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# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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*Know Your Institutions . . .*

## BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

For 52 years Arkansas Baptists have been caring for homeless children through the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage which is located on a hill near Monticello. The three fireproof buildings—a dormitory for boys, a dormitory for girls, and the administration building—stand among large oak trees on a 25-acre tract.

Emphasis is placed on child training as well as on child care. The orphanage strives to provide a feeling of security and stability, proper food, adequate shelter, comfortable clothing, good habits of health, essentials in education, training in a vocation, wholesome recreational expression, a share in community life, and moral and religious training. Supt. C. R. Pugh and his co-workers try constantly to guide the development of body, mind, and soul.

### Spiritual Emphasis

The modern playground is equipped with a large swimming pool and various devices for physical development. Special care, attention and training is given to the spiritual growth of the children and practically all those who enter the institution accept Christ as Saviour and follow Him throughout life. Ten conversions and ten baptisms were reported last year. Sixty-five of the seventy children earned certificates or seals for mission study courses. The institution's seven religious organizations are standard.

All children in the orphanage attend public school and those who show special aptitude for higher education are encouraged

to continued their studies. A Student Loan Fund has been set up whereby the boys and girls may have opportunity to receive college or business training.

The boys are taught farming, trucking, dairy methods, and stock breeding on the institution's 100-acre farm where much of the food is produced. The girls are trained in domestic work which fits them for home-making. Graduates of Bottoms Orphanage are in practically every profession.

### Present Needs

Adverse post-war influences are expected to increase the number of homeless children in the next few years. Children already at the orphanage and those who will need admittance cannot be adequately cared for unless Baptists contribute freely through the Cooperative Program and special love offerings at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other times.

One of the greatest needs is skilled personnel to give individual and personal attention to the children. Other needs are more extensive medical care, more buildings to permit small groups to live together, a more adequate plan of admissions and aftercare, foster home care, integration of life and activities of the local community. These needs may be supplied with money and an adequate staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh observed their silver anniversary as leaders of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage last January.



*An Orphanage Building*

**SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE ENTERED A GREAT CAMPAIGN TO RELIEVE  
SUFFERING AROUND THE WORLD. (SEE INSIDE PAGES)**



By RUTH NININGER

"'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer," a fine devotional hymn by Fanny Crosby is the selected hymn for June. Although not a new song in any sense of the word, this hymn is used far too seldom in the general services of praise and worship. Embodied in its content are the treasured truths of our faith.

'Tis the blessed hour of prayer, when our hearts lowly bend,  
And we gather to Jesus, our Saviour and Friend;  
If we come to Him in faith, His protection to share,  
What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!

'Tis the blessed hour of prayer, when the Saviour draws near,  
With a tender compassion, His children to hear;  
When He tells us we may cast at His feet every care,  
What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!

'Tis the blessed hour of prayer, when the tempted

and tried  
To the Saviour who loves them their sorrows confide;  
With a sympathizing heart He removes every care;  
What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!

At the blessed hour of prayer, trusting Him we believe  
That the blessings we're needing we'll surely receive;  
In the fullness of this trust we shall lose every care;  
What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!

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Blessed hour of prayer, Blessed hour of prayer;  
What a balm for the weary! O how sweet to be there!

From the long list of women who have contributed to Christian hymnody, Fanny Crosby is perhaps the best known. This fact may be due in part to the enormous volume of hymn-

poems she produced, many of which will continue to find a dignified place in collections of evangelistic music. One writer says "The few of her songs which have survived have done so mainly because of the melodies which were made for them. The texts will not support stronger tunes." Through Ira Sankey many of her songs came immensely popular in England. William H. Doane also wrote scores of tunes for her poems.

Although blind from infancy, Fanny lived a happy and normal life, reflecting all her work a joyousness of spirit combined with deep faith in God and in His Creator. Her education was obtained at the New School for the Blind. She was married to Alexander van Alstyne, a musician, who was also blind.

The music for this hymn, "'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer," is a product of Dr. William Howard Doane, another American noted for his composition of hymn-tunes. From childhood he was interested in music, singing in public at six years of age; joining a church choir at ten; was considered an exceptionally fine flutist at twelve; a year later he began playing a string bass; and at fifteen was proficient as a player on the reed organ. Indeed the record of this lad's musical talent furnishes encouragement to those who wish to initiate and support a graded music program in Religious Education.

Although following a business career for a livelihood, Dr. Doane wrote and composed forty or more books of Gospel Song and wrote some twenty-three hundred vocal and instrumental numbers, several of them Christmas Cantatas. One writer says of Doane:

"There is scarcely a place on earth where civilization has pushed its way that the influence of Dr. Doane has not been felt. In almost every soul in civilized countries his songs are familiar, and as it is the plan of the Christian missionary chiefly who extends our civilization, we doubt if any of late years have gone forth to the foreign field without the influence of Dr. Doane's songs as a part of his equipment."

Thus does the life of a great Christian weave itself into the fabric of human life to bless and enrich the souls of men through the ministry of sacred melody.

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Your love has a broken wing if it flies across the sea.—Maltbie D. Babcock

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# The Southern Baptist Convention . . .

## A NEW CENTURY LAUNCHED

By the Editor

The 1946 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, Fla., May 15-19, was one of the greatest in its 101-year history. There was a great mass of people, a great spirit, a great vision of work to be accomplished, a great willingness to launch out to do the impossible for the Lord.

An estimated ten to twelve thousand people attended the sessions. Actual registration of messengers exceeded 8,000, with visitors not counted. (Arkansas' registered messengers totaled 264.) It was the second largest convention in Southern Baptist history, exceeded only by the meeting at Washington, D. C., in 1920 when Dr. George Truett made his unforgettable address on religious liberty from the front steps of the nation's capitol building.

This time, as in 1920, the great throng of Baptists expressed themselves unmistakably on matters of religious liberty. There was another demand that the embassy of Myron Taylor be recalled immediately from the Vatican; there was a petition to the Department of State urging that religious freedom in its fullest sense be incorporated in the making of all post war treaties; there was a vote to establish a permanent office in Washington to inform Baptists of all matters, national and international, which threaten religious liberty and all other principles for which Baptists stand.

### Dr. Newton Elected

Too, the election of Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., to the Convention presidency, succeeding Pat M. Neff of Texas, was viewed as solid Convention endorsement of Dr. Newton's six-year battle against the U. S. representation at the Vatican and his other strong stands for all matters of religious liberty. Dr. Newton has long been the Convention's strongest proponent for these matters. He plans a trip to Russia, beginning July 1, to view fruits of Russian relief undertakings, to visit Russian Baptists and probably to speak for full religious liberty in the Soviet and Eastern Europe.

Other new officers are Rev. C. Roy Angel, Miami, first vice-president; Rev. R. C. Campbell, Columbia, S. C., second vice-president; Porter Routh and Joe E. Burton, both of Nashville, Tenn., secretaries.

Next year's session will be in St. Louis, May 14-18, with Rev. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, preaching the Convention sermon.

There was much to give inspiration: The impromptu talks by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, president of the Baptist World Alliance; the sermons by able preachers; the great foreign mission program when 44 new missionaries were dedicated for service, and many other occasions. But in a news report such as this, the most necessary items to be included must be those actions taken by the Convention in forwarding its Christ-glorifying program around the world. Such is what we are trying to do in the paragraphs that follow.

### World Relief

The Convention voted to wage an extensive campaign this July, August, and September for world relief and rehabilitation, setting a goal of \$3,500,000.

The action came in adoption of a report of the Convention's Executive Committee. Dr.



PRESIDENT NEWTON  
... Crusader for Liberty

Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the executive committee, said that promotion on the campaign will start immediately and that gifts will be received during the three-month period beginning July 1. The funds will be used at the discretion of the Foreign Mission Board.

Plans for launching the campaign immediately was contrary to an earlier recommendation that the relief and rehabilitation be merely a part of the 1947 program. "Many thousands will die this year unless we get help to them immediately," Dr. M. T. Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, pleaded.

### Ten Million In 1947

The Convention also adopted a \$10,000,000 program for 1947, the full amount to be raised through the denomination's general Cooperative Program. It compares with a \$6,000,000 program for the current year. The Committee's earlier recommendation had been a \$12,000,000 program which would have included the relief and rehabilitation item.

The \$10,000,000 figure is the goal for contributions to Southwide and worldwide mission, benevolent and educational causes, and does not include amounts spent in the states or on local projects. It will be divided in the following manner:

<b>First \$5,000,000</b>	
Foreign Missions .....	46%
Home Missions .....	18%
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary ..	5%
Southwestern Baptist	
Theological Seminary .....	5%
New Orleans Baptist	
Theological Seminary .....	5%
WMU Training School .....	1%
American Baptist Theological Seminary ..	2%
Relief and Annuity Board .....	15%

Radio Commission .....	1 9/10%
Baptist Brotherhood .....	1%
Southern Baptist Hospital .....	1/10%

### Second \$5,000,000

Home Mission Board .....	\$500,000
Southern Seminary .....	967,000
Southwestern Seminary .....	829,000
New Orleans Seminary .....	829,000
American Theological Seminary .....	75,000
Relief and Annuity Board .....	250,000
Radio Commission .....	50,000
Foreign Mission Board	
(To be raised in the 1946	
Special Emergency Campaign) .....	3,500,000

Adoption of the Executive Committee report also put the Convention on record "to continue special emphasis upon private and corporate prayer for the peace of the world, for divine guidance for our own nation, and for the success of our agencies, missionaries and Christian workers in all lands.

