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Louis C. Williams

**We're not in the horse and buggy days—
"Advance" is the Watchword**

The Truth Hurts

By JOHN J. HURT, JR.

Keep shouting the truth that Franco's despicable dictatorship and Vatican tyranny are combined to keep Spain as the world's perfect example of two evils at their worst.

Keep shouting because the truth is beginning to hurt. The pain is so great that Jose M. de Areilza, ambassador from Spain to the United States, is crying his denial. He claims that the "campaign of scandal" is the product of Communists and their "fellow travelers."

The ambassador has borrowed a page from Mein Kampf. He brands the opposition with the Communist label. If the brand be official, we beg to belong.

Mr. de Areilza said the Catholic Church and State in Spain "collaborate harmoniously in bettering the spiritual interests of the community." He discounts the Protestants as numbering less than 25,000 in a population of 30 million.

Franco should recall his ambassador and educate him in the fine art of Vatican influence. The tour might start in Madrid with a visit to the Second Baptist Church where a government seal closed its doors nearly two years ago. There should be a briefing in the law that makes criminals of Baptists if they so much as invite a friend to visit their churches.

There might be a visit with Juan Luis Rodrigo, the Baptist pastor fined \$12 in police court for "public proselyting." The pastor, in turn, could introduce the ambassador to others in the congregation who have gone

to jail on similar charges.

And, if time permits there could be a visit to Barcelona, to Valencia and a dozen other places. The ambassador will need a guide to find the Baptist chapels. Some have been closed. The others are not permitted to identify themselves with a cross, a sign or similar marking. Spain lacks the catacombs of ancient Rome but it has shoved the Christians into similar seclusion.

If interested, the ambassador can talk with quite a number of men who left the priesthood for immersion as Baptists. He can learn from others that there are no government jobs for non-Catholics, that it is almost impossible to get a marriage license and that there always is one set of laws for the Catholics and another for the non-Catholics.

The ambassador's assignment in Washington must be terribly confining. Otherwise, he would know better than to be so reckless in his remarks the other day at Creighton University, the Jesuit institution in Omaha. Did he know he would be quoted in the public press? Is he so stupid as to think we would believe his propaganda when so many have come out of Spain with the facts?

Anyway, we wanted to shout again the truth of the Franco-Vatican concordat.

Franco will go the way of all other dictators. In the meantime, we trust his ambassador won't insult our intelligence with his remarks.

—The Christian Index.

The Perfect Church

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ed. Measured by His standard, none of us have room for boasting, but each of us needs to confess and repent of our sins, our weaknesses, our failures, and look to Him for strength to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, looking unto Him who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Cleansing

We will come closer to the ideal of perfection personally and corporately in the church if we keep our eyes constantly on the perfection of Christ instead of the imperfections of our fellow Christians and church members. It seems obvious that Jesus has a good deal of cleansing to do before all the spots and wrinkles are out of the church and before He can present it to Himself holy and without blemish. Should we not strive to make His work of cleansing as light as possible rather than cluttering up our church fellowship with all sorts of vain and personal ambition and bickering and strife among ourselves. We shall reduce that cleansing operation to the minimum if we keep our hearts and minds centered upon the ideal which He has for every individual Christian and for every church where Christian people are associated together and carry on a program of Christian service in His name.

Schools In Belgium

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

The little country of Belgium is torn between a political and religious battle over a parliamentary measure seeking to curb the privileges of Roman Catholic schools. The government laid the bill before parliament May 17. The nation is split into two ideological camps. Political Romanism is aligned through the Social Christian Party against the governmental Socialist and Liberal Parties, largely representing nonpracticing Catholics, members of other faiths, and the unaffiliated. The bill strikes at the Catholic schools, now preponderant in Belgium, in authorizing the government to establish and maintain more nondenominational schools. It also reduces the subsidies to Catholic schools from \$74,000,000 last year to \$64,000,000 this year, all in payment of teachers' salaries, by attaching new conditions. Hereafter, salaries will be paid to teachers and not to the religious orders to which they belong. Further, the government will supervise the granting of future diplomas by Catholic teachers training colleges, whereas hitherto the college heads issued diplomas on their own authority. About 930,000 children Catholic schools, compared with 720,000 for the nondenominational schools. The government holds that this is in inverse proportion to the number of adherents of each type of school. The evident policy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy is to get control of the political affairs of a nation by controlling the education of its children and young people.

—Watchman-Examiner.

Do You Want Your Health?

A Devotion By The Editor

"Rise, take up thy bed and walk."

Strange command—"Walk that you may be cured," said to a paralyzed man. And "There is a movement of confidence in the man's heart; he tries to obey, and in the act of obedience the power comes to him." How true this is in all our responses to His commands. We are weak, wholly unequal to the tasks and problems and challenges of Christian service. But Jesus says to us, rise and preach, or teach, or render this service or that. And in the act of obedience we receive power to do what Christ commanded.

Someone has said, "All Christ's commands are gifts. He binds himself by His commandments, and every word of His which says to us, 'Thou shalt!' contains as its kernel a word of His which says, 'I will!'"

"Christ gives power to keep His commands—obey Christ and you will find strength enough." But to lie "sluggishly" waiting to see what His words will do is to miss the blessing.

