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Foreign Mission Board Exhibit at the Convention

Missionaries are Prepared for the Fall of Shanghai

By Baker J. Cauthen
Secretary for the Orient



The fall of Shanghai is now an imminent possibility. Nationalist armies declare they will defend the city strongly, but there seems little evidence of any preparation for a fight. We do not see heavy guns being mounted nor barricades constructed as one would expect to find in a city preparing for all-out defense.

In order to prevent their ships from being attacked or being bot-

tled up in the Whangpoo River, the American Navy has left anchorage in Shanghai and moved to the Yangtze River. The Navy has offered transportation to all Americans who wish to leave. They still have small vessels at Shanghai which can be used to take people to the ships in the Yangtze. Commercial vessels are still available and airlines are making their regular runs.

Missionaries In Shanghai

Many missionaries representing most of the mission boards at work in China are remaining at their tasks. Southern Baptists have thirty-one missionaries and five children remaining in Shanghai. Some of these people may decide to leave later, but they have no definite plans to do so up to this point.

Missionaries in Shanghai are: Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Connely, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hipps, Dr. Robert F. Ricketson, W. W. Lawton, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols and three children, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris, Misses Roberta Pearle Johnson, Irene Jeffers, Harriette King, Martha Franks, Josephine Ward, Thelma Williams, Elizabeth Gray, Inabelle Coleman, Olive Lawton, Kathryn Bigham, Lorene Tilford, Marie Conner, Catherine Walker, Gladys Hopewell, and Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Cauthen and two children.

Due to the fact that the Baptist Compound is just outside a wooden fence built around the city to keep refugees from swarming into Shanghai, and the gate is closed by soldiers from time to time, the schools are carrying on most of their activities inside the city. But a strong nucleus of workers remains on the compound with the missionaries so as to continue activities there and to protect the property.

Emergency provisions have been made within the city to take care of all these people if it should be necessary for them to come in during time of fighting. We stand in greater danger of rioting and looting than we do of actual fighting in the city.

University of Shanghai Closed

Military authorities have ordered the closing of fifteen universities including the University of Shanghai. The order came only four weeks before the school would normally close. Seniors will be given examinations and Commencement will be held. Although we regret to see the university close its work before the usual date, President Henry Lin and the missionaries at the school feel it may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. During times of unusual crisis, it is easy for serious problems to arise on a university campus in China and dismissal of the school at this point will eliminate this danger. Missionaries and a strong group of the Chinese staff will remain on the

campus exerting every effort to keep the property free.

In Communist Territory

As this report is being written the Communist armies have taken Wusih and Soochow and are nearing Kunshan. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, our missionaries in Wusih, are still there. I talked with Miss Blanche Groves by long distance telephone the day before Soochow fell and she told me she, Miss Sophie Lanneau, Miss Ola Lea, and Miss Jenell Greer were remaining by their own choice. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson are in Kunshan and intend to remain there as the Communists come in.

Stockwell Sears, Charles Cowherd, and Miss Pearl Johnson are still in Tsingtao where the situation is unchanged. Dr. A. W. Yocum is still in Chengchow and we were able to receive letters from him through the mail until last week when the drive began in the Yangtze valley.

Hongkong Office Opened

It has become evident that the emergencies prevailing in Central China may shortly extend to South China. Miss Lucy Smith went to Hongkong this week where she will have an office in a location already acquired so as to be able to have funds available to meet any emergencies in the South China area and at the same time be in a position to channel funds to Shanghai through any existing means if communications between this city and America are broken so as to make impossible our getting in funds. Even if channels do not exist for getting funds to Shanghai from Hongkong we could get along for a period until communications could be re-established. I think there is no need for undue concern on this point. Missionaries have been supplied with funds in advance and ample food secured. Chinese workers have also been provided for.

Plans In South China

We have forty-five missionaries and eighteen children in South China. When emergencies begin to prevail in that section, those who are in uncertain health or have furloughs due soon will undoubtedly return to America. Because of the number of missionaries who have little children in South China there will be considerable shifting in time of crisis. Most of these people are new missionaries who are still studying the language. We consider it highly urgent that they be enabled to continue the study of the language and work among Chinese-speaking people if they find it necessary to leave South China.

We are working toward placing any of the people who feel they must leave South China, but believe they should not return to the States, in Hongkong, Macao, Saigon, and Bangkok. There are large Chinese-speaking populations in each of these cities. Dr. G. W. Strother left last week for Bangkok to survey the possibilities of placing people in that city and in Saigon should the need arise. He will remain in the Bangkok-Saigon area until the China development comes to definite form and will be there to assist any people who need to transfer to those cities.

Necessity of Remaining Among Chinese

To send a large number of new missionaries back to America in time of emergency would likely result in losing the staff to mis-

sionary work. To enable them to remove places of security where they can continue the study of the language and work among Chinese people may result in having a staff ready to continue to serve whatever opportunities are available.

The Lord has a way of extending his work in times of distress. We should not forget that the Hawaiian Mission was born in the late China evacuation. The emergencies prevailing in the Orient during recent years gave the opportunity for larger work in Latin America, with the result that the wonderful work in Colombia was emphasized. The Lord may make possible new mission undertakings as a consequence of our present China emergencies.

By having a group of people in Saigon and Bangkok, we may lay the foundations for opening mission work in French Indo-China and Siam. Strong recommendations are coming from our missionaries evacuated to the Philippines that plans be laid for a Philippine mission. We need to keep in mind that western India is a vast area wherein there is no Baptist work whatever. If we're thrust out of one area, we must enter other open doors.

Those of us who remain to work in a land overrun by the Communists are entering a dark valley but it is lighted by the promises of God. It is absolutely necessary that some of us remain on the field to see what can be done under the new regime. If all missionaries were to withdraw at this point it would be a tragedy from which we might never recover. It would be practically impossible to come back to the field at an early time. Those who remain recognize the serious risks which will be encountered, but the path of duty leads us into this valley and we enter it saying with David: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

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An old man gives us his belated conclusion that there is more satisfaction in serving God than in serving oneself. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

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Are we lost when alone, bored when not active, tired when not going, dull unless there is some extra excitement? We need to hear this verse of scripture: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Incidents and Events

Writing about the Memphis Convention last year, we referred to **Incidents and Events**, pointing out that passing incidents frequently capture the attention while great events may receive little notice from the curious onlookers.

There were two incidents at the Oklahoma City Convention which caused a flurry of excitement for the moment. But they proved to be only miniature whirlwinds which spent themselves in fruitless efforts to sow discord in the Convention.

We refer to the motion by Oscar Gibson of Louisville, Kentucky, to appoint a committee to investigate modernism in the Louisville Seminary. On motion by Dr. John Jeter Hurt Sr. of Atlanta the matter was referred to the Seminary Board of Trustees.

Mr. Gibson has established a Baptist High School in Louisville, and engages seminary students as teachers in his school. His charge of modernism in the seminary is based upon the purported reports of these seminary students.

However, Mr. Gibson did not reveal the further information that his high school principal resigned when it became evident that he, Gibson, was lined up with Frank Norris.

The other incident was the proposed amendment to the Constitution by Dr. E. P. Aldredge of Nashville. We are printing on this page a statement by Dr. E. C. Routh who deals fairly and effectively with the proposed amendment and its author. The fact is made clear that Dr. Aldredge is a paid employee of an agency of the only Southern Baptist agency which also receives support from another Convention which is affiliated with both the Federal Council and the World Council. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

This effort had the same taint as the Gibson effort, since Dr. Aldredge has been confiscated by Frank Norris, with the apparent consent of Dr. Aldredge.

It is strange that men, finding what they consider some irregularity in Baptist affairs, will allow themselves to be appropriated by a movement which has followed the same obstructionist tactics through the years.

It would seem the part of wisdom to put up with a good many things we don't like rather than to line up with Frank Norris. Let us stay with the events and institutions which have made Southern Baptists strong, rather than be carried away by the incidents which cause only surface disturbances, but which cannot halt or change the course of the powerful currents of spiritual life among Southern Baptists.

Someone has remarked, "You don't know a thing until you know its background." The background of these two incidents of the Oklahoma City Convention was clearly evident, and against that background of "Norrisism" they may be judged for what they really are.

Proposed Amendment Offered at Convention

By E. C. Routh

The issue in the proposed amendment by Dr. E. P. Aldredge to the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention was not, as many thought, whether or not the Convention should join the Federal Council or the World Council of Churches. The heart of the question was whether any individual who is associated with any organization presumed to be related to the Federal Council of Churches is eligible for service in any capacity with any board, agency, or institution of the Convention.

Here is the reading of the proposed amendment which was tabled by the Convention after President Robert G. Lee had expressed the opinion that it was a dangerous procedure: "No one who belongs to or affiliates with any state or local council of churches which is connected with or sponsored by the inter-council Field Department of the Federal Council or any one or more of its six affiliated councils shall be eligible to serve on any board, agency, or institution of this Convention—either as an official, employee, or board member."

The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, with which the author of the proposed amendment has been officially connected as business manager of the Seminary Commission, is jointly maintained by the National Baptist Convention, which is a member of both the Federal Council and the World Council, and by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention has steadfastly declined to join these councils and we know of no one who is now actively seeking to effect such a relationship. The Foreign Mission Board has unanimously gone on record, more than once, as being opposed to any such relationship.

