational Training Union Officers Conference.
- October 20-25—Statewide Training Union Clinic, Little Rock.
- December 6—Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Rallies.
- December 17—Statewide Associational Sunday School Officers Conference.

State Student Leaders To Hold Planning Meeting

State Baptist Student leaders will meet in Little Rock, January 11-12, at Immanuel Church to plan for 1946. Those attending the meeting will include student secretaries, State B.S.U. officers, presidents of local councils, and pastors in the college towns.

Miss Frances Barbour from the Student Department at Nashville, will represent the Sunday School Board at this meeting. Miss Barbour will be in Little Rock helping in the work at the Baptist Hospital, Junior College and the Medical School.

This meeting will begin with supper at the church at 6 p. m. followed by a business session. Delegates will be entertained for the night. Another round-table discussion will be held Saturday morning, followed by the noon meal at the church, concluding the meeting.

Travel expense of one car from each town will be paid at the rate of three cents per mile to Little Rock and return.

Making the Church "Training Union Minded"

Every Sunday morning at First Church, Little Rock, sometime during the morning worship service a member of the Training Union makes a talk on "What the Training Union Means to Me." The Training Union is thus presented to all of the members who attend the morning service.

Another excellent plan is to consistently announce the Training Union in every department of the Sunday School, every Sunday morning. Clever announcements by Henry Rogers have appeared in the Training Union Magazine every month during 1945.—R.W.D.

urday night for a great inspirational meeting. Our churches and associations are able to offer young people all they need and want.

Why Is the Standard Dry?

To many people the Standard of Excellence is dry because they have not approached it with the right view in mind. If we see nothing but a mechanical organization, and a number of "points" in the Standard, then it will continue to be dry and lifeless.

But, if we see in the Standard a plan of work which if properly used, will lead the Training Union to reach and train the members of our churches to be useful, efficient, consecrated, soul winning workers for Christ, then such a plan of work will take on life, and will become meaningful.

The Standard is not a destina-

tion, but a road which leads to a destination. The destination is a church filled with members who are properly trained to do God's work. Such members read and study their Bibles, and pray daily. They study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth. They know what they believe, and why. They know the condition of lost people, and have a passion to tell them about the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. They are able to stand on their feet and speak for Christ, and they are found loyal and faithful to the church that Christ built. The destination is trained church members. The Training Union Standard of Excellence is but a road to reach this destination.

This plan of work includes an
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Baptist Youth Rallies

Baptist Youth rallies are being sponsored by the Training Union. According to Miss Ruby Wallen, there were 1,500 young people at a Saturday night Baptist Youth Rally at the First Baptist Church, Houston. The program consisted of music, testimonies, and an address.

The plan in one city is for each Baptist church to have Saturday night youth meetings three Saturday nights in the month, and then all come together the fourth Sat-

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B. B. I. Faculty and Students Urge McCall to Remain at Seminary

By JOHN W. GREEN
New Orleans

A flood of correspondence has swamped the desk of Dr. Duke K. McCall as student organizations and faculty members make final efforts to persuade the Baptist Bible Institute president to remain at the helm of the New Orleans institution, but as yet no final word has been received from Dr. McCall regarding the recently extended offer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee to serve as its Executive Secretary.

The rise of the Baptist Bible Institute in the field of theological education has been phenomenal, much of which is due to the brilliant leadership of its young president. Enumerating its meteoric rise since his advent to the presidency in 1943, each epistle became a personal plea to Dr. McCall to remain at B.B.I.

Almost every letter carried notice of the following accomplishments of the young educator at the institution: Accreditation of the school among accredited seminaries of the nation, strengthening of the faculty by the addition of new professors, capacity enrolment with a long waiting list, the raising of \$200,000 for a new men's dormitory, the reorganization of the Practical Activities Department which is now covering a wider field of service, the addition of a new playground for children of seminary students, and a new faith established in the hearts of Southern Baptists concerning the pivotal place of the seminary in Southern Baptist life.

Student organizations, among whom were the Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi clubs, were called to special meetings before the holiday season for the purpose of composing these epistolary pleas to Dr. McCall. Then, in token of the high esteem in which he is held by all, the faculty also joined in the request and met Dr. McCall at the train as he returned from the Executive Board meeting, so anxious were they to hear of his decision.

The student body and faculty feel that its president can render Southern Baptists a far greater

service by remaining at the Baptist Bible Institute than by making the proposed change. They also realize that the will of the Lord must be done and request the prayers of Southern Baptists in these days of decision.

