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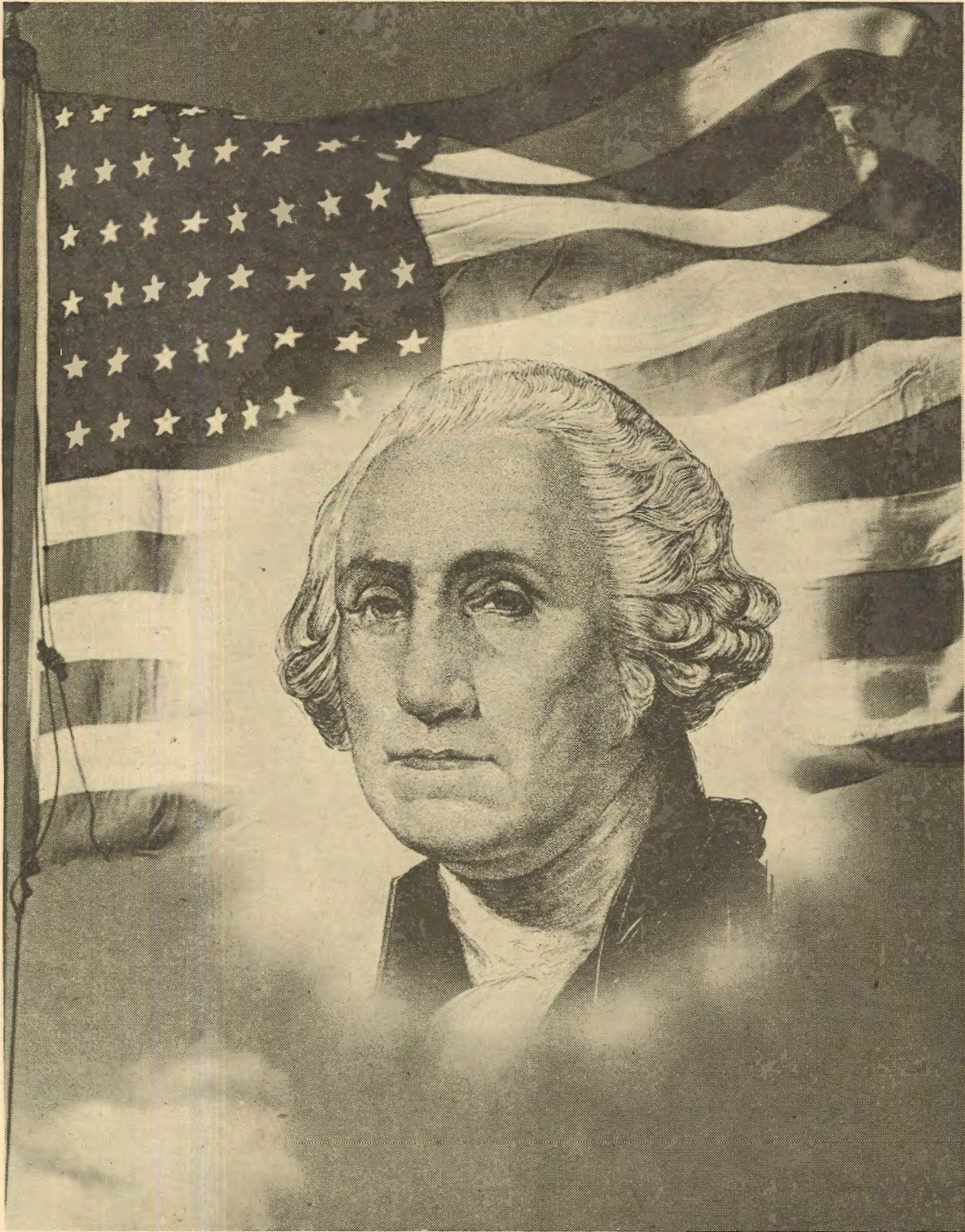
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Evidence or Exhibition?

By JACK GULLEDGE, Pastor
East Main Church, El Dorado

One of the most difficult of all the Christian truths to keep in its proper perspective is the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. This is especially true for the immature Christian who often times has more "heat" than light. It is like the man that looses his aim and redoubles his efforts. Direction is so important. Especially is this true in this day of so many religious ventriloquists deceiving a gullible generation, claiming the authority of the Holy Spirit for their profitable enterprises, demands a thorough look at the genuine evidence of the Holy Spirit as apart from an exhibition of man, decrying the fervent religious over-tones of pious nonsense.

One cardinal truth we must keep in mind is that the Holy Sprit is sovereign. He rules over our lives with complete authority. The problem of human emotions are best understood in relation to the Holy Spirit as a resultant of His work in the heart of man. Emotionalism apart from the direct work of the Holy Spirit is a cheap substitute for actual power that God gives. It is a spurious effort on the part of man to drag the Holy Spirit down to the human level. The

Bible speaks of joy, love, peace, as genuine fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our interest should be in the Holy Spirit, not just the spirit, that is the emotional exercises of one's abnormal behaviour. One of my professors used to say: "I don't object to one's cup running over, but I do object to shaking the cup." The evidence of Holy Spirit empowered preaching is not necessarily measured in the violent gesture or driblets of sweat that come down the face, anymore than the consecration of a Christian can be determined by the volume of the voice. One of Dr. Conner's favorite sayings on this subject was: "Gritting your teeth and doing the will of God is more an evidence of the Holy Spirit than shouting hallelujah." He also used to say: "There is but a thin line between extreme emotional religion and flagrant immorality."

Mark it down well, the Holy Spirit leaves His footprints. Jesus Christ and our walk with Him, His precious Spirit, evident in our daily lives as it constrains us to "let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus", (Phil. 2:5), brethren this is the true evidence of the work and fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Fight Over Religion Ends With Act of Toleration

LONDON, May 25, 1689 — (BP) — With the passage of the Act of Toleration today, the religious parties of England have finally decided to stop their fighting and let each other worship God in comparative peace. The Act, entitled "An Act for exempting their Majesties' protestant subjects, dissenting from the Church of England, from the penalties of certain laws," gives liberty of worship to all the sects of England except the Unitarians and the Catholics, but preserves the State Church monopoly of civil office.

The Act does not repeal the old persecuting laws, but merely provides that Dissenters who are properly qualified may worship in spite of the laws.

Baptists will be required to swear allegiance to the state, and must subscribe to all but three and a half of the doctrinal articles of the Anglican Church. They will then be allowed to meet, so long as their meetings are public.

The Test and Corporation Acts, which exclude Dissenters from all military and civil offices, and from the Universities, will remain in force.

With the passage of this Act, a measure of religious liberty has come to weary England. It is a much less liberal measure than James II tried to force on England two years ago, but it has at least the grudging support of Parliament, and government spokesmen say that in spite of its bad points it seems likely to endure.

The measure is a bi-partisan compromise. Statements from party leaders in Parliament reveal that both parties are dissatisfied with the Act as it stands, but that they both have decided to go along with it and see how it works.

The two parties give directly opposite reasons for their dissatisfaction.

The Tories are opposed to toleration in any form. They had sponsored the invasion of William of Orange only to bring the Catholic James II to his senses. But when James

fled the county, the Tories were left to choose between anarchy and the rule of William and Mary.

The Whigs have had little better success with their own program of complete toleration. Although the accession of William and Mary gave them a majority in Parliament, the Tory minority and the church as a whole refused to submit to complete toleration. This present Act is the result.

Sources at Whitehall said that the king was well satisfied with the new Act, although he had wanted Parliament to repeal as well the laws which keep Dissenters out of public office. The king is reported to have said that he was determined to make his new English subjects stop fighting each other, so they could all fight Catholic France together.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

Personal Liberty

Personal liberty is the paramount essential to human dignity and human happiness, and he would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression. If he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach even unto him.

Liberty is to the collective body, what health is to every individual body. Without health no pleasure can be tasted by man; without liberty, no happiness can be enjoyed by society.

It is impossible that a nation of infidels or idolators should be a nation of freemen. It is only when people forget their God, that tyrants forge their chains and freedom disappears. Deviation from the principles set forth by the Lord; a vitiated state of morals; a corrupted public conscience, are all incompatible with freedom.

In this new year make no compromise with oppression. And that we may reverently use our freedom, help to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations.

—George Rose

Supermen Fail

By L. L. CARPENTER

"No man is wise enough to play the part of superman," writes Dr. Gerald Kennedy in his recent book, entitled "The Christian and His America." Continuing, he says, "Anyone put in a position where he must make important decisions soon learns that the checks and balances of many minds are his safety. A man presents a specific situation as he sees it. There may be no question concerning his honesty and sincerity. But no individual is ever able to see the whole scene, and it is always necessary to wait for other views."

Continuing the discussion of this matter, he states that even more serious than the lack of wisdom is the lack of goodness. "No man is good enough to wield unlimited power. Corruption is universal, and no class of men is immune from it." And then he points out that there are dangers along the lines of corruption in Big Government, Big Business, or Big Labor. "Even the Church provides no automatic protection," he writes, "and one of the unloveliest sights in the world is a churchman corrupted by his pride of powers and trying in vain to make it more palatable by a covering of piety."

No man is wise enough, no man is good enough, to play superman, even in denominational work. Not that anybody would ever admit that he had any thoughts of being a superman, but sometimes men act as if they were trying to play the part. These thoughts suggest that we need more humility, consecration, and the desire to have help and guidance from other persons with devoted and dedicated hearts and minds. Jesus laid down one of the fundamental principles in leadership when he said, "If any man would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:34 RSV).

The church may forget and ignore this standard of leadership, but, more than any other organization, the church is the embodiment and manifestation of this idea. Every one of us needs to search his own heart and mind as to his attitudes and practices in this field of Christian leadership.

—Biblical Recorder

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"Don't be so heavenly minded that you are no earthly good. Go about doing good."

—Mrs. Billie Davis

"World missions extends to a new frontier, such as Tanganyika, in Africa, but it must begin in your heart."

—Porter Routh

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No Bigotry Among Brethren

By W. C. FIELDS

For a hundred years rivalry has arrayed the north against the south and vice versa. The Civil War was only one of the manifestations of this fierce inter-regional competition.

Nowadays such feuding and fussing is on a much more friendly basis, for which we can be thankful. Even so, the old jealousies creep into the Baptist picture once in awhile. Territorial loyalties seem to get in the way of Kingdom interest. And there is little comfort for the conscience in the fact that Methodists, Presbyterians, among others, face the same geographical schizophrenia.

When Southern Baptists began moving out from behind the Mason-Dixon line to establish churches in the northern states there was bound to be some bristling and growling. Had the "invasion" been in the other direction with the American Baptist Convention organizing in the south the bristling and growling would have been even louder. Such are our emotional loyalties to the home teams.

With Southern Baptist work now going on in 41 of the 48 states, with Southern Baptist churches springing up right and left in the so-called "pioneer" areas, with the Illinois Convention making a strong bid for a Southern Baptist Seminary to be located in Chicago, some American Baptist Convention spokesmen have grown ill at ease. And they have said so.

These voices, which we feel are in a minority among our northern brethren, have been amplified from the housetops by certain non-denominational newspapers and magazines. The CHRISTIAN CENTURY recently quoted a BAPTIST RECORD editorial as evi-



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dence of a Southern Baptist plot to take over and liberate northern Baptist churches.

Such statements, spoken and written, misunderstand and misinterpret Southern Baptist interest and intentions.

There are multiplied thousands of areas in the northern, western, and northeastern states that have no Baptist witness whatsoever. We are interested in reaching their untouched millions.

To our consternation and shame a few ill-advised brethren have led in the establishment of Southern Baptist churches under the shadow of American Baptist churches. Moved by a superior sense of orthodoxy, often by a haughty sense of disdain, these

people have done great damage to fraternal relations. They have likewise misrepresented Southern Baptist missionary aggressiveness.

If we can read the signs correctly, the widespread support of this denominational expansion into the north and west is based on a deep-running desire of our people to win the lost and enlist the saved. Nothing more, nothing less!