Except for a brief interim, our Foreign Mission Board has been a member of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America which had its beginning fifty-five years ago. Dr. Robert J. Willingham, then secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, was one of the founders of that organization. This Conference, not "council," which would come within the range of the proposed amendment, exercises no jurisdiction over any of the organizations constituting its membership, and in its constitution disclaims any control over any co-operating organization. It does not, as has been stated in print, direct or even suggest where missionaries may or may not be sent or what countries any missionary boards may occupy. It exists only to serve in a consultative and advisory capacity and to render any assistance that may be desired by any particular board and then only when such service is requested. I can certify, from first hand acquaintance, that during World War II there were many occasions when our board would have been helpless in such details as securing

To Chicago In 1950

Hotel Rooms—that is the chief explanation. The vote to go to San Francisco in 1951 is a bit more difficult to explain, though the assurance of hotel rooms may have had something to do with that decision also.

We have no particular objection to going to Chicago. According to reports, there are more Southern Baptist churches in Illinois than Northern Baptist churches, though that is not true of the city of Chicago. We are convinced, however, that it is a serious mistake to go to San Francisco the following year, thus taking the Convention out of distinctly Southern Baptist territory two years in succession.

Concerning hotel rooms, from past experience, it would seem wise for the housing committee in the Convention city to be responsible only for finding homes for all who cannot get into the hotels and allow the hotel reservations to be made direct. When the hotel rooms are exhausted, those desiring to attend the Convention would either accept a reservation in a home or stay at home.

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A Political Slogan

The editor of **American**, national Roman Catholic weekly, published in New York, Robert C. Hartnett, declares that absolute separation of Church and State is merely a political slogan, that the American constitution "nowhere requires absolute separation of Church and State," that it merely forbids "the giving of legal preferment to one religion over another."

It is strange that such an interpretation of the American constitution has only now come to light, when Catholics think they have a chance to secure federal funds for their parochial schools. It seems strange that the American people would fail to understand the meaning of the constitution for so long a period of American history, as everyone is bound to know this is a fortuitous and facetious interpretation of the great document which has guaranteed the separation of Church and State throughout the history of America.

passports, transportation, and essential shipments without the good offices of the Foreign Mission Conference.

At the last meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference a proposal that it join the National Christian Council, along with the Federal Council of Churches, was defeated by a large majority. The representatives of our own Foreign Missions Board had considerable influence in the discussions which led to that decision.

The effect of the proposed amendment would have been not only to shut out from advisory functions some of our most loyal men and women and to deny equal privileges to some of the most faithful friends of world missions, but would have deprived our board of some essential benefits derived from our affiliation with the Foreign Missions Conference, especially in present and prospective world crises. The implications of the proposed amendment, would have been not only far-reaching, but disastrous to the missionary program and fellowship of Southern Baptists.

Kingdom Progress

College Commencements

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia

Ouachita College graduated 180 students, 117 of whom were G. I.'s May 23, 1949 and conferred three honorary degrees: Dr. G. E. Cannon, Hope, received the LL.D. Degree; President H. E. Williams, Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, received the D.D. Degree; and President J. R. Grant, Ouachita College, received the LL.D. Degree.

Ouachita College Commencement exercises began on the campus Friday evening, May 20, 7:30 p. m. with a reception for the Seniors at the President's home. At 8:30 Friday evening the Speech Department presented the play, "She Stoops to Conquer." This play was repeated on Saturday evening.

The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday, May 23, at 11:30 a. m. by Pastor W. O. Vaught Jr. of the Immanuel Church, Little Rock. At 2:30 Sunday afternoon a band concert was presented in Mitchell Hall. At 3:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon three new buildings were dedicated: Terrell-Moore Hall, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Cannon Infirmary, and Ernest Baylor Hall. Following the dedication there was a tour of the campus, after which the Home Economics Department gave a tea, attended by 500 visitors.

The Commencement address was delivered by President J. R. Grant Monday morning, May 23, at the close of which the annual Alumni Luncheon was served in the college dining hall.

Central College, North Little Rock

The first Commencement of Central College as a co-educational institution was conducted on May 22-23. The exercises began Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 p. m. with a reception for alumni, former students, and friends. At 5:00 p. m. the same day the Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor of the Second Church, Little Rock.

The graduating address was delivered Monday morning, May 23, at 10:00 a. m. by the State Commissioner of Education, A. B. Bond Jr. Central graduated fourteen students.

President Irving M. Prince announces that summer session will open June 2.

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge

Southern Baptist College Commencement exercises began on May 22 at 8:00 p. m. with the Baccalaureate sermon by Pastor Vernon Sisco, First Church, Caruthersville, Missouri. Duke K. McCall delivered the Commencement address on May 26, 8 p. m. Southern Baptist College graduated 39 students, as reported by President H. E. Williams.

Sherman Bridgeman, Solgohachia, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. Mr. Bridgeman is a ministerial student and has established a mission at Needham, near Lake City. In November, 1946, he organized a mission at Shannon in Randolph County. Since this organization there have been many professions of faith, and a Sunday School has been maintained. A mission opened at Sanders in Lawrence County by young Bridgeman in April, 1946, has been organized into a church.

Youth Revival at Wheatley

The Wheatley Baptist Church just closed a youth laymen's revival with Ed Vallowe, Walnut Valley Church, Hot Springs, as visiting evangelist. There were 34 additions to the church membership, 28 coming for baptism. The goal for Sunday School attendance May 8 was 110, and there were 128 present. The church usually has from sixty to seventy in Sunday School.

A supper for the young people was served each night by the Woman's Missionary Society, and there was an average attendance of 75 each evening.

Maxwell Baker, pastor of the Wheatley Church, says, "In all seven years as a minister I've never witnessed such a meeting anywhere. I would like to recommend Brother Vallowe to the churches of the state."

Clark Secoy has recently accepted the pastorate of the Gladden Church, Earle. Mr. Secoy is a student at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. The Gladden Church has recently changed from a half time church field to full time.

The First Church, Lewisville, J. W. Royal, pastor, had the services of W. E. Perry, pastor, First Church, Nashville, in a revival meeting April 25-May 4. Charles Lewis, director of music and education at the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, directed the singing. Visible results were 14 additions by baptism, eight by letter, and 18 re-dedications.

John R. Stratton has resigned the pastorate of the Deer, Ben Hur, and Moore Churches in Newton County, to become pastor of a church in Boone County. While Pastor Stratton was with the Deer Church, there were 32 additions, 21 by baptism, doubling the membership of the church. A Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union were organized. The Arkansas Baptist paper was placed in every home. A pastor's home was built, a well dug on the church premises, butane gas installed, and a piano purchased.

In addition to his work at Deer, Mr. Stratton has for the past few months served as part time pastor of the Ben Hur Church, and added twelve members by baptism to the mission at Swain.

Ralph Denney, third year student in the field of Religious Education, majoring in voice, at the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, is available for revivals during the summer months. He may be contacted at 4414 James Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Hollaway Jr., have been accepted by the Foreign Mission Board for work as missionaries to Japan. Mr. Hollaway is a native of Corning and, a graduate of Ouachita College, where he directed the Ouachita College Choir for two years. Mrs. Hollaway is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Dailey of Ouachita College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hollaway attended Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. They will sail for Japan the latter part of August.

Progress at Immanuel, Fort Smith

May 8, 1949, marked the first anniversary of Dr. Braxton B. Sawyer's pastorate at the Immanuel Church, Fort Smith. The following are some visible results of his pastorate at Fort Smith:

There have been 167 additions to the church membership. The church plant has been repaired, remodeled, and improved in every way and a modern nursery building has been established. The Sunday School and Training Union have been completely reorganized, and have shown steady growth. A new site has been purchased for a new auditorium, and a building committee has been appointed. The finances of the church have been phenomenal. The Men's Brotherhood has been organized in the church. Longview Mission was established under the direction of Howell C. Osborne, mission chairman, and plans are being made to convert this mission into a church as soon as it is large enough. There has been a 100 per cent increase in attendance at prayer meeting and Sunday night preaching service.

Pastor J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett, was the visiting preacher in a Stewardship Revival May 8-14 at the Mt. Olive No. Two Church, Bartholomew Association, Simpson Powell, pastor. The principal result of the meeting was the signing of the tither's covenant by about half the resident members of the church.

The First Church, Hoxie, J. V. Chandler, pastor, experienced a successful revival May 8-15. There were seventeen professions of faith, sixteen additions to the church by baptism, and one by statement. O. C. Robinson Jr., Fort Worth, Texas, who is a son-in-law of Pastor Chandler, was the visiting evangelist. The Hoxie Church is growing steadily. The average attendance in Sunday School for April was 166. There have been 34 additions by baptism thus far in 1949.

Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union director, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Field Workers Association at the annual meeting May 17 at Oklahoma City. The Field Workers Association consists of all field workers of the Sunday School Board and all state Sunday School, Training Union, music, and student union secretaries, and the meeting is held each year the day before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Simultaneous Revival White River Association

Sixteen revival meetings were conducted simultaneously in White River Association April 17-24, directed by L. A. Sparkman, pastor of the South Side Church, Pine Bluff. Churches co-operating in the simultaneous campaign were: Flat Rock, Buford, Colfax, Mt. Home, Cotter, Gassville, Antioch, Flippin, Yellville, Bruno, New Hope, Blooming Grove, Pilgrim Rest, East Cotter, and Oakland Mission. The total results of these meetings were 40 for baptism, 24 by letter, three by restoration, and 15 other professions.

The North Crossett Church, Crossett, had the services of W. R. Fussell, pastor of Second Church, Bessemer, Alabama, in a revival meeting April 24-May 1. There were sixteen additions to the church, eleven coming by baptism. Pastor Harold White led the singing and Mrs. Louis Maxwell was the pianist.