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Figures to Inspire

December 30, 1945

Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Atkins, First	1	114	35
Benton, First	---	390	81
Conway, First	---	314	45
Cullendale, First	---	179	62
Dyess, Central	---	108	87
El Dorado, First	3	594	176
Eudora, First	---	132	54
Hamburg, First	2	242	121
Harrison, First	4	213	96
Hope, First	---	290	64
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	4	257	90
First	1	209	46
Park Place	2	380	141
Second	---	418	114
Including Mission	---	506	---
Hoxie	---	113	48
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	---	313	80
Calvary	---	108	28
South Highland	2	201	78
Woodlawn	1	60	28
Monticello, First	---	181	30
N. Little Rock Churches:			
First	---	415	108
Pike Avenue	7	129	65
Ozark	---	125	58
Rogers, First	11	216	73
Stamps, First	---	136	33
Warren, First	---	258	68

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Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, tells the story of what Holland has suffered. He says: "Many thousands died of starvation. Last spring people were falling dead of hunger on the streets of the large cities. . . . There is barely enough food now to prevent starvation. There is a shortage of fats and sugar. And clothing is very scarce. Women are unraveling old stockings and sweaters to get a little yarn to fill up the holes in garments that can be made to last a little longer. There will be little fuel for the coldest days of the coming winter. . . . Our Dutch Baptists are carrying on bravely. Church services are well attended, and in some places evangelistic services are bringing in new members."

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Mrs. Minnie Hart has observed her thirtieth anniversary of unbroken Sunday School attendance. The occasion was December 30 in First Church, Tyler, Tex. The pastor, Dr. Porter M. Bales, recognized this unusual record in a service in which Prof. J. R. Moore, the general superintendent of the Sunday School, presented to Mrs. Hart letters of congratulations and best wishes from Dr. G. S. Hopkins, Sunday School Secretary of Texas, and Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Mrs. Hart began her unusual record on January 1, 1915, when

she lived in Mineola, Tex. Her youngest child was then eight years old. She continued the unbroken record for twenty years, which time a grandson was born. The problem seemed so complex that she suggested breaking the record, but her daughter, Mrs. Fleetwood Rice, urged that she continue the unbroken record. The next Sunday, five cars were ready to take her to Sunday School.

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Some twenty Christian mission schools have been functioning in Shanghai, as have the four Christian universities, St. Johns, University of Shanghai, Soochow, and Hangchow, with about 5,000 students.

Two Arkansans Play Leading Roles in Southern Baptist Work in California

By RUBY K. TEAGUE
Fresno, Calif.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California has made arrangements to publish the "California Southern Baptist" semi-monthly. Simultaneous with this meeting came the announcement that the Board of Trustees of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary had elected Editor Floyd Looney as vice president and field representative, requesting that his time be divided equally between the editorship of the paper and the Seminary.

faculty members. At the annual meeting of the California Southern Baptist Convention held in November of this year, the convention voted to take over the Seminary, and elected a board of trustees.

Editor Looney has been serving as pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Tulare, California, along with his duties as editor. His new responsibilities will begin February 1. Both Brethren Looney and Hodges are Arkansans.

The State Board purchased property at the corner of Calaveras and M Streets in Fresno for Southern Baptist Headquarters. The property consists of a large home adequate for all our offices at the Baptist Book Store, and a smaller house which can be used as apartments for our workers. The purchase price was \$20,000.

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The Truth About My Medal

CIVILIAN

Here is a letter reportedly written by a teen-age soldier to the director of religious education of his home church. We copy it from *Between the Lines*, where it was used by permission of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in whose publication it first appeared.

You asked about my medal. I haven't told the story of it to anyone, and you will see why when you hear about it. I am not very proud of it and yet there isn't a thing I can do about it now, without revealing a story that would get my new friends into trouble. You may tell the story so long as my name is never attached to it. It is now two a. m. Tomorrow I go off to the battlefield. I may never get home again and I want someone to know that I don't deserve that medal. I didn't earn it.

It happened this way. I was captured by the Japanese with five of my pals. We were marched along through the jungle with bayonets in our backs. As we marched toward the Japanese camp I had to see my comrades one by one killed, mutilated, torn limb from limb. They were men with whom I had spent three years—not three years of casual friendship, either. When you live with men night and day, winter and summer; when you work with them, suffer with them, fight with them, you become attached to them more closely than you will ever become with any other men the rest of your lives.