In the December issue of the CRUSADER, the American Baptist newsmagazine, printed a letter from Rev. George W. Riser of Montevideo, Minnesota. Referring to a previous issue of the magazine he said, "The article 'Northward Ho!' on the expansion of Southern Baptists in 'our' convention area interested me greatly. As a former pastor in Wyoming I have seen these people come in and build strong churches when all prophesied failure. At least, they haven't taken over churches built by American Baptist money!"

Continuing this letter to the editor, the Minnesota pastor stated, "American Baptists should not only 'acquaint themselves fully with all such facts of life, but should acquire some of their aggressive evangelism, missionary zeal, and dedicated giving!' Perhaps then we would advance and do more for Christ than ever before! If we really believed in our denomination as these people do there would be no limit to the advances of our work!"

This letter doubtless credits us with more virtues than we can rightfully claim. Its real significance, however, is the spirit which it manifests. Perhaps our fellow Baptists in the north could lend-lease a lot of that commodity for use down in Dixie. Where Christ rules there can be no bigotry among brethren.

—Baptist Record

Driving Is A Moral Responsibility

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Whenever 485 persons are killed in Arizona for any cause it is time for the Christian people to rise up and ask "why" and "what" can we do about it? That is the record of our drivers on the streets and highways for the year just past.

Last year there were 18,500 recorded accidents in which over 7,000 persons were injured on the streets and highways of Arizona. According to an article elsewhere in this issue of the Baptist Beacon only 14 per cent of all accidents were the result of adverse weather, road conditions, and mechanical failure combined. In other words, 86 per cent of the primary causes of all accidents was accounted for by driver failure.

The above fact places the responsibility directly on the drivers of automobiles to maintain safety on the streets and roads.

Christians should be concerned about the welfare and safety of all people at all times. Christianity teaches the observance of the laws of the land, including traffic laws.

Driving an automobile has become increasingly a moral problem which cannot be avoided by all who drive. When a person sits behind the steering wheel he has the moral responsibility for his own safety and for the life and property of other persons on the streets and highways.

Of all people in the world who should obey traffic laws and drive carefully, Christians have a supreme responsibility. Of all Christians who should accept their moral responsi-

bility in driving the preachers should be in the forefront. How can a preacher tell his congregation to obey the laws of the land and expect them to respect his admonition, when they know that he drives all over the country at outrageous speeds, creating a menace to himself and everyone else on the road?

Not every accident is the result of moral failure, but the majority of accidents are because the driver failed to observe rules of proper human behaviour. Look at a list of reasons for fatal accidents in Arizona in December. These are some of the reasons listed by the State Highway department:

Failure to signal while passing, high speed going down hill — lost control and overturned, driver drinking and lost control, high speed and drinking — lost control at curve, wrong side of road, drinking pedestrian walking in roadway at night, wrong side of the road — head on collision, pedestrian crossing at intersection — driver did not yield, disregarding warning sign on road at railroad crossing, drinking and failure to stop at stop sign.

Drinking and speeding — hit parked vehicle at night, driver drinking and fatigue at excessive speed, high speed and asleep, improper passing and lost control and hit fence, both drivers failed to yield at intersection, driver with bad eyesight lost control and hit culvert.

Brethren, we would like to see a crusade of moral righteousness as it relates to driv-

Compulsory Religion

"In the U. S. Army in 1917, attempts to impose religion on individuals by means of coercive authority commonly had results opposite from those intended. One day in camp as I walked down the company street, I noticed on the Bulletin Board an order, signed by the colonel, and I read that each Sunday at church call every soldier must fall in, answer roll call, and at command proceed to worship in the church meeting of his choice. As I read the order I said to myself, 'I'm not going to church.' . . . (Later, he was told by the sergeant:) 'You'll either go to church or chop wood.' I said, 'I'll chop wood,' and I did. I decided, in maturity, that I had been wrong in not going to church every Sunday.

"But I was not wrong in resisting compulsion to religion. Persuasion is one thing. Compulsion in religion is quite another, and the urge to freedom must ever be alert against it, in any form."

Frank H. Yost
POAU Rec. Sec'y.

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"When a man meets Christ he sees the problems of the world and knows that God expects activity on the man's part in solving those problems."

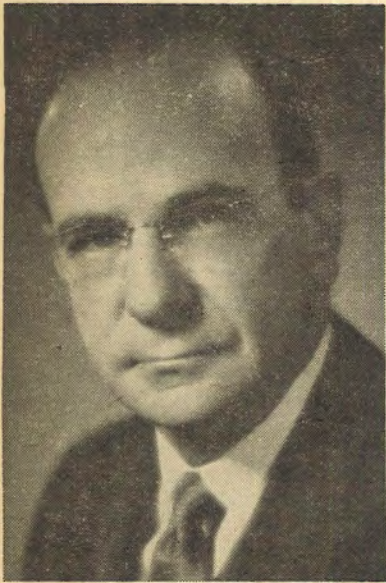
—Baker James Cauthen

ing automobiles. Who would be better than our pastors and churches to take the lead in such an undertaking?

—Baptist Beacon

Kingdom Progress

Whitlow Goes to Arkadelphia



S. A. WHITLOW

S. A. Whitlow assumed the pastorate of First Church, Arkadelphia, on February 15, after a ministry of eleven years with First Church, Hope.

Mr. Whitlow is a native of Arkansas, graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Seminary, Louisville. He is now serving his second term as president of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitlow have two children, a son, John David, who is a junior at Ouachita College; and a daughter, Mrs. J. V. Moore, Jr., of Hope.

Randall at Sardis Church

Pleasant Hill church, near Sardis, and Pastor Floyd Pannell, had the services of Evangelist Bob Randall of Dallas, in a revival campaign recently. There were twelve additions to the church, nine by baptism.

Mr. Randall is a native of Arkansas and well known for his musical talent. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns throughout the nation, in Liverpool, England, and helped organize nine Baptist churches in France.

Minister Ordained

Bobby Briggs was ordained by Central Church, Hot Springs, Sunday evening, February 3. The ordination council was composed of the following: prayer by C. L. House; charge to the candidate by Dr. W. J. Hinesley; presentation of the Bible by W. W. Briggs, father of the candidate. The ordination sermon was delivered by the pastor, Dr. M. L. Baker.

Mr. Briggs is pastor of Haw Creek Church near Waldron. Mrs. Briggs is the former Evonne House. She serves as secretary for Central Church.

Graham Offices Moved To New York City

The Billy Graham Evangelistic team with all administrative duties have moved from Washington D. C., to 165 W. 46th St., New York, N. Y. The forthcoming New York City crusade demands a round-the-clock operation which necessitates the move.

Letter to the Editor

Would you please make an appeal in your paper for "Tent-Makers," both laymen and preachers to come to Ohio?

We could use a lot of "school teaching preachers." And I believe we can find jobs for all laymen who feel called to come up and help us start and maintain the churches.

We need a pastor now for our Medina Mission.

Rev. Ottis E. Denney
3863 Medina Road
Akron 13, Ohio

Seminary Extension Department Plans Progress

Members of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention met at New Orleans Seminary January 21-23 to discuss curriculum and promotional plans for the department.

Those attending the conference were Dr. Lee Gallman, Jackson, Miss., director; and Ray K. Hodge, Raleigh, N. C.; W. A. Whitten, Jackson, Miss.; and Dr. Albert H. Fauth, Kansas City, Kan., all associates in the department.

The four conferred with Dr. J. Wash Watts and Dr. E. N. Patterson of New Orleans Seminary, who are members of the Seminary Extension Commission.

Dr. Watts is curriculum chairman and is currently working on an extension course in Old Testament.

The Seminary Extension Department centers are promoted only in the states where there is no state-wide Baptist college extension program.

Dr. Fauth, the newest member of the department, will be responsible for promoting extension centers in Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas. He was formerly director of the department of extension for Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kan.

Mr. Hodge has the territory of North Carolina, Maryland, Washington, D. C., South Carolina, and Florida; and Mr. Whitten is responsible for Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Texas.

Correction in New Annual

In compiling the statistics of the associations for the 1956 Arkansas Baptist Annual, just off the press, a typographical error gave Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, (Pulaski County Association) credit for three baptisms in 1956, and it should have read THIRTY.

Fifty Days in Europe Or Fourteen

DuPree Jordan, Jr., publisher of the North DeKalb Record and Norcross News, Chamblee, Georgia, and The West End Star, Atlanta, is sponsoring a group of economy tours of Europe this summer. These Star Tours, being planned by Lansear Travel Service, Inc., will offer a number of different trips, ranging from 14 days in Europe, all expenses including round trip air passage, for only \$550 on up to an all expense air tour spending 50 days in Europe, visiting 18 different countries for \$989.40. Mr. Jordan agrees with all the travel agents who claim 1957 will be the biggest year ever for European travel, and he believes that his tours offer the most for the money that anyone will find anywhere.

Armstrong to California



D. WADE ARMSTRONG

Dr. W. Wade Armstrong has resigned the pastorate of Second Church, El Dorado, to become head of the Evangelism Department for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. He will assume his duties in Fresno on March 1.

Dr. Armstrong came to Arkansas in October, 1954, from Oklahoma City. During his present pastorate an indebtedness of \$150,000 has been paid off and plans drawn for a new auditorium.

Southern Baptist work in California has grown from sixteen churches fifteen years ago to 577 churches, and 140 missions "most of which are destined to become churches," according to a statement from Dr. Armstrong. He plans to spend half of his time in the offices promoting evangelism work throughout the state and the other half on the field. He will have two assistants.

Religious Focus Week Begins February 25 at Ouachita

Ten outstanding leaders in business and professional fields will conduct the week-long religious focus activities at Ouachita College, February 25 to March 1.

Theme for the program is "Living Where You Stand."

The speakers include George Therrel of J. C. Penny Co., Fayetteville, representing business; Howard Bramlette, associate secretary of the Southwide Baptist Student Union; Joe Coleman, a Tulsa, Okla. architect; George Sherron, Dallas, Texas lawyer.

Dr. Robert Goldie, recent medical missionary to Nigeria; Dr. Spencer Thornton, physician in the United States army; Mrs. Peyton Kolb, wife of a Little Rock psychiatrist and Wayne Philpott, music director of the Arlington, Texas, First Baptist Church. Efforts are being made to secure former major league star George Kell to represent the field of athletics during the week.

Also expected to attend is Dr. Charles Wellborn, pastor of Seventh and James Baptist church at Waco, Texas. Dr. Wellborn is the brother of Ouachita faculty member Miss Faye Wellborn.

Seminar discussion topics include Finding God's Will for My Life, Christ in My Social Life, What Baptists Believe, Moral Issues Confronting Christian Youth, Finding My Place in Life, Making My Christianity Attractive, Facing Honest Doubts, Christianity in Business, Law, Medicine and Athletics and many others.

Van Buren Pastor



CURTIS BRYANT

Curtis Bryant became the pastor of Oak Grove Church, Van Buren, on February 1, succeeding P. J. Crowder. He was pastor of First Church, Yellville, the past two years.

Mr. Bryant is a graduate of Southern College, Walnut Ridge. Former pastorates are Third Avenue Church, Paragould; First Church, Mountain Home; and Hebron Church, Little Rock.

The Yellville church baptized 40 new members last year, leading the White River Association in baptisms. The church established Summit Mission during the year. Mr. Bryant also served the association as vice moderator.

The Bryants have five children; Mrs. Van Buren of Little Rock; Mrs. Ollie Kerfoot and Jo Ann of Ponca City; and two sons at home, Johnnie 12, and Jimmie 15.

24 Nurses in Capping Services

Capping services for 24 students who had completed the first nine months of their three-year course at Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing were held Friday, Feb. 15, at Immanuel Church Chapel, Little Rock. Dr. Joseph Buchman was the speaker.

