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"Maybe I'll Begin to Live Again"

By JOE W. BURTON

The waitress, in her blue dress and white apron, was nervous with the weight of her first day's work.

Five of us at the table, relieving tension after 18 hours on the campus near by, were undecided about our orders. Somehow, though, in spite of our indecision, we must have reflected some real spirit of Christian exuberance, for the girl showed no impatience, but was rather friendly in an increasing degree.

We were in the college town—five Baptist workers—for Religious Focus Week on the campus. After a grueling day, requiring momentary alertness to a diversity of spiritual needs of students, we were in the corner cafe for a few moments let down before retiring to our rooms.

At last the girl had our orders. She returned with silver. Then she served one place. Finally another was served. Ultimately each in succession had received his wants.

"Oh," she exclaimed, "haven't brought your water." Embarrassed at this omission, conscious always of her inexperience, she hurried away to fill the glasses.

Meantime we had maintained a running conversation with her. And she, a slip of a girl, black-haired, bright-eyed, had warmed to some strange attraction she saw in us. It must have been a reflection of spiritual health—the exact opposite of her environment and, we were now learning, of her own life.

She was married, she said in answer to a question, but her husband was in service, in the Philippines.

"I may have to divorce him," she confessed. "He nags at me all the time, about spending money. Sometimes I just can't stand it. He fusses at me all the time."

One in our group, a gray-haired lady, had appealed especially to the girl. ("I think you're beautiful," the girl had said almost under breath, in admiration, and again she had exclaimed, "You look like a queen!")

Now this understanding woman reminded the girl that there were some things in a husband worse than stinginess.

"Suppose he wasted his money with drink," she suggested. "Too, he may get impatient with you for not staying at home. Does he want you to work?"

"No,"

"Do you have to work?"

"No, it costs all that I make to pay the extra expense."

"Then why do you work?"

"Just to get away from my worries."

"Do you have any children?"

"Two boys, one three and the other two."
"Do you take them to Sunday School and church?"

"No, I haven't been to church in a long time."

One of the men in the party suggested that his wife, also mother of two children, did not have time to work away from home.

"She doesn't even have time to worry," he said. "She's spending her time with her children."

Now the girl was standing by her silver-haired friend, arm across her shoulder. The lady drew the frail waitress close to her.

"I'll tell you what you need to do," she said. "You need to be a mother to those boys God has given you. You need to be at home taking care of your husband's home."

The bright eyes filled as she held back the tears.

"You ought to take those boys to church."

The girl smiled. Her lips moved and her soul answered, "Yes, I know it."

Other questions revealed that she had two boarders who kept the babies while she was away; that she reported for work at four in the afternoon and was off at midnight; that she caught a 2:30 a. m. bus for her home twenty miles away.

All to find something to do, to get away from her worries!

Other patrons needed her attention.

At our table the five of us sat broken-hearted.

"I could just weep my heart out," said the father of two. "Five years ago you couldn't have told her a thing. These boys and girls won't listen when you try to get them to found their homes on love and on Christian principles."

"And who's going to reach these people Christians never see?" another asked. "They live in another world. Our churches don't know they exist. They are completely shut off from Christian influences."

The girl was back now, for she could not stay away.

"You ought to turn your problems over to the Lord," her new friend pled. "He'll help you solve them."

"Yes, I should," she agreed. Then tremblingly, "I believe I will." Hope now shone in her bright eyes. A heavenly radiance lighted her face. Words came out that angels would have rejoiced to utter.

"Maybe," she said, "I'll begin to live again." Resolve, attended by joy, was now seen on the quivering face. Two words expressed her living determination: "I will."

"I'm proud you came in here tonight," she said in her simple speech. "Come back tomorrow."

She waved as we moved away: "Come back tomorrow."

Living words burned in our souls:

"Maybe I'll begin to live again!"

President Truman Promises Termination Soon of Representation at Vatican

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

President Southern Baptist Convention

Accompanied by spokesmen of practically every major evangelical body in the United States, I presented the Miami resolution regarding United States representation at the Vatican to President Truman at the White House Wednesday morning, June 5th. The President received us most cordially.

We were given assurance that the appointment of Mr. Taylor was a temporary expedient to give the President the fullest opportunity to make his contribution to the peace, that it might terminate at an early date, but would certainly terminate with the signing of the peace treaty.

Two significant facts emerged as a result of the conference. First, the President now

clearly understands that the Evangelical Christians of the United States are aroused over this continuing alliance of our government with the Vatican and will unitedly keep up our protest until something is done about it. Second, we now have the first commitment from the White House that the appointment will be definitely terminated at an early date, certainly not later than the signing of the treaty.

May I urge pastors and laymen alike to immediately follow up this approach to the President by writing him a personal letter expressing appreciation of his assurance to terminate the appointment of Mr. Taylor at the earliest possible date, and please send copies of your letter to members of the Congress from your state.