As I watched them fall I knew that within a few minutes I, too, would be killed as they had been. But somehow, at that moment my only thought was "the sooner the better." Life for me was over. I said the 23rd Psalm. (Do you remember the time you made me come back to church for a whole afternoon to learn it because you insisted that I earn my Bible?)

I said the Lord's Prayer and then I started to think things over. A good bit of the Yankee spirit stayed with me. Die I must, but I determined not to let my captor see my fear.

Trembling from head to foot, marching in mud up my ankles, with a bayonet sticking in my back, I began to whistle the way I used to when I was a small boy and had to go through a dark street. So I whistled as loud as my trembling lips would let me. After awhile, to my surprise I realized that I was whistling

"We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing, cease then from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own."

My thoughts turned back to the many times we had sung it in

Forum. You said one time you supposed that no matter where we might be the rest of our lives, if we ever heard that song we would think of our church. Well, as I whistled it over and over I did think of the old crowd, of our church, and of the various individuals in it.

I realized for the first time how much the church had done for me. It had molded my character and given me the stuff to be able



to take what the Army gave me and take it knowing that I was not alone, that God was with me.

I thought how the church stood for eternal life. At any moment now, I, too would be dying. That sharp point in my back would start me on my journey to eternity. But now I was no longer afraid.

Suddenly, from my reverie I became aware that someone had joined me in my whistling. No, it couldn't be, but it was—my Japanese captor! He, too, was whistling the hymn. Soon we both broke into words, he in Japanese, I in English. "The wicked oppressing, cease then from distressing. . . . He forgets not His own."

One after another were the hymns we whistled and sang as we marched through the jungle mud, with me in front and my captor in the rear, now with his gun in my back. Gradually the power of the hymns made me relax, and must have had the same effect on him, for soon I felt his gun fall into place. And still later he caught up with me and we sang, he in Japanese, and I in English.

I wondered if his thoughts were as mingled as mine. Here we were marching along, lifting our hearts in unison in Christian praise to a Christian God of peace, and yet I was being led to the slaughterhouse by him. I was interrupted in my thinking by his words in perfect English: "I never cease to wonder at the magnificence of Christian hymns."

Startled by his English, I jumped and we both laughed. Soon we were talking. I asked where he had learned to speak English and he replied that he had gone to Christian mission schools. "Not Glory Kindergarten?" I asked. "Why, I started in Glory Kindergarten," he replied. "How do you know it?"

Then I told him how in Sunday School we had studied about the

mission schools and churches. We had raised money for Glory Kindergarten and had sent over gifts for them. I spoke of the gift of the picture we sent and the letters we had back from the teachers. He remembered the picture and added that when the picture was presented he had helped to fix the flowers for the beauty corner where the picture was placed.

Then followed a conversation that is impossible to relate—one that few men have ever had with one another, when surface things are swept away and the soul stands out on top. We talked of war and how the Japanese Christians hate it; of Christianity and its power in the world; of what it would mean if people would ever really dare to live it; of the incomparable value of the missionaries; of Kagawa; of our own ideals—for our homes, our jobs, and our future families.

And finally, at his suggestion, we knelt in the mud and prayed for suffering humanity around the world; for "His peace that passeth all understanding" and for peace again on earth with good will toward men.

When we arose he asked if I would take him back as a prisoner to the American headquarters. He said that this was the only way he could live up to his Christianity and thus help Japan to become a Christian nation.

On the way back he found in various foxholes other Japanese Christians and they, too, joined me as we walked toward the American headquarters. I shall never forget the hope and joy that came into their eyes as my Japanese friend unfolded to them, one by one, as he met them, how we found each other and why and where they were being taken. All the way back we talked of the Christian religion.

You know, after being born into Christianity, I had taken its teachings for granted. I never shall again. I know now—from these Japanese friends—what Christ can mean to an individual or a nation



Chaplain William E. Haltom has just arrived back in the State after a long period of overseas service. He is available for church work and may be contacted at 31 East Commerce St., Altus, Okla. Chaplain Haltom is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary and was pastor at Dyess before entering the service.

that has lived under a hideous system of heathen gods. I know that it means the difference between Japanese atrocities and my new Japanese friends with their high Christian ideals.

We sang in English all the great universal hymns of the ages—"Faith of Our Fathers," "Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "Lead On, O King Eternal," "The Church's One Foundation," "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart."