Ouachita's New President



Dr. S. W. Eubanks

Dr. S. W. Eubanks, for the past two years head of the Department of Bible and Religious Education at Ouachita College, has announced his acceptance of the presidency of Ouachita College, offered him by the Ouachita Board of Trustees on Friday, May 27. Dr. Eubanks came to Ouachita two years ago from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Nevada, Missouri.

He is a native of Monette, Missouri, a graduate of William Jewell College, Liberty, and holds a doctor's degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

For three years prior to his pastorate at Nevada, Missouri, he was head of the Religious Education Department of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Dr. Eubanks will assume his duties as president of Ouachita on June 1.

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Harmony Association Has Youth Choir Festival

Under the leadership of Mrs. Odis Jones, Music Director of Harmony Association, the second Youth Choir Festival took place Sunday afternoon, May 15, in Pine Bluff. Walter Hill conducted the program of music which was sung in the state-wide Youth Festival. Eighty young people composed the chorus representing First, Second, and Immanuel churches of Pine Bluff, and First Baptist church, Stuttgart. Mrs. E. J. Enderly played the accompaniments. In addition to the choral numbers, there were two violin solos played by Mrs. Lindsey Baker, Stuttgart, accompanied by Mrs. Burton.

Missionary A. L. Leake conducted a revival recently in the Elkins community, Fayetteville. There were 48 professions of faith, most of whom were adults. Mrs. Leake helped with the young people and with the music.

The Sunbeams of the First Church, West Helena, entertained their mothers with a tea and program at the church May 11. There were 74 Sunbeams present; of that number 31 participated in the program which was presented. Twenty-two mothers and Pastor and Mrs. Lehman Webb attended this activity. The Sunbeams meet regularly at the church on Wednesday afternoons.

Ouachita College Launches Emergency Campaign

The Ouachita College Board of Trustees, meeting at the LaFayette Hotel in Little Rock, Friday, May 27, voted to launch an emergency campaign to raise at least \$350,000 to replace "Old Main," the administration building which was destroyed by fire caused by lightning May 24. Authorization to declare an emergency is sought by balloting the members of the Executive Board by mail.

Every Baptist church in Arkansas is requested to make a special offering to this campaign on June 12. The Ouachita Board has requested Central Church, Hot Springs, to loan its pastor, Clyde Hart, to the Board for a period of three months for the purpose of directing the campaign.

This emergency appeal will not interfere with the promotion of the Million Dollar Campaign, or the construction of the proposed science building and library building. These two buildings will be financed out of funds raised in the Million Dollar Campaign. One gift of \$25,000 has been pledged for the library building.

The trustees voted that the three buildings should be separate units instead of being united in one building as had been suggested.

A report from the architects gave assurance that the science building "could be ready by the second semester, late in January, 1950."

The building committee composed of members of the Board of Trustees, reported that the fire resulted in the total loss of "Old Main" and its contents. And since there was "no salvage value" in the walls which, if left standing, would constitute a hazard, a subcommittee composed of W. P. Jones Jr., Leonard Price, and George Whittenberd, was instructed "to employ competent persons to remove the debris and clear the ground for rebuilding purposes."

According to reports from Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary, and Leonard Price, business manager of Ouachita, approximately \$460,000 has been collected in the Million Dollar campaign. Of this amount \$208,000 is now on hand, the balance having already been expended. Dr. Bridges reported that unpaid quotas amount to \$586,000.

Hope was expressed that, in view of the present emergency, the churches which have not paid their quotas in full will make a special effort to do so just as soon as possible and that they will co-operate in the emergency campaign; that the churches which have paid their quotas in full will enter heartily and sacrificially into the emergency campaign; and that large individual gifts will be made by many friends of Ouachita.

Forrest City Broadcasting

The First Church, Forrest City, Pastor Minor Cole, broadcasts each Sunday morning from eleven to twelve o'clock over Forrest City's new 1000 Watt Station, KXJK, which can be heard clearly for 100 miles.

Dr. E. S. James, pastor, First Church, Vernon, Texas, has just concluded a revival meeting with the First Church, Frederick, Oklahoma, Milo B. Arbuckle, pastor. Darwin Farmer, educational and music director, Frederick, directed the music. Results of the meeting were 33 additions by baptism and 18 by letter.

Pastor Guy D. Magee has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Carlisle, effective May 30, to accept the pastorate of the First Church, Manilla. Pastor Magee was with the Carlisle Church for three years and five months.

Annual Retreat of Associational Missionaries



Associational missionaries meet for their third annual retreat.

We had the pleasure of meeting with the associational missionaries in their third annual meeting on the shores of Lake Hamilton, near Hot Springs, Tuesday morning, May 3. It is safe to say that no group of men is doing a more fundamental or far-reaching work in the state of Arkansas than these associational missionaries. They deserve and should have the full co-operation of the state organization and all the pastors and churches of the state.

Two years ago Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, conceived the idea of having all the associational missionaries meeting for two or three days on Lake Hamilton for the exchange of ideas, inspirational addresses, and recreation. The experiment has

proven to be helpful, stimulating, and enjoyable.

The mornings and evenings are devoted to conferences, addresses, forum discussions. The afternoons are given over to recreation. We heard a number of the men talking about fishing.

The associational missionaries co-operate with the Arkansas Baptist in extending the circulation of the paper. We allow them the club rate of \$1.50 for all subscriptions they send us. It was a pleasure to meet with this fine group of Christian ministers. We wish for them continued and growing success in their important work.

—Editor.

The Church Press and Separation of Church and State

By Glenn L. Archer
POAU National Director

I deem it a singular privilege and pleasure to address the Associated Church Press on this their thirtieth annual meeting. Upon you men and women falls a unique responsibility of safeguarding religious liberty in our land.

That religious liberty in this country and abroad is in jeopardy, churchmen everywhere agree. As to ways and means to preserve religious liberty, reasonable minds differ and there is less unanimity of opinion. We are all in accord that it must be preserved.

Protestants and other Americans approach the problem by holding fast to the Constitutional guarantees of the Bill of Rights.

It was not the intent of the courageous founders of POAU to effect any sort of federal union of churches, nor was it their design to malign followers of any faith. Rather, it was their avowed purpose to safeguard the American Constitutional principle of separation of church and state so that all men everywhere in these United States might have freedom of religious expression without interference from either a state or a dominant, privileged church. POAU—now officially endorsed by church and fraternal bodies whose membership runs into many millions—seeks to prevent here a church-state union of the type from which millions in the old world now struggle to free themselves.

Any church or government which compels the individual to adapt himself to an arbitrary concept of liberty does not understand, nor can it appreciate, a way of life based upon keeping liberty ever adaptable to the needs of the individual. A church based upon the first principle is static—it looks to the past. A church based upon the second is dynamic—it looks to the future.

"Religion as an engine of civil policy is an unhallowed perversion of the means of salvation." These words of Madison, spoken out of a background of church-state union and of old-world religious persecution, have a fresh and vivid relevancy today in view of the repeated attempts of the Roman Catholic Church to gain Federal support for private schools; its attack upon the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States; its vitriolic blasts at Horace Mann and the American public school system; and its ready tagging as un-American and bigot those who seek to uphold the Federal Constitution.

POAU is determined to let the American public know whither we are drifting. It will lift its voice to proclaim that democratic freedom is challenged by the totalitarianism of the left called Communism. POAU believes and shall fearlessly proclaim its belief that America is not required to choose between clerical fascism on one hand and Communism on the other. Its single purpose and ultimate

goal is to help make democracy work—a democracy where books and magazines are not banned; a democracy where the state is never used, or seeks to be used, as an instrumentality to force upon the people the religious belief of a foreign state church; a democracy in which the people count and are not merely counted; a democracy in which press, radio, and movies are in truth free; a democracy free from boycotts and reprisals of a foreign state church; a democracy in which little people in little churches may make their peace with God, free from interference.

It is the mission of POAU to subscribe to and fearlessly fight for these liberties of religious expression which Protestants, Jews, and enlightened Roman Catholics cherish as the rich heritage of an American commonwealth. These liberties—once thought secure—are gradually, but surely, slipping away from us as the Roman Catholic Church—under the guise of fighting secularism and Communism—makes inroads into the public treasury to support its sectarian dogma. These inroads are being made in two ways: First, by manipulation of school boards in a way that compels local taxpayers to pay for parochial schools. Today, in thirty states Roman Catholic schools and teachers are being paid expenses and non-taxable salaries from the public school treasuries. The College Hill case, Ohio, is in point. In the second place, undue pressure is being exerted to receive Federal aid for parochial schools by direct grants from the Federal Government. Such grants long regarded as coming within the prohibitive purview of the First Amendment as "an establishment of a religion" are condoned today as general welfare services. The opening wedge in this area is illustrated by free textbooks and bus transportation in seventeen states. These services, however unobjectionable in themselves, mark the beginning of the breakdown of church and state separation which will ultimately lead to social domination and thought control—the announced objectives of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

In the Santa Fe, New Mexico, litigation—commonly called the Dixon case—the defendant sisters and brothers testified in open court and under oath that they had taught the Roman Catholic religion in tax-supported public schools; that they had received salaries from public funds; that such funds had been endorsed directly to the Roman Catholic church; and that they taught to public school children, without regard to the student's or the parents' faith, that the engagement in religious activities other than Roman Catholic constituted a sin. This practice continues throughout the nation in violation of State and Federal Constitutions. The judge in the Dixon Case, in a sweeping victory for POAU and the plaintiffs, stated: "There is no separation of church and state under these circumstances."