ONE Hungry WORLD

War, drought, and politics have left 500,000,000 persons starving. Finding food is the first big job of peace.

Hungry persons needed 20,000,000 tons of wheat during the year that ends June 30. They have received only 12,000,000 tons. There are now more people hunting desperately for food than at any other time in history. Yet the United States is fat, eats better than ever before.

Why is the present famine so terrible? During the war, armies mined and bombed farmlands. They drove off cattle, destroyed food surpluses, tore up farm machinery for barricades, wrecked communications. On top of that, an angry nature inflicted crop failures these last two seasons. Last year, crops dried up in Europe. Drought also hit Argentina, North and South Africa and Australia, which usually export grain. And rain ruined Russia's crop.—Look, June 11, "The World's Worse Famine."

Even at the most optimistic appraisal, the situation (of feeding a world in which there is not enough food to go around) remains desperate. It is expected to continue acute until 1947 crops are harvested, and food scarcities may plague the world for several years beyond that.—United States News, May 31, "Mr. Hoover and Mr. LaGuardia on Food Goals."

The Hungry and Homeless: 140,000,000 men, women, and children in Europe, 84,000,000 in China, and 130,000,000 in southeast Asia were held in subjection by the Axis for at least five years. Many of them are suffering hunger, disease, idleness, and poverty.

The most desperately situated of these 354,000,000 unfortunate people are the Displaced Persons—now approximately 1,300,000 in Germany and Austria, and 40,000,000 in China—who were taken or fled from their homes or whose families, homes and cities were wiped out.

The peoples of Europe and their governments, the peoples of China and southeast Asia are not able to solve their problems by themselves. They need relief and rehabilitation supplies from outside.—"Building the Peace," United States Department of State.

In the small Yugoslav village of Flasenica, reached by a long, difficult climb from the Drina Valley, the village president watched as the first load of grain sent in by UNRRA was unloaded from a truck. Turning to a stranger standing near him, he said quietly: "Our children eat every other day." . . . The ears of the world echo with the cry "Food!" rising from the empty mouths of hungry millions—Richmond (Virginia) Times-Dispatch, June 2.

Who took from the church the right to minister to the needy? Even if governments were doing an adequate job, Christians still have the duty to help. . . . Inasmuch as you do it to the least of these—Japanese, Indians, Germans, Poles, Finns—you do it unto me.—S. C. Michelfelder, Geneva, Switzerland.

Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

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WHEN VISITING IN DALLAS
Visit With Ross Avenue Baptist Church
Ross and Moser
HOMER B. REYNOLDS, Pastor

Across the Editor's Desk...

Paper Emergency

Don't blame us for the paper's diminished size this week. We are still waiting for the carload of paper stock we ordered more than six months ago. There are only eight pages this week, and unless relief comes promptly there will be only eight pages next week—and that on a variety of paper because our regular warehouse supply will be exhausted.

The paper situation is more acute now than at any time during the war. Government conservation orders and rationing assured all users of a proportionate supply of the scarce item during the war. But the lifting of restrictions last January 1 put the small paper user to a disadvantage (we use in excess of a ton of paper stock each week, but that is small compared to national magazine and daily publications).

The epidemic of strikes has been the death blow to our supply. A Canadian wood choppers' strike cut off the supply of wood pulp from which our paper is produced. The soft coal strike forced the complete shutdown of our factory in Minnesota. And the rail strike, though of short duration, further crippled the shipment to us.

We are hoping that the anticipated carload will arrive the next few days. And in the meantime we will continue, as we have the past six weeks, to seek paper from paper houses in this and all neighboring states. We are sure that you will bear with us.

Radio Religion

Readers' Digest is source of information that the four major radio networks offer a total of 39 hours of programs a day. Serials, primarily known as soap operas, take up ten hours. News and commentators six and one-half hours. Popular and familiar music, six and one-half hours. Children's serials and drama, five hours. Variety (music and talking), four and three-quarter hours. Audience participation, four and one-half hours. Serious music, one hour. Cultural and religious programs, three-quarters of an hour.

When will religionists wake up?

Speaking of unemployment, says a current magazine, the average man has 12,000,000,000 brain cells.
—The Link.

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The Widow's Plan

By B. H. DUNCAN
Pastor, Hot Springs

It is entirely possible, even probable, that some preacher in the state of Arkansas will leave his wife a widow within the next few years. It could be your wife or mine. Perhaps a few Arkansas preachers have been able to make adequate provisions for the support of their wives in the event they are left widows. But I dare say that most of them have not.

The Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan offers us the best plan at lowest cost for providing better protection for the faithful, sacrificing wives who have stood by us through the years. Personally, I do not feel that I would be fair to my wife if I failed to enter this plan. Even the minimum annuity could, over a period of years, reach a grand total of from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Brethren, the time is short! If we do not have 166 applicants by July 1, it will be a whole year before we have another opportunity to establish this plan in Arkansas. And another year might be too late for some deserving pastor's widow.