When we neared camp, by mutual agreement, they put on poker faces and somber looks and I, gun in hand, marched them into camp. After the war is over they will spend their lives keeping alive and spreading an ever growing Christian community in Japan.

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Why Is the Standard Dry?

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ELEVEN)

organization. The purpose of officers, committees, and groups is to get the work done, and the work is accomplished for one purpose—the training of church members. For example, the purpose of the Bible Readers Leader is not to complete the organization, but to lead every member to read his Bible daily. The purpose of the Group Captain is to plan and present a program, but the real purpose of that program is to lead the members to increase their knowledge of God's Word and work, and to increase their ability to properly do God's work.

The plan of work includes certain activities which if put into practice will train our church members. A person becomes a better church member when he studies great topics on the Bible, missions, doctrines, and the devotional life. He becomes a better church member when he reads his Bible daily, and leads his family in Bible reading and prayer. He becomes a better church member when he faithfully puts the work of his church first in his life.

The Standard of Excellence is but a plan of work which contains these essentials for the Christian life. It is easy to see then, that the Training Union properly meets the needs of the church members just to the extent that this plan of work is put into practice. Our great need is to see the spiritual application of the Standard, and to see that the goal in all of our work is to develop Christian lives so that these lives can minister to other lives and glorify our Lord.

A plan of work which calls for Bible reading, Bible study, speaking for Christ, and loyalty to the church should never be considered dry. Let us follow this plan with a burning desire to see all the members of our churches grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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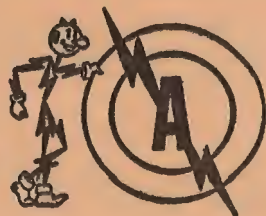
A corporal, not a church member, wrote from the other side of the world to a minister of his home town as follows: "The success of our campaign depended upon the cooperation we received from the natives, given wholeheartedly and cheerfully by these men who a few years ago were savages. A handful of missionaries risked their lives and sacrificed comforts and luxuries of home to teach them Christianity. It can't be estimated in figures the number of lives saved by the tireless efforts of these natives on behalf of the American army. As a token of my appreciation of the wonderful work these missionaries have done, I am enclosing a money order of \$100 with the request that it be used for foreign missionary work. It is not a gift, rather—I consider it the payment of a debt of gratitude."

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God's Promise of Deliverance for Oppressed Peoples Has Been Proved True by All Who Follow His Will

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

"I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord, even the Lord, is my strength." These words of the Prophet Isaiah (12:2) speak eloquently of Israel's trust in God. Israel had seen, as had no other nation in history, the literal fulfillment of God's divine purposes. From the call of Abraham to the coming of Jesus, her history is replete with manifestations of divine deliverance. No one knew this better than Isaiah, who was familiar with the experiences of his people from the days of their beginnings.

In the present lesson we have a striking example of God's intervention in behalf of His people in an hour of trial. It would be difficult for even a casual observer to consider sincerely the message of this lesson without a deeper appreciation of and belief in God's deliverance of the oppressed.

Eternal Promises

"I am Jehovah . . . and I will appear to you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments." These words, spoken by God unto Moses, constitute one of God's eternal promises to needy man. While the promise was specifically directed to Israel, the message is for all generations who put their trust in Him and look to Him for redemption.

The Children of Israel were in deep anguish of spirit when God hearkened unto their cry and sent them a deliverer in Moses. Their bondage was cruel and constant. They possessed not in themselves the power of deliverance. If freedom were to come, it must needs come from an outside source, a source more mighty than self. Because of her previous relationship with God and of her knowledge of His miraculous powers, Israel logically would turn to Him for deliverance.

Legion are the souls today who find comfort and peace in the promises of God as they face the stern, unyielding demands of circumstance. The occasion may vary, the circumstances of the hour of need may differ, but the assurance that comes through the promises of God is ever the same. Instantly He says to the disturbed, troubled spirits, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage." (John 1:5-6.)

Unfailing Guidance

God gave Israel more than mere words of assurance. He gave her guidance, unfailing guidance, in

Sunday School Lesson For January 13

Exodus 6:6-8; 13:17-22

her darkest hours of trial. "And it came to pass when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them . . ."

