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A Den of Thieves

A Devotion by the Editor

"My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Jesus cast out those who sold and bought in the temple, "and overthrew the tables of the money-changers." He accused this crowd of making the Lord's house into a "den of thieves."

Paul asks the question: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."

In the light of Paul's teaching we may apply the action of Jesus in cleansing the temple to our own lives; for He alone can drive out the thieves which are robbing us of every holy virtue, and make us a fit temple for the indwelling of God.

It is a shocking thought that one's own self may become a den, harboring and protecting an organized band of thieves that prey upon his own life powers and virtues. These thieves are all the more dangerous because they dwell within oneself. By subtle trickery they get into the soul and work from the inside. They are the "fifth column" in the individual life. They have entered as legitimate guests or as native tradesmen to carry on the necessary traffic of life.

These thieves may be grouped under three general heads: as gain, pleasure, and pride.

Gain turned thief becomes a slave-driver, and all the energies and powers and mental-ity of the victim are employed in getting gain. The stages and types of people thus victimized by gain range all the way from the respectable and prosperous business man to the petty thief and highway robber. Getting gain is the supreme thing for both, and all other considerations are subordinated to this one aim in life.

Pleasure, when it forsakes the legitimate bounds of operation, is no less relentless in its demands upon its victim. It ranges from those who are considered the play-folk of the country, to those who have reached the stage of profligate living and utter dissipation.

Pride is the haughtiest of them all, claiming for itself a superior place and the homage of all the others. It ranges from the self-righteous to the infidel and atheist, who hold in contempt what they term as the feeble efforts of the weak who seek comfort in the myth of religion.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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A Call to Prayer

By ROBERT G. LEE, President
Southern Baptist Convention

"Laboring fervently . . . in prayers" (Colossians 4:12).

Soon—by plane, by car, by train—thousands of Southern Baptists will travel to Oklahoma City—to meet for counsel and, with no ecclesiastical functions, to promote co-operation in matters of concern to all our people.

As we have said before, we meet at a time when there are many problems that can not be solved, many dangers that can not be averted, many possibilities that can not be attained, many burdens that can not be borne, many holy hopes that can not be realized, many plans to promote active co-operation in Gospel work on the part of all our churches that can not be carried into the realm of achievement by human strength, wisdom, ingenuity, genius. What we need is what God can do. Therefore, before God, let us be found "laboring fervently . . . in prayers."

We can not have power without prayer. Only through prayer can we have the spirit to co-operate in a world-wide program, and deepen our own spirituality.

It is the conviction of all who have proved the faithfulness of God that nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer when the basis of our beseeching is found within that sovereign will.

Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Andrew Murray said: "In relation to his people God works only in answer to their prayer."

In all our churches do we need for our forthcoming Convention intercessors like Abraham for wicked Sodom, like Moses for wayward Israel, like Samuel for the nation changing its form of government, like Elijah for an apostate nation, like Jesus for the chosen disciples, like Paul for the churches he founded, like Epaphras for the assembly at Colossae, like John Knox for Scotland, like Broadus for the Seminary.

Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray—and when we take time, really pray.

We are asking, please, that all of our churches, all of our Seminary faculties and college faculties and homes set aside Wednesday, May 4, as a day of prayer among Southern Baptists.

Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight—all through the day. Let every Southern Baptist institution, every Mission Board, every Missionary Society, and every circle that is part of every society, every W. M. U. organization, every Baptist Brotherhood, every Sunday School class, every group of deacons observe May 4th as a day of prayer.

Let us all pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for our churches that they may fill their God-appointed mission. Let us pray for all agencies of our Convention that they may have the wisdom which is from above. Let us pray for our missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Let us pray for ourselves that we may not lose the word CONCERN out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for nations in distress, for our own nation, for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love,

for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders, for all hearts that they may hold no malice, for our tongues and pens that we be not hurtfully critical. Let us pray that Southern Baptists will, keeping their eyes on Jesus.

If we can expect glorious results, when one Christian prays—since "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"—how much more can we expect when millions make prayer their portion, their pastime, their passion, their practice.

Moreover, we urge that, during the days of our Convention, we advise that we have prayer assemblies in the Convention hall before and after each session. Many could thus gather for prayer. Let us have several small group prayer meetings in the hotels, as we see fit, after the night sessions—where men and women will intercede with God for all the causes and for all the people for whom we should pray.

We suggest further that in journeying to the Convention that there be prayer meetings held on the trains and planes en route to Oklahoma City—such as our Baptist students have and hold traveling to Ridgecrest and other assemblies. And—for all those who come in cars—why not pause occasionally for a prayer in the car on the side of the road or as stops are made at gas stations? And, since it takes only one to drive a car, let those who are not driving hold occasional prayer sessions in the car—as along the highways they journey.

Let us on May 4, before the Convention, and during all the days when we are in Oklahoma, pray that the Southern Baptist Convention this year be an expression of supernatural power when all of us shall be out of sight and Christ exalted—remembering that "all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

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God Writes . . .

Music of Life

With Rests

There is no music in a rest, but there is the making of music in it. In our whole life melody the music is broken off here and there by rests and we foolishly think we have come to the end of time.

God sends a time of forced leisure—sickness, disappointed plans, frustrated efforts—and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives, and we lament that our voices must be silent, and our part missing, in the music which ever goes up to the ear of the Creator.

How does the musician read the rests? See him beat time with unvarying count and catch up the next note true and steady, as if no breaking place had come in between.

Not without design does God write the music of our lives. But be it ours to learn the time, and not be dismayed at the rests. They are not to be slurred over nor to be omitted, nor to destroy the melody, nor to change the key note.

If we look up, God himself will beat the time for us. With the eye on Him, we shall strike the next note full and clear.

—Ruskin.

—Baptist Observer.

From the Editor's Desk

Aim of Roman Catholicism In America

The Roman Catholic Church is making an all-out effort to capture the United States and to make our government an ally of the Catholic hierarchy. This effort does not follow the New Testament pattern of evangelism; it follows the method of politics, authoritarianism, and deception.

Politics

The political maneuvering of the Roman hierarchy is illustrated by the president's personal representative at the Vatican in the person of Myron Taylor. A further example is the terrific pressure which Catholics are bringing to bear upon the Congress to include parochial schools in the aid-to-education bills now being considered. In the one case the Roman Church is seeking recognition as a political state; in the other it is demanding that the United States government support its parochial schools where the Roman Catholic religion is taught, which is the only reason for the existence of such schools.

Authoritarianism

There has never been, nor is anywhere now a more absolute dictatorship than the Roman Catholic church.

About a year ago Protestants became more than usually active in Spain, a Catholic country. A news report stated that, "Liberty of cults does not exist in Spain, despite the claims of 'some Protestants,' the Spanish hierarchy declared in a joint statement addressed to all Spanish Catholics and intended as a warning against the proselytizing activities of non-Catholics. The document was signed by Enrique Cardinal Play Daniel, Primate of Spain, on behalf of all the Spanish archbishops and bishops."

The document signed by the Primate of Spain states: "The profession and practice of the Catholic religion, which is that of the Spanish state, will have official protection. No one will be molested for his religious beliefs, or in the private practice of his religion. No external ceremonies or manifestations other than those of the Catholic religion will be permitted.

"Certainly in Article 6 of the Fuero de los Espanoles some element of tolerance of dissident cults was extended to foreigners residing in Spain and who came from countries where the majority of the population is Protestant or where there are numerous non-Catholic minorities.

"However, in conformity with the principles taught by His Holiness Leo XIII, toleration in Spain was reduced to the limits to which it ought to be reduced—the recognition of pri-

vate cults, but without permission for external manifestations."

In these quotations from a Catholic document we have an example of the authority of Rome in suppressing public worship by non-Catholic groups. The document says that you will be allowed to hold beliefs differing from the Romanism so long as you keep your beliefs private. But no public, external, acts of worship, manifestations, will be allowed.

Deception

We refer the reader to an article on page seven by Dr. A. B. Pierce, in which he challenges statements in an advertisement sponsored by Pine Bluff Council 1153 Knights of Columbus.

It is pure deception to claim, without any basis in fact, that Peter was the first Pope of Rome. Every page of history, as well as the entire New Testament, contradicts this statement.

In a recent advertisement by the Knights of Columbus it was claimed that the Bible is a Catholic Bible. This claim would deny the Bible to all people except Catholics. The church of Rome claims the only right to interpret the Bible. It would deny you and me the right to interpret the Bible for ourselves, or to seek God and His forgiving grace except through a Catholic priest.

Whereas, the Bible condemns the whole Roman Catholic system and claims of authority. We close this editorial by reprinting a little leaflet by the Protestant Truth Society of London, England.

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Reward of \$50,000 To Roman Catholics

1. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce one text of Holy Scripture proving that we ought to pray to the Virgin Mary.
2. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that the wine at the Lord's Table ought only to be taken by the priests.
3. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that St. Peter had no wife.
4. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that priests ought not to marry.
6. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that there are more Mediators between God and men than one.
7. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that St. Peter was Bishop of Rome.
8. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any

Word of God Discredited

It is easy for any person, particularly a minister, to get in the news by making some radical statements about the Bible.

A recent case is that of Dean Cotesworth P. Lewis of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Little Rock. Granting that the newspaper report presented Dean Lewis' address by taking certain statements out of their context and thereby changing the shade of meaning, it seems obvious that many of his references to the Bible discredited the inspired Scriptures in the minds of those who heard him. One of the most popular bids for cheap publicity for many years has been to make some radical statement about the Bible. Many of the ministers of Little Rock have replied to Mr. Lewis. He in turn has sought to clarify his position in the public press.