"My yoke is easy and my burden is light," he said. But easy and light are only relative terms. What would be easy to one would be difficult for another, and what would be light for one would be heavy for another. His yoke is easy and His burden is light not because He diminishes the demands made upon us; just the contrary is true, because He increases our strength and power.

There must be no thought of failure. The bed must be rolled up and put aside. Make provision for a continued march. "To make provision for failure in the Christian life is to secure failure." Arise, take up thy bed and keep on walking. Be prepared to continue in the strength which Christ gives. Take your place among healthy men, among working men, among responsible men, and know the thrill of having a responsible share in the carrying on of the work of God's kingdom.

And this man obeys. The Pharisees discover him carrying his couch on the Sabbath day and they object, saying it is unlawful. To which he replied: "He that made me whole, the same said unto me, take up thy bed and walk." He that gave me strength told me how to use it. He gave me the power; had He not the right to tell me what to do with it? If Christ is the source of life, He must also be the source of law.

"Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

"And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked; and on the same day was the sabbath" (John 5:8,9).

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From The Editor's Desk

Autonomy —

The Basis of Church Polity

One of the most distinctive characteristics of Baptists is the principle of autonomy in church polity. The word autonomous is defined as self-governing, or without outside control. As applied to Baptist church polity, it means that a Baptist church is an autonomous body, that it is not subject to control by any outside authority. It is free to conduct its own business without outside interference or control. There is, of course, the element of independence in the church policy of autonomy. However, the element of independence does not predominate. The principle of co-operation predominates over independence.

Cooperation vs. Independence

Independence is operative in church polity so far as outside control is concerned. However, when a church declares its independence to the exclusion of any alliance with other Baptist churches and to the exclusion of any co-operative participation in a program designed to carry out the commissions of Jesus, it is repudiating the co-operative mission program of other churches to which it is indebted for its very existence. It seems safe to say that there is not a church among us that did not have its origin directly or indirectly in the mission program of other churches. Baptist churches have multiplied by the hundreds and thousands as a direct result of the co-operative mission endeavor of other Baptist churches.

It is not the independence of Baptist churches that is responsible for Baptist growth and expansion, co-operation is responsible for that growth and expansion. The need for co-operation becomes obvious when

we realize the limitations of an individual church working alone and asserting its independence to the exclusion of the co-operative spirit. Suppose the 30,000 Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist fellowship should each declare its independence and go its own way without co-operating with other Baptist churches. Our whole program built up over the last hundred years would collapse overnight. Our mission program would fold up and our missionaries would have to come home. Our institutions would close their doors. There could be no concerted action without co-operation. It immediately becomes obvious that the principle of co-operation takes precedence over the principle of independence upon the basis of church autonomy.

Voluntary

The autonomy of Baptist churches assures that co-operation shall be on a voluntary basis. Any other basis for co-operation denies the autonomy of the local church and sets up an authority outside the church.

Voluntary co-operation growing out of a co-operation and growing out of the principle of autonomy gives the greatest possible freedom for initiative, resourcefulness, and inspiration both individually and corporately, both in the local church and in the denominational program. Autonomy places the responsibility at the home base on the local church and on the individual members. Since we are subject to no outside power, since we are self-determining in our church polity, since we can act autonomously, we must consider our actions in the light of the teachings of Jesus, and upon the basis of His

instructions and His commissions.

If we were subject to some outside authority other than the teachings, the precepts, and the commissions of Jesus, we might feel that the major responsibility rested upon that outside authority and that we had discharged our full duty when we had met the demands of that outside authority rather than the demands of Jesus Himself. But when the authority is vested in us, when we ourselves must assume full responsibility for our efforts or our lack of efforts to meet the demands of our Lord, for our co-operation or lack of co-operation with other churches in a great denominational program to carry out the commissions of our Lord, we are brought up short by the realization that this responsibility is not transferable and cannot be shifted to the shoulders of anyone else. When we realize that the only effective way that we can obey the commissions of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature is by the many other like-minded autonomous Baptist churches pooling their resources, their interests, their prayers in a great world-circling denominational program, then we shall assume our responsibilities and consecrate ourselves to the world-wide challenge.

Autonomy in All Baptist Organizations

This principle of autonomy which is the basis for voluntary co-operation runs throughout our Southern Baptist organizational setup from the local church to the association to the state convention to the institutions of the state convention to the Southern Baptist Convention and its institutions. In the weeks to come we shall be discussing this autonomy and co-operation as it affects our denominational organization beyond the local church. We shall also point out some dangers which threaten the autonomous actions of churches and denominational organizations and institutions. We should be alert to the threat of these dangers and should seek to avoid them at all cost.

The Perfect Church

We have heard of people who are looking for the perfect church. We have heard of others who attempted to establish a perfect church, and still others who boasted of the perfect church.

It seems strange that men should claim the ability to establish and operate a perfect church when Jesus Himself made no such claim nor did the disciples following Him.

Imperfections

The apostle Paul, speaking of Christ's love for the church in the sixth chapter of Ephesians, declared that He "gave himself for" the church "that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." But this prospect is obviously in the future when the Lord shall return to claim His own.

The church at Jerusalem was not perfect. The church at Antioch was not perfect. The seven churches of Asia Minor were not perfect. In fact, none of the churches mentioned in the New Testament was perfect.

Since we who make up the membership of

churches are imperfect, the church itself is imperfect.