Members of the class:

Shirley Calloway, Marilyn Huey, Wanda Faye Perry, and Frances West, all of Benton; Duffy Nolen, Alta Fern Young, and Barbara Allen, all of Little Rock; Mary Ethel Adney and Shirley Ledbetter, both of Bauxite; Polly Carter and Barbara Jean Biggers, both of Camden; Susan Orsery and Gaye Lynne Shinall, both of Pine Bluff; Hilda Marie Wilson and Marilyn Morrison, both of North Little Rock; Fern Bailey, Jacksonville; Virginia Sue Beasley, Brinkley; Frances Hatfield, Stamps; Fannie Marie Saunders, Mabelvale; Eunice Elaine Talley, Magnolia; Mary Juanita Fortner, Hatfield; Berta Jo Taulbee, Grady, Betty Jo Wyers, Ozark, and Elizabeth Walters, Hickory Plains.

Miss Biggers was class president and Miss Adney was vice president. Miss Calloway was secretary and Miss Ledbetter was treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Indonesia, have moved from Bandung to Djakarta and may be addressed at Djalan Gunung Sahari VI, House No. 36, Djakarta, Indonesia. Mrs. Fryer, formerly Mary Lynn Baker, is a native of Warren, Ark.

Southern Baptists Appeal For Youth To Enter Communications Fields

An appeal for at least 5,000 dedicated Baptist young people to enter newspaper and magazine work, advertising, radio and television by 1964, was made in a resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Press Association at its annual meeting. A five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance program beginning in 1959 will end in 1964.

In urging editors of Southern Baptist publications to promote the appeal, the resolution stressed the "increasing need for communication to people in the secular world."

The editors also urged that Southern Baptist publications do everything possible to make Christian journalism attractive to youth. In this connection they called on every editor in the association "to feel a personal responsibility" to lead Baptist young people into the field of journalism and "to plead in their behalf for good technical and denominational training."

"We say to young people dedicating themselves to any kind of full-time vocational Christian service," the resolution said, "that they consider journalism a primary means of expression."

Autrey Visits Japan

Realizing the continuing effectiveness of evangelistic techniques within the Southern Baptist Convention, a specialist in evangelism has been chosen from the ranks of Baptists to help Baptists in Japan plan effective revival campaigns in their country.

Dr. C. E. Autrey, Professor of Evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., left Feb. 2 for Japan under the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Autrey first goes to Tokyo, where he will hold teaching conferences to give the Japanese people an insight into the successful methods that are having such results among Southern Baptists. He will help to prepare 12 Japanese cities for revival, working with the leaders to make all the necessary plans and lay the important ground work that must precede a successful revival.

On weekends during his stay, Dr. Autrey will hold revivals from Friday to Sunday.

News From Faulkner County Asso.

By JAY W. C. MOORE, *Missionary*

Charles Sewell, pastor of Happy Hollow Church, was recently ordained by Remount Church, North Little Rock. The pastor, H. E. Young, served as moderator. Floyd Simmons, Trinity Church, Little Rock, delivered the sermon. T. B. Walls, pastor of Beryl Church, Conway, offered the prayer. Mr. Sewell is a student in the seminary at Ft. Worth.

Brumley Chapel, Raymond Strickland, pastor, has adopted a budget of \$5,694 for the current year, with \$600 for missions. Their increase to associational missions over last year was fifty per cent.

Contest Winners

Patty Roy and Bob Duffer won top honors in a better speaking contest sponsored by the Greene County Baptist Association. They will represent Greene County in district competition at Jonesboro February 26. Judges for the contest were Rev. M. L. May, Rev. John McCollum, Rev. Jack Mick, Guin Renshaw and Paul Payne.

Autrey Goes to Memphis



JARREY AUTREY

Jarrey Autrey, pastor of First Church, Paragould, since June, 1954, resigned that pastorate February 15 to become the pastor of Cherokee Baptist Church in Memphis.

During his ministry in Paragould, Mr. Autrey received 357 members into the church, 168 by baptism. The church indebtedness was reduced by \$40,000. The building was air-conditioned. Gifts to the Cooperative Program increased from \$7,800 to \$10,400. North End Mission, which is sponsored by the church, will be debt free by August.

Mr. Autrey is the son of Dr. C. E. Autrey, professor of Evangelism for Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Youth Conference For Vocational Workers Set

Program plans are progressing for the conference on youth for vocational workers with intermediates and young people to be held in Nashville, May 15 through 17, according to Dr. W. L. Howse, director, education division, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Designed for intensive study of these groups, ages 13 through 24, the purpose of the conference is to bring youth and their problems into focus through study and discussion with recognized leaders.

The conference will be co-sponsored by the Sunday School Board, the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Youth specialists will discuss denominational life, public and religious education, psychology, sociology, family and youth adjustment, and other topics. There will be participation in group thinking and discussion in relation to areas of these special interests.

Attendance will be limited to paid, full-time Baptist workers with youth. Those who wish to attend should write Howard Foshee, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., for registration cards.

Graeffe at Ouachita

Dr. A. Didier Graeffe, a specialist in the field of the Humanities and an exponent of the Fine Arts, will present a lecture-demonstration of the unity of the arts, entitled "Myth and Man" at Ouachita College, March 11. His tour, which includes appearances at several other leading colleges and universities, is sponsored by the Arts Program, Association of American Colleges.

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By Religious News Service

Sees 'Martin Luther' Ban Religious Liberty Test Case

Members of the National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., were told at their annual convention that the banning of a scheduled telecast of the movie "Martin Luther" by Station WGN-TV of Chicago will become an important test case of religious liberty on the airwaves.

Dr. Charles T. Anderson, director of the Midwest region of the National Association of Evangelicals, outlined steps which Protestant groups in Chicago are taking to protest the ban.

"Let it be understood that we are not fighting any particular group or any particular person," he said, "we are fighting for the principle of freedom of religion."

Japanese 'Suicide Pilot' Tells of Conversion

Sakae Kobayashi, a minister of the United Church of Christ in Japan was a suicide pilot at the age of 21. One day in 1945 he was sitting in the cockpit of his plane in Tokyo waiting to take off on a mission from which he knew he would not return. While the propellers were warming up a ground crewman ran to tell him that Japan had surrendered.

"I went home despondent and bitter," he said. "My house had been burned, my mother and grandmother killed. There was no food, no work."

Mr. Kobayashi said the only work he could get was in an oil refinery. There he met a girl who showed him the New Testament she was reading, "the religion of my enemies." She persuaded him to go to church with her, and out of curiosity he did. The sermon he heard that day dealt with the theme of loving one's enemies.

"Nevertheless," he said, "I went again and discovered the newness of life that Christianity brings." Mr. Kobayashi entered a theological seminary the following year and he and the girl were married.

Texas Baptists Set Big Evangelism, Building Goals

The Baptist General Convention of Texas will seek to baptize 265,000 new converts during the next three years and start 3,500 new churches in the next seven years.

Both goals, unprecedented in the Convention's history, were announced at its 19th annual evangelistic conference in Ft. Worth.

The baptism target is 80,000 new converts in 1957; 85,000 for 1958, and 100,000 in 1959. Texas Baptists baptized about 65,000 persons during 1956, a new record.

The goal of 3,500 new churches, recommended by Dr. Wade Freeman, are almost as many as Texas Baptists have been able to build up during the past century. Their congregations at present total 3,724.

Sen. Langer Again Sponsors Bill To Ban Liquor Advertising

Legislation to ban the interstate transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising has again been introduced in Congress by Sen. William Langer (R.-N. D.).

An identical bill sponsored by Sen. Langer in the last session received strong support from religious and temperance groups.

Stassen Calls Prayer Great Power for Peace

Harold E. Stassen, special assistant to President Eisenhower for disarmament problems, told a youth rally sponsored by the Washington Federation of Churches that "the greatest power for peace comes from the prayers and work of people of goodwill."

Mr. Stassen was one of a group of adult lay leaders who were put through a vigorous evening at Constitution Hall by 3,000 teenagers at the rally which climaxed the observance of Youth Week in the nation's capital.

Asked whether the atomic bomb is a greater deterrent to war than prayer, Mr. Stassen said that while the bomb is a strong deterrent, in the building of real peace "we need the common denominator of fundamental religious beliefs."

Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, denied that learning to kill in military training destroys religious beliefs. He said that "we have a need for what we call a Christian soldier."

Asks Rebirth of Christian Scholarship

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, called for a re-birth of Christian scholarship in the United States.

In an open letter to heads of Protestant denominations, Dr. Blake declared that the Churches, in their related colleges, are committed to a "continuing alliance of scholarship and faith."

He urged the denominational leaders to "take steps now to see that church members and the general public are made aware of the importance and the needs of Christian higher education."

"Without Christian scholars the democratic movement that gave rise to our American Government and social institutions might have been without religious foundations, sanctions, and disciplines."

Baptist Pastor Named Birmingham's 'Man of Year'

Dr. John H. Buchanan, former president of the Alabama Baptist Convention, was chosen Birmingham's "Man of the Year" for 1956 by the Young Men's Business Club.

Dr. Buchanan is retiring this spring as pastor of Birmingham's Southside Baptist church, the city's largest, after serving for 20 years.

Education Commissioner Hears Arguments on Posting Of Ten Commandments

The State Education Commissioner reserved decision on an appeal to bar the New Hyde Park, N. Y. school board from displaying an "interdenominational" version of the Ten Commandments in classrooms.

The special counsel for the school board, Michael A. Castaldi, argued that the group proposed to do "nothing more, nothing less, than give the message of the Ten Commandments, which is common to all faiths."

"Must we close our eyes to everything pertaining to the Almighty?" he asked.

A Smile or Two

Generations Apart

An English teacher was discussing the fact that Louisa M. Alcott, in writing about herself, stated that she tried to sell stories to keep the wolf from the door.

"What do you think Miss Alcott meant by saying she was trying to keep the wolf from the door?" the teacher asked one of the 10-year-olds in the class.

"I suppose," was the prompt reply, "she just didn't want the guy bothering her."

—*Tea-Table Gossip* (England)

A suburban newspaper received a telephone call from a subscriber reporting the death of her husband.

For purposes of the obituary, the woman bent the poor reporter's ear on her husband's many charities, his long dedicated service to the community, his love and devotion to family, his allegiance to church, etc.

As the exhausted reporter handed the notice in, the editor asked, "What mortuary?"

"I don't know," was the answer. "He probably went direct."

—E. E. Kenyon, *American Weekly*

The young housewife was giving an even younger housewife some cooking instruction. "Then add five gluks of custard," she concluded.

"Five what?" she was asked.

"Gluks."

"What's a gluk?"

"Oh, for heaven's sake!" said the young housewife. "Tip the jug until it says 'gluk' and do that four more times."

Bad is he who breaks your slumber to mutter rudely, "Heck! Wrong number!" Worse is he who risks your wrath by phoning when you're in your bath. But worst of all is the pest who hisses in disguised voice, "Bet-you-can't-guess-who-this-is!"

A smart Alex stopped at the garage and asked a mechanic: "How do you tell how much horsepower a car has?"

The mechanic replied: "Lift up the hood and count the plugs."

The fine symphony orchestra from the big city had played in a small New England town, the first experience of the kind for many of the inhabitants. Next day some of the old-timers gathered around the stove in the general store and expressed their opinions. The comment of one of the oldest inhabitants was: "All I got to say is — it was an awful long way to bring that big bass drum only to bang it wunst."

A recent ad states: "It took 12,000 workers to put that bottle of milk at your door." Yes, it sounded as though it did.

A 4-year-old girl was visiting her grandparents. When put to bed she sobbed, said she was afraid of the dark, and wanted to go home.

"But you don't have a light at home, darling, do you?" said her granny.

"No," she replied, "but there it's my own dark."

—*Tid-Bits*, London

"Wise men write proverbs and fools quote them," observed the Sage. "Yup," agreed the Fool, "Who wrote that one?"

—*Texas Outlook*

News From Baptist Press

Hurt Chosen President At Baptist Press Meet

John Hurt, Atlanta, editor of the *Christian Index*, Georgia Baptist weekly newspaper, has been elected president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

E. S. James, Dallas, editor of the *Baptist Standard*, largest state weekly newspaper in the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected vice-president at the Association's annual mid-winter meeting in Washington, D. C.