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Available For Revivals

Richard Perkins, Southern Baptist College student, who served as minister of music for the First Church, Corning, during the past school year, is recommended by Pastor L. C. Tedford of the Corning Church, as a competent music director and worker with young people in revival meetings. His address is College City, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

A Smile or Two

This story is going around Europe. A hunter named Sam went out with a long-range rifle, and came upon a huge bear. The bear was not as well armed, but he had claws and wit. So he asked the hunter, "What are you looking for?" Said the hunter, "I want to get myself a fur coat." "Well," said the bear "I'm looking for my breakfast. Why not come around to my den, and we'll talk it over."

The hunter and the bear sat down to work out an agreement. After a while the bear got up all alone. They had reached a compromise. The bear had got his breakfast, and the hunter had on his fur coat.

Worldover Press

Sizes often are deceiving. Sometimes a woman's thumb has a man under it.

Erma Freesman, Tribune-News

Stopping his car near a mountain shack in the Ozarks, a tourist called to the old woman sitting on the porch, "How far is it to the nearest town?"

"Pa figgers hit's about 10 miles thar and about 12 back," she answered. "Which is on account of him walkin' straighter goin' than comin'."

Wall Street Journal

Joe: "Ted says he's going to marry the prettiest girl in town."

Jane: "Why, the very idea! I don't even know him!"

Father: "Now, son tell me why I punished you."

Son: "That does it! First you pound the life out of me, and now you don't know why you did it."

Watchman Examiner

GIRL to brother practicing flute: "If you don't stop playing, I'll go nuts."

BROTHER: "You've gone. I stopped an hour ago."

Baptist Student

He was sitting in a restaurant sawing away at the fricasseed leg of chicken. Finally he put down his knife and fork, leaned over to the next table, pointed to the bottle of A-1 sauce, and said loudly to the lady sitting at the table: "Pardon me, madam, would you please pass the liniment? This crow has rheumatism."

Baptist Watchman

In a fashionable hotel, everybody looked up to see who would respond to the page boy who called: "Mr. Neutrosponsiavanci. Paging Mr. Neutrosponsiavanci."

A dignified gentleman rose slowly and asked: "What initials, please?"

Baptist Student

"I'll give you five dollars if you'll let me paint you," said the artist. The old mountaineer shifted his legs from one position to the other and back again.

"It's easy money," said the artist.

"Thar hain't no question 'bout thet," the mountaineer replied, "I was jes' a-wonderin' how I'd git the paint off afterward"

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Some people think our jokes aren't funny but we threw some of them into the fire and it just roared!

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

THEME: "Always bearing..." II CORINTHIANS 4:10

By the Editor

Southern Baptists stormed Oklahoma City, exceeding 12,000 in number, for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention May 8-22. The Municipal Auditorium would seat only about 7,000. However, the loud speaker system enabled many people in other rooms of the building and even on the outside of the building to hear the program.

The limited number of hotel rooms made it necessary for the larger per cent of the messengers and visitors attending the Convention to stay in the homes throughout the city.

Welcome Address

Dr. Andrew Potter, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, welcomed the Southern Baptist Convention to Oklahoma City. Dr. Potter said: "With distinct pride, and a deep sense of honor, I am here today representing the 315,000 Baptists of Oklahoma, the 67 local Baptist churches of Oklahoma City, and our citizenship in general, for the purpose of extending you the gracious hospitality of hearth and home, for which our magic city is known throughout the nation.

"Twice before in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention you have held your sessions in the land of the 'Red Man' and have seen our progress from 'Tepees to Towers.'

"The first session was held in 1912, when Oklahoma City was scarcely of age. Many of you attended the second session in 1939, but few, indeed, present today remember the historic meeting held in the newly completed auditorium of the First Baptist Church, of which Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of sainted memory, was the beloved pastor."

Dr. Potter concluded his address by saying: "We must be unafraid as we face the sunrise tomorrow. Our fathers laid well the foundations. The chief cornerstone was Emmanuel—God with us. He is with us today as we move out into new frontiers. The way of ease would be to sit in the glow of the new day that has come to us—but that is not the way of God. My fellow Southern Baptists, let us lift up our eyes and look toward the sunrise!"

Hour of Worship

From eleven to twelve fifteen Wednesday morning was devoted to worship, the Convention sermon being delivered by Dr. Norman Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi. This was a high hour of inspiration, challenge, and holy resolve.

Cooperative Program

Outstanding features of the afternoon and evening sessions on Wednesday were the report from the Executive Committee and the President's Address by President R. G. Lee.

The 1950 Cooperative Program goal for South-wide agencies was set at \$10,000,000; \$4,000,000 of the Cooperative Program funds is to be distributed for current operating expenses according to the following percentages:

Agency and Institution	Percentage
Foreign Mission Board	50
Home Mission Board	16.5
Southern Seminary	5
Southwestern Seminary	5
New Orleans Seminary	5

W. M. U. Training School	1
American Baptist Seminary	2
Relief and Annuity Board	12.5
Radio Commission	1.9
Baptist Brotherhood	1
Southern Baptist Hospital	.1



Dr. R. G. Lee, president

Two million, five hundred thousand dollars will be applied on capital needs of the various agencies of the Convention. All funds in excess of these two items totaling \$6,500,000 are to be given to the Foreign Mission Board. This arrangement will provide the opportunity for anyone to make extra gifts through the regular channel of the Cooperative Program with the assurance that all excess funds above the operating budget and the capital needs budget will go to Foreign Missions.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, presented his report in a most challenging and dramatic way on the promotion of the Cooperative Program in 1950. The report was presented in the form of a pyramid, the base of which was represented as a spiritual revival, with Christ as the answer. Rising above this foundation was stewardship, with every Baptist a tither. The next section of the pyramid was co-operation with every Baptist at work through the Cooperative Program. Then came the proportionate division of the collection-plate dollar, "Fifty-Fifty by 1950," the idea being that the church should divide its receipts fifty-fifty between its local program and the denomination; the State should divide its receipts fifty-fifty between its local program and the denomination; the State should divide its receipts fifty-fifty between the State program and the South-wide program; the Southern Baptist Convention should divide its receipts fifty-fifty between the Foreign Mission Board and its other agencies.

Rising still higher, the pyramid grows with the now 22 State Conventions co-operating in Southern Baptist life and work by evangelizing, teaching, and serving. Passing on to the current operations of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, \$4,000,000 is allocated for current operations, with \$2,500,000 allocated for capital needs. The topmost

point of the pyramid represents the Foreign Mission advance with \$3,500,000 in excess of the current operations and capital needs. The point of the pyramid is the spearhead for advance, and must not be blunted, if Southern Baptists are to carry out their obligations as people of God.

The following table shows what could be done if every Southern Baptist tithed and if all funds were divided fifty-fifty.

If	What?
Every Baptist Tithed	\$600,000,000
50-50 Local Expenses	300,000,000
50-50 Missions and Benevolences	300,000,000
50-50 State Causes	150,000,000
50-50 S. B. C. Causes	150,000,000
50-50 Home Causes	75,000,000
50-50 Foreign Missions	75,000,000

Address of President

President R. G. Lee in his Presidential address compared the Southern Baptist Convention to the human body. Clear and forceful analogies were drawn between the members of the human body and their functions and the functions of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Lee challenged the Convention to use its every power and influence in spiritual and co-operative service to fulfill its mission under the Lordship of Jesus. President Lee closed his message with these words:

"May God keep this body from fatal attacks of cerebrospinal meningitis—destruction of backbone and brain center—from the chills of cold formalism, from the acids of modernity which eat away the muscles of faith, from the measles and mumps of mopeishness, from the debilitation of despair. May the smallpox of stinginess never mar our great body.

"This body is called upon to do great work for God, to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it must be forever free from pernicious anemia—lack of blood in its theology, preaching, teaching, and in its fight with sin. Plenty of healthy blood this body must have in a world that has a leprosy worse than that of Uzziah and Naaman, a palsy worse than that of the man borne of four, a fever worse than that of Peter's wife's mother, a blindness worse than that of Bartimaeus, and insanity worse than that of Gadara's wild man.

"Every bloodless prescription, we must reject. No bloodless surgery we must attempt—lest evangelization give way to emaciation. A Gospel stripped of the red blood stream 'drawn from Immanuel's veins' may be a gospel of culture, of morality, of civilization, but is is not the Gospel of Christ.

"Not to preach Christ crucified is to rob Life's sky of the sun by day and of stars by night. To preach this Christ must be our delight, our most daring duty."

Our Seminaries

Our three seminaries reported all-time peak enrolments during the past school year. The New Orleans Seminary enrolled 391 students, representing 23 states and four foreign countries. The Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, enrolled 805; and the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas,

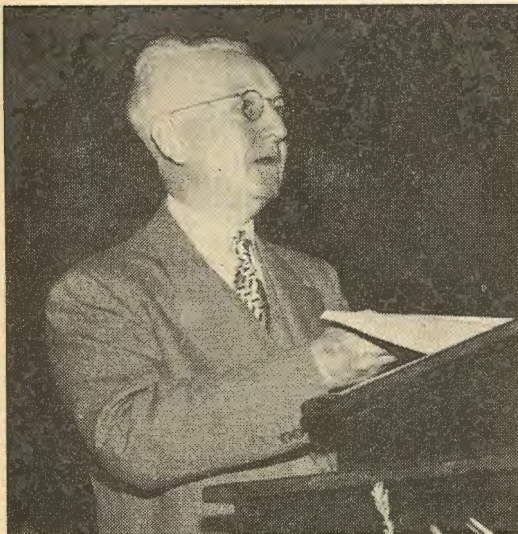
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enrolled 1,455. The three seminaries, therefore, enrolled a total of 2,651.