The apostle Paul recognized the imperfections while we live in the flesh for he said, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." If our vision is dim or short-sighted, if our knowledge is imperfect, it is obvious that these imperfections will characterize the body of the church. But Paul does not stop with our imperfections. He declares that there is a time coming when we shall "see face to face," and a time coming when we shall "know even as" we are "known." When that time comes the church will be purified and cleansed and presented without spot or blemish.

Ideal

Perfection should be our ideal for ourselves personally and for the church corporately. We will more nearly approach that ideal if we are striving continuously toward it, but it does not help us toward that ideal to claim a perfection which we do not pos-

sess. Such a claim will only reduce our imperfections to a static condition with no hope or prospect of improvement.

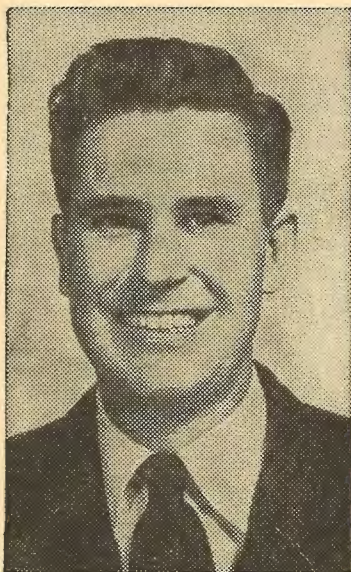
Since, therefore, we are imperfect and our imperfections carry over into the church body, we would be wise to recognize this fact and become more tolerant, even more understanding and sympathetic with our fellow church members who may be no less perfect than ourselves. In the church fellowship we must live with one another and work with one another and pray with one another and serve with one another. The surest way to create and maintain friction among the church membership is to minimize one's own faults and failures and exaggerate the faults and failures of others.

There is a tendency among us to compare our faults and failures with others to their disadvantage. Whereas, we should always measure our lives, our conduct, our thoughts, our aims, our purposes, with the standard which Christ Himself set up. Human standards are never perfect. The only perfect standard by which to measure our lives is the standard which Jesus Himself establish-

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Kingdom Progress

Arkansas Pastor Receives Th.D.



DR. HERBERT M. HANEY

Herbert M. Haney, pastor of the Arkansas City Baptist Church, received the Th. D. degree from the New Orleans Seminary, at the recent commencement exercises.

Dr. Haney is a native of Chocolate Cove, New Brunswick, Canada, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Onslow L. Haney. The father is a deacon in the Chocolate Cove Baptist Church.

Dr. Haney received the B. A. degree from Acadia University in 1939; the B. D. degree from the Acadia Divinity School in 1941. He was ordained in 1941 and was pastor for seven years of Grand Harbour and Seal Cove Baptist Churches, Grand Manan, N. B. He entered the New Orleans Seminary in 1948, where he earned the B.D. degree, and was chosen fellow to Dr. Roy Beaman in the Department of Archeology and later to Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy in the Department of Old Testament.

Mrs. Haney is the daughter of the late Reverend J. F. Mackay and Mrs. Mackay of Harvey, New Brunswick. She is a graduate of Mount Allison University. The Haney family has four sons.

During Dr. Haney's three-year pastorate at Arkansas City, the Sunday school enrollment has doubled, one hundred members have been added to the church by baptism, the budget has doubled, and gifts to the Cooperative Program have tripled. Their building fund has \$4,000 in it.

Minister Ordained

Ramon Larue Bailey was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry by the Sugar Creek Church, Benton County Association, Sunday afternoon, April 22.

Ben T. Haney, pastor at Pea Ridge, served as moderator of the ordaining council.

Henry Fisher conducted the examination. Roy Galyean, pastor of Sunnyside Church at Rogers, delivered the charge and sermon. Twelve ordained ministers and deacons made up the council.

—Ed Jackson, Clerk

First Church, Camden Honors Pastor Harris

First Church, Camden, recently celebrated the twelfth anniversary of Pastor T. L. Harris and the pastor's birthday anniversary on the same day. The service was in the form of a "This is your life" program. After a review of his early life and the presentation of gifts to the pastor, the program took the form of a history of the progress of the Camden church under his ministry.

Dr. Harris went to Camden on January 15, 1944, when the church membership was 867. With two churches having been organized out of First Church, the membership is now more than 1700. Baptisms for the twelve years number 1,213. In 1944 the annual budget was \$26,818, reached an all time high of \$141,818 during the building campaign, and now averages \$90,000 per year. Sunday school enrollment has increased from 657 to 1,000, not including 401 who are enrolled in the three church missions. There are 19 departments in the Sunday school.

Gifts to missions are five times that of 1944; 30 per cent of all undesignated gifts go to the Cooperative Program. The church gave \$30,000 to the last Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions.

Birkhead to Mtn. Home

Jim Birkhead has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Lake City, effective June 4, to become the pastor of the Mtn. Home Church. Mr. Birkhead was with the Lake City Church three years, during which time there were 165 additions to the church by baptism, and 51 by letter. Mr. Birkhead attended Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Lake City Church Has Youth Revival

Ed Pinkston assisted Lake City Church recently in a weekend Youth Revival which resulted in six additions to the church by baptism. John Wikman was in charge of the music, and Nancy Burchfield did personal work. Each of these are students at Ouachita College. Jim Birkhead is the pastor.