To say the least, the whole thing has been unfortunate, and in the public mind a minister of the Gospel has discredited the Word of God. Every minister should realize that he can discuss the Bible and any Bible passage or teaching without appearing to discredit the inspired Word of God. To be so careless or so vague in one's expression as to cast reflection upon the Word of God or create doubts in the minds of one's hearers is wholly inexcusable in a minister of the Gospel.

Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that the Virgin Mary can save us.

9. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that the Church of Rome is the oldest Church.

10. Five Thousand Dollars Reward to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove that the Pope of Rome is the Vicar of Christ, or the successor of St. Peter.

In all, 50 thousand dollars reward to anyone who shall produce the required texts of Scripture.

"Search the Scriptures." "Christ is all and in all."

The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, is the religion of Protestants.

All answers, which must be drawn from the Holy Scriptures, to be sent to

The Protestant Truth Society (Inc.)

104 Hendon Lane, Finchley N. 4, England.

A study of the above will surely convince any thinking person that the Bible is not a Catholic Bible. The Bible is God's revelation of truth to all men. And any man may take the Bible and, without the aid of a Roman Catholic priest, find God and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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"How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality" (2 Cor. 8:2). These Macedonian Christians did not consider the need for money a troublesome obligation to be disposed of with as little cost to themselves as possible, but a gracious opportunity to convert material things into spiritual power.

Kingdom Progress

First Church, Monette, Makes Progress

Under the leadership of Pastor G. W. Smith the First Church, Monette, is making outstanding progress. Last month a revival was sponsored by the Brotherhood and conducted by Nelson Tull, State Brotherhood Secretary, which resulted in 52 professions of faith, 44 candidates for baptism, four additions to the church by letter, one by statement, and four re-dedications.

This month the church accepted the responsibility for the mission at Poplar Ridge. A census of that territory was taken March 6, and a revival is under way in that mission with Pastor G. W. Smith doing the preaching.

The progress of the Monette Church is also made evident by the tithes and offerings, which have almost tripled during the past year. Church and Sunday School attendance has almost doubled.

A building committee has been appointed and plans are now under way for the construction of a new educational building, and the enlargement of the present church auditorium. An electric organ has been installed, and an attractive neon sign placed in front of the church building.

The Wilnot Church, Dillard S. Miller, pastor, had the services of Elmer Morgan, First Church, Cullendale, in a revival meeting February 21-March 2. There were 11 conversions, nine uniting with the church by baptism, and 13 additions by letter. There were 22 re-dedications.

Plans are being made for the construction of a two-story educational annex to the auditorium and for re-decorating the auditorium. Half of the necessary funds have been raised for this project.

Hugh Cantrell observed his fourth anniversary as pastor of the First Church, Stephens, March 6. Evidence of the progress the church has made in these four years is shown by a comparison of figures for 1944, the year prior to his coming, and figures for 1948. The gross receipts of the church for 1944 were \$4,304; for 1948 they were \$11,849.16. There has been a net increase in church membership of 100, or approximately 38 per cent. The church building has been repaired and completely re-decorated, and a modern pastor's home has been erected.

Sunday, March 6, marked the beginning of Pastor R. O. Ekrut's third year as pastor of First Church, Strong. There were seven additions to the church by baptism, and one by letter on this anniversary day. Also there were 131 in Sunday School and 58 in Training Union. Pastor Ekrut reports that prayer meeting attendance has almost doubled in the past six weeks, and "every organization within the church is on the move." Pastor Ekrut continues, "We sense a rekindling of the fires in the pulpit and pew."

First Church, Lake City

J. M. Cossey, chairman, Board of Deacons, First Church, Lake City, reports that the church has gone forward in many ways since Pastor A. M. Norton has arrived on the field. Mr. Cossey makes the following statement:

"Since the arrival of Pastor and Mrs. A. M. Norton on our church field we feel that our church has experienced a real spiritual revival. Men have been saved for whom the church members have been praying for years. During the three months that our new pastor has been with us we have had 34 additions by baptism and nine additions by letter. A "New Christian's Class" has been created, with about 30 in attendance every Tuesday night. Here the new Christians meet for Bible study and learn how to have family prayer and how to read their Bibles for the most spiritual good. Our Sunday School attendance has increased to over 300 and our Training Union has grown to an average of about 170 each Sunday night. Mrs. Norton's musical talent has done much to help our church music. One young man stated that the church music was greatly responsible for his surrendering to Christ."

Progress Is The Watchword

Missionary Claude Crigler reports progress in the White River Association. Of the 16 churches in the association, 12 have agreed to co-operate in the simultaneous revival on April 17-27; also two missions will join in the revival campaign. Mr. Crigler says, "We hope to make it 100 per cent."

Among other achievements in the association is the reviving of Antioch Number One Church. Missionary Crigler, together with Ottis Denney, Carl Huddleston, and Bill Parker, became interested in this church in May, 1948, and held a revival meeting which resulted in 15 additions to the church by baptism. Up to this time there had been only two baptisms in the church since 1940. As a further result of the revival last May and the continued progress of the church, the offerings have increased from \$2 per week to \$35 per week.

Pastoral Changes

O. L. Gardner has resigned as pastor of Gideon Church, Harmony Association.

Ralph Glover has resigned the pastorate of the Hardin Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of Altheimer Church.

B. L. Dorman has accepted the pastorate of the Casa Church.

C. E. Bull has accepted the call to the Perry Church for half time.

Eugene Schultz has accepted the pastorate of the Number Nine Church, Mississippi County.

Meredith E. Wilfong is the new pastor of the First Church, Plumerville.

W. T. Tiner has been called as full time pastor of the Shell Lake Church, Tri-County Association. This is a rural church with a full time program.

Immanuel, Little Rock, Honors Missions

By CLAUDIA WEBB

The six mission churches of Immanuel, Little Rock, were honored at an annual banquet Friday night, March 4. Since the banquet last year two of the largest missions have become churches—Capitol Hill, W. C. Rowe, pastor; and Bethany, L. G. Miller, pastor. During the past year a new mission has been organized, Garden Homes, with Raymond Strickland as pastor.

The theme of the mission banquet was "Pioneering for Jesus." Fred Perkins, chairman of the Mission Committee, presided. Taylor Stanfill, Park Hill Church, was guest speaker. Pastor W. O. Vaught Jr. spoke briefly on the progress and prospects for the future, and a color moving picture, "Out of the Night," was shown. As a climax to the program, five candidates from two of the mission churches were baptized in the auditorium.

Following the banquet on Friday night, Immanuel observed her annual Mission Day on Sunday morning, March 6. Representatives from the six missions spoke at the morning preaching hour. Earl Miller represented Alexander Mission, which is at Alexander, Arkansas, and whose pastor is Billy Deaton. C. E. Patton was the spokesman for Davis Chapel, located 15 miles from North Little Rock on Highway five. The people of Davis Chapel, under the leadership of Pastor Jack McKinnon, have just completed a new building. Garden Homes mission was represented by H. E. Weingartner. This mission is located at Nineteenth and Security, Little Rock. Highway Mission, on the St. Louis Highway out from North Little Rock, was represented by Mrs. A. G. Walker. Highway's pastor is E. J. Evans. Mrs. Glen Majors spoke for Riverside Mission, which is located on Riverside Street, and is led by K. E. McKneely, pastor. Tuxedo Court is Immanuel's colored mission, and was represented by its pastor, W. W. Ivory, who sang, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

Seven hundred people are hearing the gospel through these six missions just mentioned. All six are to co-operate in a simultaneous revival effort April 3-17. We can truly say that through these mission stations, Immanuel is "Pioneering for Jesus."

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L. Y. Lewis Begins Third Year At Hunter

L. Y. Lewis began his third year as pastor of the Hunter Church, Sunday, March 6. During the two years of his pastorate many improvements have been made. The church building has been remodeled, including a new roof, installation of an attic fan, and butane gas system. Also, the pastorium has been re-conditioned. There have been 43 additions to the church, 15 by letter and 28 by baptism. The spiritual as well as financial condition of the church has shown marked improvement. The church is now giving almost three times more to the Cooperative Program and Associational Missions than it ever has before.

Central College was host to the 1949 Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference which met on the campus March 4-6. There were representatives from all sections of the state among the group which numbered 185. The Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A. of Central entertained the G. A.'s with a party on Friday night after the evening services. The entire personnel of the college received a blessing from having this large group of girls with their leaders and speakers on the campus for this conference.

Vernon Noles, sophomore from Dumas, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Arkansas Tech, Russellville, for the coming year. Noles will officially take over as president in March. Other newly-elected officers are: Wade Self, Mansfield, first vice president; Dean Wilkerson, Searcy, second vice president; Richard Catlett, Clarendon, third vice president; Virginia Hudlow, Dardanelle, reporter; Juanita Tucker, Dardanelle, Sunday School representative; and Freeman Allred, Osage, Training Union representative.

Women of the W. M. S. of the First Church, Dumas, have recently spent \$175 in landscaping the grounds of the newly completed parsonage. Mrs. John Puryear was chairman of the committee and Mrs. J. C. LaGrone, Mrs. Luther Adams, Mrs. J. E. Allman Sr., and Mrs. O. L. Puryear served on the committee. T. N. Shaddox is pastor.

Joiner Church reports a successful winter revival January 23-29. There were 12 additions by baptism and one other profession of faith, and four by letter. Boyd Eldridge, pastor of the Tyronza Church was the visiting evangelist, and James B. Johnson, educational director of the Tyronza church, conducted the music. Pastor James Staples says, "The church was greatly blessed in every respect."