Hoyt S. Gibson, Wichita, editor of the *Kansas Weekly Baptist Digest*, will continue to serve as secretary-treasurer.

Hurt succeeds H. H. McGinty, Jefferson City, Mo., editor of the *Word and Way*, published by Missouri Baptists.

Addressed By Hays

It is not only the goals that are set but the means by which those goals are reached that are important, Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) declared to editors.

Rep. Hays, a Baptist layman who serves as chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, was one of the principal speakers.

In his address, "The Commonwealth — a Christian Workshop," Hays said there is a "continuing necessity for applying moral judgments to society."

He said "you can distinguish democracy from totalitarianism through their procedures. We need to be concerned with procedures as well as with goals."

Hays said he does not "equate political success with the ability to get more votes at the polls than anyone else." Many have lost at the polls yet have contributed to the nation's political life, he added.

"The best man will not always be elected and the perfect law will not always be made at the moment," according to the Congressman.

In a brief reference to the race question, Hays declared "The South need not fan its own complacency merely because the North is wrong on some extreme remedy. That does not mean that there is no remedy needed at all," he said.

The editors voted to hold their next mid-winter meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., in February, 1958.

Cooperative Program Gifts Show Increase

Even as early as January the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts have shown a decided increase over those of 1956.

January Cooperative Program gifts were \$1,312,664, as against \$1,082,93 during January, 1956. Of this money, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has received \$542,917, and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board \$184,954.

Total giving for this year so far amounts to \$2,772,083. This includes money contributed through the Cooperative Program and that which is given in designated gifts by donors who specified exactly how they wanted the money used. Money given through the Cooperative Program is shared by Convention agencies on a percentage basis approved annually by the Convention session.

The operating and capital needs section of this year's budget is \$11 million and the recommended budget goal for 1958 — including both operating, capital needs, and the Advance portion — is \$16½ million.

Arkansas contributed \$53,445 during January, 1957, to the Cooperative Program and

\$63,231 for designated purposes. This was a total of \$116,677. It placed the state ninth among states affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. R. Cullom Honored On His 90th Birthday

W. R. Cullom, who was head of the Bible department of Wake Forest College for 40 years, was honored on his 90th birthday with special "W. R. Cullom Day" services at Rolesville Baptist Church near Wake Forest.

Attended by friends and previous students from all over the state, the day was an occasion for the taking of a special offering for the W. R. Cullom Student Aid Loan Fund, given in appreciation of Cullom.

The founder of the Bible department of Wake Forest College, the first in the South, Cullom is known throughout the Convention.

\$10,000 Contributed To Baptist Loan Fund

William Fleming, who in recent years has been generous to many Southern Baptist activities, has offered to contribute \$10,000 to the loan fund of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

Fleming stipulated that the Oregon-Washington convention must match his gift with a like amount in order to receive the donation.

R. E. Milam, executive secretary of the convention, reported that Baptists in the two states will launch a campaign to raise the \$10,000 to match Fleming's offer. Deadline for raising the funds is April 1.

The loan fund probably would be handled by the new Northwest Baptist Foundation, an agency of the Oregon-Washington convention.

Fleming's gifts have aided growth of Southern Baptist work in several Western states. They have also been donated to several agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Headquarters Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., has announced the appointment of Duke K. McCall, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as member of the Board of Visitors to the Air University.

Lackey Elected Head Of State Secretaries

T. B. Lackey, Oklahoma City, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, is the new president of the organization of Southern Baptist State executive secretaries.

He succeeds A. H. Reid, Montgomery, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

The state secretaries organization meets jointly with Baptist state editors for a mid-winter session each year.

Other officers of the state executive secretaries group include Lucius M. Polhill, Richmond, executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, vice-president, and Earl Harding, Jefferson City, executive secretary of Missouri Baptist General Association, secretary.

American men, they say, never know what to do with themselves when they retire from business. As one of them put it, "I get up early, read the obituary column, and if my name isn't there I go back to bed."

Counselor's Corner

By R. LOFTON HUDSON

Question: A Baptist minister said to me the other day that he believed that when we die our spirit instantly left the body and went to heaven or hell. The question is this: Do you think that anyone who believes that could possibly believe the Bible? It plainly teaches us about the resurrection of the dead, the sea giving up the dead etc.

Answer: The minister is right. The saint goes to be with Christ immediately upon the event of death.

Christ said, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43); and in a few moments cried, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (v. 46). Stephen, breathing his last breath, said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59).

The Apostle Paul said that he was "willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8). In the Philippian letter he said that he had "a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:23).

Side by side with these references is the revelation that we shall all be raised (except those who will be translated) when Christ returns (1 Cor. 15:51 f; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

This merely means that when the individual dies he goes as a person to be with his Lord to await the resurrection of the body at the end of the age. I do not see anything difficult about this, if our Lord chooses to do it that way. Why all the bother? Where do you think the soul stays until the resurrection? In the grave? No, the spirit of a Christian is never separated from his Lord. He is with us while we live, and we go to be with Him when we die.

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BROADMAN PRESS ISSUES FIRST CHILDREN'S BOOK CATALOG

Broadman Press, Nashville, has released its first catalog of children's books.

Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, children's book editor, said "Of the fifteen books described in its pages, six of them comprise our first full annual list, published in 1956. With each spring and fall, these books will be increased by a growing number representing the work of distinguished authors and illustrators."

"It is our purpose," Miss Gruver continued, "to publish books — Christian but not sectarian — that will find a wide appeal among children and will help to meet their basic needs, books that will satisfy and enrich them in mind, emotion, and spirit."

Copies of the catalog may be had by writing Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee.

WHAT THE WORLD IS DOING

Nineteen hundred and fifty-six was a year of record sales and consumptions. Here are a few highlights: Food consumption reached \$71 billion; drug sales were up 11.6 per cent to \$5,918,944,000, while druggists filled approximately 530 million prescriptions.

Liquor sales, highest in a decade were estimated at 210 million gallons, or 1.26 gallons per person. Cigarette sales, which started to drop in 1953, made a comeback and rose to an estimated 394 billion cigarettes in 1956, a gain of 12 billion over 1955.

Hotels did a \$2,652,000,000 business, a gain of 4 per cent, while 1,004,000 persons traveled eastward across the Atlantic by ship.

And, taxes continued to climb. The yearly interest alone on the United States public debt increased from \$5.3 billion in 1946 to \$8.1 billion in 1956.

—Survey Bulletin

Duncan Still in Hospital

Dr. B. H. Duncan, former editor of the **Arkansas Baptist**, has been in Baptist Hospital since December 24. Dr. Duncan began running a low grade temperature on December 8. Anti-biotics, x-ray therapy, and cobalt treatment have failed to correct his condition.

He is cheerful, optimistic, radiates the same beautiful spirit of faith and serenity that has marked his sixteen-month illness.

From presstime on Friday to mailing time the next Wednesday forbids our keeping you up to date on his condition.

Homer Reynolds Goes To Venezuela

Homer B. Reynolds, pastor of the Ross Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, saw a 20-year dream come true February 6, and resigned from his congregation, where he has served since 1946.

The 52-year-old minister and his wife, Martha, volunteered as foreign missionaries for the Southern Baptist Convention 20 years ago, but the denomination turned them down because the Reynolds had already reached the maximum age for missionaries.

Now, however, the white-haired pastor and Mrs. Reynolds are going to Maracaibo, Venezuela, to take charge of a small pioneer church they started there last year. The new church has 32 members and is the first English-speaking Southern Baptist congregation in the country.

The church the Reynolds are leaving in Texas has 1,435 members, a \$300,000 plant, a \$65,000 annual budget and plans for a new building costing \$150,000.

"I've always wanted to be a missionary," the pastor said. "This is the fulfillment of all our dreams and of God's will for our lives."

In addition to serving the little Maracaibo congregation, Mr. Reynolds will also help establish other missionary churches in the area. His goal is 15 more. His efforts have the full support of the Dallas Baptist Association, the Baptist General Convention and the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC.

Reynolds said most of the 32 members in Venezuela are Southern Baptists who are working in that country. He estimated the English-speaking population of Maracaibo now totals 7,000 persons, but this number is expected to double within the next five years with new concessions granted to American oil companies.

Record Budget Set For New Orleans Seminary

An operating budget calling for \$784,000 in 1957-58 was approved by the Board of Trustees of New Orleans Seminary at its concluding session Feb. 7.

This is the largest budget in the history of the institution and is \$92,000 higher than the 1956-57 budget.

The 29-member board, representing 15 states, also approved a resolution lauding Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, seminary president, for "a very splendid job in building our seminary to the high position it occupies today." Dr. Leavell is in his 11th year as president of the institution.

Evangelist Available

Roy L. Thomas, graduate of New Orleans Seminary, and the pastor of a mission sponsored by First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., where Dr. C. C. Warren is the pastor, plans to enter full time evangelism. He is available to any church in the Southern Baptist Convention. His address is Rt. 4, Box 170 A, Charlotte, N. C.

Father-Son Team in North Little Rock



RALPH DODD

The Forty-Seventh Street church of North Little Rock has called a father and son team as pastor and associate pastor. Ralph Dodd was called as pastor and his son, Hogan Dodd as associate. The father has been serving as interim pastor since November. He plans to



HOGAN DODD

continue to devote the major part of his time to evangelism.

Hogan Dodd, former pastor of Doddridge, Arkansas, is a graduate of Ouachita and has finished two years at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas. He will devote full time to the church field.

Plea For Missionaries

A plea for thousands of foreign missionaries to enter into "a new era of missions" was made Feb. 7 by Dr. Robert F. Goldie, Southern Baptist medical missionary to Nigeria.

Speaking to the Missionary Day audience at New Orleans Seminary, Dr. Goldie cited a number of changes in the mission fields.

He said health conditions are better, communications and transportation have improved, education and training of workers has improved, more money is available, and the missionaries are able to have a normal home life.

The medical director of the Baptist Leprosy Service in Ogbomoso told his audience that Communism, when it is in control, either threatens or eliminates missions; nationalism has brought non-Christian religions into revival; and racial prejudice has greatly affected the missionaries in an adverse way.

He predicted that missionaries of the future must be specialists in medicine, social work, agriculture, domestic science, education, and religion.

"We must get down to the basis of the needs of the people," Dr. Goldie said.

Dr. Goldie is residing in Baton Rouge, La., while on furlough and is presently studying at the U. S. Public Health Service, Carville, La.

Minister Ordained

Darrell Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Black, was ordained Sunday afternoon, February 3, by East Side Church, Paragould. Thirty-two pastors and deacons participated in the ordination service.

Mr. Black is pastor of Freer church, near Trumann. His wife is the former Glenda Holcomb of Dell.

Gosnell Church Revival

Evangelist Billy Walker assisted Gosnell Church, Blytheville, in a recent revival. There were seventeen professions of faith, five united with the church by letter and statement. William L. Kreis is the pastor.

Crusade Against Liquor Advertising

When it is remembered that there are 4,589,000 alcoholics and 3,000,000 problem drinkers in this country, that over two million major crimes are committed annually in the U. S. with liquor as the major related cause, that the beverage use of alcohol has produced our fourth greatest public health problem, that alcohol is a major contributing factor to the more than 38,000 persons killed and 2,000,000 injured on our highways each year, that it is the major contributing cause of the breakdown of the American home and that the unwarranted brain-washing effect of this advertising goes on hour after hour, day after day, week after week, year in and year out, it will be realized why this Crusade is most imperative.

No one has an inherent right to advertise alcoholic beverages. It has been rightly said that "The exploitation of a vice or weakness of the human individual is a scandal condemned by the basic laws of morality." Nothing less than a strong and sustained voice of protest will silence this advertising. It will continue unabated as long as the voice of opposition is silent or weak.

If you are opposed to liquor advertising, say so. Your objection won't count unless you do. Be a leader in your community in promoting the Crusade. Enlist individuals, groups and organizations. Make use of all the methods of protest suggested in the brochure.