Atkins Church Plans Building

First Church, Atkins, held groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday afternoon, April 29, for an annex to the church which is to be of brick construction, and will house a nursery, recreation hall, kitchen, and class rooms.

Ralph Douglas, associate secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, was the principal speaker. Klois Hargis is the pastor.

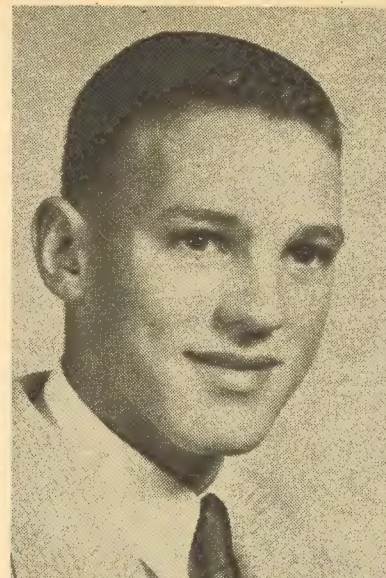
Successful Revival At First Church, Russellville

Robert J. McMillan of First Church, Jacksonville, was the evangelist in a Youth Revival at First Church, Russellville, which closed on Sunday, May 13. H. O. Fudge and Bill Ozment of Arkansas Tech directed the music. High School students, Brenda Danley and Ann Young played the instruments.

There were ten additions to the church by baptism and one by letter. Six young people surrendered for full time Christian service.

A. Ermon Webb is the pastor.

Minister Ordained



CECIL FULLER

Cecil Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fuller of Jacksonville, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Concord Church, Jacksonville, Sunday, May 6, W. R. Wagner was ordained a deacon.

Orsborn Justice, pastor of Austin Station Church, Austin, conducted the examination; Pastor Ed Schmitt delivered the charge; and T. F. Cupples, pastor of Mt. View No. 2 Church, delivered the ordination sermon.

Mr. Fuller is a student at Jacksonville High School and is pastor of Chambers Church, Lonoke.

Deacons Ordained

E. V. Weldon, Hugh Tanner and Joe Sterling were ordained as deacons by Wiseman Church, Sunday evening, April 8.

Shaw Griffin, pastor of Belvue Church conducted the examination; Hugh Cooper, pastor at Melbourne, delivered the charge to the deacons and church; and Herman Dover offered the ordaining prayer.



What shall we do about those in-different church members? Send them the Arkansas Baptist!

New Budget

Brickeys Church, Arkansas Valley Asso., Robert Andrews, treasurer.

Subscription Analysis

Little Red River Association has no budgets, 2 clubs, 16 with neither.

Little River has 12 budgets, 2 clubs, 14 with neither.

Mississippi County has 14 budgets, 8 clubs, and 19 with neither.

Motor Cities has 5 budgets, 4 clubs, and 21 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the Arkansas Baptist. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist.

Faulkner Association News

JAY W. C. MOORE, *Missionary*

The county wide revival conducted by Dr. J. Harold Smith of Ft. Smith will be held on the campus of Conway Baptist College July 23-August 3. Dr. Smith's new tent, seating 2,000 people, will be used for the first time.

First Church, Conway, James H. Street, pastor, has bought the Legion property on Robinson and Ash streets for \$15,000. This gives the church all of the frontage of Robinson for an entire block. The eleven room house will be used for class rooms and other activities. Plans are under way to construct an educational unit 106' by 118' which will provide for five nurseries, two beginners, two intermediate, and one young people's departments. The new building will have some 15,000 square feet of floor space.

During the first month's pastorate of Don Wright with the Pleasant Grove Church there were fourteen additions, ten by baptism and four by letter.

H. N. Nettles pastor of the Lone Star Church for half time, has been called by the Cold Springs Church for halftime. He succeeds Vonnie Harmon who resigned to accept the Mayflower pastorate.

Friendship church dedicated their new building and ordained their pastor, Kenneth Burling, Ouachita, recently. Dr. Dale Cowling, Second Church, Little Rock, preached the ordination sermon and E. F. Simmons delivered the dedicatory message.

'Baptist Hour' 15 Years Old

A unique record commemorating the 15th Anniversary of "The Baptist Hour" on the air was played around the world on Sunday, May 27, by the Voice of America, it was announced by Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. R. Poppele, Director of the Voice of America, the radio service of the United States Information Agency, stated that the Anniversary Record offered an unusual opportunity to summarize to the world a type of religious broadcast heard by Americans through the years which presents a spiritual message of non-denominational content suitable for all faiths.

"This unique record of 'The Baptist Hour' and the era in which it has been heard," Poppele said, "reflects the fundamental spiritual life of the people of the United States, which is one of the basic aims of our religious programming. Transmitting such examples of spiritual values in American life helps to form a common bond of understanding between men of all faiths," he commended, "and directly demonstrates our desire for peace and good will throughout the world."

Porter Routh Is Commencement Speaker

Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the commencement speaker at Carver School of Missions and Social Work on May 25.

Carver School's forty-ninth annual commencement will be in the Fannie E. S. Heck Chapel at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening, May 25.

Mrs. Jane Carroll McRae, Southern Baptist missionary to Jordan, will speak at Carver School in the traditional vesper service on the eve of graduation day. The vesper will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24.