More than 500 people filled the Smackover Church for the quarterly hymn-sing of Liberty Association, Sunday afternoon, February 27. Fifteen churches were represented. The theme of the hymn-sing was "America's Heritage of Hymns" and was developed in the congregational singing, directed by Mrs. B. W. Nininger. Mrs. Ralph Reasor, organist, and Miss Margaret Berry, pianist, accompanied the singing.

The First Church, Hot Springs, conducted a study course February 7-11 using as a basis of study, "Studies in John's Gospel," by Dr. John L. Hill. The course was supplemented by a detailed outline of the Gospel by Dr. John L. Dodge, who taught the course. A total of 67 persons attended the study course with 40 qualifying for awards.

Pastor Dodge further comments that "interest in an attendance of the Training Union of the church is increasing steadily. It is an inspiration to any pastor to see his people interested in training for the Lord's work."

W. W. Grafton, Booneville, recently conducted the music for a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Poteau, where J. O. Kincannon Jr. is pastor. R. C. Miller, Chickasha, Oklahoma, was guest speaker for the services, and the results were 31 additions to the church membership, 22 coming for baptism.

Pastor D. Blake Westmoreland Jr., First Church, Warren, was the visiting evangelist in a recent revival at the Eudora Church, Pastor Clarence Cutrell reports. Frank Adams directed the music. There were 47 additions, 31 for baptism, 14 by letter, and two by statement. Pastor Cutrell says, "Brother Westmoreland's sermons gave evidence that in his busy pastorate he has not neglected his study nor his prayer life. Brother Adams was a blessing to the church and especially to the young people."

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MEETING

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Oklahoma City, May 17-22. You can make your reservations through the Committee on Entertainment only. Write to Anson Justice, 223½ Northwest First Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

First Church, Dardanelle, Has Enlargement Campaign

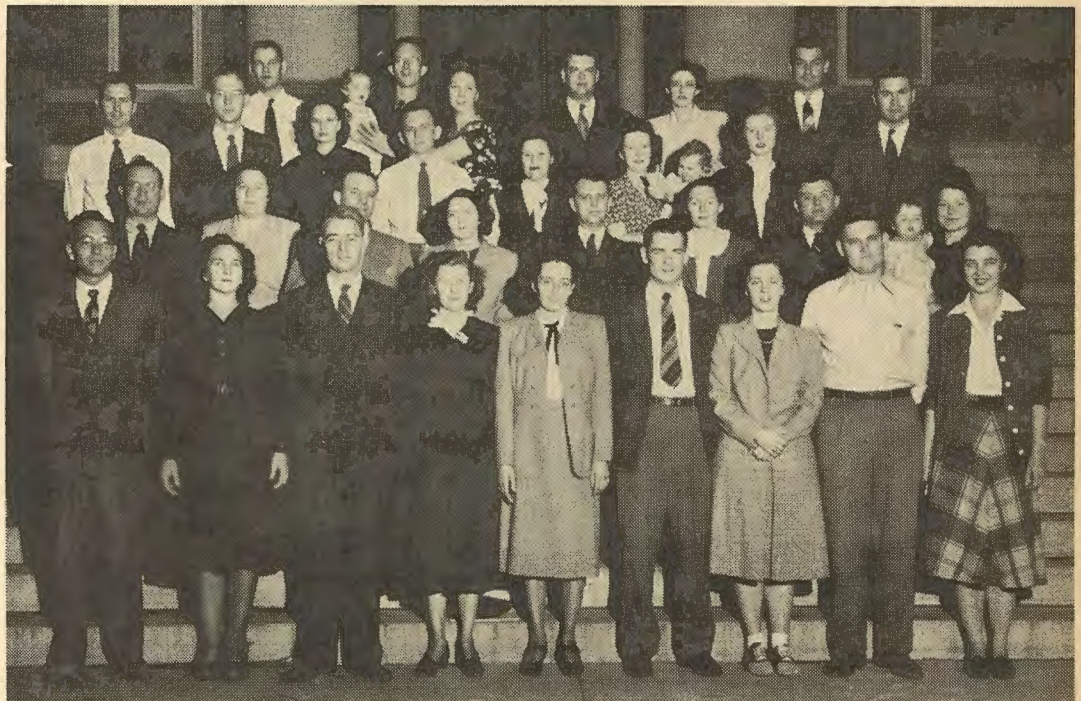
February 13-18, First Church, Dardanelle, Sidney Oxendine, pastor, conducted an enlargement campaign and Sunday School revival, under the leadership of H. O. Malone, pastor of the First Church, Lake Village. Pastor Malone taught the Adults, "Building a Standard Sunday School," and brought an inspirational message each evening between the study periods. Two other courses were

taught: "The Plan of Salvation" for the Young People and Intermediates, taught by Pastor Oxendine; and "The Junior Baptist," for Juniors, taught by Mrs. Elmer T. Moore.

According to the pastor, the results were "an enlarged vision of the great tasks that are ours in this needy field, plans to organize a Cradle Roll Department and an Extension Department, and four professions of faith."

During the three months Pastor Oxendine has been with the First Church, there have been eleven additions, seven coming by profession of faith and baptism.

Arkansans at Southwestern Seminary



Pictured above from left to right, first row: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Arkadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stripling, Little Rock; Mrs. Alex Garner, Arkadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nutt, Texarkana; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Travis, Malvern.

Second row: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bulter, Paragould; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brickley, Springdale; Mr. and Mrs. Winton Mizell, Corning; and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bumpus, Pine Bluff.

Third row: Don Orr, Hot Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Nelson, Lewisville; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keltner, Hope; Mrs. Ruben Franks, Helena; Miss Nancy Haley, Jonesboro; and Horace Grigson, Texarkana.

Back row: Bob Wells, North Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lyon, Fort Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cunningham, Pine Bluff; Orville Roberts, North Little Rock.

Sixty-seven Arkansas students were enrolled in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, last semester. Many of these students are serving as pastors, music directors, and directors of religious education in Fort Worth and throughout a large part of Texas.

Several of these students are doing graduate work in the schools of Theology and Religious Education. The Arkansas club promotes fellowship through a program of social

activities.

Officers last semester were J. W. Thomas, president; Stanley Williamson, vice president; Mrs. Loyce Nelson, secretary; Warren Nutt, treasurer; Mrs. Claude Stripling, reporter; and Mrs. Alex Garner, social chairman.

Officers this semester are Stanley Williamson, president; E. O. Martindale, vice president; Warren Nutt, treasurer; Bill Keltner, social chairman; Ernest Mosely, reporter; and Mrs. Bell, secretary.

*** Christian Horizons ***

A Smile or Two

According to the latest magazines in doctors' waiting rooms, we are about to win the war.

—Briggs Assembler.

Just before Joe died he made his wife promise she wouldn't marry again. When Jones heard about this, he said: "That was just like Joe, always doing something to help his fellow men."

—Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine.

A young pastor announced nervously one morning, "I'll take for my text the words, 'And they fed five people with 5,000 loaves of bread and 2,000 fishes.'"

At this misquotation, an older member of the congregation said audibly: "That's no miracle—I can do it myself."

The young preacher said nothing at the time, but the next Sunday he announced the same text. This time he got it right: "And they fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fishes." He waited a moment, and then, leaning over the pulpit and looking at the amen corner he said, "And could you do that too, Brother?"

"Of course I could," the deacon replied.

"And how would you do it?"

"Why I would do it with what you had left over from last Sunday's sermon, of course."

—Cosmopolitan.

In Brisbane, Australia, they're telling the story of the capitalist, fascist, communist, and unionist who were in a boat when it suddenly sank.

First to drown was the capitalist who tried to save too many of his belongings and was dragged down. Next was the fascist, who made no progress because he raised one arm in stiff salute.

The communist was so busy shouting propaganda that his mouth filled with water and he sank. The unionist was swimming along fine when a whistle blew. Then he sank.

—Chicago Daily News.

Congress is now confronted with the unsolved problem of how to get people to pay taxes they can't afford for services they don't need.

—Grit.

An income tax form is like a laundry list—either way you lose your shirt.

—Fred Allen.

Work-Analysis

A farmer who took over his household for a day while his wife went to town wrote this work-analysis of his day:

Opened door for children—106 times.

Tied their shoes—16.

Shouted "Don't Georgie"—94.

Stopped quarrels—17.

Spread bread with jelly—11.

Answered phone—7.

Wiped noses—19.

Answered questions—145.

Lost temper—45.

Ran after children—about four and one-half miles.

—Gideon M. Varga.

Church Youth to Back Christian University in Japan: The Youth Fellowship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will concentrate on the proposed Christian University in Japan as its foreign project for 1949-50, according to a decision reached at the annual meeting of the denomination's Youth Cabinet in Cleveland, Ohio.

In announcing the decision, Wilson Cheek, the denomination's director of youth work, said every local Evangelical and Reformed Youth Fellowship will not only study the problems of Christian education in Japan, but will also contribute financially to the new university.

These contributions, he explained, will be in addition to the \$100,000 which the Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church has already pledged toward the institution.

—Religious News Service.

Texas Drys to Ask Prohibition Referendum: Dr. Walter H. McKenzie, executive secretary of the United Texas Drys, disclosed that the church-backed organization will sponsor a bill in the Texas legislature calling for a state-wide prohibition vote.

Two years ago, said Dr. McKenzie, such a bill was submitted but it never got out of committee.