Secure a supply of the Crusade Against Liquor Advertising and Beer-casting brochures jam packed with ideas and suggestions on how and to whom to protest. Equip yourself and be prepared to equip others for active participation in this crusade.

The brochures may be obtained at the rate of 25 or less, 10c each; 50 or more 6c each; 1,000 or more, 5c each from:

NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION
209 Ninth Street
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

The Plight Of The Unbeliever

By CARL A. CLARK, Associate Professor
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Perhaps the most neglected of all Christian doctrines is the teaching of the Scriptures about the person who has never believed in Jesus Christ. It is certain that this is true on the part of those who are not Christians and have given very little thought to any Christian teaching. I suspect the redeemed have also neglected it.

It seems to me this neglected truth is absolutely essential in all evangelism, missions and church development. If we do not have a clear understanding here, we cannot have an adequate program in at least three areas.

Value of the Soul

We find it very difficult to express profound spiritual truths in such terms that the human mind can understand. Jesus experienced this perhaps more than you or I. He knew the full spiritual truth of all Christian thought. He attempted over and over to explain a spiritual God to a human individual. Our minds are so earthly that we do not think in spiritual terms. We deal with the material world; with the things we can see and handle. Because of the limits of our experience, it is difficult for us to grasp these profound spiritual things. It is for this reason that Jesus uses so many simple earthly analogies to present the more divine revelation. It is for this reason, it seems to me, that he used so many simple rural illustrations.

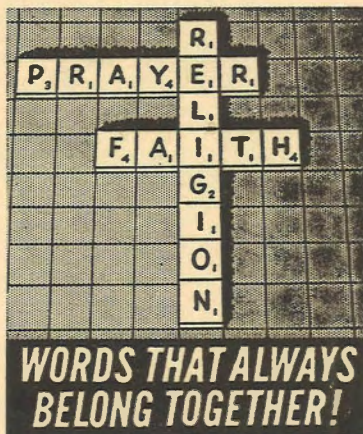
For example, when Jesus was trying to explain to his disciples the infinite value of the human soul, he was talking about a spiritual fact but he must put it in tangible form. In order to explain how important the human soul is, he made the extreme comparison of the value of sparrows. Not even one falls without the Father's knowledge. Jesus is saying that a soul is extremely important and illustrates this by showing how the people themselves place at least some value on the smallest bird.

Again in order to show how he felt toward one who is not a believer, he gave us the parable of the lost sheep. This beautiful rural illustration points up not the value of the sheep but the value of a soul. You will remember that Jesus said that any one of you who had one hundred sheep would not hesitate to leave the ninety-nine by themselves while you go out in search of the one which has gone astray. This indicates an emergency. Every unsaved person should be an emergency to some Christian.

Leaderless

Jesus tries in many ways to explain the spiritual condition of the spiritual soul who has rejected the only spiritual hope in life. This is not easy to do. Here is an individual of infinite spiritual value who has totally disregarded the spiritual Saviour. What other course is there in life?

When Matthew attempted to explain how Jesus felt about the lost person, he used the compassion of a shepherd for his sheep. He noticed the pain of heart that Jesus felt when he saw people going on totally without God. Matthew describes it by saying, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having



no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36).

The unbeliever desperately needs one who will lead him to Christ, the true shepherd.

Lost

I am not referring here to the future destination of the lost person. The Bible says that the people who reject Jesus shall be eternally condemned to a devil's hell. What I am trying to discuss here is the condition of that individual right now while he lives here on the earth.

Jesus had such keen insight into both the human and spiritual realm, which of course should not be separated, that he could apparently put either in the terms of the other. In order to explain what happens to a soul who has failed to believe in Jesus, Christ simply told a story of a son who left home. This is what we call the parable of the prodigal son. Perhaps it could be more appropriately entitled the parable of the loving father. However, Jesus did mean to illustrate what happens to the soul that leaves his source of spiritual protection.

You know the story of the prodigal son and I need not repeat it here. It will be sufficient to say that the young man left of his own accord, lived a life contrary to the desires of his father, wasted his resources, destroyed his character and moral standing and came to an extremely destitute position. So far as the human father was concerned this boy was totally lost. So Jesus is saying as far as God the Father is concerned, the one who has rejected him is totally lost.

The rejoicing upon his return presents in clear form the attitude of any loving father toward a wayward son. What Jesus was saying, however, was that this is the attitude of the loving God toward any human being who will come back to him in genuine repentance. God's chief desire is to welcome the wayward.

On another occasion, Jesus was dealing with a man who was very intelligent and devout. In fact he was one of the outstanding teachers of Judaism. Nicodemus came to Jesus seeking for a genuine understanding of these profound truths that Jesus had been proclaiming. Even with such a well trained mind Nicodemus could not understand. Jesus discussed the simplest facts of life on the human side and used them to try to explain to this highly intelligent Jew the simplest facts of the Kingdom of God. He said to him in effect, "Nicodemus, you just have to be born all over again and start an entirely new

life. As an unbeliever, you are simply living without a life. Just as one is born in the flesh and therefore has a fleshly existence, even so one is born of the spirit or he can have no spiritual existence."

Do not be surprised that Jesus put such strong emphasis upon the necessity of regeneration. He says, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:6). Jesus even explained what he was attempting to show when he said to Nicodemus, "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?" (John 3:12).

Indicating further some of Christ's deep concern for those who had rejected him, he stood in the temple at Jerusalem and tried to tell the people how much he cared for them. In order to present this lofty spiritual concept of the love of the suffering Saviour for a disobedient humanity, Jesus used the analogy of a hen gathering her chickens under her wings.

I have presented only a little of the way Jesus felt toward those who were unbelievers. He explained these great truths in the everyday language which anyone could understand. I think he would have you and me to feel the same way about those who need Christ.

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Justified — Not Paroled

By W. B. O'NEAL

When a sinner stands before God, confessedly guilty and placing his case wholly at the disposal of God, the Lord Jesus Christ steps forth in his behalf, his propitiation. His scars are bared to show the price paid for the man's sins. The court of heaven is appeased, placated, satisfied.

The man is not given a sentence and then his sentence remitted on condition of good behavior, a system much practiced in present day courts. Nor is the man turned loose on parole, subject to recall. The records are closed. His case is over. He is set free, justified. He is no longer a criminal loosed on society. He is not only a new citizen of his country but he has become a citizen of the Kingdom of God. He is transformed, born again, "A new creature."

If, indeed, the propitiation is accepted, believed on, no more will this man be called or classed under condemnation, Romans 8:1. Nor will he so live that his life will be a curse. All such a person needs, (and he craves that), is a chance to serve. One of the great purposes of our Lord in establishing His church was that this new man should be able to find a place in service, to develop the new impulses of his heart.

But some will say "why are so many Christians living in sin, whose activities in no wise set them apart from the world?" The answer is as it was with the Israelites. For they are not all Israel, which are Israel, neither because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children, — that is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God, Romans: 9:6-8.

"Ye must be born again."

Construction Begins on New Baptist Student Center at University of Arkansas

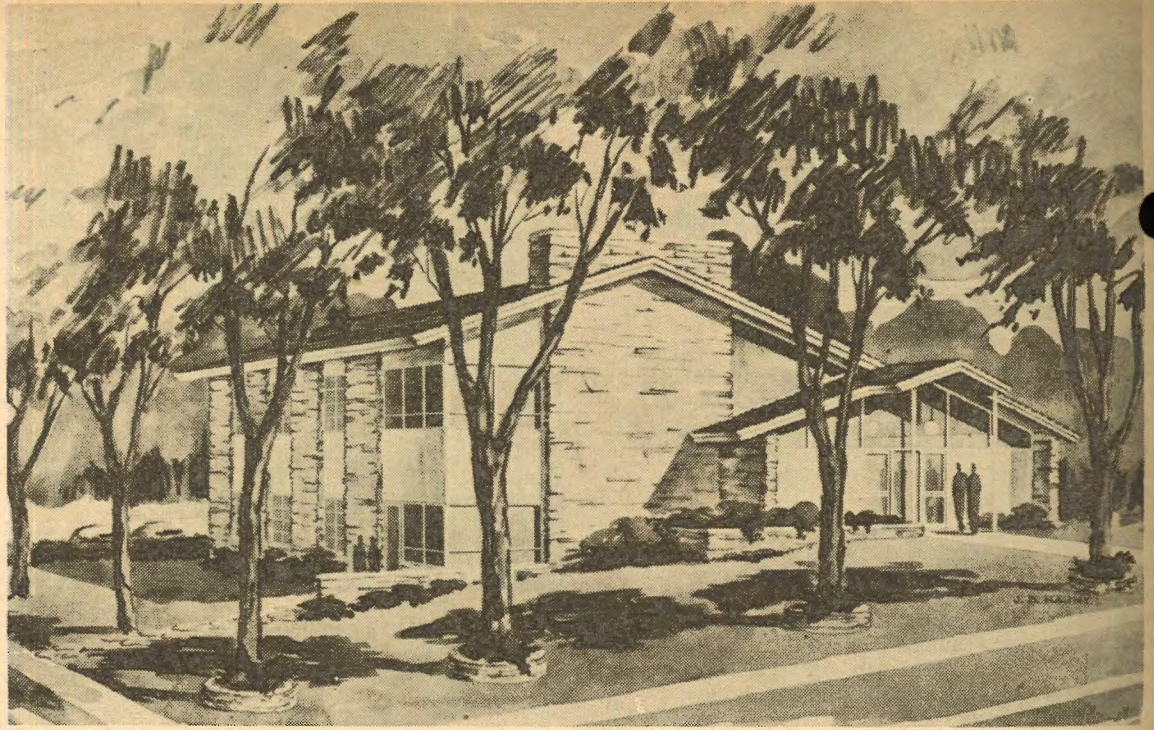
Construction was started recently on the new \$65,000 Baptist Student Center at the University of Arkansas.

Joseph R. Coleman and Associates, Tulsa architects and engineers who designed the Baptist Student Centers at the University of Oklahoma and at Oklahoma A & M College, have designed the Fayetteville structure.

Contemporary in style, the center will be adjacent to the University campus and will serve an estimated 35 per cent of the students enrolled there. There are 1,300 Baptist students at the University this year.

As designed by Coleman, an Oklahoma Baptist layman, the center will on the first floor include recreation and lounge rooms, separated by folding doors; a kitchen; a conference and library room; a reception room; and director's and secretary's offices, with a sizable workroom. The second floor will provide a large meeting hall, a classroom, two small prayer rooms, and guest rooms.

Supplied from the 1956 capital needs budget of the Arkansas Baptist Convention is \$30,000. Besides this amount, \$15,000 has been available in Fayetteville for



some time — \$11,000 from First Baptist Church of Fayetteville and \$4,000 donated by students and former students of the University. An Area Committee headed by Burton Miley of Springdale has raised another \$10,000 in

cash and pledges in six associations. The last \$10,000 will be available from the 1957 capital needs budget of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The Center is scheduled to be completed in six months and will be an occa-

sion of rejoicing for all who have prayed that Baptists might provide facilities for a strong Christian witness on the campus of the University.

*Tom Logue
State Director*

Is It Enough?

By S. H. JONES

It seems evident that our Baptist people are doing more than they have ever done toward carrying out the commission of our Lord. At least, the measurable statistics indicate progress. We must remember two things, however: (1) statistics cannot tell all the story, and (2) evidence of progress and achievement may tend to cause satisfaction and complacency. We, therefore, ask the question? Is what we are doing enough? Following a suggestion we heard somewhere, we break that question down into five parts.

Enough Effort?

All achievements require effort. Are we doing all we can? Opportunity and ability always mean obligation. Every person ought to find out what he can do for the Lord and then do as much of that as he is able to do. If a person, a church, or the whole denomination, fails to put forth its maximum effort, what it does can hardly be called enough or even be regarded as big or worthy.

Enough Giving?