Churches, urge your pastors to enter this plan. It will be to your advantage as well as theirs to know that your pastor's wife has the protection provided by the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan.

Students from Southern Baptist College, Pochontas, have entered 18 colleges and universities without loss of a credit. A typographical error in a recent article about the school made one line say that students from the school have entered 18 colleges and universities "without a credit."

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Hospital Nurses in Revival

By LOUISE BRADBURY
Student Nurse

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive."

The student nurses of Baptist State Hospital claimed this promise of Christ during their recent revival. The week preceding the revival we came together for prayer and meditation at 9:30 each evening to prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God that Pastor W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, was to bring to us.

A Spirit of Prayer

Prayer made a difference. As I walked into the chapel for the first service, before a word had been said or a note of music played, there was a strange and different atmosphere. There was a look of expectancy and an alertness on the faces of all and some indescribable awareness that this was an unusual chapel service and an unusual day.

The first service was most impressive. Bro. Vaught's message was "Is God Real to You?" or "Do You Have Vital, Personal Touch With God?" He asked us to make God so real and have Him so close that at any time we might reach out our hand and clasp the unseen hand by our side for reassurance, guidance, comfort, companionship, or whatever we needed. In my imagination I could feel the clasp of God's hand and then I knew why the chapel was different. God was there.

29 Decisions

We had three services each day, 6:15 a. m., our regular chapel time; 12:30 noon day prayer hour; and evening services at 8. Following the evening service we had a question and discussion period on such things as dating, drinking, dancing, marriage, and various doctrinal beliefs. We were given wise answers and good advice. I cannot say that the answers were adopted by all present, but I can say that this hour stimulated thought and discussion that led many of us to answers of our own. Following the chapel service at 6:15 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings some sixty students went to Boyle Park for breakfast.

Johnnie Gilbreath, assistant superintendent of our hospital, directed the music for all the services. Special music was rendered by Mr. Gilbreath, Miss Marion Tipton of Second Church, Little Rock, Miss Iris Yarbrough of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock; our own sextette made up of Misses Juanita Hagler, Alice Raney, Billye Brown, Helen Childress, Billie Jean Cole, and Kathryn Doss, and Misses Lois Wheat, Charlotte McAllister, and Gloria Fowler, student nurses.

The spirit of the first service grew to a glorious climax in the closing services. On Thursday evening 21 young women rededicated their lives to follow Christ wherever He leads. One accepted Christ as saviour.

Candle Light Service

A candle light service was held on Friday night, the last service. Hoffman's picture of Christ in Gethsemane faced the congregation and only a lighted cross and candles gave light. We sang hymns about the Cross. In this atmosphere our hearts were prepared for the message which Bro. Vaught brought of his experiences in visiting the Holy Land. As we listened we caught the import of such experiences as the Cross, Calvary, the tomb, and the triumphant Easter morning. We forget the physical setting and followed a living Christ to Calvary as He suffered for our sins.

Seven other young women rededicated themselves to Christ and His program of work.

In the closing moments the student nurses formed a circle around the room, each one holding high a lighted candle, and sang together softly "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." The sacred breath of this revival fanned the glow of these candles into a sacred flame and there was a prayer in our hearts to keep it aglow.

We are grateful to God, the Baptists of Arkansas, Rev. Vaught, Rev. J. F. Queen, Miss Elma Cobb, Mr. Gilbreath, and all who helped toward the success of this revival. We have had a vital, personal touch with God and we shall endeavor to take Him with us throughout the hospital and wherever we go.

One can never know the influences of these efforts. Like Paul and Silas, who sang and influenced the jailer, so likewise our singing, at the noon day service on Tuesday of the revival week, reached the ear of a patient in the hospital and he was gloriously converted.

Juanita Holland, a student nurse, says: "I cannot find words adequate enough to express those moments of spiritual blessings such as we received. To me it will be a never forgotten week to add to those deep spiritual experiences that draw one ever closer to God in love and service. May God richly bless those who were interested enough to make this week possible."

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Widows Supplemental Retirement Plan Urged

By B. L. BRIDGES

Brethren, we must now go into action on setting up the Widows Supplemental Retirement Plan in Arkansas. We have done about all we know to do at Baptist Headquarters. We have published the terms and conditions of the proposed Plan. We have written letters to our eligible preachers, and we have asked them to signify whether they want to join or not.

THUS FAR NOT HALF ENOUGH MEN HAVE NOTIFIED US. WE MUST HAVE 166 IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PLAN OPERATIVE IN ARKANSAS.