Australian Baptist Executive Cites Worth of Radio-Television



DR. E. H. WATSON

"I believe radio and television to be the number one weapons in evangelism today," said Dr. Ernest H. Watson of Sydney, Australia, recently in Fort Worth.

Recently named the general executive secretary of the New South Wales Union of Baptist Churches in Australia, Dr. Watson was in this country making contacts with Southern Convention leaders, observing the techniques of various agencies, and especially those of the Radio and Television Commission. He has been active in the evangelistic use of radio since 1928 in his own country.

"A radio broadcast can reach more people in my country than could be reached in five years by church services," Dr. Watson stated. (Australia has no television at this time. Plans are underway to begin televising this fall). "Such a radio program can reach the unchurched masses and the many Roman Catholics of our country as in no other way."

Dr. Watson is now connected with three different radio programs in Australia, the main one being "Voice of Baptists," which covers all of New South Wales. It is expected to become a nationwide program soon under the auspices of the six separate Baptist Conventions which exist in the six states of Australia. The "Union" headed by Dr. Watson coordinates the work of all.

He pointed enthusiastically to the great opportunity Southern Baptists have for evangelizing this nation. "Ninety per cent of the population of Australia is not attached in any way to a church. That compared with the more than 60 per cent of the U. S. population which claims church membership."

While visiting the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth for two days, Dr. Watson produced a series of quarter-hour devotional radio programs for use in his country. Speakers for these were Charles McLaughlin, superintendent of missions for Tarrant County Association, Fort Worth, and Dr. J. T. Ford, Atlanta, Ga., Chairman of the Radio-TV Commission.

Don't let yesterday's mistakes intrude upon your mind and trip you up today.

—Kolends

Memorial, Hot Springs, In Revival

Pastor J. C. Melton and Memorial Church, Hot Springs, had the services of Missionary Jesse Reed as evangelist, and Delmar Jackson of Hot Springs was in charge of the music for the revival meeting May 6-13. The meeting resulted in eight additions to the church by baptism and three by letter.

Immanuel, Newport, Has Ground Breaking

Immanuel Church, Newport, had a ground breaking service on Sunday, April 29, for the first part of a three unit construction project. The unit under construction will be used for an auditorium until the plans are completed, when it will be converted to educational purposes. Bill Simmons, a member of the church, is in charge of construction. The first unit will be finished by August 1. The building is being financed through the sale of \$30,000 in bonds.

James O. Melton is the pastor.

Brinkley Church Has Revival

Dr. Otto Sutton of Trinity Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, was the evangelist in a revival meeting with First Church, Brinkley, recently. The meeting resulted in 17 additions by baptism and 7 by letter. V. W. Cavender of Malcomb Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, was in charge of the music. George D. Thompson and Miss Lou Alice Mason assisted in the music program.

H. L. Lipford is pastor of the Brinkley church.

The Thomas Halsells Write

A letter from the Thomas E. Halsells, missionaries to Brazil, expresses "appreciation for the many prayers and letters from friends in the states." It tells also that Mr. Halsell is learning Portuguese rapidly and has preached seven sermons in the newly acquired language.

Fred Halbrooks, missionary from Alabama, has joined the language group in Campinas. After next September, the Halsell's home address will be: Caixa 89, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Gift to Seminary

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cantwell, Tylertown, Mississippi, have designated \$3,000 as permanent endowment for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The gift is to be handled by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and the interest is to accrue to them until death, after which it will accrue to the Seminary. They both are former students of the institution and their daughter, Inez, is a 1955 graduate.

Choice of Locations For 1959 Convention

Where will the Southern Baptist Convention hold its annual meeting in 1959?

This question probably will be settled at the 1956 meeting.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, reported invitations from Louisville, Ky.; Cincinnati; St. Louis; Denver; Dallas; and Los Angeles.

God blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—rainy ones too.

I have tried to keep things in my own hands and have lost them all; but what I have given into God's hands, that I still possess.

—Martin Luther

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By Religious News Service

Kentucky High Court Asked To Review Decision On Nun Teachers

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has been asked to review its Feb. 10 ruling that Roman Catholic sisters wearing religious garb could teach in public schools of the state so long as they did not inject sectarian views into their classwork.

Appeal for a review of the 6-1 decision was made by S. Arnold Lynch of Louisville, counsel for the Rev. J. C. Rawlings, a retired Methodist minister of Bradsfordville, who initiated the suit in 1953 as a "private taxpayer."

Mr. Rawlings is president of the Kentucky Free Public Schools Committee, an affiliate of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. He contended that the sisters' teaching in their religious habits violated the principle of separation of Church and State.

The Louisville attorney asked the state's highest tribunal for a rehearing in the light of another action involving the closing of Bradsfordville High School by the Marion County Board of Education. He alleged that testimony in the latter case showed that nuns had injected sectarianism into their teaching.

Says Every Russian Baptist A 'Little Billy Graham'

A leader of Baptists in the Soviet Union said in Washington, D. C., that "in every one of our members we have a little Billy Graham."

Alexander Karev, general secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians, thus described the evangelism technique being employed by Russian Baptists.

He told more than 1,000 worshippers at Calvary Baptist church that personal evangelism has been the key to growth of the Baptist Church in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Karev is one of five Soviet Baptist leaders now on a month's tour of the United States.

"We do not have evangelism as you know it, with large mass meetings or big audiences of people," he said through an interpreter. "Every Russian Baptist considers himself a missionary. In every one we have a little Billy Graham. Not a big one, just a little one. We go to every street or alley and talk about Jesus Christ person to person."