Baptists are giving money in amounts never before deemed possible except by a few. Church budgets run into enormous sums, and building programs are collecting and spending amounts that seem almost unbelievable. Mission

boards and institutions have far more money than ever before, and giving is constantly increasing. But are Baptists giving enough? When one makes a study of the increasing number of Baptists, the increasing income of the average person, and other factors, the amounts given do not seem so large. Giving must be measured in proportion to the amount one has and the size and seriousness of the needs. Evidently, the needs are virtually unlimited; and it is evident also that Southern Baptists are not giving all they could give. Can their giving then be regarded as enough?

Enough Concern?

Is this not really the main question? People will hardly try hard enough or give enough until they care enough. Perhaps we may be in danger of becoming professional and perfunctory in Christian work and "business-like" and practical in giving while the springs of compassion tend to diminish. Good works and large gifts are not enough without love. Surely, there is enough of God's love revealed in the crucifixion of our Lord to turn every heart to God in full consecration; and the needs of millions of lost and dying people are enough to cause every

heart to break with compassion. Do we care enough?

Enough Sacrifice?

One hardly dares use the word "sacrifice" because it is a familiar word that so few seem to understand. What do people in this modern day really know about sacrifice? Are we really sacrificing anything? No doubt, there is an element of sacrifice in what many people do, perhaps much more than some might suppose. We feel sure that no Christian is serving well enough until he has learned the meaning of sacrifice by putting it into practice.

Enough Prayer?

This is the most important consideration because prayer is the key to spiritual power. All efforts in the Lord's service fail unless the Holy Spirit leads and empowers people. We dare not rely solely upon what Baptists, and other Christians also, can do. There must be increasing prayer and an earnest desire to know and follow the will of God.

Before what Christians do can be called "enough," it must be sufficient to satisfy the demands of our Lord. And what can measure up that standard except a full dedication to doing the will of God?

—The Baptist Courier

Southwestern Enrolls 1825

Final enrolment figures at Southwestern Seminary totalled 1,825 at the close of registration this week.

Southwestern's registrar, Miss Katie Reed, reported that the enrolment for the second semester exceeded last year's total of 1,785, for the same time.

Leading in enrolment was the School of Theology, with 1,138. Next was the School of Religious Education, with 597 students registered. Rounding out the total of 1,825 was the School of Sacred Music, with 90.

Is Education Enough?

The resolution recently passed by Presbyterian leaders in a meeting at Norman asking their churches to undertake "a program of abstinence through education rather than legislation" raises an interesting question.

That question is "Can the alcohol problem in society be solved by education alone?"

We do not think so. To ignore or deny that the use of alcoholic beverages is a serious social problem both for drinkers and non-drinkers is foolish indeed. But to propose that Christian people can meet this evil by education alone is like proposing to a prizefighter that he enter the ring with one hand tied behind his back. It would be equally ridiculous to propose that the problem could be solved by legislation alone.

The answer is both education and legislation. —Jack L. Gritz

In This "World Mission Year," What Are Your Plans For Evangelism?

We wish we could talk face to face with every pastor and every member of a Baptist church in Arkansas, about this all-important question. We would love to have each one of you talk back to us and tell us just what your plans are for soul-winning in this significant "World Mission Year" of 1957.

Someone has said, "You must think ahead, plan ahead, in order to stay ahead." Baptists do only about what they plan to do. No plans, or little plans, mean nothing or little will be done. The stupendous objectives of Southern Baptists in this "World Mission Year" are of such proportion as to challenge every Baptist to MAKE large and definite plans for winning souls to Christ.

Dr. Leonard Sanderson, Secretary of Evangelism of the HMB, has announced a goal of 425,000 baptisms in 1957 by the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. This will be an increase of 37,538 over the 387,462 who were baptized in '56 in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In Arkansas a 10 per cent increase in baptisms over '56 would make it necessary for us to win and baptize approximately 15,000 in '57. We should not be satisfied with less than a 10 per cent increase in baptisms this year over last year. Let us go all out for 15,000 souls won and baptized this year. Remember, this year we are beginning the period set by Southern Baptists, when we are to make every effort to double the number of churches and preaching places which we now have in the Southern Baptist Convention. Arkansas Baptists want to do their part in this. In making our plans for Evangelism, let us keep this in mind.

No more important question could be addressed to the consecrated, intelligent and spirit-enlightened Christians, than the one with which we head this article. The Lordship of Jesus Christ demands that we plan for soul-winning, which was and is the great, supreme passion of Jesus Christ. For the Christian, soul-winning is not optional, it is obligatory. Christians — preachers, laymen, laywomen and young people — who do not win souls to Christ, are in open disobedience to the command of our Lord. He says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Jesus, into whose hands has been committed "all authority," has the moral right and the sovereign authority to command His followers to be witnesses unto Him.

Some seventeen of our associations have indicated that they plan a Simultaneous Crusade this year. However, I have not heard of a single association where every church will participate in the crusade. A number of the associations are planning for only one week of meetings in their

crusade. Many of the associations are taking "short-cuts" in preparation. Remember, beloved, that every feature in the Simultaneous Crusade is most important. When we omit any of the matters of preparation for such crusade, we limit the number we will reach for Christ. Preparation for a crusade means the difference between success and failure. It means real hard work to prepare for a crusade. But good preparation pays off in souls won. Prayer, a functioning organization (associational Steering Committee), a thorough census, enthusiastic rallies, good evangelistic help, are a must for a good crusade. Don't take "short-cuts" in preparation.

Some associations seem to feel they cannot have a crusade every year. Facts prove the contrary to be true. We know of associations in the Southern Baptist Convention who have had from two to twelve crusades in succession. Each one is usually better than the one before.

Regardless of whether or not the association wants a crusade, every church should plan early for a church revival. Every church should seek to get someone saved every week, thus realizing perennial evangelism. In planning for soul-winning, every church should have an effective weekly visitation program. There should be frequent study courses in both Sunday School and Training Union, using books on evangelism. It is suggested that this year each church teach the book, "Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism," to the entire church. Every pastor should visit, pray and preach every week to win souls. Pastors and churches, is it nothing to you that in '56 we won and baptized 1,416 less than we did in '55?

One church in the state won and baptized 307. Five other churches won and baptized from 104-143 each. Every other church in the state, in which there were baptisms, baptized from one to one hundred each. The most tragic thing of all is that 198 churches did not win or baptize a single soul in '56.

In making your plans for evangelism in this "World Mission Year," include every means available to you to win and baptize at least 10 per cent more this year than you did in '56. Remember, all the resources of Heaven are at your disposal. The Holy Spirit, who will release adequate and sufficient power, is available. A Saviour, who is able to save unto the uttermost, is available. The sin-conquering Gospel, which never fails to bring souls to the Saviour, is available.

Dept. of Evangelism

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

State Brotherhood Convention, March 4-5

Several outstanding personalities will appear on the program of the State Brotherhood Convention, which will be held with the Levy Baptist Church of North Little Rock on Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5, 1957.

Among the speakers are Dr. W. F. Powell, who has long been a favorite with the Baptist men of Arkansas; and John Farmer, Brotherhood Secretary of South Carolina, who is well known in Arkansas because of previous visits to our state to assist in Regional Brotherhood meetings. John is tops among state Brotherhood Secretaries!

Dr. Powell is Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. He is a very popular speaker, very much in demand by Baptist groups all over the Southern Baptist Convention. His ripe experience and his seasoned outlook make of him a very choice speaker indeed!

Among speakers from over our own state will be Roy Lambert, pastor of Southside Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. Brother Lambert's bed-rock stewardship concepts are revealing, and rather startling! Every layman and every pastor in our state can hear him with profit. He will speak at the Monday Evening Session.

All elements of a good men's meeting are being woven into the program of the State Brotherhood Convention. There will be three sessions: the First Session on Monday afternoon, the Second on Monday Evening, and the closing Session on Tuesday Morning.

Men will be driving in from all over the State for the Convention. Some of them will need to return home following the Monday Evening Session. Others will remain overnight for the closing session.

If you plan to spend the night, you can find accommodations at a multitude of motels and hotels in and around the Little Rock area.

Dr. Powell and John Farmer will each appear on the program at every one of the three sessions of



JOHN FARMER

the Convention. And the program for the closing session on Tuesday morning will be in keeping with the best that the Convention offers to those who come.

Your State Brotherhood Convention officers, and those of your Brotherhood Department are trusting that every church will want to be represented at the Convention. Pastors, and Church Brotherhood officers, Associational and Regional Brotherhood officers, Associational Missionaries, Royal Ambassador leaders on every level, and the rank and file among the laymen, will gain much by attending the Convention, having fellowship with the brethren, and getting the inspiration and challenge brought to their hearts and lives by some very able men.

Publicity Materials for the State Brotherhood Convention are in the hands of your pastor and your church Brotherhood President.

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What Follows Evangelism

By JNO. W. BRADBURY

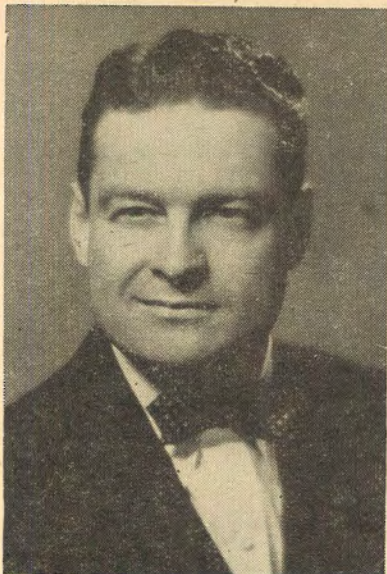
Most encouraging it is to learn that large numbers of converts are entering the churches, or are making public confession of faith in Christ in mass evangelism. Whether done personally or in the local church or in a public hall or tent, the winning of souls to Christ is our greatest work as Christians. But we are deeply and properly concerned over what happens to these hosts of converts and new church members. The percentages of those who do not follow through appear to run too high. Something is the cause of this and we should with the utmost frankness examine what it is. Nothing is more erroneous than to assume that because a convert has signed a confession card, attended the inquiry

room, and has been welcomed into a local church membership the work is done. For most of the converts this will not be true. The beginner's faith is frequently a frail and sensitive thing. It may be childlike in its simplicity — and so much the better if it is — but such is also the most tender. It may be as fine as a silken thread — and as easily broken. The utmost Christian care and fellowship should be shown toward these converts. Those mature in Christian knowledge and grace must be willing to share their experience with these people. Christian character grows with knowledge, therefore instruction as to the meaning of Christian truth and duty should be imparted. —*Watchman-Examiner*

Homes For Missionaries to Training Union Convention

Mr. Jack Riley, Educational Director, South Highland Church, Little Rock, has been selected as Chairman of the Homes Committee for the state Training Union Convention which will meet with Immanuel Church, Little Rock, March 15-16. Mr. Riley's task will be to work with one or two people from each church of Greater Little Rock to get a sufficient number of homes to care for all the messengers to the Convention. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free Friday night and Saturday morning to those who attend. People within 50 miles of Little Rock are requested not to ask for entertainment unless it is absolutely necessary.

Registration at the Convention will begin Friday morning at 8:45. After each person registers and gets his convention program and badge, if he desires a room for the night he will then go to the "Home Assignments Committee." Come early and avoid the rush!



JACK RILEY

Registration fee is 50 cents for all who are nine years of age or over.

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Government Tax Booklets

The Internal Revenue Service has published two booklets to assist individuals and Small Businessmen with their income tax problems.

"Your Federal Income Tax—1956" will furnish individuals answers to practically all income tax questions, including exemptions, wages, salaries, pensions, capital gains and deductions.

"Tax Guide for Small Business" is intended to answer most of the Federal Tax questions of the small business man. It covers the Federal income tax, the Federal employment tax and Federal excise tax problems of corporations, partnerships and sole proprietors.

The booklets can be obtained, for thirty cents (30 cts) each from the United States Department of Commerce Office, 212 Falls Building, Memphis, Tennessee. Please send cash or check, as stamps are not acceptable.