We are not bringing pressure to bear on our men to get them to join this Plan. Our preachers are intelligent men, and they know whether their widows would be properly provided for if they should die within the next two or three years, or within the next ten or twenty years. We think any man ought to make ample provisions for his household. We think the Widows Plan is a good thing. We recommend it to you.

We have application blanks, and they will go out this week to our men who have signified their willingness to join. Let us hear from you, brethren. **WE MUST ACT NOW OR THE PLAN WILL NOT BE STARTED IN ARKANSAS THIS YEAR.**

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Newton County voted dry in a local option election June 4, bringing the number of Arkansas counties now "bone dry" to 27. Only places that have sold alcohol beverages in the county are a winery and a restaurant in Jasper, county seat, and a winery at Cowell. A local option election will be held in Pope County, Russellville, county seat, July 2. Dry forces lost in a recent election in Franklin County.

RADIO



For the week of June 16, Dr. Edgar Williamson is the Arkansas Baptist Hour speaker. For the past ten years Dr. Williamson has been the efficient secretary of the Religious Education Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Dr. Williamson is one of the outstanding leaders of the South in this field of denominational work. His record of achievement in Arkansas is unsurpassed.

"God's Provision for World Need" is the subject of Dr. Williamson's message. That provision embraces the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel to "every creature."

This program may be heard over stations:
KFPW, Fort Smith, Sunday, June 16, 5:00 to 5:30 P. M.
KLCN, Blytheville, Sunday, June 16, 5:30 to 6:00 P. M.
KTHS, Hot Springs, Thursday, June 20, 6:30 to 7:00 P. M.
KARK, Little Rock, Saturday, June 22, 9:30 to 10:00 A. M.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, Saturday, June 22, 6:15 to 6:45 P. M.
KELD, El Dorado, Saturday, June 22, 8:30 to 9:00 P. M.

On Saturday of this week you may hear Rev. Boyd Baker.

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Rev. E. L. Cole, age 73, former pastor of Baptist churches in Morrilton and Osceola died recently. He is survived by his widow.

Thirty-three people surrendered their lives to definite Christian service during Mission Week in Liberty Association when 18 missionaries, both home and foreign, spoke to 12,271 people in the audiences, not counting three messages over the radio. There was one addition by letter and one for baptism. Seventy-three people rededicated themselves to God. Ninety-eight subscriptions to The Commission were received and 33 to Home Missions magazine. Carl A. Clark is missionary in Liberty Association.

J. Ray Dobbins, Allison, who received his Th.M. degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, at the spring commencement exercises, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Hall Street Church, Owensburg, Ky.

The church is not a dormitory for idlers and sleepers, but an institution for workers. It is not a rest camp; it is a front-line trench.
—Daniel A. Poling.

Religious Education

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Planning Your September Study Course

A church should make as thorough plans for its program of training and enlistment as it does for its program of evangelism. It is well for a church to make its plans at least a year in advance. If these plans are formulated by a committee, the Training Union director should be a member of that committee.

1. Make Plans: The time is important. Study courses and enlargement campaigns should be planned as far in advance as possible. At least two study courses should be planned for each year, one of these being an enlargement campaign. The date for these courses should be set, and no other church program should conflict with these dates. The time element is very important. For example, book on stewardship may be used preceding the every member canvas, and books on evangelism may be used preceding a revival meeting.

2. Make Plans: The books must be selected. It will be well to select books on the same subject for each department. A study course might be advertised as, "One Week With the Bible," with books on the Bible being used for each department. "An All-church Study Course on the Church" could feature books on the church for each department. Methods books should be used during an enlargement campaign.

In the March issue of the Training Union magazine, R. Maines Rawls makes the following suggestions for special weeks:

- (1) Church Development Week—using books on stewardship.
- (2) Our Baptist Life Week—using books on Baptist history, doctrines, and the work of the Baptist denomination.
- (3) Christian Life Week—using books on Christian problems and Christian development.

3. Make Plans: The faculty must be selected. In most instances the pastor will teach one of the courses. There is an advantage in having outside help, and there is also an advantage in using local workers. As strong a faculty as possible should be secured.

4. Make Plans. Advertising must be thorough.

- (1) Advertise by the use of attractive posters.
- (2) Advertise by the use of letters and cards to the entire membership explaining that the study

course is a church program and should be attended by every church member.

One plan is for cards to be written and addressed to those who should attend. These cards can be sent to those who are to teach the classes. These faculty members will sign the cards and put them in the mail. Thus, the card is a personal message from the teacher to the ones who should attend his class.

(3) Advertise by announcements at all services for several weeks.

(4) Advertise by visitation. We cannot depend on the United States, government, or the Bell Telephone Company to enlist people for the study course. Cards, letters and phone calls are of some value, but nothing will take the place of personal visitation.

Every church member should be visited prior to the all-church study course, and given an opportunity at that time to enroll for one of the classes.