It also provided for "promotion of Christian stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and special effort to be made to enroll a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ."

### New Constitution

After much discussion and some amendments, the 101-year-old Convention adopted a new constitution.

Most criticism of the new constitution came from some who thought the Convention's description as "a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories" might be antagonistic to Northern Baptists. Until a few years ago the two Conventions were divided on geographical lines, and the admission of California churches to the Southern Convention in 1942 aroused considerable discussion.

"The Convention has never shut its doors against any group of Baptists in this country who for doctrinal and other reasons could not cooperate with conventions of the territory in which they are located," declared Dr. L. E. Barton of Alabama, chairman of the constitution revision committee. "The manner of observing the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper cannot be dictated by any lines of geography."

Dr. J. T. Watts of Maryland led out in opposition to the phrase with the assertion it would put "in jeopardy the harmony of the Convention especially as far as seven eastern seaboard states are concerned."

Dr. Barton pointed out that geographical division had been only a matter of custom and that no such provision was made in the Convention's constitution or by-laws any time in the past.

The new constitution also provides for rotation of membership in denominational boards, limiting the members to two three-year terms consecutively. The number of messengers from any church to the Convention

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THE EDITOR gladly relinquishes his customary editorial space this week to allow for the full story of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting.

# THE OUACHITA CAMPAIGN

## Why the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign Should Succeed

There are several reasons that the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign should go forward in a great way. Some of them are these:

1. Arkansas Baptists in the State Convention last November said they wanted it to be done.
2. We do not have room for all who want to come to Ouachita now. It is reasonable that the number wanting to come in future years will be more.
3. Many of the other Christian colleges and universities in this state and others are enlarging.
4. Future generations will rise up and "call us blessed" if we add to buildings and endowment now. This is a far-sighted undertaking.
5. Arkansas Baptists are able to raise more than \$300,000 per year for education in the next three years.
6. Every cause of missions, State, Home, and Foreign, calls for the trained young men and young women of an enlarged Ouachita. We can build greater churches for soul-winning with a greater trained leadership.
7. We have an excellent leader to lead us in this campaign. Dr. Otto Whittington holds a high place among Arkansas Baptists. They love him and respect him. He has been successful in other campaigns. Let's follow him in this one to a glorious success for Christ.

—J. F. QUEEN,  
Baptist Hospital Pastor,  
Little Rock.

## Ouachita's Future Hangs in This Campaign

Ouachita College is the training station for the great hosts of Arkansas Baptists. This applies to the ministry as well as the laity. Over the last half century many of Arkansas' outstanding ministers and laymen have been graduates of Ouachita College.

If our beloved institution is to retain its position of leadership in the future as in the past, it must be adequately supported in a financial way. In these modern times when every phase of education is more costly than ever before, it becomes increasingly important that the Baptists of the state put larger amounts of money into the institution both for endowment and for the development of adequate physical facilities.

Our people are more prosperous now than they have ever been before in history, and it seems that if there ever was a time when it was appropriate for a million dollar campaign to be launched, it is now. Our people have the money and they have the spirit to share. If the ministers and laymen of the state support Dr. Whittington in the constructive and aggressive campaign he is waging, there is no doubt but what the goal of one million dollars can be reached and within a shorter time than we think.

—J. W. RAMSEY,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Fort Smith.

## This Church Solidly Behind the Campaign

We as a church are rejoicing that Arkansas Baptists now have a real worth-while program set out for Ouachita College in the present million dollar campaign. This is as it should be. Our Baptist colleges are the hope for the education of our future ministry, in the homeland and abroad, also the proper training of all our young people with a spiritual and doctrinal background; in fact our colleges are the educational hope of our denominational future. Our church will back it with their greatest possible support. We believe in Ouachita and her future.

—VICTOR H. COFFMAN,  
Pastor, Immanuel Church,  
Fort Smith.

## "Wisdom Will Help the Wise" Raise a Million

The Arkansas Baptist generation that is now passing, paid a big debt on Ouachita College, added Cone-Bottoms Hall and gave \$400,000 plus to her endowment besides some other things. This was under the leadership of Prof. J. G. Lille, Dr. H. L. Winburn and others. Each generation should by all means add some rich contribution to our glorious heritage at Ouachita. The clock is striking for the present generation and the last Convention voted that the contribution be one million for buildings and endowment, and under the superb leadership of Dr. Whittington steam is up and the train ready to go!

Ecclesiastes 7:19 classifies all of us in five words. At the end of this Ouachita College movement you can read a significant roll. New and broader fields of service are open at Ouachita. The heritage of buildings and endowment that Baptists have there must be strengthened. Are we in the class of "the children of light?" Some wisdom such as our fathers had for education calls for more wisdom now. Are we the sons of our spiritual fathers?

There is weakness in delay. Debility and danger and defeat often accompany delay. An early beginning, a big start, a favorable initial move are a vote for victory. Our people have the million this week, **this very week!** Every thinking man knows that there is a chance for a financial panic down the road. Wisdom will help the wise raise a million.

—DR. J. S. ROGERS,  
Conway.

## The Campaign Vital In an Atomic Age

Arkansas Baptists are undertaking one of the most important tasks which they have ever faced in a generation. The endeavor to upgrade Ouachita College with adequate financial resources is entirely commensurate with the importance of this Institution in Baptist affairs in Arkansas.

In an atomic age it is imperative that we give our primary attention to the development of moral and spiritual controls. We must rise above material dimensions if we are to survive in such an age. Christian colleges must give emphasis to the dimension of the eternal in human life. This is the dimension that demands emphasis in our modern world.

Education without God has brought us to the brink of destruction. Education for God and for God will enable man to transcend above his sin, ignorance and mortality and abide in peace with his fellowmen.

This is the task to which Ouachita College is dedicated. Arkansas Baptists call and will not fail to strengthen this Christian institution.

—M. F. SWILLEY,  
Pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Church,  
Atlanta, Ga.

## We Must Support the Ouachita Campaign

The influence of Arkansas Baptists is being felt in every community of this state through the graduates of Ouachita College. In this county (Union) there are hundreds of pastors, teachers, football coaches and business and professional men and women who are Ouachita products. They fill the prominent positions of leadership. These men and women are indicative of what kind of Christian education develops.

If our present influence is largely a result of what Ouachita has done, it must be expected that our future influence should be governed by what we do for the great hordes of people who are not trying to gain a Christian education from our school. The demand so far exceeds the facilities of the College that something must be done quickly.

Our great financial undertaking must be a success in order that we may be able to contribute our share to reconstruction and in order that we may proudly say that we have met our obligation to the youth of our nation and by spread the influence of Arkansas Baptists abroad in the hearts of our people.

Give promptly. Give generously. But all give something.

—MARSH WHITTINGTON,  
Pastor, Urbana Church.

*Otto Whittington*  
CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR

## Southern Baptist Convention

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will be determined by membership of the church rather than the amount of gifts to the Convention's cooperative work, according to another change. Other changes were for purposes of clarity and to avoid conflicts in amendments added from time to time during the 100-year life of the old constitution, Dr. Barton explained.

### Hope for World Peace

Adopting a report of its Committee on World Peace, the Convention went on record endorsing "the principle of world federation," and pledged to "work toward amending and improving the present United Nations Organization to that end."

Endorsement of the world federation principle was incorporated in an amendment presented by O. K. Armstrong, Springfield, Mo., layman, to the general report brought by Dr. J. M. Dawson of Waco, Tex., committee chairman.

"We believe that the goal of peacemakers must be a world organized on Christian principles of order and justice," Armstrong's amendment read. "We further believe that in the field of international relations, such a goal can be accomplished only by some type of world government."

The report, which was adopted unanimously also asked that America, which "has undertaken to lead the world into peace according to moral law," should "be Christian enough and brave enough to cooperate toward abolishing militarism from the face of the earth."

The hope of a just and permanent peace depends more than ever upon the spiritual transformation of the race," the report declared. "Invaluable as may be international agreements embodied in political organizations, the establishment of brotherhood among men awaits the regeneration of individuals and the real Christianization of leaders."

Work of the Committee on World Peace, which has functioned for four years, was transferred to the Convention's Committee on Public Relations in adoption of the report. The Convention noted, however, that "the period of the writing of peace treaties, to bring formally to an end the era of war, lies just ahead of us. We believe that statesmen entrusted with this great task need the prayers, planning and active assistance of Southern Baptists. Therefore, we pledge our continued efforts to build a peace based on the Christian principles of justice, mercy and righteousness, among all peoples of all nations."

### Conscription Opposed

The Convention expressed opposition to universal and compulsory military training of American youth in peace time in adoption of a recommendation of its Social Service Commission.

The resolution also provided that the Convention "in the interest of world peace and human freedom urge the president of the United States, the Congress and the United States representatives to the United Nations to support with determination the movement to abolish peace time military conscription in all the nations of the world."

The Convention authorized a committee of nine set up to "review the service now being rendered to the Negro race, to study the whole race situation, especially in its moral and religious aspects and meaning, to consider the

## A MOST URGENT APPEAL

Stirred by reports of suffering and destitution of starving millions, and by destruction of mission properties in Asia and Europe, 8,000 messengers at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami voted to launch a special campaign to raise \$3,500,000 for relief and rehabilitation by September 30.