Declaring that the "wets are scared," Dr. McKenzie said a recent letter sent out by the Texas State Hotel Association to its members questioned the wisdom of efforts to legalize sale of liquor by the drink.

"There is a strong probability," said Dr. McKenzie, "that the state will end up completely dry if the legislature should submit a constitutional amendment on the question."

—Religious News Service.

Mosque Nears Completion in Sacramento: A \$50,000 mosque, under construction since July, 1947, is nearing completion in Sacramento, California. It is believed to be the first structure of its kind erected in the United States according to a report by Religious News Service.

The mosque, which will accommodate more than 1,000 persons, is being built by a number of Sacramento Valley residents who came to the U. S. from Pakistan.

—Religious News Service.

Thirty-eight Radio Programs Stress Religious Education: Thirty-eight radio programs emphasizing the importance of religious education were broadcast by Columbus, Ohio, stations during the course of the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education in Columbus, Ohio.

The broadcasts were said to represent the most intensified and elaborate program of its kind ever undertaken at a Council meeting.

Also reflected at the annual meeting was the increased importance of audio-visual materials. Fifty-six separate shows featuring film-strips, films or slide sets were presented.

—Religious News Service.

Town Acts After Threatened Church Boycott: In the face of a trade boycott threatened by church groups because it sold wine and beer, the City of Whiteville, North Carolina, has taken steps toward restricting the sale of alcoholic beverages.

The city council, after conferring with local businessmen, voted to request Whiteville's legislative representative to push a bill limiting the serving of beer to bona fide Grade A restaurants and cafes. Bona fide, for the purposes of the act, was defined as a place that prepared and served meals and maintained a Grade A sanitation rating.

Also under consideration are proposals banning refrigerated beer in places permitted to sell beer for carry-home purposes and limiting the number of places allowed to serve customers on the premises.

Church forces in the country recently pledged themselves not to trade here if the beer and wine was not halted. There has been no indication thus far from the church groups as to whether they would be satisfied with anything less than a complete ban.

—Religious News Service.

New Jersey Legislature Defeats Lottery Bill: New Jersey will have no lottery to pay a veterans' bonus. That was decided when a move to bring up a bill which would authorize a referendum on a state lottery plan was decisively defeated by the House in session at Trenton.

The vote came on a motion by Assemblyman T. James Tumulty, Hudson County Democrat, to relieve the Judiciary Committee of his bill which called for the referendum and outlined the method for conducting the lottery.

The debate on the motion was the most acrimonious the House has heard this year.

Majority Leader Miller, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, bitterly assailed Tumulty's proposal and termed it a scheme to delude the people and one which would break down the moral fibre of the state.

He went into the history of lotteries in America and declared that they had reached fantastic proportions in the past and had led to such shocking abuses that the various legislatures and the national Congress had outlawed them.

Tumulty declared the people of the state had a right to vote on the lottery plan. The Republicans, he said, have no right to determine what the people should or should not vote upon. He scored the majority for its "hypocritical" stand on gambling and said that the state itself is in the gambling business through legalized parimutuel betting on horse racing.

—Religious News Service.

A candidate needs four hats—one to throw into the ring, one to talk through, one to pull rabbits out of, and one to keep woodpeckers from drilling holes in his head.

—Grit.

Amanda Tinkle Writes of Work in Nigeria

Dear Christian Friends:

Almost exactly two years ago now I boarded a plane in New York and winged my way back to Nigeria to take up again the work whereunto the Lord called me.

As most of you know, prior to this term I had lived and worked in Shaki, except for a brief period in Ogobomosho in 1944. I am sure that you recall either reading my letters or hearing me tell about the dispensary work in Shaki. I am sure that you remember that we had no hospital building, but were using some old abandoned school buildings. Also, you will remember that we had no ice box to keep drugs that must be refrigerated and that we were more than one hundred miles from a doctor or a hospital. Too, we had no autoclave (sterilizer) for sterilizing dressings, etc., and no dependable means of transporting the sick to a doctor when one came that I could not care for. Knowing all these things I feel that you will rejoice to know that through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering we now have a nice big ice box; a new Chevrolet car; an autoclave like they have in hospitals in America, except that we have to operate it with kerosene stoves. And we have money to build a hospital! We are now waiting for permission from the government to start building. Too, we have a doctor; rather, we did have. She is now on furlough in America, but will return in about six months.

While the doctor is on furlough I have charge of the work. When a patient comes that needs the doctor, I can take him to the doctor in the new car. Also, another missionary nurse, Mrs. A. G. Dunaway, lives here and works with me. We have three graduate nurses that were trained in our Baptist hospital in Obgomosho, one trained midwife, and three helpers, a water carrier, and a washman. And I must not forget Adepoju (Ah day-paw-jew), a young man afflicted with epilepsy. He came here several weeks ago, and begged us to let him sleep in the dispensary. He had fallen into the fire and sustained quite extensive burns on his arms, one leg, and one hand. The burns on one hand had become infected and he lost two fingers. He said that all of his relatives and friends had driven him away from home because of his epileptic fits. So he came to us with these infected burns; his clothes were in rags and very dirty; and he had no food. All the burns are almost healed now. He sweeps around the dispensary and cuts grass with his good hand. So we speak of him as a helper. He goes to church, though he does not yet understand what Christianity is.

I wish I had space to write you about more of the patients we have helped, and in many cases whose lives we have saved. One day we had five victims of a lorry accident, four women and one little girl. Two of the women had compound fractures of the leg; one had a compound fracture of one arm; and the five-year-old girl had a fractured skull with part of the skull-bone completely gone. It seemed impossible for the little girl and one of the women to survive, but they all survived with the best a mere nurse could do for them. When they were first brought to the dispensary, I asked if they knew Jesus and they answered, "How could we know Him when we are heathen?" They learned Scriptures and heard about Jesus

while in the dispensary. The little girl is going to our nursery school here on the mission compound.

As we rejoice in ministering to those who come for help and introduce them to the Great Physician who can not only restore physical life, but who can give eternal life, our hearts are heavy because we know that there are still thousands of people dying both physically and spiritually because they are in places where there is no one to help them. And, we never cease to thank God for you who give your money and prayers that we might have this privilege to minister to His name. So we pray that God will richly bless every one of you for helping make it possible for us to be here.

—Amanda Tinkle.

Miss Amanda Tinkle's services as a missionary to Africa are paid for by the First Church, Benton. This letter was written to her friends in Benton on December 7.

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Little Rock Junior College Organizes Baptist Student Union

A Baptist Student Union has recently been organized for the 185 Baptist students enrolled in Little Rock Junior College. Interested groups from churches of Little Rock, and students from the college, met with State B. S. U. Secretary T. D. McCullough and appointed a committee, with Ben Caldwell as chairman, for the purpose of organization. A morning watch service was instituted at the college, which meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:45, with an average attendance of 20.

Monday evening, March 7, in the recreation room of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital, the B. S. U. Council was elected and installed. The B. S. U. Council of the hospital served as hostesses. Miss Claudia Webb, Young People's worker at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, spoke on "What is B. S. U.?" A devotional was brought by Miss Helen Higginbotham, B. S. U. president at the hospital. The following officers were elected and installed: Marvin Stiles, president; Peggy Matlock, first vice president; Jack Grable, second vice president; Justin Hill and Mary Ann Kincannon, third vice presidents; Ben Caldwell, music director; Rosemary Page, secretary-pianist; Martha Means, reporter; and O. C. Reynolds, faculty advisor. Miss Melbaree Lands, former B. S. U. president at Ouachita College, now secretary at Second Church, Little Rock, installed the officers in an impressive candle light service.

Miss Elma Cobb, student secretary, Arkansas Baptist Hospital, led a fellowship program following the installation service. John A. Gilbreath, hospital administrator, and Roland Leath, educational director, First Church, led the singing. The Baptist Book Store sent a display of student books and material.

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"God does not ask about our ability or our inability, but our availability."

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Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.

—Emerson

Dr. Gartenhaus Retired



Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus

Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, who has just completed 28 years of service with the Home Mission Board as "ambassador to the Jews," has been retired from service by the Home Mission Board.

By action of the executive committee his retirement became effective March 3, 1949. Brother Gartenhaus assured the Board of his acceptance of its action and of his good will toward the Home Mission Board.

In 1921, just after his graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Gartenhaus began his service with the Board. For 23 years he has promoted the Friends of Israel movement which has sought to enlist Baptists in the winning of Jewish friends to a saving knowledge of Christ. He is the author of six books on Jewish evangelism, the latest being *What of the Jew?*, released last summer.

Brother Gartenhaus' influence and ministry through the years has extended far beyond the area of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is president of the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America and has made numerous trips to foreign countries in the interest of his people. He has made a lasting contribution to the work of Christ.

Now he goes into a wider ministry among his people with the good wishes of a multitude of friends among Southern Baptists.

Let us all remember him in our prayers.

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Minister Operates Print Shop For Churches

Printing bills used to be a big item in the budget of the West Congregational church, Portland, Maine. But that was before the pastor, Sidney E. Dee, took up printing as a sideline.

In fact, many churches in Southwest Maine have cut down on their printing expenses since Mr. Dee converted a carriage shop attached to his parsonage into a print shop and filled it with \$3,000 worth of equipment.

The World War II veteran—he served as an Army chaplain until he was seriously wounded—is kept pretty busy turning out church and Sunday School programs, pastoral letters, and the like on his Vari-Typer and offset press.

"I feel my print shop helps me to be of far greater service to the churches of Maine than I could possibly be as just another minister," he said.