5. Make Plans: Every detail must be considered. The schedule, the activities for the general period, plans for the last night, the ordering of books well in advance are a few of the details that must be considered.

Plan for the work, and then work the plans, and you will have a good study course. "A Study Course in Every Church during September."

Concord Association Adopts Large Goal

Concord association, Espy L. O'Neal, associational Training Union director, has a goal of 1298 Training Union study course awards for 1946, and 521 awards have been earned during the first five months of 1946. A total of 947 awards were issued during 1945.

More Training Union Magazines

Every Training Union should receive sufficient copies of the Training Union magazine. This magazine should be ordered with the other literature. The pastor, general officers, department officers, all leaders, sponsors, and counselors, young people and adult presidents and Bible Reader's leaders, and as many of the other officers as possible should receive copies of the magazine each quarter.

Woman's Missionary Union

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WMU Accepts One-Third of Arkansas' Quota of \$100,450 for World Relief

Southern WMU, meeting previous to the Southern Baptist Convention, voted to look with favor upon the expansion program of the Convention to meet the world crisis in relief and rehabilitation. The Convention adopted a goal of \$3,500,000 for world relief and rehabilitation to be raised during July, August, and September.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South has been asked to accept one-third of the above amount, each state WMU being asked to accept one-third of the amount apportioned to that state.

Arkansas Baptists accepted a goal of \$100,450. The Executive Board of the State WMU has voted to accept one-third of that amount. It will require sacrificial giving on the part of every member.

One of our leaders has set a plan for herself to follow in order that she may do her part in this emergency campaign. She is keeping a record of the cost of every meal she eats so that she can give a like amount that others may eat. If millions are saved from starvation it will take a like spirit on the part of each of us.

We are asking you to pray daily for yourself and about your part in this offering and to talk about it to others. This is a great opportunity to show the world that we are concerned about it both physically and spiritually.

Churches will be sent a goal. We are asking the women and young people to set themselves to the task of securing one-third of their church's goal. Work out your plan with your pastor and do your best.

Stewardship

By MRS. HAROLD B. TILLMAN
State Chairman

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1.

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" Rom. 14:12. Life is definitely a trust and each one has to give an account of himself. Stewardship of influence, prayer, and opportunity should be illuminated today as never before. The world needs our Christ and to give the

world our Christ we must walk in love—walk as children of light and walk circumspectly. Victories such as these are surely wrought by prayer. Opportunities used mean enrichment and with many opportunities to serve today our lives can be made so much richer and fuller and deeper.

God also has first claim on our time. "Six days shall work be done but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein; it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings" Lev. 23:3.

Acknowledgment of stewardship requires the setting aside of a definite portion for the extension of the kingdom. "Then saith he unto them, render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. Southern Baptists have as a goal this year one million tithers. WMU has set as her goal one-third of that number, or 333,334. With a reported membership of 739,360, this means 45 per cent of our entire constituency.

Arkansas has a total WMU membership of 41,677 with 5,690 tithers reported. The 45 per cent increase would mean 13,065 new tithers.

Our gifts today are out of all proportion to the needs of the world. Someone has said, "The widow's gift was measured by what she had left. To give is to live, to withhold is to die." We live in a land flowing with milk and honey, a golden age indeed; but it must be mastered for the Lord. I think I can hear my Master say today as He said to His disciples of old: "Greater works shall ye do than these because I go to my Father."

Women, let's face the challenge and meet it. Share to feed the world and then win it to Christ. Let us each one teach one and thus win 18,755 tithers in 1946.

On page 116 in WMU yearbook for 1946 you can find a list of plays and pageants on stewardship. AL- (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

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"That They May Have Life"

By NELSON TULL
Brotherhood Secretary

One-fourth of the people of the world are on starvation! Many, many of them are dying every day. This shocking condition is the result of war, and of crop failures in some of the important granaries of the world. The stark truth is that hundreds of millions of people do not have food enough to live. The need for food is appalling; and food is needed NOW!

The Southern Baptist Convention at Miami was given first-hand information about conditions in famine stricken areas by eye witnesses of the stalking tragedy of hunger. The Convention voted to attempt to raise \$3,500,000 as a minimum of emergency funds to be administered by the Foreign Mission Board for the relief of hunger and for the rehabilitation of our Foreign Mission program in war-torn areas. Arkansas Baptists' share of this amount is \$100,450. Our state's share has already been prorated among the churches, and your church quota is in the hands of your pastor.

The Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas is solidly behind this special offering! We believe that Southern Baptists have right now an unparalleled opportunity of showing forth through their liberality the very spirit of Christ. Christ gave His all that we might live. May we who bear His name give all we can in order that multiplied millions of starving men and women, boys and girls and babies, may continue to live!

Because we live through Christ, may others now live through us. May the love of Christ constrain us to GIVE that starving millions may LIVE!
In His Name!