The most direct route to Canaan from Rameses in the Eastern Delta, where the host had mustered would have been northeastwards along the Mediterranean coast, but it would immediately have brought them into collision with the Philistines, a very war-like tribe inhabiting the southwestern part of Canaan, and would have been too great an obstacle for the people's strength and faith. Accordingly the route of march was deflected southeastward into the peninsula of Sinai.

Subsequent events unfold a further purpose in leading the people of Israel to Mount Sinai; namely, their instruction in the law. It was while they tarried at Sinai that Moses received the tables of the Law and the basic moral and spiritual laws for Israel's future life.

It is easy, even for a Christian, to review experiences like those of Israel whereby God's leadership is definitely manifested without realizing that God is able today to lead and guide even as then. There ought to be a growing consciousness of God's ability today to furnish leadership not only for individuals but for nations as well. We must face realistically the claims of God's Word as they relate to life here and now in the flesh.

God's ability to lead us, of course, depends upon our willingness to look to Him for guidance and our capacity to let Him work through us in the achievement of His purposes. When we fail to cooperate with God in the execution of His purposes, then it is impossible for us to enjoy the blessings

in store for us. The death of Moses illustrates this principle perfectly. Moses was not permitted to cross the Jordan and enter the Land of Promise because of his failure to cooperate fully with God.

It is interesting to note how God anticipated difficulties that might arise in Israel's journeyings and how he provided necessary safeguards against them. In sparing the people from conflict or collision with the Philistines, Moses was able to lead them with less difficulty and less desire to return to their former state of life.

Symbols of His Presence

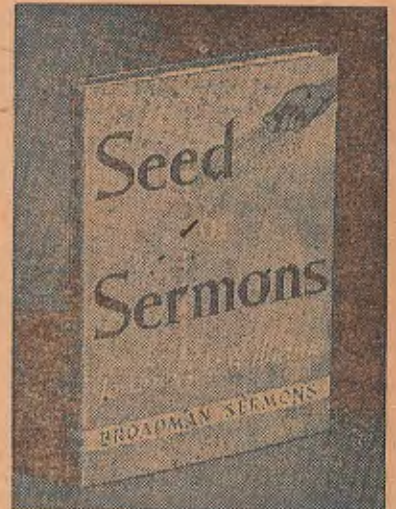
"And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light;

that they might go by day and by night: the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, departed not from before the people."

This pillar was for the Hebrews a symbol of the divine presence with the host and served as their signal and guide when on the march. It was usual to carry fire signals at the head of an army on the march in early times. Clearly the pillar is understood by the sacred writer to be miraculous, visible evidence of the constancy of God's presence on their journeys.

This matter of symbols of divine presence has been experienced by servants of God over and over again throughout the centuries as they have looked to Him for guidance. What Israel experienced was also experienced by Isaiah and Paul, and David Livingstone and William Carey. It will continue to be experienced by all those who serve Jehovah in spirit and in truth.

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The First Church, Marianna, and W. F. Couch, pastor, have set a noble example for all who really love missions and are committed to carrying out the great commission. We wish you would note the relationship existing between their great missionary program on the one hand, and their local progress on the other hand.

This First Baptist Church in Marianna started the year with some 560 members. During 1945 the church baptized 77 new members. It had a number of additions by letter, but now we are talking about the evangelistic program of the church. This means that the church had nearly fourteen per cent increase by baptisms. **CAN ANY OTHER CHURCH IN ANY CITY OR TOWN MATCH THIS INCREASE BY BAPTISM ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS?** There seems to be a corresponding blessing which matches this church's spirit for missions.

\$10,000 for Missions

A year ago this evangelistic pastor and his deacons recommended that the church contribute sixty per cent of its gross receipts to cooperative missions. The church adopted the resolution, and it did not fail in carrying out these holy purposes. Consequently, this church contributed more than \$10,000 during the year for missions. More than \$8,500 was sent to us for cooperative missions.

Never was the Marianna church happier; never was it more convinced that a worldwide mission program must be liberally supported if the church expects to please its Lord.

Home Front Not Neglected

This liberal support of missions did not stifle the activities of the church at home. The church gave much more in special offering on the Centennial movement than it was asked to give. It bought and paid \$1,000 for a lot by the side of the church building; it has nearly enough money on hand to erect a mission chapel in the country where the church is doing some mission work. The church has had two revivals during the year and gave the largest offering to its helpers, including the pastor. The church has \$1,000 set aside with which to buy fans when they are available. The home front was not neglected. God made it possible for them to abundantly take care of the home front while they were doing the unusual thing for the work away from home.