This action in response to insistent demand from Baptists everywhere that opportunity be given now for churches to help prevent worldwide famine. Relief offerings at Miami totalled \$17,000.

Convention calls on every church to join in united effort to honor Christ by administering to needy overseas now.

—FRANK TRIPP, *Chairman of Promotion*

*Southern Baptist Executive Committee.*

responsibility of Baptists in the problems of adjustment of inter-racial relations, and make recommendations of procedure, looking forward to a larger fulfillment of our responsibility in the total situation and particularly with reference to helpful cooperation with the fellow Baptists in the Negro race."

In another resolution, the Convention endorsed the legislative and educational program of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, and urged churches to wage educational programs on the evils of alcohol.

### Seminary's Name Changed

The name of Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans was changed to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary by a vote of the Convention. It was pointed out that the school has advanced from institute to seminary standards in its 29-year history. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of Tampa, Fla., has been elected president of the school to succeed Dr. McCall. Until he can assume duties, Dr. John Jeter Hurt will serve as acting president.

### Evangelism on Increase

Dr. W. H. Knight of Shreveport, La., chairman of a committee on evangelism, told the Convention that the denomination has indicated the past year a renewed zeal for soul winning.

"For more than a decade, prior to 1943, there had been a gradual decline in evangelistic results," Dr. Knight reported. "We had dropped to the alarming average of one baptism per year for every 27.6 church members.

"The Atlanta Convention in 1944 set a goal of a million souls won to Christ by Southern Baptists in the Convention's centennial year, 1945. We fell short of that goal. It is estimated that by adding the souls won by our Baptist chaplains, in the Vacation Bible schools and by home and foreign missionaries, the number may reach 500,000." There actually were only 256,699 baptisms in Southern Baptist churches during the year, but this represented an increase of 39,879 over 1944.

"There is quite evidently a renewed emphasis on soul winning throughout the Southland."

In adopting Dr. Knight's report, the Convention urged "the organized forces of all our cooperating states to maintain an organization which will give personal attention to the work of evangelism, and to pray earnestly for revival fires among us, in congested city

areas, in rural areas, everywhere throughout our territory where Christ does not reign in all the relationships of men."

### Public Relations Office

The Convention gave a green light to proposals for a permanent Baptist public relations office in Washington, under direction of a salaried secretary who "shall use every means available for arousing not only Baptists, but all others, in the support of universal religious freedom."

The Washington office is a proposal of the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Northern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention (Negro). The Committee's report, bringing recommendation for the office, was brought to the Convention by E. Hilton Jackson, Washington attorney.

The secretary of public relations, who would represent 12,000,000 American Baptists, would render the following services:

1. Represent all Baptists of this country in negotiations with our own and other governments whenever our Baptist principles are involved or our rights are endangered;
2. Arrange for a popular textbook on religious liberty, especially designed for our Baptist youth;
3. Explore, study and advise Baptists concerning any or all federal legislation that violates the principle of separation of church and state;
4. Maintain the Baptist witness in the nation's capitol, and appear before congressional

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## A Ready Reason

Former Governor Pat M. Neff of Texas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, arrived at the auditorium a half hour late for the opening of the Convention's annual session at 10 a. m. Eastern Daylight Time. Vice President Louie D. Newton of Atlanta called the assembly to order and proceeded with the program.

When Neff arrived, in his frock coat, black bow tie and wing collar, he walked to the microphone and the speaker's pulpit in all the dignity of a former Texas governor.

"I'm still running on Texas time," he explained.

# Home Board Reports Year of Evangelism

By JOHN CAYLOR

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention gave a summary of workers and work showing that 851 Home Board workers served in 1945.

There were 16,833 conversions and 10,929 additions to churches. Missionaries delivered 58,524 sermons and addresses, gave away 42,511 Bibles and Gospels, and 2,006,010 pages of tracts. They taught 10,558 mission courses and conducted 1,173 revivals.

## New Missions and Churches Organized

As a result of the work of home missionaries, 471 new missions were opened during 1945, and 123 new churches were organized. There were 26 kindergartens maintained and 1,936 Vacation Bible schools conducted.

Under the leadership of home mission workers 358 churches and chapels were built and improved, and 29 pastors' homes provided or improved.

## Mission Fields

The Home Mission Board has work among Mexicans, Indians, Italians, French, Chinese, and Negroes.

Cuba is an important field of missionary endeavor, as also are Panama, Costa Rica, and Canal Zone. Home missionaries work among the deaf.

Rural evangelism is an important phase of Home Missions. City missions was begun one hundred years ago and is still an important part of Home Missions. Other work done includes camp work, Jewish work, department of evangelism, schools of missions, missionary education, visual education, and the business office with its books, tracts, and records.

## A Century of City Missions

According to Editor Joe W. Burton of Epochs of Home Missions: "In 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention was organized and the two mission boards had been set up. Delegates attending that initial session in Augusta saw three main objects of need in domestic missions as expressed in the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Aborigines of America, have strong claims on American citizens for the Gospel, and as the Indian Mission Association has been organized with special reference to their spiritual benefit, we recommend the churches to sustain that body with zeal and liberality.

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be instructed to take all prudent measures, for the religious instruction of our colored population.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Board of Domestic Missions, to direct its effective attention to aid the present effort, to establish the Baptist cause in the city of New Orleans."

For a hundred years Southern Baptists have been at the business of city missions and missionary work among Indians and



This month Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus completes 25 years as missionary with the Home Mission Board. Southern Baptist Home Missions for May is dedicated to Brother Gartenhaus with suitable tributes, pictures, editorial, and testimonials.

Negroes. These phases are still important divisions of Home Mission work.

## First Quarter Receipts Up

Secretary Lawrence reported to a recent meeting of the board that receipts for the first quarter of 1946 were 14.2 per cent above the same quarter of 1945.

Cooperative Program receipts were up forty per cent, while designations and trust fund receipts were off.

The city mission program alone reported 763 professions of faith during February, and six new churches organized.

Rev. W. E. Abrams was elected as superintendent of city missions for Charleston, S. C., in cooperation with the South Carolina state mission board.

## New Appointments

In the April meeting of the Executive Committee of the Home Mission Board, Miss Lillie S. Hernandez was appointed as kindergarten worker at Waco, Tex.; Rev. Pedro Cervantes becomes missionary pastor at Lampasas, Tex.; Rev. N. H. Eudaly at Taylor, Tex.; and Rev. A. Lopez, at Gonzales, Tex.

Rev. S. L. Isaacs will serve among the Navajos of New Mexico as missionary. Miss Leila Leguire, who has served as a summer student missionary, has been selected as a permanent worker. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bowren were elected in April to serve as missionaries to the Indians on the Alamo and Canyoncita fields.

## New Buildings to Be Erected

The W.M.U. has provided \$18,000 for construction of a mission building and pastor's home at Cherokee, N. C., and the Mission Board is proceeding to build.

Other mission building projects were provided by the Home Mission Board for Y. Hill Baptist Church (Indian) on the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina, and a Sunday School annex at Jeanerette (French), La.

## New Workers in Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. L. U. C. Kaufman have been appointed as missionaries among the Indians at Sells, Ariz. Rev. Francisco Melendez comes a Home Mission Board missionary pastor of Gethsemani Baptist Church, Guatemala City (Central America). Rev. Mrs. C. K. Rand will serve in the Home Mission in Phoenix, Ariz.

## Loans to Churches

The church building and loan committee of the Home Mission Board, whose responsibility is to administer the C.B.I. Trust fund given and specified for loans to churches, announced at the April meeting that loans have been granted to the following Baptist churches: Park, Beaumont, Tex.; First Street, Jacksonville, Fla.; Springdale, Birmingham, Ala.; First, Shidler, Okla.; City Knoxville, Tenn.; Cooper Street, Atlanta, West Side, Natchez, Miss.; and White Hills, Decatur, Ga. The total amount \$61,700.

## June Magazine to Feature Chaplains

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work during the war, is rounding up his duties in that field and beginning June will take over the department of In- Foreigners, and Language Groups. The issue of Southern Baptist Home Mission feature the work of chaplains and give a summary of the camp work department.

Twelve chaplains, to whose memory issue will be dedicated, made the supreme sacrifice. Their pictures and biographies will be displayed in the magazine for June.

The Home Mission Board will move headquarters again. On June 1 the Board will move from 494 Spring Street, N.W., to 500 Spring Street, N.W.

The new location is just a block south of the Red Rock Building. The building was occupied was found to be inconvenient because of its distance from the center things. It was sold profitably, and the home near the original location promises better accommodations as to room and accessibility.

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# Southern Baptist Convention

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committees when matters are being considered that favor one religious faith above another;

5. To act, when definite instructions are given by the supporting conventions in regard to domestic situations;

6. To stimulate a general and comprehensive program of education in historic Baptist principles and witness, and strengthen collaboration and mutuality of concern among Baptists within the United States irrespective of geography, language, national origin, race.

## Drinking Popular?

Dr. John L. Hill, director of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Crusade Against Beverage Alcohol, charged in a report to the Convention that "liquor is winning recruits from officials and members of most churches."