WMU

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so on pages 68-73 other plans for teaching stewardship may be found. "Stewardship Month by Month in 1946" may be secured from the WMU State Office, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock. Other stewardship material may be secured from the same address and from the Layman's Tithing Foundation, 65 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

The famous epitaph of Benjamin Franklin by himself is: "The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer, (like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and stripped of its lettering and gilding), lies here, food for worms. Yet the work itself shall not be lost, for it will, as he believed, appear once more, in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the author."

"The press is the exclusive literature of the millions: To them it is literature, church and college."
—Wendell Phillips.

Love is the big commodity that the world is short on.—W. W. Ayer.

Pastor Baker Observes Second Anniversary

A resolution adopted by the membership of First Church, De Queen, expresses appreciation of Pastor Boyd Baker, who celebrated his second anniversary with the church recently.

According to the resolution every phase of the work has grown under Pastor Baker's leadership. There have been three revival meetings in the church, three in church missions, five Sunday School and Training Union study courses, one Vacation Bible school, one District Bible school, two successful observances of Youth Week with the young people of the church in full charge.

There have been 185 additions to the church, 101 by baptism. Sunday School attendance has increased from an average of 181 per Sunday for the year ending

October 1, 1944, to an average of 203 for the year ending in 1945. Average for the last seven months has been 227.

Training Union attendance has grown from 48 in 1944 to 71 in 1945. The WMS has a total of six young people's organizations with an average of 50 in attendance each week. Contributions have totaled \$30,487.21.

The Dorothy Garrett circle of the WMS of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, recently had a pioneer mission study course with 20 women taking part. The book, "The Word Overcoming the World," was taught by Mrs. Bruce Price.

Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, spoke three times on the program of the New Mexico Training Union Convention at Carlsbad, June 4-6.



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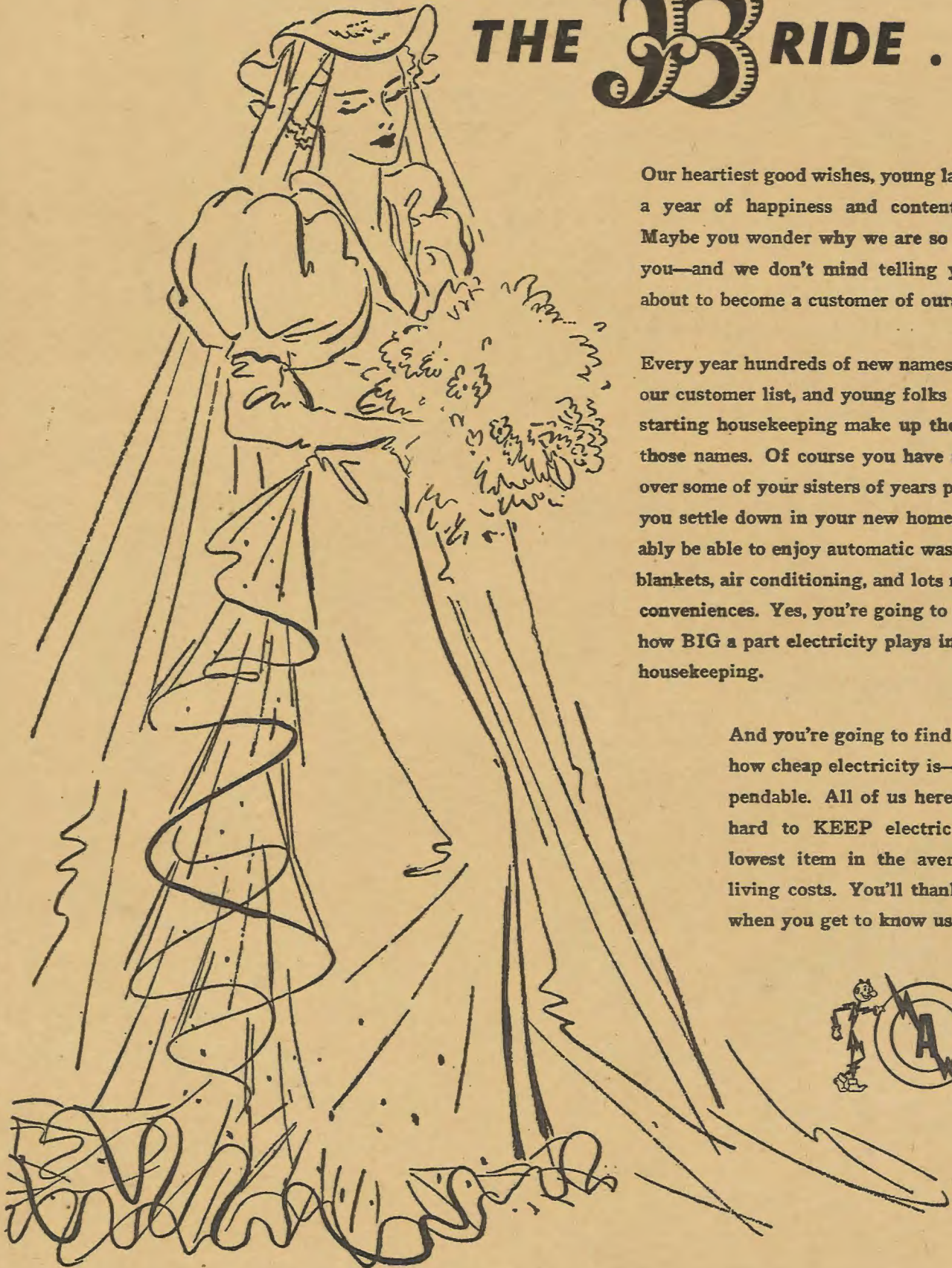
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Definite Requirements Set for Privileges of Christ's Kingdom