—Religious News Service.

Highlights of Coming Convention

17,000 People Expected At Convention's Night Sessions: Night sessions of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City, May 18-22, will be held in Taft Stadium, with a seating capacity of 17,000. The day meetings will be in the municipal auditorium.

The tentative program of the Convention sessions was released this week by Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland of Houston, Texas, chairman of the committee on order of business.

Decision to hold the night sessions at the stadium follows the precedent of last year's gigantic Sunday afternoon evangelistic session in Crump Stadium, Memphis. These open air sessions, designed to appeal to the masses of the people in the host city, will be evangelistic and missionary.

Norman Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi, will preach the Convention sermon at the opening session on Wednesday morning, May 18. Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and president of the Convention, will bring the presidential address at the Wednesday night session.

A program by the Home Mission Board and an address by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, are slated for the Thursday night session. Foreign missions will hold the spotlight on Friday night. Saturday night has been designated for emphasis on youth revivals, under direction of Dr. Frank H. Leavell, secretary of the Southern Baptist Department of Student Work at Nashville.

The Convention's closing session, Sunday night, will be an evangelistic service under direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, with Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, preaching.

Reports on all phases of the denomination's activities in this country and abroad will be heard during the Convention sessions. Decisions concerning the Convention's future program of theological education, the admission of more states to the Convention's present 21-state territory, and selection of a site for a western assembly are expected to highlight the business sessions.

—Baptist Press.

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Baptists Oppose Public Facilities For Parochial Schools

Iowa Baptist ministers, at a meeting in Des Moines, opposed the use of public facilities for sectarian or parochial purposes in the state.

The action followed introduction of a bill into the Iowa House of Representatives to permit private and parochial school pupils to ride in public school busses. The bill was subsequently killed by the House schools committee.

A resolution adopted by the Baptist Ministers' Council said:

"We believe in religious instruction for our American youth outside of public facilities and monies, but we object to any legislative consideration of any effort to use public monies or facilities for sectarian or parochial religious endeavor."

T. V. L. Harvey, Fort Dodge, Council president, pointed out that Baptists long have been exponents of the separation of Church and State. This resolution, he added, is an indication Iowa Baptists will maintain their traditional practice.

Divorce and Drink

By HUGH A. BRIMM

According to Judge C. H. Christiansen, Beloit, Wisconsin, drinking in taverns is a factor in more than 90 per cent of the divorce cases which he reviews.

Judge Christiansen says, "How many times we hear the cry 'If it weren't for his getting drunk, he would be a fine husband.' In a recent test I made, I found that out of twenty-one cases the tavern was mentioned in twenty. This is not prejudice but fact."

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Dr. Bolton Accepts Foundation Office

Dr. Charles H. Bolton, who was elected recently as executive secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation at Nashville, Tennessee, has resigned his pastorate in Miami, Florida, to accept that position.

Dr. Bolton has been pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, Miami, since July, 1944. He plans to assume his duties in Nashville May 1.

—Baptist Press.

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Baptist Highlights

Dr. C. C. Thomas, Staunton, Virginia, has accepted the position as general secretary for Maryland Baptists. He has served as pastor in Kentucky, Georgia, and Virginia.

Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, "ambassador to the Jews" for the Home Mission Board, has been retired from service after 28 years.

A clinic for studying improved methods for Sunday School work is being held this week at Mobile, Alabama. All of the state Sunday School secretaries, Sunday School Board field workers, many pastors, educational directors, and superintendents are participating.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering has passed the \$1,142,312 mark.

Cooperative Program receipts for the first two months of 1949 are \$1,062,703.57, compared to \$1,091,007.46 for the first two months of 1948. Total receipts through the Executive Committee for the first two months are \$2,568,265.69, compared with \$2,393,227.96 in 1948.

Circulation of *Home Life* has reached 318,142.

The book of Acts has been selected for the Special Bible Study Week in January, 1950. Dr. William J. Fallis has been asked to prepare a book to guide in study.

—Survey Bulletin.

Wisconsin Bill Seeks To Tighten Tax Laws:

Madison, Wis.—A bill aimed at tightening the laws granting income tax exemptions for religious and other non-profit groups has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature here.

The measure would tax the proceeds of auxiliary business enterprises of corporations and associations that are now exempt.

Specifically, it would tax "any income derived from the use for pecuniary profit of any property or facilities of such corporations for purposes not directly included within the objects of such organization."

—Religious News Service.

Dr. Grant to Retire



Dr. J. R. Grant

Dr. J. R. Grant will retire as president of Ouachita College at the end of the current school year, it was announced by C. Hamilton Moses, chairman of the Ouachita Board of Trustees, following a meeting of the Board in Little Rock on March 10.

Dr. Grant became president of Ouachita in 1933. During his presidency the enrollment of the school has increased from 241 to 1,100; a debt of \$160,000 has been paid; eleven new buildings have been erected and paid for.

Dr. Grant, who retires from the presidency of Ouachita with the title of president emeritus, said that he would probably devote most of his time to writing and lecturing.

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Eighty-seven Per Cent SBC Churches Have Pastors

By PORTER ROUTH

When the 1948 associational reports were made by Southern Baptist churches, 23,362, or 87.1 per cent of the 26,822 churches reported pastors, according to a new study of Southern Baptist churches which will appear in the

1949 Southern Baptist Handbook.

The study reveals that churches in cities of 2,500 or more have the largest percentage of pastors. Of the 4,209 churches in the cities, 3,979, or 94.5 per cent reported pastors. The town churches, populated centers from 501 to 2,500, reported 91.4 per cent of their churches with pastors.

Surprisingly, the open country churches have a larger percentage of pastors than the village, populated centers with less than 500, churches. The survey shows 11,550, or 86.2 per cent of the open country churches with pastors, while only 84.7 per cent of the village churches have pastors.

As was expected, the churches with services only once per month have a pastor problem. Only 83 per cent of the 4,874 quarter-time churches have pastors. The study shows that 85 per cent of the half-time churches have pastors, and 91.8 per cent of the full-time churches have pastors.

The complete study, showing the number of pastors for each state, will be published in the 1949 Southern Baptist Handbook.

Women's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention

-209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

MRS. F. E. GOODBAR

President

MISS NANCY COOPER

Executive Secretary and Treasurer

G. A. Conference Well Attended

Thirty-eight churches in Arkansas were represented by the nearly two hundred Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary members and counselors who attended the twenty-fifth annual Girls' Auxiliary Conference held at Central College, March 4-6. The world-wide mission program supported by Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program was presented by Miss Wilma Weeks, missionary to China, Miss Irene Chambers, representative of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of State Missions.

The theme of the Conference, "What Is That In Thy Hand?", was emphasized through the worship periods conducted at each session by Miss Pearle Carneal, Pine Bluff. Methods conferences were led by Mrs. C. H. Ray, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. Harvey Elledge, Mrs. E. A. Ingram, and Miss Dollie Hiett. Mrs. Ford Maggard, El Dorado, spoke on Stewardship, and Mrs. E. A. Ingram on Race Relations. Following the picnic supper on Saturday, vespers were conducted by Misses Elma Cobb and Marcella Johnson. Misses Bobbie Lee Hansford, Little Rock, and Emily Rose, Benton, had charge of the music and special music was furnished at four sessions by the Music Department of Central College and on Sunday morning by Misses Joyce Sparkman, Dorothy Hankins and Elizabeth Coles, Pine Bluff.

After the banquet and the Friday evening session, the Central College Y. W. A. honored the guests with a party in the college lounge. Miss Virginia Webster, counselor, presided.

The following participated in the Missionary Reading Contest: Judith Lynn Kyle, Malvern, the winner; Hellen Patterson, Camden; Barbara Ann Pruitt, Blytheville; and Nell Jones, Stephens. Only A-1 auxiliaries could have an entrant in the contest.

In the Coronation Service on Saturday evening, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, president of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, and Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary, examined and recognized the following: **Queens with Scepter:** Harriette Williams, Malvern; and Nell Jones, Stephens. **Queens:** Emily Rose, Benton; Jeannette Miller, Little Rock; Emma Jean Hughes, Stephens; Eliz-

abeth Reed, Benton; Carolyn Sickler, Morrilton; Rita Jo Slaughter, Stephens; Doris Ann Shipley, Tuckerman; Betty Hewgley, West Memphis; Valetta Myers, Brinkley; Martha Frances Rogers, El Dorado; Mary Browning, Benton; and Cassie Epling, West Memphis. **Princess:** Reeda Ramick, Benton. **Lady In Waiting:** Barbara Britton and Joyce Loyd, West Memphis. **Maidens:** Shirley Cudd, Little Rock; Mary Meacham, Judsonia, and Pauline Reed, Bauxite.

At the closing service on Sunday, three accepted the "Great Commission" and dedicated their lives for special Christian Service, joining forty-one others in the Conference who had previously made that decision public.

The offering of \$45, upon vote of the Conference, will be used to send HOPE (Help Other People Eat) boxes.

Notice, B. W. C.'s

The third annual meeting of the State B. W. C. Federation will be held March 30, at the Woman's City Club, Little Rock. A banquet will be served at 5:30 o'clock and the group will adjourn to Immanuel Baptist Church to attend the evening session of the annual meeting of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, at which session Foreign missions will be featured by such outstanding speakers as Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Josephine Scaggs, missionary to Nigeria, and John Abernathy, missionary to China.

In the mails are letters to each Business Woman's Circle giving detailed information about this meeting. Reservations should be made through the State W. M. U. office. The price will be \$1.75 per plate.