We have analyzed this situation in order that all our people may be convinced that a church as well as a mission board can give more than fifteen to twenty per cent to the causes away from home, without neglecting the work at home.

If you will study the program and achievements of the Marianna church and Pastor Couch you will be convinced that if you take care of the Lord's causes He will take care of us at home.

We wanted a picture of Pastor Couch, but

he is modest and is not seeking publicity, and did not want to give us his picture. His deacons are J. G. Willis, Malbrey Oglesby, V. H. Edwards, W. P. Owen, P. F. Duke, W. F. Curtis, R. R. Cockran, Clyde B. Hogan, and Roy Casteel.

In addition to the sixty per cent of the budget that this church has given to cooperative missions during 1945 it sent us a check last week for \$400 extra for the Cooperative Program.

We challenge other pastors and churches to try this unselfish practice of dividing the budget at least fifty-fifty between the work at home and the work away from home. The Lord challenges us saying, "Try Me and prove Me." God gives us more and more churches that will not put the brakes on when they appropriate for missions. Give more for missions. It pays.

El Dorado First Church Leads In Cooperative Program Contributions

As we write this page we have just received from the First Church in El Dorado, its final 1946 Cooperative Program check in the amount of \$2,031.51. This great church in El Dorado, Rev. Sam Reeves, pastor, has led all the churches in the state this year in its contributions for cooperative missions, and its contributions have exceeded those of any other year for the Cooperative Program.

Moreover, this great church has had its other blessings also, its contributions for other causes have outstripped the contributions of former years. The church is happy under the progressive leadership of its untiring, fine spirited pastor.

Pastor Smith and Second Church, El Dorado

The Second Church, El Dorado, steps up the gifts to Cooperative Program 33 per cent above the contributions for 1945. It is pledging \$5,000 for 1946. This great church under the leadership of LeRoy Smith believes in missions, and the Lord is marvelously blessing the work of the church and pastor.

First Preferred Creditor

Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, says: "God is my first preferred creditor. Out of every dollar which He, by furnishing the natural resources, including my own intelligence and energy, enables me to make, I will set apart one-tenth and take it to God's house, on God's day for God's glory as an act of worship. The other nine-tenths I will use to the best of my knowledge in providing for those who are dependent upon me, paying just wages, giving to civic and extra church charities, etc."

Some of our good brethren are penalizing themselves by delaying their connection to the Ministers Retirement Plan. It is through the Annuity Board, that when a man refuses to join the plan when he is eligible will be unable to draw the full amount possible annuity when he retires.

The reason for this rule is as follows: success of the entire Retirement Plan upon our building a fund sufficient to care of all annuities in the future when our men will be in their retirement years of life. The more we put into the fund the safer it will be in the testing years ahead. Therefore, if I should be a member of the plan, paying into the plan month after month, and thus helping to build up the fund, and yet refuse to do so, I have thus endangered the success of the Retirement Plan.

Suppose my salary is \$1,200 per year. I join the plan, the Convention and my church, and I would pay into the plan \$96 per year. Suppose I delay joining the plan for five years. There is \$480 that should be paid into the plan, so that it could go to work to earn an annuity for me when I finally retire. I thus failed to help the Annuity Board by an amount of \$480.

This \$480, if I had joined the plan when I should have joined it, would have been at my disposal for perhaps thirty years in the hands of the Annuity Board, and it would be at my disposal. I would be buying a pension for myself. I didn't join the plan, and thus the \$480 not working for me through these years. Therefore, whatever amount of annuity I would purchase will be denied me. Therefore, my annuity will be smaller when I finally retire.

If our brethren expect to be old soon and expect to be out of the active past, why should any one of us neglect to join the Retirement Plan? Then too, even if you do not expect to grow old you may become disabled and need a disability annuity. So

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The Assembly of the Church of Erie has voted to launch a five-year \$4,000 advertising program which will utilize theater, cinema, radio, press, and other means to bring about a religious revival in Erie.

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The Erie (Pa.) Dispatch Herald, a newspaper in an industrial city of over 100,000 population, carries more religious news in its columns than perhaps any daily newspaper in the country. The Watchman-Examiner reports that on Fridays a whole page is given to Erie church news; Saturday's edition frequently has two or more pages of city church news; and on Sundays a full-length sermon is printed, together with a page or two of religious articles. The religious editor of the paper is Charles Hollinger, a Presbyterian layman.