The committee on Theological Education, Dr. John H. Buchanan, chairman, in its report to the Convention recommended "that two new seminaries, one in the West and one in the East, be established as soon as suitable sites can be had and adequate plans be made for financing the same without injury or impairment to our existing seminaries."



Dr. T. L. Holcomb presents the report of the Sunday School Board.

Sunday School Board

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, presented an array of challenging figures in his report of the work of the Sunday School Board: Sunday School enrolment, 4,308,374; Training Union enrolment, 1,078,828; Vacation Bible School enrolment, 1,175,535. The total circulation of Sunday School Board publications in 1948 reached 35,498,542. There were 42 new books published in 1948 with a total of 798,793 copies sold. Total business receipts for the year 1948, including the Baptist Bookstores, amounted to \$7,109,288.55.

Radio to Broaden Scope

The Radio Commission, Dr. S. F. Lowe, director, reported the purchase of a new home for the Radio Commission Headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, with adequate space for offices, studios, and storage. The most recent expansion in the service of the Radio Commission is the production of two television films which are available for television stations and may be used on 16 mm projectors in local churches, schools, and homes.

The Radio Commission will undertake a full time Baptist Hour beginning October 1, 1949. Since this service is beyond the budget from Convention funds, the Commission must depend on listeners for its financial support.

The Radio Commission was authorized by the Convention to broaden the scope of its functions and to serve as the central agency which will work in co-operation with the other agencies and states in the production of audio-visual material. "It shall make its studios, laboratories, and technical services available to the agencies and states at such rates and in such manner as shall be mutually agreed upon." The distribution of these audio-visual materials is committed to the Sunday School Board.

Home Missions

An impressive program was presented by the Home Mission Board under the direction of

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary, at the Thursday evening session of the Convention. The following is a digest of the Home Mission Board report:

"From a tabulation of the annual report of the Home Mission Board it would seem that evangelism is the main emphasis of home missions. Direct employees of the Board reported 28,345 conversions in services they conducted. Another 1,333 conversions were reported by co-operative mission workers who are jointly employed by the Home Mission Board and state mission boards.

"Thus it would seem obvious that some 34,000 people were converted through home mission endeavors during 1949.

"Home missionaries made 42,564 addresses, 167,207 religious visits, and contacted in personal work 135,177 persons. Nearly 50,000 Bibles and Gospels and 1,776,704 pages of tracts were distributed.

"The missionaries taught 10,049 mission classes and conducted 804 revivals.

"Direct missionaries of the Board were instrumental in establishing 53 new missions, while co-operative workers reported even more. There were 23 new churches organized on mission fields.

"Home missionaries conduct 32 kindergartens. There were 11 new pastors' homes and four new mission centers reported, while repairs or improvements on buildings number 50 projects.

"During 1948, 2,167 mission Vacation Bible Schools were conducted by the workers.

"New work started during the year includes an additional unit of missionaries among the migrants and the entering of Alaska by the Home Mission Board.

"The total number of missionaries is 741. Add 287 summer student workers for the grand total of 1,028. There was a net gain of 22 missionaries during the year."

Southern Baptist Hospital

The Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Frank Tripp, Superintendent, reported a total of 27,472 patients during 1948. We quote from the report:

"At the present time the Southern Baptist Hospital has a well established training program for young doctors and nurses. There are now some 315 nurses and some 20 young doctors engaged in the training program. The hospital is approved by the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and Specialty Boards for interns' and residents' training in all of the major departments, such as surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, radiology, and pathology.

"Free service was given during the year in the amount of approximately \$65,000.

"There is need of additional funds with which to build a new addition to the New Orleans Hospital and to underwrite the expenses of the training program for doctors and nurses. All of these expenses now have to come from the paying patients, and the superintendent believes it not morally right for the paying patient to be required to pay hospital rates which include the necessary funds for capital improvements and the education of doctors and nurses. An appeal is made to the Convention to make additional funds available to the hospital in order that good service might be given to the patient at a rate the patient can pay."

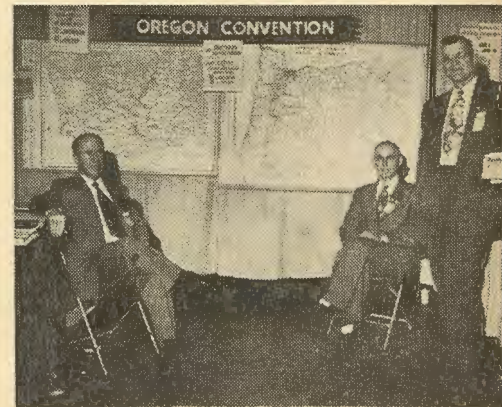
Relief and Annuity Board

Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, made a strong appeal for increased contributions to the Relief Department so that the aged ministers, their wives and widows, who are

not in any annuity plan may be more adequately cared for. Interesting items in the report are:

"Every year the Relief and Annuity Board reports the last year to have been the best in the Board's history. The year 1948 retrospect proved true to this pattern.

"Promotional activities brought hundreds of new members into its retirement plans. Over



The Oregon State Convention is admitted to the Southern Baptist Convention.

24,000 certificates of participation had been issued in all such plans by December 31, 1948. The income for that year was \$3,888,000, total benefits paid \$1,292,000, the increase in assets more than two and a quarter million bringing the total of assets to beyond the fifteen million dollar mark. There was a net increase in the general contingent reserve fund of \$371,000, a total investment income for the year of \$487,000. More than 3,600 individuals were drawing benefits from the various plans of the Board at the end of the year.

"Of this total number of beneficiaries, 1285 were on the relief rolls of the Board, the largest number in its history. The amount disbursed through the Relief Department was the all-time high of \$237,000, nearly \$13,000 more than was received for that purpose. More adequate support of this phase of our work must be forthcoming, or the aged will suffer privation and want. The Calendar of Denominational Activities suggests an annual offering from the church for this relief ministry. All churches not responding to this suggestion are urged to do so sometime in the present year.

"Along with similar denominational pension boards of America and in this era with its emphasis on social security, the Relief and Annuity Board is annually filling a larger place in the life of Southern Baptists.

Woman's Missionary Union

The contribution of Woman's Missionary Union to Southern Baptist work and progress was emphasized by Mrs. George R. Martin, president, of Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Martin then presented Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary, who gave the following report:

"The year 1948 marked the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of Woman's Missionary Union by a group of women with zeal, faith, missions and vision for a future program of missionary education. From this small beginning has grown a Union which in its sixtieth year reached 875,298 women and young people in 49,613 different organizations. It is gratifying to report 6,488 new organizations, of which 5,199 are for young people. The total gifts to all causes exceeded those of any previous year.

"Because missions is the very heart of Woman's Missionary Union, mission study is one of its chief emphases. In 1948, there were 36,642 mission study classes held in Woman's Missionary Societies and 29,460 in

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Convention to Chicago in 1950

young people's organizations, making a total of 66,102. This is a marked increase over previous records.

"Soul-winning is the primary purpose of the community missions program. In 1949 the Union will join with other Convention agencies and pastors in placing special emphasis on evangelism.

"Through its entire sixty years Woman's Missionary Union has sought to teach tithing and stewardship of possessions. It recognizes the best means of supporting missions is through the Cooperative Program and encourages its members to increase their gifts through this channel."

Foreign Missions

The Foreign Mission Board report and program were given at Taft Stadium Friday night, where more than 14,000 assembled for the program. "Advance" was the watchword of the program and the theme, "Always Bearing Our Witness . . . to the Uttermost Parts." Following the report by Secretary M. Theron Rankin, three missionaries were heard: Joseph B. Underwood, Brazil; I. N. Patterson, Nigeria; and Tucker N. Callaway, Japan. Also four national Christians were heard: Y. K. Chang, China; Akiko Endo, Japan; Timoteo Gatica, Chile; and Mrs. J. A. Adegbite, Nigeria. Dr. R. C. Campbell, First Church, Little Rock, delivered an address on the response of the churches; new appointees of the Foreign Mission Board were presented. The program closed with an address by President R. G. Lee.

A summary of the report of the Foreign Mission Board follows:

"During the year 1948 the Foreign Mission Board had under appointment 662 active missionaries who have served in 20 different countries of the world. Seventy-two new appointments were made within the year. Total receipts from all sources amounted to \$5,113,579. Of this amount, \$259,632 was for world relief, leaving a net amount of \$4,853,944 for direct foreign missionary work. Less than eight per cent of these funds were used for administration and promotion in the home land. The remainder of over ninety-two cents of each dollar was used for foreign purposes.

"Large and rich results have been achieved. Even in China, where activities have been continued under serious handicaps and difficult obstructions, the Foreign Mission Board still has over 100 missionaries in active service. Whatever the future may bring, we are grateful for the opportunities we have had thus far in assisting Chinese Baptist churches in the rehabilitation and strengthening of all of their programs of service. Because of the help we have been able to render them, these churches are now in a much stronger position than they could have been

otherwise to meet difficult conditions which may envelope them in the future.

"Open doors of opportunity have stood before us in Japan, South America, Nigeria, and Italy. Large strides have been made in all of these countries in strengthening and enlarging the programs of Christian missions. The Board has been able to provide 30 of the 100 missionaries who are being called for in Japan. Advance is being made in providing urgently needed buildings and other capital equipment for the Hawaiian Baptist Mission. After six years of service in Colombia, our missionaries have recently witnessed the organization of the Colombia-Venezuela Convention. One of the most significant achievements of the year was the purchase of valuable property in Zurich, Switzerland, and the setting up of an organization for a Baptist Theological Seminary. Plans have already been made for the launching of this seminary in the fall of 1949.