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Jesus had great difficulty in leading His disciples to understand the meaning of His kingdom. It was difficult for them to conceive a spiritual kingdom. Christ has definite requirements for those who are to enjoy the privileges of His kingdom. This lesson should give us a better understanding of these requirements.

The Shadow of the Cross

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

No one can read these words of our Lord without realizing, that already Jesus was in the shadow of the cross, and realized its larger meaning. Likewise, the follower of Christ today cannot escape the shadow of the cross. Each man has his own cross to bear and no one can evade his responsibility without renouncing his obligations to Christ.

Our cross is different from the cross of Christ. He, as the Son of God, died that He might become our sin bearer—that He might be our Saviour, Redeemer, and Cleanser from sin. His death on the cross was unique in that respect, and there is no one to come after Him, for He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

But every believer is related to the redemptive enterprise—we are part and parcel of the worldwide effort of our Lord Christ to save the world.

Christ wants every follower to recognize the meaning of and the necessity for self-sacrifice. That is why He employed the figure of the cross. Self denial and self sacrifice are of absolute necessity in the redemption and transformation of a sin sick world. There can be no crown wearing without cross bearing.

True Greatness

Luke tells us that "there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest." In a few simple words Jesus defined for them the standard of true greatness. He reminded the disciples that the honored position belongs to those who welcome little children in His name; that is to say, upon the basis of His name and His authority. "The child is not the type of the honored disciple, but the honored disciple is he who welcomes little children, not because he is fond of children, but because they belong to Christ" (Plummer).

It is interesting to note that Jesus does away with the idea of comparison altogether. He merely says of the one who fulfills this condition "the same shall be

Sunday School Lesson

For June 16

Luke 9:23-24; 46-49, 57-62; 11:1-4; 17:20-21

great." There is, for that matter, no reason why we should be continually comparing ourselves with others. There is but one standard and that standard is Christ.

If we could keep the true standard ever before us we would have little difficulty in achieving that place of honor and responsibility in life for which our hearts yearn. For, with the right kind of standard ever before us—namely, Christ—self and selfishness would continue to recede and we would become more and more Christlike in all our attitudes.

Casual Discipleship

One of the chief stumbling blocks to the progress of the kingdom of Christ is found in "casual discipleship." This is the problem presented in verses 57-62 of our lesson. Jesus is confronted by a certain man who professes his desire to follow Him but says, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father," meaning that he did not wish to leave his father while he was yet alive to follow Jesus.

Now Jesus, in his reply to the man certainly does not advocate renunciation of family duties on the part of preachers. Any apparent harshness in the words of Jesus is due to the fact that the scribe was evidently hiding behind an excuse.

What Jesus is trying to get us to see is that the spiritually dead can bury the literally dead. If the ploughman does not wish to have a crooked furrow he had better keep his eye to the front and bend attentively to his work. Those who would share in Jesus' kingdom purpose must never attempt to hide behind excuses. When they do, they put themselves in the class with this "certain man."

To look back is to render one's self unfit for the kingdom of God. **Prayer and the Kingdom**

In Luke 11:1-4 we have the shorter form of what we may well

call The Model Prayer which occurs in Matthew 6:7-15. It was given by our Lord in response to the request of his disciples who said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples" (Luke 11:1).

Let us note that Jesus enjoins us to pray for the coming of His kingdom and for the doing of His will in earth as in heaven. The coming of His kingdom is a great imperative, and there is in the exhortation a note of urgency. Whatever joy we know in this life will come as we relate ourselves perfectly to Him as dutiful and loyal subjects of His kingdom.

The Signs of the Kingdom

In the closing verses of our lesson which have to do with "the signs of the kingdom" Jesus reminds His followers that close watching of external phenomena will not reveal the signs of the kingdom of God. What Jesus says to the Pharisees is that they are to look for the kingdom of God within themselves, not in outward displays and supernatural manifestations.