"This situation is possibly the most serious that we face at all," charged Dr. Hill. "We have found some local church covenants from which the words committing the members to total abstinence had been eliminated. We believe the time is right at hand, if not already present, when our churches must insist upon the observance of the covenants or surrender them.

"We have little hope of correcting the more less glamorous conditions that obtain among certain elements of our young people until their fathers and mothers and older people generally manifest enough interest in truth to deny themselves the doubtful satisfactions of even occasional indulgence in beverage alcohol."

Dr. Hill's report also declared "liquor continues to occupy its favored seat among the untouchables of industry and, of course, reads itself most artistically and attractively over the pages of popular magazines and invades the privacy of the homes of the land through the radio. In both cases it violates, in spirit at least, the law which requires truthful advertising on the part of just ordinary businesses. If liquor were required to tell the truth in its advertisements we would rejoice at the extension of such publicity.

"The Baptist Sunday School Board continues to be solidly opposed to liquor. It believes that liquor's influence is wholly bad, that it has no redeeming features, that it is responsible for more misery and unhappiness in the world than any other one thing, that it is the most dependable agent of the devil, and that it continues to be the arch enemy of everything dear to the heart of our Lord. We have no notion of surrendering and shall continue to use every facility at our disposal against this enormous evil."

## Widows Annuity Plan

Inauguration of a Widows Supplementary Annuity Plan whereby widows of Baptists pastors and denominational employes will receive monthly income for life was announced in the report of the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board.

The new plan is supplementary to a retirement plan offered ministers since 1919 and is designed to provide income for the widows of those who die before retirement. Application for membership in the plan must be made during June.

The report, given by Dr. Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary of the Board, and Dr. Walter R. Alexander, his associate, revealed that the Board received a total income of \$2,051.17 during 1945. The average rate of

return on the Board's investments was 3.69 per cent during the year. Investment earnings for the year totalled \$315,926.86, making a grand total of \$4,894,846.33 earned on invested funds since the Board's founding in 1919. The Board's assets are approximately \$10,000,000.

## Southern Baptist Foundation

The Convention voted into being a Southern Baptist Foundation to serve all denominational agencies as a corporation "to encourage and motivate the making of gifts, donations and benefactions."

The corporation will be set up in Nashville, under the laws of Tennessee. Its affairs will be managed by a Board of Directors of 22 persons elected by the Convention. Establishment of the foundation was recommended to the Convention by a special committee headed by Pat M. Neff, Waco, and Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans.

## Baptist Papers

A goal of 1,000,000 circulation was set for the 20 state denominational publications of the Southern Baptist Convention, following reports by Dr. Newton that the papers now go into 700,000 homes.

Dr. Newton's report was the first to the Convention as to the complete success of a circulation campaign launched in 1940 with a goal of 500,000 by the Convention's centennial in 1945. News that the goal has been surpassed by 200,000 was welcomed also in a report by C. E. Bryant, Arkansas Baptist editor and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Circulation in 1940 when the campaign was launched was only 190,000. The papers now go into about 43 per cent of the Baptist homes of the Convention territory. "This has changed the reading constituency of these papers from that of the clergy and a few faithful leaders to the mass of laymen in our Convention," Bryant said.

Publication of a quarterly in braille is planned by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, it was announced by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Board. The publication, scheduled to begin in October,

will contain condensed Bible study helps, related to the uniform lessons, and a digest of articles from other Southern Baptist publications. It will be issued as a gratuitous service to the blind.

Total circulation of the Sunday School Board periodicals was 26,193,273 in 1945. The Board's book division, The Broadman Press, circulated 1,320,000 volumes of 242 titles during the year.

## Enlarged Education Program

Three new educational objectives were recommended to Southern Baptists in an address by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Caudill recommended:

1. Establishment of a denominational graduate school. Wake Forest College in North Carolina and Baylor University in Texas were mentioned as possible schools for the enlargement.

2. Construction of Baptist high schools in all the major cities of the South.

3. Utilization of Christian educational buildings of the churches for kindergarten instruction.

## Correlation of Activities

The Convention appointed a committee to examine religious training activities of the full denominational program with a view to eliminating overlapping functions. The committee's authorization came in adoption of a memorial presented by Virginia churchmen.

The petition stated that the Sunday School, Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union in the churches have educational aspects similar and overlapping. The committee will bring recommendations for improvement of the program to the 1947 convention.

## New Hospital Authorized

The Convention approved a petition of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, for permission to erect and establish a similar hospital at San Antonio. Trustees of the New Orleans institution also will supervise the Texas enterprise.

The New Orleans hospital last year admitted 25,269 patients, including 1,000 charity patients. Out of its earnings it gave \$25,000 to the Foreign Mission Board for founding a hospital in Nigeria.

## ARKANSANS ON SOUTHWIDE BOARDS

Arkansas Baptists placed on Southwide boards and committees at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, Fla., are:

Executive Committee: Gen. E. L. Compere, Little Rock.

Foreign Mission Board: Dr. Otto Whittington, director of the Ouachita College Campaign, Little Rock.

Home Mission Board: Pastor Bruce Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

Sunday School Board: Pastor O. L. Gibson, First Church, Fayetteville.

Relief and Annuity Board: Pastor B. V. Ferguson, First Church, Fort Smith.

Southern Baptist Hospital: Pastor E. C. Brown, First Church, Blytheville.

Baptist Brotherhood of the South: Claude L. Durrett, Little Rock.

Southwestern Seminary Trustees: Pastor R. O. Barker, First Church, North Little Rock.

Southern Seminary Trustees: Pastor Sam Reeves, First Church, El Dorado, and Pastor M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Trustees: Pastor T. K. Rucker, First Church, Malvern.

WMU Work: Mrs. J. E. Short, Gould.

Education Commission: Dr. J. R. Grant, president, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Radio Commission: Pastor B. H. Duncan, First Church, Hot Springs.

Baptist History: Dr. J. S. Rogers, Conway.

Baptist Papers: Editor C. E. Bryant, Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock.

Chaplains' Replacements: State Secretary B. L. Bridges, Little Rock.

Evangelism: Pastor W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

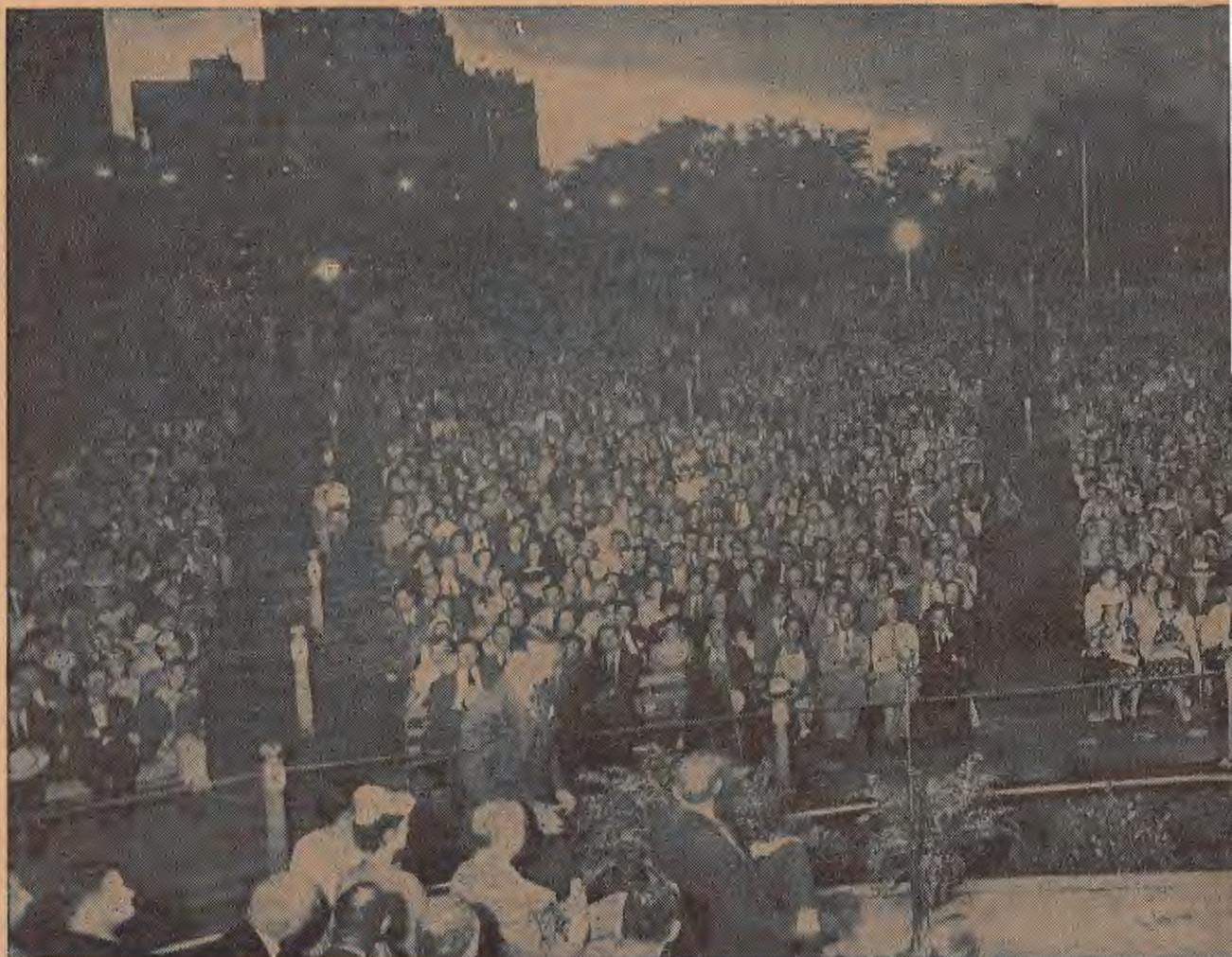
Public Relations: Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock.