"Throughout the year 1948, the energies and resources of the Foreign Mission Board have been directed towards advance in world missions. Most encouraging progress has been made toward setting up a program of the Southern Baptist Convention, which will put the Foreign Mission Board well on the way toward achieving its goal of \$10,000,000 a year and a total staff of 1,750 missionaries. If the plans to be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Executive Committee of the Convention can be realized in 1950, the Foreign Mission Board's receipts during that year will amount to approximately \$8,500,000.

"Our achievements have been large and we are looking forward to still larger accomplishments."

State Papers

Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the *Western Recorder*, Louisville, Kentucky, read the report on Baptist papers. In his report Dr. Skinner said:

"The several Baptist papers are mindful of their responsibility as the major agents for reaching the masses regularly. The editors understand that their ministry is unsurpassed either in responsibility or opportunity, and they assure this Convention that they stand ready to serve.

"The history of the Baptist denomination is, at least to some measure, a record of the influence of Baptist papers. Mighty men of the press, generations ago, were used of God to stabilize faith and crystalize conviction and purpose. They magnified principles which, please God, shall never die. To their high purposes we dedicate our talents and every means at our disposal.

"In the carrying out of their mission as bulwarks of the faith and as agents for the informing of the people, and as means for rallying the masses in support of the work of the several conventions and of this Convention, our papers need strongest support from every institution and agency, from every denominational servant, pastor, and church. If the papers are to perform their highest mission, their circulation needs to be vastly increased, a thing possible only as they have the fullest support of all our people. We do not object to being the burden bearers of the denomination. We would like also to feel that we have the heartiest support of the last Baptist of the Convention. There has been unquestionably, in recent years, an awakened consciousness as to the importance of the denominational papers. We are well beyond 700,000 mark in subscriptions. Paper shortage has handicapped expansion. High costs

have been, in many instances, a real handicap. But in spite of all these, there is growth both in interest and in circulation."

Relief Agencies

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance paid high tribute to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans, and the relief committee of the Foreign Mission Board for the phenomenal success of the relief movement among Southern Baptists. We quote the following from Dr. Caudill's report:

"At the present moment, the emphasis in our relief program has to do, therefore, with supplementing the inadequate ration of the people in the war-torn countries and in assisting Baptist DP's to emigrate to lands of opportunity for their future homes. Reverend Fred Schatz, our special European Representative on Displaced Persons, informs us that affidavits for 199 Baptist family units involving 601 persons have already been validated at official headquarters in Munich and that these persons are now being processed for emigration. This number represents about one-tenth of the total number of Baptist DP's estimated to be eligible for emigration. It is hoped that this phase of our program may be largely consummated by July 1, 1950.

"Those desiring to offer homes and employment for the resettlement of Baptist Displaced Persons should communicate with Mr. Charles Gage, DP representative, Southern Baptist Relief Center, New Orleans, 16, Louisiana. Those desiring to assist with cash offerings should forward same to the respective state mission boards indicating that the offering is for the relief program of the Baptist World Alliance."

Dr. Dick H. Hall Jr., chairman of the Chaplain's Commission, reported that 50 men are needed now to fill our Southern Baptist quotas. Dr. Alfred Carpenter, representative of Chaplain's Commission, is now devoting his full time as director of the Chaplain's Commission.

Saturday night was Youth Revival night, under the direction of Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Secretary of the Baptist Student Union.

Christian Home Service

The Christian Home service was conducted by Dr. Joe W. Burton on Sunday afternoon. The Sunday evening Training Union hour was under the direction of J. E. Lambdin. Dr. Chester E. Swor, outstanding youth leader of the South, addressed the group on "Our Youth Found Faithful."

In contrast to the juvenile delinquency statistics which are constantly being printed, Dr. Swor called attention to the faithfulness of Christian youth. He pointed out that 3,823,517 young people are engaged in weekly activities directed by Training Union, Sunday School, and the Woman's Missionary Union of our Southern Baptist churches.

"In addition, there were more than 1,250,000 young people participated in various youth choirs in local Baptist churches." As a further evidence of the faithfulness of our Baptist young people, Dr. Swor pointed out that "there are 6,400 ministerial students in our Southern Baptist Colleges, and 2,931 young men and women in our seminaries. It is estimated that during 1948 approximately 2,000 young people of our denomination offered their lives in dedication to Christian service." The message was closed by a strong personal appeal to the young people present to "Dare to Be Different for Christ."

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Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

Forty-Second annual Report . . .

Brotherhood of the South

By Lawson H. Cooke
Executive Secretary

In cheerful compliance with the request of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are making this report as brief as possible, at the same time reporting the salient facts of the unprecedented progress of the Brotherhood movement during 1948.

After all, the most important phases of spiritual progress cannot be adequately portrayed in a statistical table. We cannot post spiritual developments upon a blackboard or, for that matter, in an annual report.

It would be a very simple matter to say that there are now functioning Brotherhoods in 3,480 churches, and that the enrolment in these Brotherhoods is approximately 125,000 men. But such statistics would give us only a vague idea of what 125,000 men, promoting the whole program of their churches and of the denomination, really mean to the cause of Christ throughout the world.

It would also be a simple matter to say that sixteen of the twenty-one Convention states now have Brotherhood Departments and Brotherhood secretaries, whereas twelve years ago there were only two states with Brotherhood Departments. This would surely set forth a very remarkable progress of the Brotherhood movement, but such a statistical statement could never fully convey an adequate idea of the contribution that sixteen consecrated Brotherhood secretaries, with well-financed Brotherhood Departments, are making to the life of the churches within their respective states, and to the general work of the denomination throughout the world.

Again, it would be a very simple matter to say that between six hundred and seven hundred new Brotherhoods were organized in 1948, but this would not by any means give the complete picture. We can catch something of the force of this new development when we realize that it means between fifteen thousand and twenty thousand men determined to give their best to their churches and to every Christian enterprise.

Last year saw the largest distribution of Brotherhood literature in any single year of Brotherhood history. The Brotherhood Journal reached the peak of forty thousand and a quarter, and will easily pass the fifty thousand mark in 1949. Hundreds of thousands of Broth-

erhood tracts and thousands of stewardship tracts, were distributed to every section of the convention territory.

The Brotherhood lapel emblem is worn by thousands of men, and in a short while will probably be as popular as the emblems of our civic clubs. It is a distinguishing symbol of Christian interest.

During 1948, Brotherhoods throughout the Southern Baptist Convention majored in four specific fields which we believe are basic to our entire Christian experience. They were: Evangelism . . . Man and Boy Movement . . . Stewardship . . . and Church Advertising.

We were amazed to discover that nowhere in the Convention was there a sizable list of active Baptist laymen. There were lists of pastors, but not of laymen. So we started one.

We are developing in our Memphis office what will be one of the most valuable assets of the denomination.

It is a list of the names and addresses of prominent Baptist laymen in every section of the Convention. These laymen are selected because of their activities in their churches as well as their interest in every phase of our denominational work. This list has now risen to approximately seventeen thousand names. By the end of 1949, it will consist of more than twenty-five thousand. Many direct-by-mail commercial houses would pay thousands of dollars for such a list, but we have assured these men that under no circumstances would they be exploited for commercial purposes. This list is the basis for the distribution of our bimonthly Brotherhood Bulletin, and also for such promotional purposes as the Convention may assign the Brotherhood. In the coming simultaneous evangelistic meetings to be directed by C. E. Matthews, superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, such a list will be invaluable.

The Brotherhood Bulletin is our chief promotional publication. It carries news items of interest to Baptist laymen, as well as pastors, throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. The circulation of the Brotherhood Bulletin, which is sent complimentary, is now approaching the twenty thousand mark. The Brotherhood Bulletin of the Southern

Woman's Missionary Union

South-wide W. M. U. Conference Planned for You

"This is Thy Day"—claim it; Claim it by attending the South-wide W. M. U. Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, August 4-10; No other one week could offer such a variety. The days will be filled with inspirational programs, methods conferences, mission study, scenic trips, and fellowship with hundreds of Southern Baptist women. Among those whom you will meet and hear will be the following: Mrs. George Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary; Brooks Hays, congressman from our own state; Mrs. J. M. Dawson, popular leader and speaker; Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Frank Means, secretary for Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board; and many missionaries including Miss Estella Councilman, Mrs. Harold H. Snuggs, Mrs. Aaron Hancock, Miss Pauline Cammack, Miss Gladys Keith, and Miss Irene Chambers.

Determine today to attend and send your \$2.00 registration fee to Miss Nancy Cooper, treasurer, 403 West Capitol, Little Rock, in order that you may be placed in the choice spaces reserved for the Arkansas delegation. These spaces will only be held until June 15. After that, reservation should be made direct with Robert Guy, Ridgecrest. Rates vary according to housing facilities. All eat in the Assembly dining hall.

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Business women could not choose a more refreshing way to spend that long anticipated vacation. There will be a splendid conference for B. W. C. members under the direction of Miss Edwina Robinson. A week at Ridgecrest will enhance your ser-

Baptist Convention is supplemented by excellent bulletins published by the Brotherhood Departments of our state conventions. These bulletins carry innumerable news items of general interest to the men of our churches, everywhere. They keep Baptist laymen informed as to our entire denominational work, especially as it is related to our Brotherhood plans and accomplishments.

vice for the years ahead. Let's go!

Enthusiasm Manifest In Liberty Associational W. M. U. Rally

The second quarterly rally of the Liberty Associational W. M. U. was held at the Stephens Baptist Church with an attendance of 159 representing 17 of the 25 churches in the association. Mrs. H. C. Terry, associational superintendent, presided over the meeting. Inspirational messages, conferences, and reports were featured on the program.