Copies of the suggested Constitution are being sent to each Circle for careful consideration. Please be ready to accept or reject this at the meeting March 30.

Young Woman's Auxiliary Banquet

The banquet for members of Arkansas' Young Woman's Auxiliaries will be held in connection with the annual meeting, Tuesday evening, March 29, at the First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. George Wilson, stationed in Albuquerque,

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

Extension Committee Suggested Activities

"Go out into the highways and hedges" (Luke 14:23 b).
"Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea . . ." (Acts 1:8 b).

The general purposes of the Extension Committee are: (1) To extend the work and influence of the Brotherhood outside the local church field, in order to assist other churches to organize Brotherhoods; and (2) to work to make the Associational Brotherhood function for the prosperity of all of the work of the denomination throughout the association.

1. First, learn fully the general procedures for Brotherhood organization and work.

2. Help other churches within reach to organize Brotherhoods.

3. Work toward the goal of "a Brotherhood in every church of the association."

4. Help the associational missionary in study courses in churches throughout the association.

5. Assist the Associational Brotherhood President to promote Brotherhood work throughout the association.

6. Sponsor a Brotherhood class at the associational assembly.

7. Stimulate attendance of Brotherhood men at gatherings, such as associational Workers' Conferences, associational Brotherhood meetings, associational Sunday School and Training Union meetings; at district Brother-

New Mexico, as missionary to the Indians of that section, will be guest speaker.

Advance reservations should be made through the State W. M. U. office immediately. The cost will be \$1.25 per person. Make your check payable to Miss Nancy Cooper, Treasurer, and mail as soon as possible.

Glean For Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

With the Home Mission territory 33 per cent larger than twenty-five years ago, with 72 per cent more people in that territory, with 18 million removed from a church, and with allocations from the Cooperative Program receipts reduced, sacrificial gifts are imperative if our Home Mission work is even maintained at the present status. Pray for Home Missions; talk about Home Missions; give for Home Missions.

hood meetings; also at the Brotherhood State Convention; at the State assembly at Ridgcrest; at the Southern Baptist Convention, etc.

8. Provide men who will represent and assist the State Brotherhood Secretary in Brotherhood organization within the association, and in regions nearby.

9. Assist in county-wide or associational-wide simultaneous revivals.

10. Work to make the men of the Brotherhood denominationally conscious by providing them opportunities to see beyond their own borders.

11. Work with the Evangelistic Committee of the Brotherhood to plan and to hold log-fire revivals.

12. Work to make the influence of the local church felt throughout a wider area.

13. Advertise fully all Brotherhood meetings to be held outside of the local church.

14. Work out group transportation to make possible large attendance at all Brotherhood meetings outside the local church.

15. Report to local Brotherhood on the above meetings.

16. Visit Brotherhoods of other churches to observe and encourage their work.

17. Give demonstration Brotherhood programs to new or prospective Brotherhoods.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent" (Isaiah 54:2 a).

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Find Veterans Among Chicago's Derelicts

More than 15,000 veterans of World War II, ranging in age from 18 to 30, are swelling the ranks of the derelicts in West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, according to estimates by Captain Tom Crocker of the Salvation Army's Harbor Light corps. After interviewing more than 1,000 of these young veterans, Crocker declared that the two major factors leading to their disintegration are restlessness growing out of their war experiences and discouragement over the failure of the nations to achieve peace.

—The Christian Century.

Religious Education

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Church Music Director



Our Responsibility

A thirteen-year-old boy who had never seen a Bible was found living within six blocks of one of our Southern Baptist churches. He had no idea what the Bible was.

Could such a boy or girl live near any member of our church? May God help us to clear our souls of responsibility by diligently searching out all such and giving them the loving invitation of Christ and His church.

-Baptist Bulletin Service.

Standard Sunday School

Have you measured the work of your Sunday School by the Standard lately? You may be doing Standard work. Check and see, and if you are make application for Standard recognition at once. If not, start now to direct your Sunday School toward Standard work.

To date, and this is the last month in the second Quarter of the Sunday School year, there are only five Standard Sunday Schools in the state according to applications made to this office.

They are the Sunday Schools of: Hebron Church, Little Rock; Walnut Valley Church, Hot Springs; First Church, Lewisville; Beech Street Church, Gurdon; and First Church, Jonesboro.

The following are Standard Departments: Beginner Department, Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith; Intermediate Department II, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; and Beginner Department I, Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

The following classes are Standard: Philathea Class, Adult Department, Second Church, Little Rock; Gleaner's Class, Adult Department, First Church, Paragould; Queen Esther Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Friendship Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Daughters of Ruth Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Eagles Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Pure Gold Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Builder's Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Owl Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Victor's Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; Conqueror's Class, Intermediate Department, Immanuel Church, Little Rock; A. S. K. Class, Adult Department, Second Church, Little Rock; and Dorcas Class, Adult Department, Central Church, Hot Springs.

Remember that the new Standards are in use now and all Sunday Schools, Departments, and classes, whether large or small, should be able to reach the re-

quirements. If you do not have these on hand, order them today from Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Second Quarter, Daily Bible Reader's Guides Now Ready

We now have in stock a supply of the Daily Bible Reader's Guides for the Second Quarter, 1949. Make your request NOW so that you may have these on hand for distribution at the very beginning of the new quarter. Send your request to Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Assembly Reservations

1. Reservations Should Be made Now. Reservations will be accepted only for those who send name or names, with a \$2.00 reservation fee for each name. If accepted (receipt issued), no reservation fee will be returned.

2. Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made.

3. All reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis, and will be held only until 9:00 p. m. Tuesday, July 5, unless otherwise arranged. All reservations unclaimed at this time will be re-assigned.

4. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fees to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Join the Training Union Day, May 1

The goal is a 10 per cent increase in Training Union enrollment in Arkansas in one day! The Training Union attendance goal for Arkansas during 1949 is 8,577. If this goal is reached then the Training Union enrollment on January 1, 1950 will be 60,000. With every Training Union in Arkansas working for an increased enrollment on May 1, there should be an increase of over 5,000 on one day in Arkansas.

During the next month preparation should be made for the "Join The Training Union Day." Pros-

pect lists should be made for each individual union, using the church roll and the Sunday School roll. These prospects should be assigned to each union and a goal made for new members for each union. Each union should make definite plans to visit all prospects and urge them to enroll in the Training Union. "Join The Training Union Day" should be publicized in assembly meetings, union meetings, from the pulpit, in the Sunday School, in the bulletin, by letter, by telephone, and most of all by visiting. New unions should be organized when needed during the month of April. All prospects should be visited several times during the next six weeks.

May 1 will be the big day. On Sunday morning announcements should be made in all Sunday School classes and Departments, and from the pulpit. Sunday afternoon, May 1, there should be visitation for all prospects and absentees. All new members on Sunday night should be properly enrolled and classified. Worthwhile programs should be planned for that night. The increase in enrollment for April and the first Sunday in May should then be reported to the State Training Union Director.

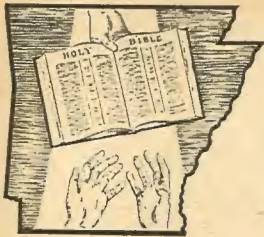
One hundred new Training Unions should be organized during 1949—60,000 by 1950 is no idle dream. It must be a reality. If we do as well in 1949 as we did in 1948, this WILL be a reality.

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Figures to Inspire

March 6, 1949

	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Ft. Smith, First	1261	469	4
Little Rock, Immanuel	1196	360	13
Including Mission	1615	592	22
Little Rock, First	887	409	8
El Dorado, First	852	272	5
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	754	265	4
Including Mission	824	303	
Hot Springs, Second	749	199	3
Little Rock, Second	746	162	6
El Dorado, Second	621	220	
Benton, First	527	153	1
Camden, First	521	149	6
Including Missions	704	283	
Arkadelphia, First	504	184	
Hope, First	504	113	
Including Mission	537		
Ft. Smith, Calvary	484	170	2
Little Rock, Tabernacle	467	184	
Blytheville, First	463	163	2
Including Mission	559	176	
Warren, First	462	120	
Magnolia, Central	460	145	2
Including Mission	566		
Malvern, First	456	104	2
Including Mission	471		
Paris, First	451	160	2
Paragould, First	447	196	4
Including Missions	581	247	
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	426	84	
El Dorado, Immanuel	423	229	4
Including Mission	472	268	
Forrest City, First	422	171	
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	418	166	2
West Helena	416	171	
N. Little Rock, First	416	97	6
Including Mission	456		
Springdale, First	400	230	2
Including Mission	535		
Hot Springs, Central	400	103	
Including Mission	458	142	
Russellville, First	389	162	6
Including Mission	423	180	
Little Rock, Gaines Street	388	281	
Including Mission	500		
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	384	101	2
Rogers, First	354	87	
Stuttgart, First	354	211	7
Including Mission	411		
Searcy, First	347	90	
Siloam Springs, First	345	180	3
Conway, First	344	37	5
Nashville, First	342	70	
Cullendale	327	142	1
Little Rock, South Highland	323	104	1
El Dorado, West Side	300	102	1
Pine Bluff, Second	282	106	
Norphlet, First	277	217	
Harrison, First	262	113	25
Including Mission	366	148	
DeQueen, First	260	96	1
Dumas, First	253	72	
Including Missions	306		
Gentry	249	101	3
Monticello, First	248	120	4
Mena, First	248	88	1
Greenwood, First	242	69	
Texarkana, Calvary	240	107	1
Little Rock, Calvary	240		1
Alma, First	230	90	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	205	91	
Gurdon, Beech Street	205	77	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	201	77	
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	185	65	9
Little Rock, High Street	180		2
Little Rock, Hebron	176	90	3
Pike Avenue	176	68	
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	174	70	1
N. Little Rock, Bentonville, First	166	39	
Jacksonville, First	160		3
Mt. Ida, First	153	97	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	148		
Levy, First	146	55	3
Warren, Immanuel	144	89	
Dyess, Central	137	70	1
Hoxie, First	136	46	
Douglassville, First	135	70	
Eureka Springs, First	133	34	
Elliott	130	127	1
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	122	91	1
Dardanelle, First	188	44	
Grannis	116	69	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	115	55	2
Kensett	112	69	1
Monticello, Second	111		2
Ft. Smith, North Side	106	36	1
Ft. Smith, Temple	103	25	
Mena, Dallas Avenue	101	34	1
Hot Springs, Walnut Valley	92	79	7
N. Little Rock, Grace	91	34	1
Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton	87	43	
Fountain Hill, First	84	73	
Little Rock, East End	83	76	
El Dorado, Park View	83	32	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	76	42	
Melbourne, First	75	74	
Little Rock, West Side	68	57	
Geyer Springs	67	47	2
Rogers, Pleasant Hill	64	52	
Monte Ne	63	53	
Monticello, North Side	57		
Douglassville, Second	51	67	1
Little Rock, Bethel	51		
Little Rock, Tyler Street	50	32	2
Conway, Brumley Chapel	39	35	
Little Rock, Liberty	37		