Auto Dealers File Complaint Against Sunday Opening

Two local trade associations filed a complaint with the state motor vehicle commission against a Nashville used car dealer for alleged violation of the city's Sunday closing law.

The complainants were the Nashville Used Car Dealers Association Inc., and the Nashville Automobile Trades Association, composed of new car dealers.

They charged that Pal's Motor Sales Inc. violated the Nashville city code by keeping its place of business open on Sunday and selling on that day.

Condemned Men Lay Plight To Lack of Religious Training

Two condemned murderers, waiting out their last night before execution, said lack of religious training was a principal cause of their failure in life.

Verne Alfred Braasch and Melvin LeRoy Sullivan had been found guilty of the October, 1949, murder of a service station operator. After three stays of execution while their cause was fought in the courts they faced two five-man firing squads.

In a last-night public statement, the two said:

"First of all, we do not protest against being punished. We are found guilty of a serious crime."

"In the second place, we wish to say, in partial excuse for ourselves, that we did not have a fair chance in life. Coming from broken homes, we grew up in neglect. In youth we were denied parental care, affection and guidance. Religious training would have pointed us in the right direction, but we were not taken to Sunday school or to church services.

"While in prison during the long years of waiting we have tried to build up in our souls what was lacking. We now try to accept our severe punishment with true religious resignation. . ."

Graham to Speak At Yale Mission

Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at the 1957 Yale University Christian Mission, probably early in the year.

Mr. Graham's acceptance of the invitation was announced by the Council of the Yale Christian Community. The council comprises representatives of campus Protestant denominational groups and Dwight Hall, the campus Christian Association.

The date of next year's Christian Mission has not yet been set. Final details are to be worked out by the University Christian Mission Committee.

Alliance Approves 102 New Foreign Missionaries

Delegates to the 59th annual council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance approved a proposal to send 102 new missionaries to foreign fields by November.

Dr. A. C. Snead of New York, foreign secretary, said the majority of them will go to Viet Nam, French West Africa and New Guinea. The alliance now has 720 active missionaries in 22 countries.

"Finding 102 qualified and willing recruits is no easy task," Dr. Snead said, "for there are physical standards to be met, emotional stability, mental alertness and spiritual qualities required for each one selected." He said, however, that candidates meeting these qualifications have been found.

Green Bay Wis., In Illinois Association

Calvary Baptist Church, Green Bay, was organized recently as the northernmost church affiliated with the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Green Bay is about 575 miles north of Carbondale, Ill.

A Smile or Two



Hello dear, accomplish anything today?

The battered old Ford and the donkey met high on a hill-town road in Italy. They looked at each other with misgivings, then the donkey asked, "What, pray tell, are you?"

Repl'd the Ford proudly, "I am an automobile. And you?"

"Oh," repl'd the donkey with a twinkle. "Well, I am a horse!"

—Quote

Silence isn't always golden. Sometimes it's just guilt.

—Quote

A correspondent tells of a business man who left his car in front of a hydrant with this note attached to the wheel: "I know I have parked illegally, but my whole business future depends on my getting to my office instantly. Forgive us our trespasses. B. F."

When he climbed back into his car two hours later he found a parking violation ticket with another note which read: "My future also depends on my nailing illegal parkers. Lead us not into temptation. Motorcycle officer J. A."

—Wisconsin Journal of Education

The supply of uranium in the planet is actually very limited, and it is feared that it may be used up before the human race exterminates itself.

—Bertrand Russell

The two Irishmen had landed in America and taken a room in a seaside hotel. To their surprise, they were attacked by mosquitoes, an insect new to them.

They turned out the light and crawled under the sheets. Larry peeped out, just as a firefly flitted through the window.

"It's no use, Mickey!" he groaned. "They've come back wid lanterns looking for us!"

What with automatic promotions and the guaranteed annual wage, we seem to be trying to replace the ladder of success with an escalator.

—Ivern Boyett

A girl was being interviewed at the employment agency where she had applied for help in getting a job. "You'll have to supply us with some character references," she was told. "Oh, that'll be easy," she replied. "I know lots of characters."

—Quote

News From Baptist Press

Southern Baptists See Potential in Michigan

By R. J. HASTINGS

May 11 was a hot, sticky night in Detroit. Tornado warnings were posted. But neither the heat nor the approaching storm lessened the spirit of over 500 Baptists gathered in Detroit's Fairview Baptist Church for the largest meeting in the history of Southern Baptist work in Michigan.

This was their first fellowship meeting looking forward to organizing a Michigan state convention. It has been over 20 years since the initial church, Antioch in Detroit, was organized in 1934. The host church, now meeting in a building seating 740, could remember its own birth in a small room of a former brewery.

Now Southern Baptists in Michigan number 8,500 in 59 churches. They gave \$40,000 to all causes last year. The stability that would come from a state convention, organized to take the gospel as Baptists believe it to 8 million citizens of Michigan, thrilled everyone present.

In spite of past achievements, Michigan Southern Baptists recognize that far too little has been done to evangelize their state. The migration of Southern people to Michigan dates to Henry Ford's unparalleled offer of \$5 a day to build automobiles. The trek northward has continued unabated.