"Book of Acts" Films Tell Church History

The "BOOK OF ACTS SERIES" of ten new motion pictures, 15-20 minutes in length, is rapidly approaching completion by Family Films at their Keywest Studios in Hollywood. The series is based on the Book of Acts and closely related Scriptures, and deals with the history of the early church. The Rev. Earl Waldrup is supervising, and the Rev. Murray Severance is in charge of research, on behalf of Broadman Films, audiovisual production subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This series differs from previous films dealing with this period of Church history in that its

Twenty Five Years Can Make a Difference

Almost fifty-six years since he left Ouachita Baptist College with a B. A. degree, and approximately 25 years since he last saw Ouachita at the time of his retirement from the board of trustees, Mr. J. R. Allen came back on business — that of helping his grand nephew enter Ouachita.

Mr. Allen graduated from Ouachita in 1901; he was married at the time and said he "was older than the average college student".

He was affiliated with the Pine Bluff High School system 40 years as a teacher and superintendent of schools. According to a present faculty member at Ouachita, he was a very valuable member of the college board of trustees.

Mr. Allen's grand nephew, Allen Gabbie, of Dumas, attended Arkansas State Teachers College until a serious accident caused him to withdraw. He will study for the ministry.

While visiting the campus Mr. J. L. Carter, business manager, showed him the vastly different campus, ministerial cottages, the athletic field, the farm, north campus, Ouachita Hills faculty housing addition and the Barkman Apartments.

"Perhaps the project that appealed to me most was that of making it possible for college teachers to own a home at a reasonable cost," Mr. Allen said.

episodes single out specific emphases of Christian doctrine, such as evangelism, missions, witnessing, salvation and fellowship, rather than a chronological treatment.

How Big Is World Missions?

By L. L. CARPENTER

This is World Missions Year for Southern Baptists. It has been designated by official action of the convention and emphasized in Baptist meetings clear across our convention territory and in our Baptist literature. This is part of our big program of advance of Baptists of America which began two or three years ago and will continue until 1964, the 150th anniversary of the beginning of organized Baptist work in this country.

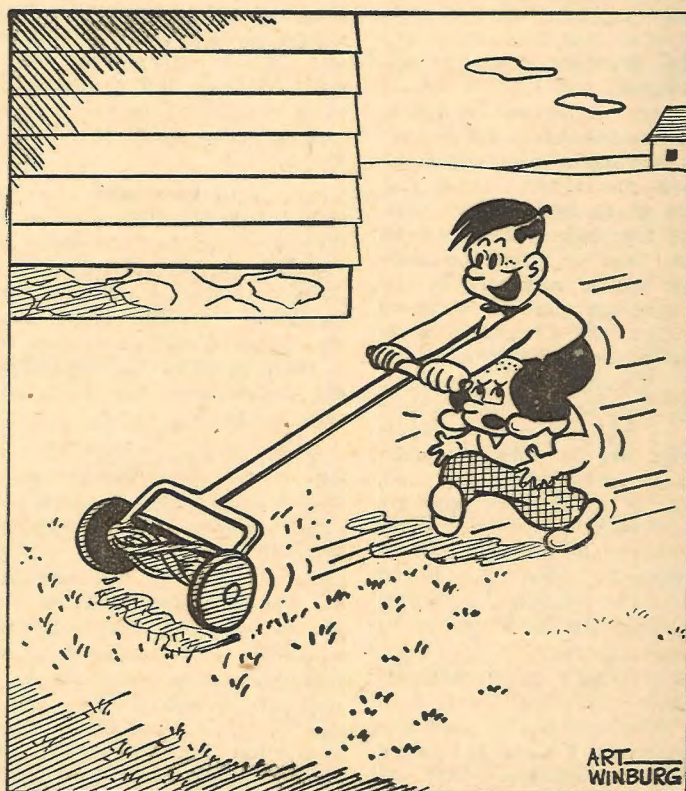
This whole program of advance is big and far-reaching, but we are concerned in this piece as to how big and deep world missions is. There has been some confusion as to the use of the term. Some think that when we refer to world missions we have in mind only foreign missions. As a matter of fact, world missions includes everything we are doing to share the good news of the gospel at home and abroad. In fact, this program includes everything that we do for others in local communities, in our state and nation, and throughout the world. We might say that it embraces the work we do personally and through the Cooperative Program in teaching and preaching the gospel and in meeting the spiritual needs of people everywhere.

Many of our people are interested especially in foreign missions, and this is well. But we must keep clearly in mind the meaning of the terms we use. Therefore, all this year and in the coming years when we talk about world missions, we must bear in mind that we do not mean

merely foreign missions; we mean Christian work and service of all kinds in winning people to Christ and in spreading the kingdom of God in our local communities, in our states, and throughout the world. Therefore, when we think about onward and upward in world missions, we are thinking in terms of the whole program which we support beyond the limits of the definite work in and for the local church.

In his final commission before the ascension, our Lord said to His disciples, "But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost has come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This is an all-inclusive commission from the standpoint of geography. Christians are witnesses wherever they may happen to be, and they are witnesses around the world through their practice of Christian stewardship in giving money to support preaching the gospel in other lands.

First of all, we must have dedicated and consecrated Christians in the fellowship of our churches if we are to have a successful world mission program. We must have spiritual revival in our churches and see to it that the people get wider vision and clearer understanding of the Christian point of view and what Christian living means in one's home and community, as well as in his giving for the support of missions in distant lands. —Biblical Recorder



"I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I GOT THE WORST OF THIS DEAL."

CHILDREN'S CORNER

God's Wondrous World

By THELMA C. CARTER

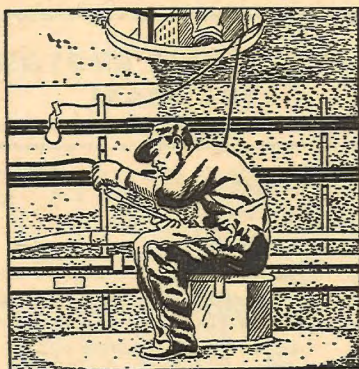
It takes an unbelievable amount of work and planning on the part of engineers to keep a city like New York in running order. We are told that under the asphalt highways of this great metropolis there are a jungle of pipes and cables — carrying water, electricity, gas, sewerage, etc.

This network of cables and pipes has been called a marvel of human genius! Yet, in 1947, when a great snowfall buried this city under tons of snow — nothing worked!

Traffic was stopped! Utility companies were beset with emergency calls. People were marooned in buildings where they worked — or in their homes.

Quietly, softly the snow fell and all movement and industry slowed down. Man's efforts and genius were of little avail in the face of nature's gift of snow.

People must have remembered the words of the psalmist who said: "When I consider thy heav-



ens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man?"

Perhaps there are many who were reminded of Job when he queried: "Hast thou entered into the treasurers of the snow?"

Isn't it strange how many limitations nature places upon man? And how great and powerful God becomes to us when we recognize and respect Him in nature?

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George Washington the Gentleman

By HELEN SEYMOUR

George Washington did not and very many years going to school, but he never stopped learning from everything he saw and did. Like the man with the ten talents in the Bible, he made the most of his abilities and through using what he knew and doubled his knowledge and talents.

While Washington spent a great deal of time in wild, frontier country, his manners were perfect. They were based, as all really good manners are, on our Lord's command to "Love thy neighbor as theyself." Here are some of the rules of behavior that the father of our country considered most important. They are written here as he copied them in a school copy-book when he was about fifteen years old:

"In the Presence of Others sing not to yourself with a humming Noise, nor Drum with your Fingers or Feet.

"Sleep not when others Speak, Sit not when others stand, Speak not when you Should hold your Peace, walk not on when others Stop.

"Turn not your Back to others, especially in Speaking; Jog not Table or Desk on which Another reads or writes; lean not on anyone.

"Use no Reproachful Language against any one, neither Curse nor Revile.

"Play not the Peacock, looking everywhere about you, to See if you be well Decked, if your Shoes

fit well, if your Stockings Fit neatly, and Clothes handsomely.

"Gaze not on the marks or blemishes of Others, and ask not how they came.

"Treat with men at fit Times about Business; and Whisper not in the Company of Others.

"Be not Curious to know the Affairs of Others, neither approach to those that Speak in Private.

"If others talk at Table be attentive but talk not with Meat in your Mouth.

"Labor to keep alive in your Breast that Little Spark of Celestial fire called Conscience."

We know that George Washington didn't just copy these rules of conduct and then forget them. He really lived by them. When he was appointed Commander in Chief of the American army he said, "I beg it may be remembered by every gentleman in the room, that I this day declare with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with."

Again, at Valley Forge, when the soldiers were ragged, freezing, and starving, some of Washington's friends suggested that he move into a nearby house, and command the army in comfort from there. He refused, saying he could endure anything that his men had to endure. He loved his neighbors — his soldiers, as himself.

Washington was a wealthy man. He could have lived in lux-

ury. Instead, for years he underwent hardships that most of us cannot even imagine. George Washington was truly the servant of the people, and because he served so willingly and well, he is remembered and loved by all the world. His "little spark of Celestial fire" burned brightly.
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Though we may have little of this world's goods we have much for which to praise God. A woman was dying in the poorhouse. The doctor bent over her and heard her whisper, "Praise the Lord." "Why, auntie," he said, "how can you praise the Lord when you are dying in the poorhouse?" "Oh, doctor," she replied, "it's wonderful to go from the poorhouse to a mansion in the sky."

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 An obstinate man does not hold opinions, but they hold him.

6. S.B.C. Presidents

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JAMES BRUTON GAMBRELL 1841-1921

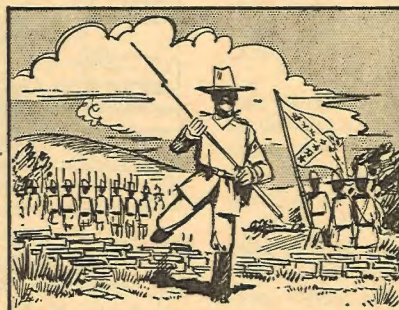
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J. B. is born in South Carolina, but four years later the family moves to a plantation in Miss. The home is a headquarters for visiting preachers.



J. B. is a skilled fox hunter, but finds that he cannot both hunt and read. He trades off his dogs. He often reads by pine knots until midnight.



As a scout in Pickett's Division, he fires first shot at Battle of Gettysburg. Later he marries Mary T. Corbell, a cousin of Gen. Pickett's wife.



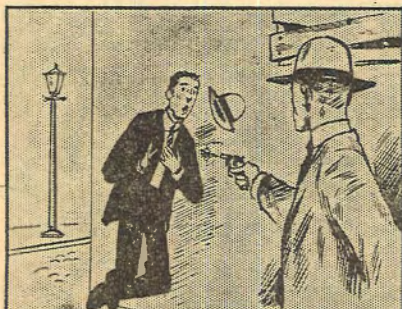
Late in 1866 he returns to Miss., bitter and full of grudges, finds a revival in progress. He prays till he is right with God. He is called to preach.



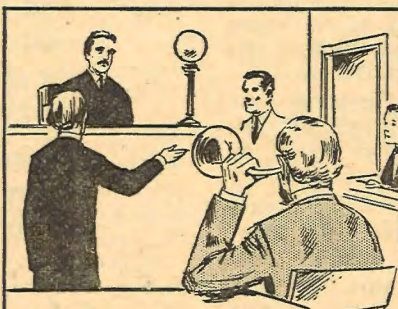
He and family endure physical hardship in reconstruction times. He is editor Mississippi Record 1877-92. He is a fireless and prolific writer.



Although opposed to Dr. Frost's proposal of a Sunday School Board, Dr. Gambrell works with him to present the question to the Sou. Bap. Con, in 1891.



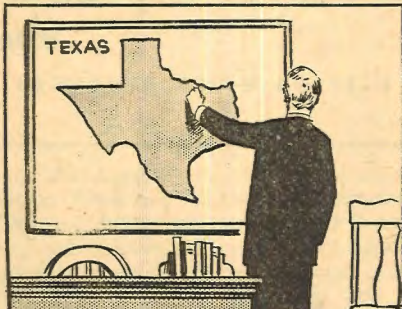
He is a life-long foe of liquor. He fights it in Miss., Ga., Tex. His son joins him in the fight and is killed by a defender of the liquor interests.