Department of MISSIONS

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Baptist and Methodist Compared

Two years ago in the columns of this paper, we gave a comparison of the membership of the Baptist and Methodist denominations in Arkansas. It is interesting to compare the work and services of these two leading denominations. Without any desire to discredit our Methodist friends, we would like to call your attention to a few comparisons.

In 1946 the total membership reported by the two Methodist conferences of the state and the Baptist Convention were as follows:

Methodists _____ 182,674
Baptists _____ 189,930

In looking over the records of these two denominations for 1948, we find the membership to be:

Methodists _____ 188,165
Baptists _____ 211,728

Still another interesting thing noticed in the records of these two denominations is that the net increase for the Methodists in North Arkansas in 1948 was 2,691 while the net increase of Baptists in the same territory was 7,582. In South Arkansas, including Little Rock, the Methodists showed a net increase for last year of 822 while the Baptists in the same territory had a net increase of 3,574. In the entire state the Methodists had a net increase of 3,613 while the Baptists, affiliated with the Convention, had a net increase of 11,156.

In addition to the number of Baptists mentioned in the above statistics, are a great host of Association Baptists sometimes called Landmarks. So counting them, we can see that Baptists are far in the lead of any denomination in the state.

Cadron Ridge Church Enters New Building

Cadron Ridge Church, located on Highway 64 a short distance from Conway, entered its new building Sunday, March 6. The Superintendent of Missions had the privilege of preaching the first sermon in the new building. It was a great day for the church. Over \$1,200 was raised in cash and pledges during the day. Dinner was served at the church and a wonderful afternoon program was enjoyed by a large congregation. Many pastors were present to give

words of greetings and Othar Smith, pastor of First Church, Conway, delivered the principal address during the afternoon. The movie film on state missions was shown at the evening hour.

Daniel Taulbee is the pastor and has led the church in many steps of progress. Dr. J. S. Rodgers holds his membership at Cadron Ridge and has been the leading spirit in directing the building program. The Mission Department has given some financial help to this rural church.

Associations Show Increase In Baptisms

In checking the records of the 42 associations in the state, we find that 31 had an increase in number of baptisms in 1948 over the number reported in 1947. In the 11 associations which reported a decrease, in many cases the number under the 1947 report was very small.

With the emphasis that is being given to evangelism this year, every association should baptize more people than last year. The associational missionaries and pastors should appoint the necessary committees and make the proper surveys for a strong aggressive program of evangelism. Not only should every association work and pray to reach more unsaved people this year than last, but every pastor and church should try to win more souls to Christ. How is your church succeeding in its soul winning efforts?

Tour of Big Creek

March 2-3 we toured Big Creek Association. It is one of the weak associations in the state. Newton County reports the smallest membership of any with only 139 members. Buckville Association is next with 250 members. Big Creek stands next with 882 members.

At present there is no missionary in Big Creek, but the Mission Department plans to locate a Rural Evangelist in that association to serve as a pioneer missionary as well as an evangelist.

Some of the towns in Big Creek Association are: Hardy, Mammoth Spring, Salem, and Viola. The churches in these towns are all

W. M. U. of Calvary, Texarkana Installs Officers



The W. M. U. of Calvary Church, Texarkana, recently installed the new officers at the home of the retiring president, Mrs. Herman Harris. Mrs. M. T. McGregor, wife of Associational Missionary McGregor, was the installing officer.

The following officers were installed: Mrs. C. J. Caudle, president; Mrs. Herman Harris, recording secretary and Young People's director; Mrs. Neal Ferqueron, first vice president; Mrs. T. P. Boyette, second vice president; Mrs. Walter Cornett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ollie Harris, stewardship chairman and treasurer; Mrs. H. G. Grigson, community missions chairman; Mrs. Ida Harbison, mission study chairman; Mrs. L. I. Carroll, hospital chairman; Mrs. Loyce Nicholas, Christian education chairman; Mrs. C. C. Ussery, orphanage chairman; Mrs. E. Fields,

full time and have pastors. At Hardy we found Brother Napier, who recently came from Missouri, serving as pastor. We had a conference on their building plans. They plan to complete their house of worship this summer. Less than 10 per cent of the people in Hardy are in any church on Sunday, but Napier will soon change that condition.

Over at Mammoth Spring, Alphas Capps is laying a good foundation and winning many souls. The church is badly in need of a new building. They are worthy of our help. Langston, pastor at Viola, keeps the gospel light burning in his section by preaching in school houses and pastorless churches. Tom Poole at Salem was away the day of our visit. The Salem church, however, seems to be progressing splendidly under his leadership.

We plan to join hands and hearts with these brethren in Big Creek in the promotion of a mission program.

training school chairman; Mrs. T. Hull, Margaret Fund chairman; Mrs. Bert Valentine, reporter; Mrs. F. P. Matthews, social chairman; Mrs. John Cauthron, library chairman; Mrs. H. E. Lewis, Honor Club chairman; Mrs. Paul Huckabee, Business Women's Circle advisor.

The circle chairmen installed were: Lottie Moon; Mrs. Eubry Fields; Albertine Meador; Mrs. Ralph Crow; Mildred Matthews; Mrs. C. M. Higgs; Jeanette Hunkee; Mrs. Frank Cherry; Business Women's Circle: Mrs. F. F. Barnette.

Counselors for the Young People's auxiliaries are as follows: Y. W. A., Mrs. C. C. Ussery; Intermediate G. A., Mrs. Ernest Harris; Junior G. A., Mrs. H. E. Lewis; Junior R. A., Mrs. Raymond Oliver; Intermediate R. A., Raymond Oliver. Sunbeam, Age 4-6, Mrs. Cliff Hankins; Sunbeam, Age 6-9, Mrs. Harold Askins; Sunbeam Baby visitors, Mrs. C. P. Ray.

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Baptist Minister Claimed By Death

J. H. Muse, for more than 40 years a Baptist minister, passed away on November 18, 1948. Mr. Muse spent his ministry in Oklahoma and Arkansas. He was ordained July 16, 1908 at Black Fork, Arkansas. Missionary Herman Highfill of Buckner Association pays him this tribute;

"He was a staunch defender of the faith, a fervent evangelist and good pastor. Under his ministry thousands were led to confess faith in Christ and follow the Lord in baptism. He not only honored the Lord by the preaching of the Gospel, but also by manual labor. He was a skilled carpenter and assisted in the construction and re-modeling of many church buildings. Truly he will be remembered as a great soldier of the Cross."

Special Training of the Twelve

By Mrs. ROLAND LEATH

Exactly one month ago, February 20, our lesson title was "Jesus Chooses the Twelve." From a large group of followers the Lord, after a night in prayer, called twelve to be with Him, to be instructed by Him, to preach the glad tidings, to heal the sick, and cast out devils.

Today we have another lesson about this same twelve, and their Lord; He knew they must be trained, taught, tested, and sent forth to learn by doing. Indeed, our Lord did "all things well" (Mark 7:37) and He did not make blunders as He prepared these disciples. He realized that they would develop, spiritually with experiences and even hardships. They were in training with Jesus to "become fishers of men."

An alert business always trains those who represent them; our Lord trained those who were to represent the Father's Business. Today the need is acute for trained leaders in this, the world's greatest business. Let us observe the methods of Jesus in training the twelve.

The Report of the Commissioned

These carefully selected twelve had received blessings of the Master that they might share those blessings with others; they had been taught that they might in turn teach others. We believe many hours of fellowship with Jesus and instruction by Him preceded the going forth of the disciples. They were sent forth two by two, with power given them by Jesus over unclean spirits.

Divine wisdom is evident in the method used to send the disciples, in instructions given them, and the reception accorded their reports on completion of their mission. These workers were not sent alone to struggle with problems and grapple with unresponsive hearts, but were given the help and companionship of a partner. Much successful religious visiting today is done "two by two." Jesus has given an example worth following.

Then He told them not to be burdened with many provisions or anxieties, but to know that God would care for their temporal needs as they gave themselves wholly to the work of their Lord. Preachers today are not to be hindered in their ministry for the Lord by having to do secular work for a living. There is a division of labor within the Christian circle.