Only as we began to examine our hearts can we come to see how near we are to or how far we are from the ultimate purposes of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of our Lord is a spiritual kingdom and not a material kingdom and it lies within the hearts of men.

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Pastor Leroy Smith Moves to Louisiana

Leroy Smith has resigned the pastorate of Second Church, El Dorado, after nearly four years to accept the pastorate of Temple Church, Ruston, La.

During his pastorate there have been 604 additions to the church, 241 for baptism. The average attendance in Sunday School has increased from 342 to 533 and the total contributions to the church during this period have amounted to \$111,704.89.

The church has launched a \$150,000 building program under Pastor Smith's leadership and there is now \$42,000 in the building fund and plans are being formulated for the erection of a new building soon.

Pastor Smith has served two years as moderator of Liberty Association and two years as a member of the board of trustees of Ouachita College.

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Robert B. Mathis, who entered the chaplaincy from the pastorate of Wilmot Church, has been released from military service after 49 months and is available for pulpit supply, study courses, revivals, or the pastorate.

Chaplain Mathis' initial assignment in the Army was in the Reception Center, Fort Logan, Colo. While there he was privileged to speak to each group of men who entered the Army through that station. He served overseas for 22 months in the Alaskan Department and the European Theater. He led many men to accept Christ as Saviour and helped scores of others with their numerous problems.

Mr. Mathis was graduated from Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He may be addressed at 413 South Wall St., Shamrock, Tex.

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"Shall We Say Grace?"



Now Concerning the Collection:

Last week the Arkansas Baptist was on the press when we had our meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee. Hence, we did not have opportunity to say very much about the collection for the starving people. Last week, however, we tried to write every pastor and every missionary, and lay the appeal on their hearts. Here is an added word which we trust will stir our hearts clear down to our pocketbooks.

In the first place the quota for Arkansas Baptists is \$100,450. Last week a different figure had been given us by one member of the Southern Baptist Convention Committee. The Alabama quota was quoted to us over long distance instead of the Arkansas quota, so the quota is \$100,450 instead of \$186,000. It will be easier for us to reach this reduced figure, of course; and yet, why shouldn't Arkansas do as much as Alabama?

We can raise more than \$100,000 for this cause, and we ought to do it. Every person connected with the Baptist cause ought to be deeply touched and ought to respond liberally to this appeal. Baptists and churches that do not ordinarily give as much for missions as others do ought to give just as liberally in this collection as anybody on earth. Any Baptist should be able to understand the horrors of a hungry body as well as anybody else can understand them.

A church with thirty members ought to give as much per capita in this collection as a church with 3,000 members. On a numerical

basis we have made suggestions, and are asking for minimum amounts from the various churches. We have sent these requests out to the pastors of all the churches.

These are simply minimum requests. If your church can give ten times the amount we are asking you to give, that will be all the more glorious. It will help to feed more people, and it will bring additional blessing to your people. Some churches hastened to send large offerings, and we have already received them. Batesville First Church, E. P. J. Garrott, pastor, sent \$1,000, and Conway First Church, Harold Tillman, pastor, sent \$1,000. Lake Village, J. T. Elliff, pastor, has collected already and sent in \$1,000. Hamburg First Church, Stanley Jordan, pastor, gave \$573. West Memphis, Aubrey Halsell, pastor, is trying for \$2,500.

These offerings are much more than quotas would ever amount to. These are examples of liberality. The church at Des Arc, Homer Bradley, pastor, sent \$100. Many others have made offerings, and will do more. Of course we cannot make individual mention on this page of every offering that comes in, there will not be space for them. These are a few of the advanced contributions. The brethren were so moved by this awful condition of starvation that they hastened to give.

Remember, brethren, these starving people are not simply war casualties. Droughts and famine have ravished many countries. South America and Africa and Australia had severe

drought last year. The United States is about the only country that can be depended upon to help feed these starving millions, not simply millions, but hundreds of millions. It is reported that five hundred million people in Europe, India, and China are affected by this famine. That is one-fourth of the world's population. We must give liberally.

This offering is for both relief and rehabilitation. It is to be administered by our Foreign Mission Board. Some of it will be used to rebuild our mission fields, and some of it will put food in the mouths of the starving, and clothes on their bodies. Our missionaries are now taking supplies to those who are in need.

If you want offering envelopes write us. Make your offering on June 30, or as soon thereafter as possible. These starving people cannot endure without food.

No Conflict With Ouachita Campaign

The Ouachita College Campaign for a million dollars will go on. There is no conflict between the appeal for relief and rehabilitation funds, and the Ouachita College Campaign. The College Campaign Committee is fully in accord with our plans to meet this emergency appeal. The General Secretary would not make this appeal until the Administration and Finance Committee of the Executive Board enthusiastically voted that we go right on, and we are strong for both appeals.