We rejoice with this Association over the coming of Miss Anne Alexander, a Texan and recent graduate of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to be their Young People's Director. Miss Alexander will promote Auxiliary work throughout the Association. We congratulate Liberty Association on this forward movement, and we welcome Miss Alexander to the ranks of Arkansas Baptists.

Miss Matthews Acknowledges Gift of Woman's Missionary Union

For a number of years the only designated item in Arkansas' Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions has been \$500 to help in the publication of program materials of the W. M. U. of Cuba. Miss Mildred Matthews, native of Jonesboro and at one time field worker in our state, has charge of the work in Cuba and is president of the Cuban W. M. U.

In part, Miss Matthews writes: "Your letter with the check for the printing of our programs came the day before we left for Cienfuegos where we had our annual meeting . . . Please thank Arkansas W. M. U. for me for the money for the printing of our programs. Our new Sunbeam Manual, translated and adapted by Mrs. Caudill came off the press today. Now we have the manuals in Spanish for all our organizations, thanks to Arkansas W. M. U. I translated the one for the Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s and Mrs. Pool and some older R. A.'s translated the R. A. Manual."

You will rejoice over progress which is being made in the work in Cuba. For several years they have had an R. A. leader for the Convention, and this year leaders were selected for both G. A. and Sunbeam work. Interest in camps is paramount at the present time and funds are being raised for the purchase of sites and equipment.

Religious Education

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 Baptist Building, Little Rock



Figures to Inspire

Sunday, May 22, 1949

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1201	361	2
Including Missions	1541	586	5
Fort Smith, First	1185	386	
Little Rock, First	886	336	
El Dorado, First	817	188	1
N. Little Rock, Bearing Cross	811	311	10
Including Mission	890	343	
Little Rock, Second	749	162	
Hot Springs, Second	743	151	2
Pine Bluff, First	700	185	
Benton, First	650	68	2
Pine Bluff, South Side	610	238	6
Including Missions	708	285	
Camden, First	590	132	4
Including Missions	761	227	
Fayetteville, First	574	225	1
Including Missions	630	257	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	550	176	
El Dorado, Second	543	130	
Crossett, First	519		2
Magnolia, Central	513	108	
Including Missions	590		
McGehee, First	486	150	1
Including Missions	594	195	
Hope, First	489	62	
Including Missions	504		
N. Little Rock, First	484	140	
Including Missions	509		
Warren, First	463	135	
Russellville, First	459	170	3
Including Missions	546	193	
Forrest City, First	447		4
Paragould, First	439		
Including Missions	612		
Texarkana, Beach Street	435	129	3
Little Rock, Gaines St.	434	249	2
Including Missions	528	266	
Hot Springs, Central	434	100	
Including Missions	530	153	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	434	85	1
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	430	135	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	406	168	1
Including Missions	445	196	
W. Helena, West Helena	400	144	1
Cullendale	396	236	
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	396	85	4
Conway, First	396		3
Fordyce, First	377	163	1
Paris, First	389	141	
Hot Springs, Park Place	376	99	
Stutteart, First	371	201	7
Including Missions	402	207	
Little Rock, South Highland	370	160	
Springdale, First	363	131	
Including Missions	507		
Malvern, First	362	124	
Including Missions	385		
Searcy, First	355	100	1
Ft. Smith, South Side	334	62	2
Hot Springs, First	332	75	1
Siloam Springs, First	319	182	3
Pine Bluff, Second	307	121	2
Rogers, First	307	79	4
Gentry, First	287	110	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	284	105	5
Smackover, First	272	91	1
Lake City, First	267	217	3
Stamos, First	261		
El Dorado, West Side	258	75	
Mena, First	253	79	
Texarkana, Calvary	246	101	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	227	79	2
Harrison, First	225	94	
Including Missions	302	115	
Hoxie, First	188	35	1
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	182	65	
Douglassville, First	152	60	
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	138	84	1
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	134	89	
Elliott	130	115	
Warren, Immanuel	129	81	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	119	53	
Kensett,	107	77	2
Melbourne, First	100	104	
El Dorado, Parkview	90	22	
Grannis	85	71	
Little Rock, Tyler St.	74	45	2
Rogers, Pleasant Hill	73	28	
Desha, First	70	40	
Ft. Smith, North Side	70	22	
Douglassville, Second	59	40	
Little Rock, West Side	57	43	
Little Rock, Crystal Hill	47	18	
Little Rock, Bellevue	42	10	

On 1949 Assembly Faculty

Dr. J. M. Price, head of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will teach his latest book, "Jesus the Teacher." This promises to be one of the most popular classes held during the Sunday School period. We are indeed fortunate in having Dr. Price with us for the entire 1949 Assembly session.



Dr. J. M. Price

R. Maines Rawls of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will be the leader of a party of young people to attend the Baptist World Youth Congress this summer. The party will leave New York, June 31 and will return to New York, August 30. The primary purpose to attend the Baptist World Youth Congress at Stockholm, August 3-9, in addition, the group plans to visit nine countries. There is still some space available and anyone who is interested may write to R. Maines Rawls, Train-

ing Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, immediately.

Hymn Playing Tournament

June is the month in which to prepare for the Hymn-Playing Tournament. Each church is urged to enlist as many piano players as possible to participate in the church elimination. Associational music directors will set the date and make plans for the Associational Elimination. The State-wide Hymn-Playing Tournament is an annual event which is to take place this year at the Assembly in Siloam Springs on Saturday, July 9. Each player will be given a beautiful gold-embossed Certificate with his rating indicated. All players making rating of "A" or "B" will be eligible to go to Ridgecrest and to participate in the South-wide Hymn-Playing Tournament during the week of Church Music, August 25-31.

The Following hymns are to be played from memory:

Safely Through Another	
Week	Sabbath
Love Divine	Zundel
It Came Upon a Midnight	
Clear	Carol
Jesus Shall	
Reign	Duke Street
Guide Me, O Thou Great	
Jehovah	Zion

Bulletins on the instructions for this event may be had by writing to the Church Music Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Players in an association where there is no music director are asked to communicate with the state director so that she may arrange for an associational elimination.

Church Music Leadership School

It is important that you notify us of your intention to come to the Church Music Leadership School. A large enrolment is expected and we wish to provide adequately for all who come. Write today to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building stating how many from your church will attend the school. Registration fee of \$20 entitles you to all class work, dormitory, and dining room service and a complete package of music to be studied during the week. YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL!

Sunday School Enrolment Gains Reported

Out of approximately 1,000 cards mailed to Sunday School superintendents, to date 119 have been returned giving the information requested. One hundred two of those schools reporting show a total increase in enrollment gains of 3,216. Will we reach our goal of 20,000? Send your report in.

Listed below are more schools showing outstanding increases in enrolment:

McGehee, First	909	989	80
Heber Springs, First	351	422	71
*New Hopewell Church, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association		66	66
Pine Bluff, Second	421	486	65
Fort Smith, Calvary	696	756	60
Batesville, First	298	360	58
Jonesboro, Central	458	516	58
Fort Smith, Grand Avenue	510	567	57
Harrisburg, First	227	280	53
Magnolia, Central	829	882	53
Searcy, First	613	665	52
Kelso	245	295	50
Little Rock, Geyer Springs	57	106	49
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	168	216	48
El Dorado, Second	821	868	47
Little Rock, Mt. View	123	166	43
Van Buren, First	512	553	41
Paragould, First	1099	1140	41
Jonesboro, First	704	744	40

*At the beginning of this Sunday School year, October 1, 1949, this church was meeting in Union school. They are now a Baptist Sunday School with 66 enrolled.

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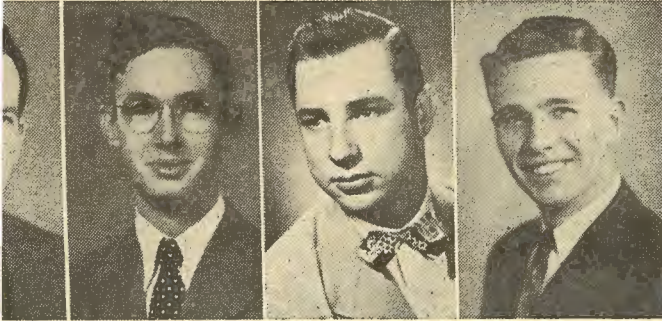
Other great Sword of the Lord Conferences on Evangelism this year at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, July 11-17 and at Cedar Lake, Indiana, July 16-24. For folders, programs, registration, reservation, and further information on any of these, write

DR. JOHN R. RICE, Director
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Volunteers to Work in Arkansas



Men who will work in Arkansas this summer, left to right, W. Arnold, Charles Sexton, Gene Tomlin, and Paul Jacobs.

Young college students, for mission work, will be sent to the Mission Department for several weeks this summer. The Mission Board, Atlanta, provides their salaries. The Mission Department will work. They will be assigned to work with the associations in conducting Bible Schools, teaching classes, and doing personal revival meetings. They will conduct revival meetings in destitute areas and assign additional missionaries in their work.

Volunteers, their home and the college they attend follows: W. Arnold, Belvidere Drive, Gaston, North Carolina, Wake Forest University; Paul Huland Jacobs, Georgia College; Charles Sexton, Box 373, Georgetown, Kentucky, Georgetown College; Gene Tomlin, Route 1, Rusk, Texas, Howard Payne College; Roxie Smith, Font-hill, Kentucky, Carson-Newman College; Pauline Beasley, Route 3, Wesson, Mississippi, Mississippi Southern College; Marion Graham, Decatur, Mississippi, East Central Junior College; and Mary Jane Starkey, 616 Southern Heights Avenue, Louisville 8, Kentucky, Southwestern Seminary.