After the places were visited and the work done, the disciples met with Jesus and told Him what they had done and taught (verse 30). It would seem that the twelve had been successful, for

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Mark 6:7, 30-32; Luke 11:1-4, 9-13

they eagerly reported to Jesus. There is no reference to praise or compliments on their work given by Jesus; He again uses wisdom, for the twelve were being developed and trained. His manner was to nurture them and encourage, but not to make them proud and haughty about what had been accomplished. How had they performed their tasks? Read again verse seven: Jesus gave them "power." All that we do in Christian service is the result of the goodness of our Lord.

What Jesus said to the twelve is of great importance. "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." He knew they were tired and worn in body; He knew, too, of the great strain of soul involvement. The Christian worker needs relaxation and recreation in order to do his best work, but most of all he needs quiet meditation with his Lord. Jesus knew the needs of these who were growing in discipleship. The disturbing news of the death of John the Baptist had come, too, and Jesus might have had some special teachings for them about this sad event.

As is often the case, these men with their Lord were not permitted much rest, because of the need of the people. Jesus not only taught the multitude, but fed them. There is always work to do for the Christian.

Another Need of the Disciples

These followers had many needs; Jesus knew all of them and provided for them. Here is an example of His awaking the desire for help in them by practice. In Luke 11 we read that Jesus was praying in a certain place. The group possibly were alone following the visit to Bethany, and while the disciples slept or rested, Jesus went aside to pray. One of them came, when Jesus had finished, and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." There was the knowledge that they needed to know what was contained in true prayer.

Jesus gave them a model prayer, so often called "The Lord's Prayer." But perhaps a more timely name would be "The Disciples' Prayer," for it was one by which they could measure genuine prayer.

The right relationship must first exist between petitioner and the one petitioned. "Our Father" is the One to whom prayer is

offered and He is first addressed, then adored and worshipped. His Kingdom must come first; all thought should rise above self to that which is best for the work of the Kingdom. His will on earth is to hold the place of honor even as in Heaven. Trusting Him for temporal things expresses itself in that now we may ask for daily bread. Even as we eat daily, we must recognize the need for daily forgiveness, as we forgive our fellow men. Temptations will come and do come; in our Lord there is refuge from the power thereof and the snare of the evil one. The elements of true prayer are in this prayer given by Jesus.

The Need Fully Met

Jesus not only gave the disciples a measuring rod by which they might test their praying, but He taught them how reasonable it was for them to understand the Father's attitude concerning prayer. He gave a parable on prayer as He told of an earthly father's response to a child's petition. Then, if human beings, evil as flesh is, do not spurn a child's request, why cer-

tainly would the Perfect Father? God does answer prayer! Dr. Jeff Ray tells an interesting experience that teaches us a vital lesson: "My Negro friend was right when he said to me, 'God answers all dem prayers what is prayers. To some He say Yes, to some He say No and to some He say Not Yit.'" How true that is, and surely we must learn to accept God's answer and take our request now or when God is ready or forego it completely if it is best.

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Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

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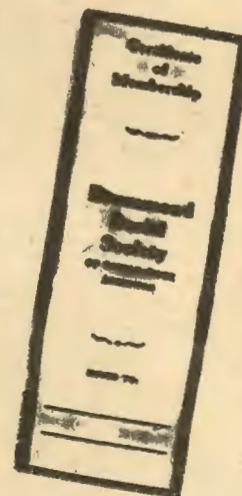
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All-Night Prayer Meeting At Southern Baptist College

Magee and Carlisle

(Brother Charles Secoy sends us a report of an all-night prayer meeting at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge. We are publishing an excerpt of the report.—B. L. BRIDGES).

The night of February 3, is one that will long be remembered in the lives of the members of the Ministerial Society of Southern Baptist College. Some seventy men met for our fourth annual all-night prayer meeting to prepare our hearts for the Student Revival which began February 7.

The meeting began with our president, Brother Burt Edwards presiding, and Brother E. O. Downs leading in singing "The Garden of Prayer," with Mrs. Henry Applegate, the only woman present, at the piano. Mrs. Applegate left at ten o'clock and Brother Arnus Wood took her place at the piano. Professor H. L. Waters of the Bible Department fired our souls with a great Christian testimony and words of courage.

Everyone was given an opportunity to speak and to pray. There were several laymen in the meeting and their testimony was something to always remember.

The highlight of the meeting came when Brother A. W. Whidby prayed for an hour and fifteen minutes for God's will to be done in his brother's life who has been called to preach but has refused to do so.

How can I put down in black and white the power and joy that comes when God's Holy Spirit moves over a body of praying men and fills every heart, loosens every tongue, empowers every soul, floods every eye, bends every knee, molds every will, convicts of every sin, stirs every emotion, burdens every life for the lost, brings assurance to every mind, casts doubt out of every doubting one, gives faith to the faithfulness, strength to the weak and resolve to the drifting ones, courage to the faint hearted, cleansing to the unclean, hope to the despairing, joy to the sorrowing ones, peace to the broken hearted, power to the powerless, boldness to the meek, abounding grace to all, OH, how can I tell you in mere words?

Hear with me the confession of sin; hear with me the promise to be better preachers; hear with me the prayers of the broken hearted; hear with me the man who was willing to give up children, wife, education, earthly possessions, all, even life itself for God's will to be done.

Oh, hear with me the petitions for lost humanity! The petition for our Heavenly Father to burden us with lost souls! Hear with me the giving up of things that block the flow of God's blessings and power. Hear, Oh, hear with me the proof that—"We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." . . .

Communist Governments Deal

The present government of Hungary and Bulgaria are reported to be strongly Communist in their nature and activities. They have recently prosecuted Roman Catholic Cardinal Mindzenty in Hungary. They gave him a severe sentence. More recently the Bulgarian Government has prosecuted a number of missionaries, imposing large fines and long prison sentences.

The writer has no patience with Communism. All who have read our comments on Communism, and all who have heard us speak about it know our attitude. We have not been able to find adjectives and epithets that would describe our feelings of disgust and resentment for all the ideologies that emanate from the Russian Government. We do not think that they bear the marks of civilization, much less those of Christianity. We have urged men in high political offices to resist the propoganda and procedures of Russian activities.

We are not sure, however, what we should say about these recent incidents. We have always thought that a missionary should be about his Father's business, and not in the business of trying to change the form of governments. He should be winning people to Christ instead of trying to change the ideas of civil governments. We notice that these men have had about three charges placed against them. They have been charged with treason, espionage, and black market money dealings. They were reported to have confessed that some of the charges were true. If any one of these charges were true then punishment is in order. It has been said that their confessions were made under duress. It has even been intimated that the Communist officials "drugged" them. As to the truthfulness of these suggestions we have no knowledge, of course. We do not think there is any method too "low-down" or unfair for the Communists to employ. On the other hand we do not see how it would be possible for a real martyr to confess that he had done wrong in standing by his religious convictions. It was reported that the Roman Catholic Cardinal confessed to some things, especially to the black market money dealing charges. If a man is guilty of violating the law whether he be the Pope or a Cardinal or any one of their religious subjects his case cannot be ignored by the civil government which he has offended. Neither should any of those Protestant missionaries be immune. We do not believe that the Roman Catholic system is right in maintaining that a member of their clergy should not be subject to the laws of the state, or that he should not be tried by the civil courts when he violates the laws.

The Protestant missionaries and the Bap-

Pastor Guy D. Magee and the saints in Carlisle are rejoicing over the completion of their new educational plant. The size of the building is 33 by 48 feet, two stories high. There are three new assembly rooms, a dining room, a kitchen, and eleven new class rooms. The old unit of the plant was remodeled to correspond with the new. A new heating system was installed, and the baptistry was remodeled, and a new painting is being put in as a background to the baptistry.

In three years Pastor Magee has not only led the church in doing this job, but has increased a number of tithers from fifty-nine to one hundred thirty, and gifts to missions have been more than doubled. The Sunday School has been increased forty per cent, and a Brotherhood has been organized. Also, a pastor's home has been purchased. There is only \$2,500 indebtedness on the entire property. Pastor Magee deserves a great deal of credit in these accomplishments. He and the chairman of the Building Committee supervised the construction of the building, saving the church several thousand dollars.

Coffman and South Side, Ft. Smith

We were amazed and delighted when we looked in on the young church, South Side by name, in Fort Smith. Pastor Victor Coffman invited us to be with them on dedication day. It was an inspiring and enjoyable occasion. We were delighted to see a large congregation assembled for the services. It is one of the largest young churches we ever saw.

They have within a few months constructed the first unit of their church plant. It is a two-story building, and the ground floor is used at present as an auditorium. It is spacious and commodious. They will build the main auditorium by the side of the present one, and the new structure will have an imposing front on a paved street. This congregation, under the leadership of Pastor Coffman, has done a remarkable job in a few months in completing the first unit of the church plant. The second floor of this building is used for class rooms and departments. It has been constructed in a brief period of time, but it was well done.

You will notice in the Quarterly Report that we published in the Arkansas Baptist, South Side Church has been giving regularly and liberally through the Co-operative Program. Pastor Coffman is a splendid leader, and is thoroughly missionary in doctrine and practice.

tist missionary, not a Southern Baptist, are hooked up through their denominations with the Federal Council of Churches, we understand.

To make a long story short, we believe that if a Christian missionary goes into any country as a soul winning missionary he should abide by the laws and regulations of the land in which he labors.