If every church in the greater Detroit area should conduct services every hour on the hour for all 24 hours of every Sunday, less than two-thirds of the 4 million people could be accommodated. One of the new churches recently began an ambitious religious census, only to stop after it had gone 10 blocks from the church. "Within those few blocks we found more prospects than we could ever accommodate in our church," explained the pastor.

Many Unchurched

Fred D. Hubbs, superintendent of missions for the Motor Cities Association, comprising 50 or 59 Southern Baptist churches, said that in addition to the need of providing for incoming Southern Baptists, much remains in evangelizing those affiliated with no church.

Courts Redford, one of two representatives of the Home Mission Board at the fellowship gathering, pointed out that the Home Mission Board is pressed to keep up with requests to help existing Southern Baptist work in new states such as the Great Lakes area of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. "Often we are criticized for going outside traditional Southern Baptist boundaries. But note that our Board is not so much initiating new work as it is assisting what springs up by itself wherever Southern people move."

Several pastors told how new Baptist congregations stimulated older, existing churches. "After the program that Southern Baptists have to offer became apparent in our community, a neighboring church planned its first revival in 13 years," cited one pastor. "And all of the churches in our area have entered building programs since we organized."

Future Plans Made

A. H. Mullins, pastor of Columbia Avenue Baptist Church in Pontiac, was elected president of the new Fellowship of Michigan Southern Baptists. He and other leaders will map plans for the formal organization of a state convention, possibly by January, 1957. It is hoped the new convention will embrace all of the 38 Michigan churches now affiliated with Arkansas state convention, 11 af-

filiated with Kentucky, one with Illinois, and 9 churches having no state affiliation.

Suggestions made at the meeting included an educational program to train pastors, a straight percentage division of Cooperative Program funds between state and Convention causes, and a weekly denominational paper. Truett Smith now heads a Michigan extension of Arkansas' Ouachita College, which may develop into one or more chairs of Bible at state schools.

W. C. Fields Chosen Mississippi Editor

W. C. Fields, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss., has been elected editor of the **Baptist Record**, weekly state denominational newspaper, Jackson, Miss.

He will assume editorship June 1, succeeding the late A. L. Goodrich.

Fields, current president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention board, is a native of Salline, La., and a graduate of Louisiana College and Southern Baptist Seminary. He has been pastor in Yazoo City five years.

The editorship was filled by the state convention board, which also took two other actions concerning state personnel. Joe Abrams, director of promotion, was transferred to associate editor of the **Baptist Record**. Abrams will continue to be public relations director for Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Joe T. Odle, pastor of Gulfport, Miss., First Baptist Church, was elected associate executive secretary in charge of promotion, evangelism, and missions. The position had been vacant since the resignation of C. E. Wilbanks two years ago.

Convention to Decide About Miami Hospitals

The Southern Baptist Convention will be asked at its 1956 meeting to consider taking over two hospitals in Miami if local Baptists build them.

C. Roy Angell, Miami minister and chairman of the hospital committee of Miami Baptist Association, said the request will come from him and Frank Tripp, New Orleans, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Hospital Board.

One of the hospitals would be built on a site yet to be chosen in downtown Miami. The other site has been offered in Kendall, 10 miles south of Miami, by Arthur Vining Davis, multi-millionaire aluminum company official and Florida land developer. Davis also offered a sizeable donation toward cost of construction.

Under Southern Baptist Convention policy, the proposal to operate the hospitals would have to receive two affirmative votes of the Convention, indicating that final approval would come no earlier than the 1957 annual meeting in Chicago.

Miami Baptist Association is prepared to undertake a fund-raising drive to build the hospitals, if the Convention approves them, according to Angell. The two would probably be under single management.

Miami has only a little more than half the number of hospital beds that medical men say it needs, Angell stated. Roman Catholics are the only religious group now operating a hospital in Miami, Florida's largest city.

Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, conferred upon James Harris, pastor, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., the doctor of divinity degree.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Preacher's Wife

Question: I am a young girl and I have a baby out of wedlock. I know that I have done wrong and I know God has forgiven me.

I have been dating a young preacher. Do you think it would be all right for a preacher to marry me? Would it hinder his ministry?

Answer: Yes, almost certainly it would hinder his ministry. Only the strongest of young men would be able to survive such a marriage and remain in the ministry.

You see, a preacher's wife becomes a target for the hostility of both the ignorant and the hypocritical. Some otherwise good people would object to you on the basis that you would be a bad model for young girls. A preacher's wife is expected to be not only a good person but an example. It would be argued that to make such a mistake and then be forgiven, might cause others to think that mistakes are not so hard to overcome after all. But they are.

As to what the young preacher should do about marrying you, only the Holy Spirit can guide him in that. But he ought to know what odds may be against his success. If he is a real Christian, he will not be unrealistic nor bitter. The ministry is a very expensive calling. It costs.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Missionary Praises Home Board Loan Benefits

A California missionary under the California Baptist Convention co-operatively with the Home Mission Board has pointed out hidden results of church loan funds furnished by the Home Mission Board.

"Far more is being accomplished than that which is done with the money loaned. . . . Even though only a small percent of our churches may be receiving loans from the Home Board, yet this stimulates the total of our work and is causing a growth that we would not otherwise have," according to Eugene Slone, area missionary in the San Diego, California, area.