Between 1893-96 he is Pres. of Mercer University, and teaches theo. In 1896 he is elected Mission Sec. of Tex. It's a time of controversy, libel suits.



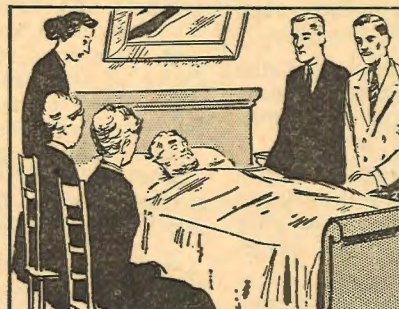
He edits The Baptist Standard 1910-12 and serves on the faculty of Southwestern Sem. 1912-14. His gifted wife dies in 1911 and he works on alone.



In 1914 he returns to his work of Secretary. Under him Texas Baptists make tremendous evangelistic and educational gains. Here is his greatest work.



He proves a colorful Pres. of the S.B.C. 1917-20. His philosophical utterances and writings make a permanent contribution to Baptist life and thought.



Soon after returning from a trip to Baptists in war-stricken lands in 1921, he becomes ill. He dies in Tex. June 10, survived by 5 of 9 children.

Signs of the Times

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

February 24, 1957

Matthew 16:1-12

changed hearts. They had the ministry of Christ Jesus who proclaimed the gospel and demonstrated its power through miracles. They knew of these miracles. Jesus' reputation was spread abroad. Therefore, no further sign would come than that which had been given in the normal work of our Lord.

The devil suggested that Jesus give a sign by jumping from the high pinnacle of the Temple. Jesus refused to do this sign instigated by the evil one. He refused to obey the evil one's cohorts as they asked that he do a sign. There is rebuke spoken by Jesus to these sign seekers. Says he, "You know the signs of the weather but you know not the signs of the times. A red evening bespeaks a fair tomorrow. A red morning bids a foul day." One may remember the sayings from old. "Red sky at night is the sailor's delight. Red sky in the morning, the sailor takes warning." Men learn to read the signs of the sky and interpret the weather. They are foolish not to read the signs of the times to interpret the close presence of God. Jesus called the group a wicked and adulterous generation. "Adulterous" is used in the religious sense of unfaithfulness to God rather than sexual sins. He took His disciples and departed to the eastern side of Lake Galilee.

THE PRESENCE OF ERROR

An omission in the preparation for the trip was that no bread was taken. This was discovered on the eastern side. The disciples had their mind on this physical need and probably felt foolish for the oversight. While they had their minds so entertained Jesus said, "You must take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." This puzzled the earth-bound disciples and they wondered if Jesus was rebuking them because they had no bread. They further wondered if he was speaking against their eating the bread prepared by the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

It has seemed strange that one extreme can follow another so quickly. Jesus had fed the multitudes previous to this withdrawal and there had been seven baskets filled with leftovers. What became of these baskets of leftovers? Were they given to the multitude for future use? Had the disciples been guilty of mishandling a

Jesus was busy training the twelve from the moment He called them. He trained through teaching, demonstration and assignment to task (Matthew 10:1). However, Matthew 14-20 gives special account of Jesus training the twelve. The period embraces about one year of time during which Jesus sought to lead the disciples to greater faith and Jesus was approaching the end of His personal ministry and He knew that when untrained, uncertain men pick up a task it can be the loss of the cause. His impending death with its circumstances would soon be reason for the disciples to falter if they were not bound together in the strength of faith and sureness of fellowship.

This period of special training is characterized by withdrawals so that Jesus might have His disciples away from the conflict with the masses. Much hatred and opposition had arisen toward Jesus and His program. He was constantly confronted with those not in agreement with Him. His Galilean ministry came to a close because He would not fit the popular conceptions of Messianic hope.

SIGN-SEEKERS APPEAR

The Pharisees and Sadducees are two important, powerful groups which did not accept Jesus or His work. These two groups ordinarily did not work together for they hated each other. They hated Jesus the more and therefore came united to Jesus to ask of Him a sign from heaven. This sign would "prove" that Jesus was from heaven. What kind of sign did they expect? Did they wish a sign like Elijah gave when he was in contest with Baal's prophets? Did they want Jesus to bring manna from Heaven as Moses had when the children of Israel were in the wilderness? Did they wish one like Joshua gave when he stopped the sun? or was it a clap of thunder out of a cloudless sky they wished? They may not have had any particular sign in mind, but what they expected was some thing so unusual that it would point to the reality of God's presence in Christ.

Christ replied that no further sign would come to them other than the sign of Jonah. Does this mean Jonah in the whale's belly regurgitated after three days? No, rather it means that Jonah went through Nineveh preaching and without any further sign than the spoken word of Jonah the Ninevites repented in sackcloth and ashes. That was the sign already before these unbelieving, powerful groups. They had the ministry of John the Baptist in preparation for Christ. His message was repentance. People had

trust? Whatever disposition had been made, the disciples were now without bread and worried over the situation. They were unable to grasp the truth that Jesus was not talking of physical bread but the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. He spoke plainly to them before they grasped the truth. Leaven works silently. Mostly it works while men sleep or are occupied with other matters. False teachings do the same and evil influences cause fermentation of wrong life before men are aware of its presence. The true prophet can read the "signs" before the final results are tabulated.

False teaching is not limited to the religious field alone. It is in the moral, political and economic world. There is a new combination word that speaks an important message in this day. The word is "work-morality." The psychology has developed that one should receive when he gives little or nothing in return. Work-morality has reached a new low. It is basic in character for a job to be done and done right regardless of compensation. The failure of honesty is a sign to be reckoned in any generation. Pride leads to a fall in national or individual life. When religion moves to mere formalism without vitality, the sign of moral corruption is opened on the horizon. Uncharitableness in attitude today leads to wholesale condemnation of neighbors tomorrow. The signs of the times are not usually wrapped up in miracle packages.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Repentance is a sure sign of the times. The penitent man not only is affected by his actions

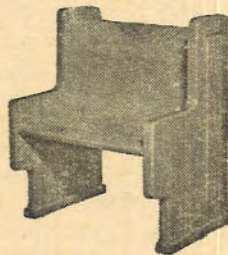
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but the man next to him is affected. A chain reaction is set up whereby society comes to its full purpose in repentance. Repentance is produced by the hearing of the word of God. Therefore, preaching is an art to be magnified and personal witness a culture to be furthered. Repentance is a sign that men are returning to God.

Sign-seekers yet live. People constantly call for the unusual and make promises that such and such action will be taken. A sick man will ask for health and promise to "serve the Lord" when he is well. One will surely tithe when the oil well comes in or the unusual happens. These already have their signs. Why not act on them? Even Dives in hell thought of signs when he said "Send someone from the dead and my brothers will believe."

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Instead of bemoaning that we can't have all we want, we should be thankful we don't get all we deserve.



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A New Testament Missionary Secretary

The Apostle Paul acted as Mission Secretary for the churches in New Testament times, as he went about doing the work of an evangelist. A careful New Testament reader can easily see that that is true.

I. Paul solicited funds and took collections. An illustration of this work is found in the sixteenth chapter of I Corinthians in which he said, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." This constituted an appeal to the Corinthian Church by letter even as we do in our day make appeals to the churches through correspondence.

In the eighth chapter of II Corinthians another appeal was made to the same church citing the example of the churches of Macedonia. He was encouraging the Corinthian brethren to do their best even as other churches have done. This we try to do today in our appeals through the "Arkansas Baptist" and by correspondence and by personal speeches. Paul was showing how the Macedonian churches, "In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." He was saying that the churches of Macedonia gave so much that they had to beg Paul and Titus to receive the gift and take the responsibility of ministering the same to the Saints. Brethren does your church do as good as the churches of Macedonia did, and can't you see that Paul was serving as a Mission Secretary in gathering these funds for the poor saints at Jerusalem and sometimes probably for other purposes also?

In the same chapter Paul admonished the Corinthian brethren to abound in the grace of giving even as they did in faith and utterance and knowledge and in diligence and in love. He said that he was not giving them a commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others and to prove the sincerity of the love of the Corinthians, he talked about how poor Jesus was. Jesus was made poor for their sakes although he was rich, that they through his poverty might be rich. Yes, Paul gathered funds to help those who needed the contributions.

II. Paul acting as evangelist and missionary secretary had great anxiety for the welfare of all of the churches and of all the brethren.

In the eleventh chapter of II Corinthians he points out a lot of hardships and afflictions that he suffered. Then he added in verse 28, "Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." What did Paul mean by "The care of all the churches"? He did not mean that he was bishop or pastor of all of them. He meant that as a God called preacher and having a vision of a lost world, that he was deeply solicitous of the general welfare of all the saints and of all the churches. He was prayerfully anxious about all their welfare. He wanted them to give



for others, not solely to get the money for others, but also that their liberality "Might abound to their account." He was careful or anxious about the welfare of the people of the Kingdom of God. This writer can deeply sympathize with him who could see the dire needs everywhere and so little with which to do it. Paul begged and argued to get the money for the work of the Kingdom. He appealed to the emotion of the people. What stirring eloquence he used in the emotional picture that he gave about death and the resurrection and immediately following that masterful and soul-stirring discussion of the resurrection he immediately appealed for an offering from the Corinthian Church. We do not know how much help he received, but we do know that his heart was aching for the cause and he made earnest appeals.

III. Titus was a sort of an assistant secretary for Paul. The same earnest care that he himself had, God also put into the heart of Titus. II Corinthians 8:16.

Paul had an assistant secretary. In II Corinthians 8:16 he thanked God that God had put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care that he himself had. Titus must have gone to the Corinthian Church to help take the collection. Then Paul said in verse 18, "And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; and not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord and declaration of your ready mind: Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of man." You see, another honest man had been chosen by the churches to travel with Paul to take and administer the money. Here Paul again refers in verse 19 to the offering as a "grace." Paul's helper was chosen of the churches to travel "with us with this grace."

In those days it was not always safe and not always convenient to send money to its destination. Sometimes the fellows who were entrusted with the offering took it themselves and administered it. "And in those days

came prophets from Jerusalem into Antioch, and there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the day of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea: which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul" (Acts 11:27-30). Today we make distributions largely by mail and we have the cancelled checks and the vouchers and at the end of the year the auditor goes over our books and verifies the honesty and accuracy of our work of distribution of the money.

The New Testament does not always use the same terminology that we use today. The New Testament said that Judas carried the bag, but the New Testament did not use the word treasurer. Later Sunday School Superintendents and Church Clerks became advantageous and important in the expensive program of the ministry of the churches. So Paul is not called a Missionary Secretary but in many instances he did the same type of work that a Missionary Secretary does. — B. L. B.

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Cullendale and Coble

It is inspiring, indeed, to review the history of the work of the Cullendale church. In 1955, the church voted to raise \$40,000 for starting a new auditorium, but it also raised the gifts to the Cooperative Program 2 per cent, making it 15 per cent of all undesignated gifts. Then in 1956 when the church voted to go in debt \$170,000, it kept its percentage up for the Cooperative Program. During the calendar year of 1956 the church gave \$7,359 for the Cooperative Program. Deacon R. R. Ross pulls side by side with Pastor Coble and the other fine leaders in the church walk along by their side. They are doing a great work and Coble is a fine leader for a great group of people. — B. L. B.

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A Reflection or Two

By ANDREW M. HALL

During the last few years I have passed a certain church which has had a rather remarkable growth in our city. I recall that this church, which derives its authority from Rome, used to have only a very few automobiles in front when I passed by. Now, due partly to the growth of the city, parking has become a problem.

I feel however, that there is another matter which may have a great deal to do with their obvious growth. When people move to the city who profess that particular faith, they make haste to align themselves with the membership. Rarely does one need to be sought. THIS IS NOT THE CASE WITH A GREAT MANY BAPTISTS! One wonders, as one reflects, how many more souls we could win if so much of our time were consumed in "chasing down" unenlisted Baptists.

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