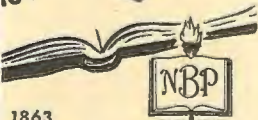
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- June 19-26—Revival at Norfolk.
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- July 5-13—Speaker for Ravenden Springs Assembly.
- July 17-30—Revival, Buffalo Chapel in Mt. Zion Association.

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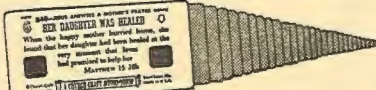


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Jesus Sentenced to Death

By Mrs. Roland Leath

Sunday School Lesson
June 5, 1949
Mark 14:53, 54, 66-72;
John 19:1-16

Finding no way to get Him to do this, Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, who with the chief priests, elders and scribes sought to settle a case against Him. Witnesses were brought who had been bribed to testify falsely against Jesus; some contradicted others, and it was in every sense of the word according to Jewish provisions relating to trials, an unjust, mock trial.

Jesus answered not a word to the many questions asked Him until asked directly, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" (Mark 14:61) Then Jesus spoke: "I am," and further he added, "ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:62) The high priest was beside himself with wrath and tore his garments. They condemned Him guilty of death on His claim of being the Son of God.

The third trial by these Jewish leaders was just after dawn on Friday when the Sanhedrin met to pass formal sentence on Jesus. In order to have Him put to death, however, they had to take Him to the Court of the Roman procurator, for the Sanhedrin had no authority to put a man to death.

The Denial of Peter

We can hardly take time for the horrible, insulting humiliations suffered by our Lord during these brief, terrible hours, but we do want to place this previously predicted incident in its rightful place, and just mention these other things.

Jesus was struck on the face by an officer standing by when He answered Annas during that first questioning. A long series of brutal treatments began with that offense, and in turn, He was spat upon, beaten, shamed, insulted, made sport of by a rough, unfeeling, Godless crowd.

All of that, perhaps, was stood by Jesus better than the turning away of Peter, even though the Lord knew all about it, when it would take place, and how He would use the later restoration of Peter to mold him. Yet, at the time of His dire suffering and bitter loneliness, the denial was a sad blow for Peter saw the sadness in Jesus' eyes when He looked upon him following the third emphatic denial which Peter spoke (Luke 22:61).

Peter followed afar off when Jesus was carried to the high priest's house. Warming himself at a fire outside, he was accused by a maid of being with Jesus. He said, "I know him not." The sec-

ond time, and the third, even with an oath, Peter denied even knowing Jesus. The cock crew, even as Jesus said, and Peter went out and wept bitterly.

The Last Trials

Pontius Pilate, made procurator in Judas by Tiberius in A. D. 26, was intensely hated by the Jews, but, because of his power to execute their verdict of death against Jesus, the Jewish authorities brought Jesus before him on charge of treason against Rome because He claimed to be "The King of the Jews."

Pilate was at a loss to know exactly what to do with this strange, innocent appearing prisoner who was so silent before His accusers. After the first interview with Him, Pilate said, "I find no fault in this man."

The Jews insisted that He was guilty; Pilate, hearing that Jesus had taught in Galilee, sent Him on to Herod, tetrarch of Galilee. Herod had heard of this miracle-working carpenter and was anxious to see Him perform some wonders and speak. When Jesus refused even to answer his questions, Herod instigated the most loathsome indignities upon the Blameless One. He was mocked, beaten, dressed in a purple robe and laughed at in the foulest contempt. With all of that Jesus was sent the second time to Pilate. This official was anxious to get rid of his prisoner. His wife

(Matthew 27:15-19) had warned him to have nothing to do with this righteous man because of a strange dream which had come to her. Pilate felt that Jesus was not guilty of death.

He sought to release Jesus and crucify Barabbas, robber and insurrectionist, for it was a custom at this Passover time to release a prisoner to the people. But the people demanded Barabbas' release instead. Pilate then had Jesus scourged with the painful flagellum, having nails and bits of iron embedded within leather thongs. The soldiers put a crown of thorns upon Him and smote Him as they mocked, "Hail, King of the Jews." Dressed thusly, Pilate presented Him to the people, who howled for His death. Pilate's insistence that he found no fault in Him led the people to say that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. This thoroughly frightened Pilate who asked Jesus, "Who art thou?" But no answer came from Him. Pilate finally washed his hands of the whole affair and delivered Him unto them to be crucified. "They took Jesus and led him away."

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 James 1:22 Matthew 7:19

These lessons follow in chronological order the last events in the life of our Lord; surely no teacher can fail to feel the thrill of such a study as this. As we urged in the previous studies, it is expedient that the teacher familiarize himself with the accounts in each of the gospels of the trials of Jesus. We usually say that there were six trials in all; three Jewish trials and three Roman trials. The six take place between midnight Thursday and mid-morning Friday of that last week.

This lesson begins where Jesus was in the hands of the mob brought by Judas into the Garden. There were soldiers in the midst of that group, delegated to the task of seizing Jesus by the chief priests and elders of the people; so they brought Him at once to the house of the high priest.

Someone has said that our Lord suffered in three outstanding ways in three places during these days before He gave up the ghost: in Gethsemane, at Gabbatha, and on Golgotha. We studied that inner suffering of anticipation and realization in Gethsemane last week. Today we turn to the mental and physical sufferings of Jesus during these trials, notably those under Pilate. Gabbatha is the Hebrew word for pavement, which was the designation of the open space outside Pilate's judgment hall. Christ was bared to the gaze of the people by Him there while the Roman procurator proclaimed: "Behold the man." Here at Gabbatha final sentence was passed on Jesus.

We consider the lesson in three points: the Jewish trials, the denial of Peter, the last trials.

The Jewish Trials

In order to endeavor to have a chronological picture of the events from Gethsemane to the moment when Pilate delivered Jesus into the hands of the Jewish leaders to be crucified, we go back to the exit of the group that Thursday night from the place of prayer. No later affliction upon our Lord so hurt Him, we feel sure, as the profanation of the kiss of Judas. With this betrayal as a sign, the soldiers, after a shocked delay, laid hold upon Jesus and led Him away to the house of the high priest.

This first trial was before Annas, who was actually the father-in-law of the high priest, Caiaphas. Annas had been deposed from office by the Romans but it was to him the Jews looked and he held great power. This trial consisted in probings on the part of scheming, wicked old Annas in order to get Jesus to commit Himself and thus give cause for their charges.

OUACHITA COLLEGE SUFFERS FIRE LOSS

As we write this article we are chafing under the sense of severe property loss. On May twenty-fourth lightning struck the main building at Ouachita College and it burned. The building is a total loss. College records were saved and the library did not burn but is severely damaged and only a part of it can be salvaged.

The building was used for administration purposes and for library and for class room work as well as for laboratory work. It was the center of administration operations in the college work. It was indispensable. The college could not operate without it. The Summer Session can be operated very satisfactorily without it but the large number of students attending the main session of the school could not be accommodated without this building or one large enough to take the place of it.

The building was an old one but it was of excellent construction. It was holding together in fine shape. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made on the building within the last few years, and it was meeting the needs in a fine way. It would have been a good building for several years to come. But to all intents and purposes it is now a total loss. The audit of last July showed insurance in force on the building and contents to \$80,000. We presume that this insurance is still in force. It will take \$200,000 additional funds, however, to construct a building that will meet the demands of an administration building.

At this particular writing we do not know what action the Board of Trustees will take. We presume that an effort will be made to raise additional money at once and to start work on a new building. The Board of Trustees will meet on May twenty-seventh. Before you read this announcement, the Board will have made its plans and in all probability you will have received information through the Daily Press. "Old Main", as the building was called, was one of the first buildings to be erected at Ouachita College. It held a large place in the sentiments of every alumnus and former student of Ouachita College. The ravages of time had marred some of its lovely lines but it was still a thing of beauty to all of the former students. In the moving picture that was recently made and is now ready for showing, nothing was more beautiful than this old building. You will be impressed with it when the picture comes to your Association this Summer.

Ouachita College is our four year co-educational College of Liberal Arts, fully accredited. Arkansas Baptists would have "hard sledding" indeed without the services and contribution which this institution renders to our people and our work. About 1,100 students enter its doors each year. Ouachita College educates them and puts them back into the front ranks of our battle lines. Its service is essential to the on-going of the work that Arkansas Baptists are doing. The institution needed more buildings and must have them, but, **a new Administration Building is an immediate necessity.** It should be erected and completed within four months. Such speed may be impossible at this time but it should be done nevertheless.

In order to carry on the work of Ouachita College without serious interruptions, we must raise more money and raise it more quickly. As we think of it all, it is a big task. It will not be difficult, however, if all our people will get under the load. Our Baptist people have the money. There is no question about that. We also believe that if the denominational leadership will join in earnestly asking the people, they will supply the necessary funds for the erection of this building. We wonder how denominational leaders and pastors will acquit themselves under this trial. Our people will not know when and how much to give if we do not put our intelligence and emotions into the effort, and



earnestly pray and ask the people for the amount of money needed at this time. Now is no time for quibbling or finding objections. It is time for action. It is time for giving.

Do not be too hasty about sending your contribution. Wait until the plans and requests are made known. Your gift may be too small to encourage our people. This is a time when our churches should think in terms of thousands of dollars instead of plate collections. The Board of Trustees of the College will immediately make known its plans and you and your church will be approached at an early date. Perhaps we can announce the plans of the Board of Trustees in this issue of the paper.