Social Service Commission: Pastor T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden.

Committee on Boards: Pastor T. H. Jordan, Van Buren.

Arkansas was without representation on a special committee to investigate and make plans for a Southwest Assembly grounds, similar to Ridgecrest but west of the Mississippi River.

# Southern Baptists At Miami La



Ten thousand messengers attending the evening sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami o

## Relief Offerings May 14 and 16 Totaled \$16,000; Only \$3,484,000 More to Be Raised by September 30

The Southern Baptist Convention in annual session May 15-19 in Miami voted to participate as a body in the national campaign to prevent starvation among 800,000,000 people in Asia and Europe by raising \$3,500,000 this summer.

The action, taken during the afternoon session May 16, was followed by an evening session devoted to foreign missions when 10,000 messengers demanded an opportunity to contribute to the campaign then and there. With Missionary W. Dewey Moore of Italy to direct them, fifty missionary men left the platform to collect the offering in hats, tin pans, and paper plates. The cardboard carton of bills and coins when counted totaled nearby \$10,000.

### Emeritus Missionaries Gave

Dr. Duke K. McCall, the new executive secretary of the Executive Committee, stepped to the microphone at the conclusion of the prayer of dedication of fifty missionary appointees, to ask President Pat M. Neff for permission to make the motion that the campaign begin at Miami the day it was au-

thorized. Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis seconded the motion, presenting a check for \$100 which came from Dr. and Mrs. John W. Lowe, missionaries emeritus of China who lived through three famines in the Orient, and a check of his own for the same amount, to put into the offering.

The response was electric. Men, women, and children who had been seated for two hours remained seated throughout the offering, and put in their coins, bills and checks.

Two evenings before, Woman's Missionary Union in annual session at the Central Baptist Church had responded to the suggestion made when the secretary, Miss Kathleen Mallory, reported that the John W. Lowes of Richmond had sent a check for \$100 for the women's offering for relief. More than \$6,000 was given that night.

On Thursday one layman put in his check for \$1000 for relief and rehabilitation. A young woman endorsed her stenographer-salary check and placed it in the plate. A student who had set aside \$56 for a trip to Cuba abandoned the plan and contributed

the sum. A taxi driver what took place, gave share in the relief of too," he said.

### Pastors Cancel Vac

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# Church Fight Against Global Famine



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and West, described the plight of homeless war victims.

A significant date in Southern Baptist history was the Tuesday before the Miami convention opened on Wednesday, when men and women representing every state in the South came together to pray that God would make clear His will and way to meet world need in 1946. Through those hours they forgot about local projects. With one accord members of the Executive Committee—state secretaries, pastors, editors, laymen—came to unanimous agreement on two high objectives: one, to enlarge and strengthen the Cooperative Program; the other, to provide for a special offering for world relief and reconstruction.

One pastor expressed the sentiment of many; "We had planned a new building but that can wait. This desperate world can't wait. We will give right of way to this offering for famine fighting."

The goal set for the Cooperative Program for 1947 is \$10,000,000. The goal set for the cash offering for relief and rehabilitation to be made before October 1, 1946, is \$3,500,000.

The Convention adopted these recommendations heartily and unanimously. Men and women everywhere are saying, "We must do this and do it now."

## For the Relief Offering In Your Church . . .

Secure offering envelopes and leaflets made to fit inside your church bulletin the day of the offering, from the office of your state mission secretary, Dr. B. L. Bridges, 200 Radio Center, Little Rock. They are free upon request.

Secure fresh material for sermons and announcements during the four-months campaign from your state Baptist paper, the missionary periodicals, and the daily papers. For a relief poster for your bulletin boards, remove the cover of the July-August issue of THE COMMISSION (available June 20).

Send your relief offering, carefully designated, through the usual channels from your church to the Foreign Mission Board.

## Woman's Missionary Union

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## A TRIP TO CUBA

By MRS. H. M. KECK

Columbus discovered Cuba on October 27, 1492. We discovered Cuba on May 3, 1946. Meeting in Miami and flying to Havana in three sections our party of thirty-five Baptists from twelve Southern states spent a very busy week in the Little Republic. In a most interesting and able manner Miss Wilma Bucy of the Home Mission Board conducted our tour of Cuban Mission Fields. Three of us were from Arkansas—Mrs. C. H. Ray, Executive Secretary of W. M. U., Mr. Alvin Hatton, State Royal Ambassador Secretary, and Mrs. H. M. Keck, State Mission Study Chairman.

Accompanied by our missionaries on trips around historic Havana and into the picturesque towns of other provinces, we met many people whose names we knew from stories we had heard and books we had read. We were fascinated by the charm and friendliness of the Cuban people, awed by the devotion and selflessness of our missionaries, thrilled by the progress of Baptist work during the past 40 years, and deeply moved by the opportunities, possibilities and urgent needs of our work there.

Dr. McCall has completed over 40 years of brilliant leadership in the island and last year awarded a medal by the Cuban government,

the highest award it gives to a civilian. Miss Matthews, from Arkansas we proudly boast, "seems to know every man, woman and child who has grown up in our denomination in Cuba in the quarter of a century she has labored so happily there."

Saturday was devoted to visiting Baptist points in and around Havana. For this we used two Baptist College busses, Dr. McCall riding in one and Miss Mildred in the other to act as guides. Our stops were: Mission Bautista de Mariona, a small chapel on the long porch of the residence of the pastor, Miguel Calleiro. They are hoping to build more adequate quarters. Vibora Chapel, the only church in Havana proper (Baptist) except the Temple. Its pastor, Reinaldo Machado, also conducts mission stations. Money for chapel was given by Mrs. Bottoms in 1936. Cotorro Church, famous as the "Praying church." Pastor Fernando introduced to us Mr. Calzada, the man for whom the church first prayed. Jacomino Chapel, started by a colored man about 18 years ago. Contains little organ given by our El Dorado Sunbeams some years back. Organ only instrument they have but can't be used now because it needs repairing badly. Regla Chapel, where Herbert Caudill and family live and work. He is also pastor of the English-

speaking church at the Temple and teaches in the Seminary. Prospective School Property, on an elevation overlooking the city and the distant sea, contains about eleven acres in a community of middle class people. A Baptist High School here would fill one of our greatest needs in Cuba and the property may be confiscated if not used.

The "most useful service Baptists have in Cuba is its Radio service," someone said. Every Sunday morning at 8:30 over a chain of eight stations, two short wave, a service is broadcast which is heard not only in Cuba but in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Haiti, Venezuela, New York, and other places in the United States.

Tuesday we traveled by bus on Cuba's Central Highway into the western province of Pinar del Rio. Spanish laurels lined the road for miles. Passing magnificent Royal

palms, flaming poincianna tobacco fields, pineapple plantations, banana groves, sugar fields we came in time to Guajay where Pastor Nemisio Garcia welcomed us and presented Mr. Bucy with a small New Testament which some objector had partially burned. At Artemises the mother Pastor Gonzales greeted the women with a kiss. We took part in the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone for the new church, names being enclosed for some future generation. At San Cristobal the children sang "Send the Light in English and gave each of us souvenirs they had made for the occasion. At Consolacion we were greeted by the amazing Mrs. Christine Garnett and "her people." Under a palm thatched arbor a magnificent Cuban dinner was served to us by young girls of the church. Favors were exquisitely

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## Eight District Meetings Announced

The eight district meetings will be held in June according to the schedule below:

West Central—Paris, Tuesday, June 11.

Northwest—Bentonville, Wednesday, June 12.

North Central—Clinton, Friday, June 14.

Southwest—Nashville, Tuesday, June 18.

Southeast—Camden, Wednesday, June 19.

Central—Benton, Thursday, June 20.

East Central—West Memphis, Tuesday, June 25.

Northeast—Paragould, Wednesday, June 26.



Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson  
Guest Speaker for Eight District  
Meetings

# Religious Education

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## Make June Joyous

### Denominational Emphases

1. Vacation Bible School.
2. Ridgecrest, state assemblies and camps.
3. Christian Education Day (preferable June 20).

### In the Association

1. Associational officers' meeting
2. Meeting for all Sunday School workers.

### Items for Emphasis

1. Youth in Action (see May issue of the Sunday School Bulletin for suggested program and activities.)
2. Study the place of the Sunday School in summer revival meetings.
3. Promote attendance upon state assemblies and Ridgecrest.
4. Urge preview study of Sunday School lessons for next quarter in the churches.

### In the Churches

1. Have a Vacation Bible School.
2. Plan for workers to attend Sunday School week at Ridgecrest.
3. Observe Christian Education Day, June 20.
4. Preview Sunday School lessons for next quarter.
5. Participate in Youth-in-Action Program of the association.
6. Major on the Extension Department.
7. Appoint committee to nominate officers for next year.

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Be ashamed to die until you have won some great victory for humanity.—Horace Mann.

Suggested Schedule of . . .

## ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS FOR 1947

A suggested schedule of associational meetings for 1947, includes one associational meeting each month, to be held preferably at night. This will call for six Training Union meetings and six Sunday School meetings during the year.

It is suggested that the Sunday School meetings be planned for January, March, May, July, September, November, and that the Training Union meetings be planned for February, April, June, August, October, December, and that these meetings be conducted at night so that more Sunday School and Training Union members can attend.

At the annual meeting of the associations this fall, many of the associations will plan their schedule of meetings for 1947. If every association in Arkansas would conduct Sunday School and Training Union meetings on the same night, or at least during one night of the same month, and if the same type of meeting should be held, it would be possible for uniform, suggested programs to be sent to the associations each month.

It is also suggested that the program of these meetings each month be built around three important matters. First, a meeting of the Executive Committee. One month this would be the Sunday School officers, and the next month the Training Union officers of the association. This would be the time that the officers would plan their work for the association, and plan their next meeting which would be two months later. Second, the second part of the program would consist of conferences for all workers. These conferences could be conducted by the associational officers. Some months this period could be in the form of panel discussions, and another month it could be in the form of department presentations, and another month in the form of separate department conferences. The place of meeting would determine whether or not separate conferences could be held or not. Three, the third part of the program would be inspirational. At this point in a meeting would be more on the order of an associational rally. The closing message could be brought at that time by one of

## Home Wanted

On May 1, Mr. T. D. McCulloch came to this department to serve as State Student Union Secretary and to help with associational Sunday School work. He has a charming wife and a two-year-old son. He would like to locate an unfurnished home or apartment in Little Rock or North Little Rock.

Readers of this paper are urged to help Mr. McCulloch locate a home or apartment as he would like to move his family to Little Rock as soon as possible. Those knowing of such vacancies will greatly help by telephoning Mr. McCulloch at 4-2389 or 2-4715. Let us help Mr. McCulloch and his fine family find a place in which to live.

the pastors, or by a very good speaker.

Some of the associations will desire to have more meetings. The purpose of the above suggestions is to present a plan of helping many associations which at the present time, have few or no meetings. It is true that the main purpose of the Associational Training Union, or the Associational Sunday School, is not just to have meetings, yet it is not likely that much else will be done unless the meetings are held. It is hoped that through the associational organizations, that all of the churches of the associations will receive help, that they might have better Sunday Schools and Training Unions.

## First, Fort Smith, Observes Intermediate Week

By MISS IRENE JONES

Recently, the Intermediate Departments of the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, entered new quarters. A remodeling program completed by the church made it possible for both the Sunday School and Training Union departments to have two of the loveliest and most complete departments they have ever had.

Beginning with Intermediate Day, April 28, the Intermediate

Departments, led by Mr. S. E. Smithson and Mrs. Harvey Hopper for the Intermediate II Sunday School Department; Mrs. Meda Williams and Miss Elizabeth Sowder for Intermediate II Training Union Department; Mrs. S. M. O'Neal and Miss Bennie Hamm for Intermediate I Sunday School Department and Miss Erma Lou Coleman and Mr. C. C. Frisby, for Intermediate I Training Union Department, put on an entire week of activities, which has been a real help to our program.

On the opening Sunday, the Intermediates served as ushers and collectors for the preaching services. The Intermediate Choir served for the general music and the Intermediate girls' trio, composed of Nancy Groves, Nancy McNeil, Jean Ferguson, accompanied by Bobbie Basinger gave the special music. The offertory numbers were provided by Tommy Blankenship and David Ferguson, violinists, with Jack Ferguson at the piano.

On Monday evening the department  
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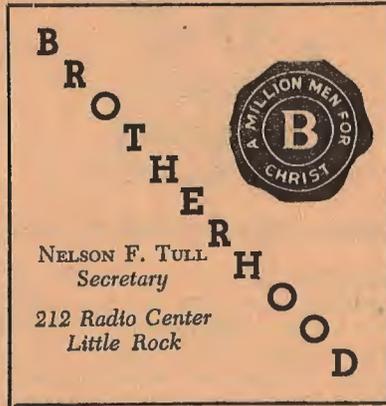
## OUR MARCHING ORDERS ARE CLEAR

The Resurrected Lord stood upon a mountain in Galilee and spoke these words: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and **MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, **BAPTIZING THEM** in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **TEACHING THEM** to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20). These words comprise the marching orders and the entire activity program of the church, and are known as The Great Commission.

A Baptist church is a body of baptized believers in Christ, voluntarily banded together to observe and preserve the ordinances which Christ gave, and to carry out the Commission. The two ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, properly observed in their scriptural simplicity and meaning, are the very finest of teaching instruments; and will keep a church doctrinally straight, and on the scriptural path.

Baptism is "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (Rev. 3:21). Baptism is a public confession of Jesus as personal Saviour, being observed in obedience to His command, and in submission to His will. Baptism is a picture of salvation; showing forth the marvelous truth that the death, burial and resurrection of Christ have already answered for the believer's sins. Baptism is a dramatization of the believer's experience of salvation: he who was dead in sin has already been baptized into Christ's death, and has already risen to walk in newness of life. Baptism is not the door to the church, for repentance and faith comprise the door to the church. Rather, baptism is the initiatory ordinance of the church. Baptism is also the first step in Christian obedience.

The Lord's Supper is not something which Christ does for us. It is rather something which we do for Him! The Lord's Supper is neither a sacrament nor a communion. Instead, it is a memorial ordinance. "This do in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). The Lord's Supper has untold benefits for the Christian who observes it in its true meaning and simplicity. It is a time of heart searching; of rededication of heart and life to the Savior; of coming back to the foot of the cross and lingering there in humble contemplation of what God has done to save us from sin and death and hell, and to save us to Himself, to heaven and to life eternal. It is a time of renewed thanksgiving to God for the love wherewith He loved us, the love which moved Him to give His Only Begotten Son to die in our place that we might live! Many a Christian is spiritually starving because he is neglecting



to partake of the Lord's Supper.

The Great Commission lays down the God-ordained activities of the church and of every member of the church. It cannot be otherwise. Nothing can take the place of going! Going has no substitute. In Luke 14:21 and 23, Jesus says, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed and the halt, and the blind . . . Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." This wonderful passage of scripture sets before us:

1. The command of Christ to us: "GO!"
2. The direction of our going: "Out"; in every direction.
3. The manner of our going: "quickly." There's need of haste, for men are dying without Christ!
4. The places we are to go: "into the streets and lanes (alleys) of the city," and then on outside the city "into the highways and hedges" (along the country roads and behind the fences).
5. Those to whom we are to go: "the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." None is so poor as he who is without a Savior. None is so maimed as he whose life is warped and twisted by sin. Who is so halt as he who has given up in the struggle with sin, and has no power to move on in a search for God? Who is so blind as he "in whom the God of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 cor. 4:4)?
6. What we are to do when we go: "Compel them to come in." Compel them by force of constraint, by love, by prayer. Make it impossible for them to refrain from doing what we ask!
7. The purpose of our going: "That my house may be filled." Christ is pleased when His church goes afield and brings in a house full of people, all kinds of people, that they may hear the Word of Life.

"Lo, I am with you always," etc. Jesus is with the church that is doing the things which He gave His church to do. The blessings of

God are upon the church that is operating within the will of God. The power of God is upon the church which, gathered around the foot of the cross where Jesus died, determines "not to know anything . . . save Jesus and Him crucified!"

Our marching orders are clear!

"**MAKE DISCIPLES!**" Win the lost to Christ. Go with the Gospel, and interpret it to lost people in the light of our own experience of salvation. Trust God to bring them under conviction of sin. Plead with them to trust Jesus!

"**BAPTIZE THEM,**" etc.

"**TEACH THEM,**" etc. Instruct them, train them. Put them to work at the task of "going, making disciples," etc.

Miss Sara St. Clair, of Greenville, Tex., has been employed full-time worker at First Church Brinkley. She comes from Commerce, Tex., where she has employed in the public school term. She is a graduate of Texas State Teachers College attended Southwestern Seminary Fort Worth. At the Brinkley Church Miss St. Clair will organize and conduct three choirs and direct social activities.

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## credited Status Given Pocahontas College by State Board of Education

Southern Baptist College, Pocahontas, has been recognized by the State Department of Education as accredited for teacher training privileges after a careful examination of the school by the Committee on Higher Institutions, President H. E. Williams announced last week.

The accreditation of Southern College assures students expecting to enter the teaching profession that work done in the institution will be accepted by the State Department of Education for securing the regular Emergency Certificate the State First Grade Certificate and the Three-Year Elementary Certificate for teaching in the public schools of the state. Also renewals may be secured on all of these types of certificates by completing the required work.

Missouri and Oklahoma also accept the work of the college for teacher certification purposes. High school certificates are not granted on work done in the college; such certificates are usually offered only in senior colleges where major and minor fields of study are available.

The standing granted the school assures it of even greater credit rating over America. Students from Southern have been reported to have entered 18 colleges and universities without a credit.

The college will now become a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges and the Arkansas Association of Colleges and the Council of Church Related Colleges of America.

The school is approved for training veterans by the Veterans Administration and the State Department of Education and now has a large number of ex-service-men in training under the GI Bill of Rights and Public Law 16. Any veteran desiring information concerning training under either law may contact President Williams.

Summer session of the school opens June 5 will continue for a six-week term and a nine-week term. Courses of interest to veterans and teachers will be offered.

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### Churches Commended

By D. W. BOLTON  
Pastor, Wilton

I have just visited two of the finest churches in Arkansas—First Church, Hope, and Beech Street Church, Texarkana. I was supplying for the pastors who were attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

The work at Wilton is moving along well. Every department is on the increase. Last Sunday we lacked only one person having the full Sunday School enrolment present. In connection with my work at Wilton I do much revival work. I have some open dates.

## RADIO



Pastor Irving M. Prince is the Arkansas Baptist Hour speaker for the week of June 2. Brother Prince is the successful pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paragould. He has gained recognition among Baptists of the state for his ability as a preacher and for his interest in all phases of the denominational program.

Brother Prince speaks on the subject, "Linking a Life With God." Lives that are bruised and broken and made unlovely by sin may become lives of surpassing beauty by being "Linked" with God.

This program may be heard over the following radio stations on the days and hours listed below:

- KFPW, Fort Smith, Sunday, June 2, 5:00 to 5:30 p. m.
  - KLCN, Blytheville, Sunday, June 2, 5:30 to 6:00 p. m.
  - KTHS, Hot Springs, Thursday, June 6, 6:30 to 7:00 p. m.
  - KARK, Little Rock, Saturday, June 8, 9:30 to 10:00 a. m.
  - KUOA, Siloam Springs, Saturday, June 8, 6:15 to 6:45 p. m.
  - KELD, El Dorado, Saturday, June 8, 8:30 to 9:00 p. m.
- Hear Dr. Otto Whittington Saturday of this week.

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Church	Adms.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	---	257	112
Benton, First	---	314	70
Blytheville, New Liberty	---	111	73
Camden, First	2	368	100
Conway, First	1	328	73
Cullendale	---	197	106
Dyess, Central	---	145	80
El Dorado Churches:			
First	3	634	198
Second	2	340	97
Fort Smith Churches:			
First	41	943	419
Immanuel	---	477	184
Gentry	1	174	100
Hamburg, First	---	233	157
Harrison, First	---	244	95
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central	---	263	104
First	---	163	23
Park Place	1	290	131
Second	---	232	77
Including Mission	---	279	---
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	---	330	61
South Highland	1	179	61
Magnolia, Central	---	324	95
Malvern, First	---	134	56
Monticello Churches:			
North Side	---	32	---
Second	---	46	27
Norphlet, First	---	218	123
Paris, First	1	214	146
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	---	564	169

Matthews Memorial	---	100	8
Springdale, First	1	308	11
Including Mission	---	385	---
West Helene	---	335	10
West Memphis, First	---	252	10
Including Mission	---	300	---

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In the life of a nation the conduct of the people on the Lord Day is a good test of how Christian the nation is.—J. E. Lamdin in Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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## WMU

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hand-made, lace-edged handkerchiefs. At Pinar del Rio the young man in charge of the church in the pastor's absence had to saw in two the chain of the parsonage gate that we might see the church.

Thursday by way of the Central Highway and a large bus we turned eastward to Matanzas and Cardenas. Five miles off the road we visited Agucata where new church property was to be dedicated the week following. At Cardenas we visited the church built by Sunbeams. Dr. Martinez Rodriguez is not only the pastor of the church but an outstanding physician as well. This is one of our most vital points of Baptist work and the pastor is one of the most outstanding workers we have, either Cuban or American. At Matanzas we were greeted by the pastor's wife and daughters in his absence. It is one of the oldest churches we have.

We left Havana at the end of the week feeling that a good foundation for Baptist work has been laid; that the work should be enlarged, more equipment provided, school work expanded, and more and younger missionaries sent to be trained to take the places of the courageous ones who are now doing the work of three or four people.

We will not forget the country which Columbus described as "the loveliest land that human eyes have ever seen."

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### Religious Education

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ments held open house for the parents, at which time a dedication program, written by Miss Irene Jones, was presented in both departments.

On Tuesday night the Intermediate departments won the banner for high attendance at the monthly Training Union Officer's Council. The Wednesday prayer service was conducted by intermediates.

Thursday, a visitation program, reaching into every home was promoted successfully, and on Friday evening an intermediate banquet was held for 150 intermediates, and a wonderful time was had by all. Workers and members have felt that the increased interest in the church and church program has been one of the worthwhile results of Intermediate Week.

### Needed For The Assembly

We can still use several men as supervisors of boys dormitories during the assembly session. In return for this service, the Assembly will provide bed and meals during the Assembly session. If interested send application to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

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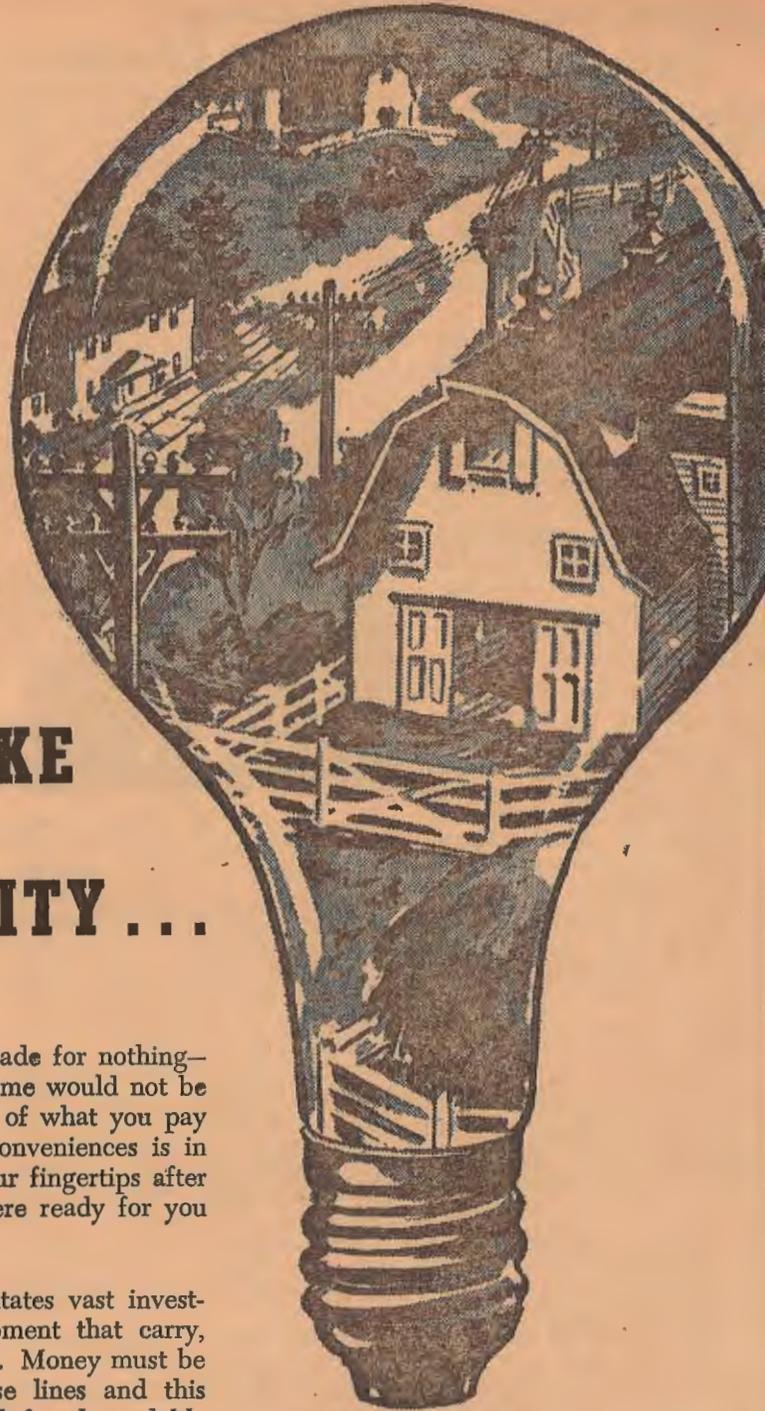
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# Jesus Desires Singlehearted Devotion of His Followers

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Sunday School Lesson  
For June 2

Mark 14:3-19; Luke 10:38-42

represents womanhood laying her best at the feet of Jesus in worshipful devotion.

If Mary were the sister of Lazarus who was raised from the dead, she had reason to be grateful. Her act of devotion was apparently inspired by the sheer love of her own heart. Only genuine love could have prompted her to bring "an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious" and break it and pour it on His head and His feet. She was thinking only of magnifying her love for Christ, of proving to Him the genuineness of her devotion.

Jesus was so impressed by Mary's act of love that He said, "She hath done what she could: she has come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial to her." On no other occasion is Jesus said to have spoken thus of woman, nor for that matter of man. And nowhere else in the Bible is there a nobler picture of unselfish devotion to Christ and unfeigned worship.

Jesus desires our best. We cannot worship Him effectively without giving Him our best. No gift is too costly for Him, no act of devotion too demanding. Only as we lose ourselves in the glory of singlehearted devotion to Him can we come to know the full meaning of the joys of salvation.

### Second-Rate Causes

In the second division of our printed text we have a striking illustration of how easy it is for followers of Christ to become absorbed by second-rate causes. We read that it came to pass "as they went, that he entered into a certain village" where He was received into the home of "a certain woman" named Martha. Martha had a sister by the name of Mary who "also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his words." Mary was evidently so engaged by the presence

of Jesus in their home that she failed to assist Martha in the serving, and Martha, being disturbed, came to Jesus with the petition that He bid Mary help her.

"Martha, Martha," He said, "you are over anxious [distracted] and greatly disturbed about many things." Most of the distractions in life come from "things." It was the pull of things with which Satan approached Jesus in his final attempt to thwart His holy mission in the world. Said he, "All these things I will give thee, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus wants His followers not to be over anxious about second-rate causes. Man, to be sure, must have bread (food) to live. But man shall not live by bread alone; Second-rate causes deserve consideration but they should not engage us to the point that we fail to appreciate our opportunities for fellowship with Jesus. Our relationship to Him is more important than all of the material obligations of life.

### The Good Part

Jesus closed His words of commendation by saying, "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." The "good part" consisted of undivided fellowship with Him. Though Jesus doubtless was hungry and tired and in need of physical refreshment, He reminded Martha that the spiritual comes before the physical in the order of importance.

And Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." (Matt. 5:6). We need to cultivate today the fine art of worship for worship's sake. One often has the feeling that to much pressure propaganda is required even to get followers of Christ to assemble in the churches for formal worship today and that in the home the Bible is too often laid aside for the daily newspaper, or the magazine, or for the comic strip. How can we hope to grow sturdy spiritual bodies without effective spiritual nurture? And how can spiritual nurture be had apart from unbroken fellowship with Christ?

## SINGER



J. Thurman Williams has had seven years' experience in gospel singing, and has given his full time to it the past year. He has just closed a revival in Louisiana and has two scheduled for next month.

Singer Williams has had four years of private voice, conducting harmony, etc. He has led the music in churches with membership running as high as 1,400.

He has an open date June 10, 23 and some in July and August. His pastor, Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., may be contacted for reference as to his qualifications as a singer. Mr. Williams may be addressed at 915 W. Cannon, Fort Worth 4, Tex.

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People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

—Joseph Fort Newton

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The best way to learn how to express our friendship for Christ in our homes and in our contacts with people of other races and faiths is through a study of Jesus' relationship with his friends such as those of Bethany. Christians need to strive daily to set Christ's teachings to work in their communities. Apart from His guidance there is no trustworthy basis for brotherhood and world fellowship. He is the only force capable of giving life the needed dynamic for brotherhood and peace.

### The Curse of Materialism

In the opening verses of our lesson we have an arresting picture of the curse of materialism. The scene takes place in the home of Simon the leper and the incident is recorded by three of the Gospel writers (Mark 14:3; John 12:1; Matt. 26:6). John says the event took place "six days before the passover." Some suppose that Simon was probably a near relation of the family of Lazarus. Evidently his leprosy had been healed or he could hardly have been entertaining guests.

Because of the incurable character of leprosy one would naturally assume that Simon owed his healing to Jesus. At any rate, while Jesus was in Simon's home in the village where Lazarus had been raised from the dead, and where the Master had spent some of His happiest moments of quiet retreat, "there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head."

Mark tells us that "there were some that had indignation within themselves" because Mary anointed Jesus with the precious ointment of spikenard and said, "Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her."

John (12:4) alone of the Gospel writers pins the responsibility for the criticism on Judas Iscariot and adds, "This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag and bare that which was put there-in."

The love of money, the curse of materialism, forever hangs as a millstone about the necks of the great majority of the followers of Christ. We cannot give Him our best so long as our minds are distracted with the pull of mundane things.

### Giving Him Our Best

The act of Mary in anointing Jesus (Mark: "his head"; John: "his feet") is one of the most touching scenes in the Bible. It

## The Ouachita College Campaign Encouraging

Last week the leading citizens of Arkadelphia had a meeting at the call of the Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Otto Whittington spoke to the group on the Million Dollar Campaign for Ouachita College. Marked interest was shown in this movement. Some of the leaders are setting their stake for \$100,000 to be given by the people of Arkadelphia for the Campaign.

This is a worthy objective and is a challenge to all the rest of us. Arkadelphia is not a large city, and there are two colleges in the town, but Ouachita College holds a large place in the affections of the fine citizenship of Arkadelphia. And if a town the size of Arkadelphia, with another college in its borders also, will undertake to give \$100,000 for the enlargement of Ouachita College the rest of us must accept such a move as proving faith by works, and we must meet the challenge, and put up this million dollars for this great institution.

## Victor Coffman And Immanuel, Ft. Smith

Have you ever seen the Immanuel Church in Ft. Smith, and have you seen the splendid church building? This is one of our great churches. In a few years this church has grown from a small situation to that of a major unit in the kingdom of God. They not only built a splendid house of worship, but they have paid every dollar of its indebtedness and have approximately \$10,000 in the treasury for enlarging the building. The church has grown along other lines proportionately. Brother Coffman has done a monumental work and is a very happy pastor for this great congregation.

## Why Did We Let Them Go?

For the last few years we have watched with interest the growth of the First Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla., and the First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Fla. These churches for the last few years have been under the leadership of men who were two of our fine pastors in Arkansas a short time ago.

Lee Nichols was pastor at Booneville First Church, and went from there to Daytona Beach. Brother Nichols was one of our positive young preachers and a leader of men. Wallace Rogers was pastor at Booneville and at Hope, and went to the First Baptist Church in Pensacola.

These two Florida churches have grown and developed under the leadership of these men, and are now named among the very leading churches in Florida. These young preachers are valuable leaders. Why did we let them slip away from us? Let us in Arkansas awaken to a sense of loss. Let us try to keep our preachers as long as it can be God's will. We need them all.

## Dr. Newton to Press Objection

### To U. S. Embassy at the Vatican

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta pastor and new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has announced that he and spokesmen of other evangelical groups in the United States, will meet with President Truman June 5 to present petitions that the President immediately withdraw Ambassador Myron Taylor and his staff from the Vatican.

Dr. Newton's action is backed by a resolution adopted unanimously by the Southern Convention in Miami, May 15-19. The resolution restated the Convention's oft-said objection to an official U. S. representative to the Vatican, cited the post of Myron Taylor as a violation of the U. S. Constitution, and demanded that President Truman immediately recall Mr. Taylor.

Dr. Newton, as new president of the Con-

vention, was commissioned to seek a personal audience with Mr. Truman to present the Convention's petition. He also was authorized and requested "to associate himself with spokesmen of other evangelical bodies who have sought or shall seek such approach to the President of the United States in protest of this violation of the Constitution, and his unauthorized and unfortunate disregard of the cherished principle of religious liberty and its inevitable corollary, the complete separation of church and state."

Dr. Newton suggests that pastors and laymen throughout the Convention can help in this fight by writing the President and sending copies of the letter or telegram to members of Congress from their state.

## Central, Hot Springs, Growing

The Central Church of Hot Springs is enjoying a period of development and growth. We notice in their weekly reports that not only is the attendance at the preaching service large, but the organizations of the church are thriving. On April 21, there were 505 in Sunday School, and on April 28, there were 511, and on May 12, there were 524. These are record breaking attendances, and are unusually large for Central Baptist Church. We notice that the financial report reflects quite an increase in collections. Clyde Hart is the happy pastor of this enterprising church.

The four great churches in Hot Springs are making their impress upon the life of the city. W. J. Hinsley, now president of the State Convention, has led the Second Church in a remarkable growth and development, including much building. Dr. B. H. Duncan of the First Church has led the saints in a signal manner through a number of years, and is now planning an enlargement of the church building facilities. Money is being accumulated for the purpose. Young Jesse Reed of the Park Place Church is a flaming evangel and this church is likewise making rapid progress. These brethren are worth their weight in gold in a city like Hot Springs.

## Dr. Powers Retires

The first of May Dr. O. L. Powers of Jonesboro retired from the pastorate of First Church, Jonesboro, and from the active pastorate. His present address is 1803 Eleventh St., Wichita Falls, Tex. Dr. Powers is a great preacher and has plenty of strength in the pulpit at his present age. He can preach in revivals, and he can do supply work when you need him. A great voice for the Lord such as he is should be kept busy.

## Marked Tree and W. D. Edwards

The Marked Tree Baptist Church only a few years ago was about to lose all its property but it presents a different situation at present. They not only have their church building paid for, but they have also purchased a home for the pastor. They have some \$10,000 accumulated for more building facilities. W. D. Edwards is one of our great preachers. If you need a series of doctrinal messages we do know where you could beat him. He understands the Baptist position and is thoroughly able to present it.

## Hal Gallop and Dyess

Pastor Hal Gallop, Central Church, Daytona Beach, has observed his second anniversary with the church. During the two years the church building has been completed and furnished with new pews at a cost of \$2,650.85. A beautiful baptistry has been installed and a parsonage is now under construction.

The church has given \$489.64 to missions, \$63.34 to Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, \$5,580.85 to all other causes, making a total of \$8,784.68. Sunday School enrollment has grown from 40 to 201; the Training Union enrollment has almost doubled. The WMSW has six auxiliaries.

In the two years the church has had Vacation Bible Schools and four revival meetings. There have been 182 additions, 128 baptisms, bringing the resident membership to 251.

Jesus was so human that he became thirsty and so divine that he gave rest for the weary. He was so human that he became thirsty and so divine that he gave the water of life.

—Perry F. W.