Slone turned to the more obvious results of the loan and said, "Church buildings are going up in communities where there are over 60,000 people without any other Southern Baptist witness." With the help of the Home Mission Board, Baptists are beginning work in rural sections and towns and new subdivisions now having no Baptist work. "These are places which we are entering with the help of the Home Mission Board loan department, which otherwise would not be possible."

"How Southern Baptists across the Convention would be thrilled if they could only know what they are doing through the loan department of the Home Mission Board," Slone concluded.

Ike Goes to Baylor For Degree, Major Address

President Eisenhower delivered a major foreign policy address at Baylor University, May 25 and then received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the university.

The President spoke to a special convocation at 10:30 a. m. and received the degree at the same meeting. White House officials in Washington said Mr. Eisenhower would appear in Waco for his address, then return immediately to the Capital.

Southern Baptists meet today on the threshold of their most challenging hour. A decade ago stars of hope appeared on the horizon of our war-ridden world, only to fade before a mad race for atomic superiority which now threatens the destruction of every sign of life on earth. The accomplishments of man for a thousand years hang in the balance and civilization, like a time bomb, seems to be ticking away to its final blast.

In His great eschatological discourse on the Mount of Olives two days before His crucifixion, our Lord said, "And there shall be upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity—men's hearts, failing them for fear—watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape—and to stand before the Son of Man."

In our world that is shaken to its very foundation, God has placed Southern Baptists in a strategic position "for such a time as this." There are more evangelical Christians per capita in our territory than in any other area on earth; of these Southern Baptists constitute about one-half. What then, is the challenge of this hour for us? I am deeply conscious of my limitations as an interpreter at this point, but after prayerful consideration, I am venturing to suggest some things which I trust will be at least thought-provoking and helpful.

We are Challenged By a Unique Relationship

Like the disciples on the Mount of Olives with Jesus, we, too, believe that we are among those whom He has chosen, blessed, trained, and equipped for a significant part in the accomplishment of His redemptive purpose.

New Testament Truths

To us has been bequeathed New Testament truths that will endure until our Lord's return. We believe that God is the supreme personal spirit, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. We believe that Jesus Christ was and is God's incarnate Son; born of a virgin, He is both deity and humanity. We believe that He lived a sinless life, that he was crucified, buried, and rose again. We believe that when it became expedient for Him to return to the Father, His promise was fulfilled in the coming of the Holy Spirit, who took up his abode as administrator in the infant church. We believe that salvation is by grace alone and that every person is competent to come into the presence of Almighty God without the aid of a priestly intermediary. We believe that a New Testament Church is an organized body of baptized believers, equal in rank and privilege, united in the faith concerning what Christ has taught, covenanted to do what He has commanded and co-operating with other like bodies in kingdom movements. We believe that evangelism should ever be our chief concern and that New Testament evangelism is incomplete until the "evangelized" become "evangelists."

Heroic Personalities

Our basic doctrines have survived through heroic personalities, because these doctrines are dearer than life itself. Baptist history is verily dotted with illustrations of men who have died for their faith. Names like Bunyan, Milton, Carey, Judson, Rice, Spurgeon, Johnson, Carroll, Scarborough, Mullins, Robertson, Sampey, Truett, Wallace, and others, constitute a vital part of the heritage that now challenges us.

Meeting here in this great metropolis, we are mindful, also, that it was none other than John Calvin McCoy, the son of a Bap-

tist preacher, Isaac McCoy, who came here with his father in 1829 and founded Kansas City in 1838. While we would express our humble gratitude to God for those valiant veterans of the cross of other days, let us be reminded that all of God's great are not dead. During the past summer it was my privilege, along with others, to spend a couple of hours at Nazareth, where we had a most delightful visit at our church, school, and orphanage which were housed there at the time. As we were boarding our bus to leave, some 300 Arab children lined up behind our half-dozen missionaries to wave their goodbys. Some member of our group began to sing "Bless Be The Tie." Others joined in, but in a matter of seconds we realized that we had made a serious blunder. The song faded into silence—the silence into sobs, as the wife of one of our missionaries, baby in her arms, leaning against her husband, wept as though her heart would break. As our bus rolled away, we realized afresh that we visitors were among the most favored group of people on earth; while our dear friends, 6,000 miles from their homes and loved ones, were left to face deprivation, discomforts, and discouragements that we had never known.

When I think of Dr. Lovegren, superintendent of our hospital at Ajloun, and the courageous manner in which he and his co-workers face barbaric persecution recently, or of the words of his companion, "I had rather die in my place than live a million years with memory that I had run away," I know that all of God's great are not yet dead. Many are they who still "climb the steep ascents of heaven through peril, toil and pain. Oh, God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train."

Unparalleled Progress

God's blessings upon Southern Baptists have been phenomenal. Much of it will be revealed in the reports that are brought to this convention. In figures released by our statistician on March 1, we noticed that the total membership of our 30,377 churches was 8,474,741. At that time we were reporting the organization of nine new churches and 8,000 baptisms each week. The membership of our approximately 30,500 churches has grown beyond the eight and one-half million mark. Our total receipts last year reached about \$334,000,000 of which approximately \$60,000,000 was given for missions. Truly we can say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

We are Challenged by Tensions Which Have Occasioned the Distress of Nations

While recounting God's blessings, wisdom demands that we take cognizance of the things that threaten our very existence today. Some would prophesy that we are entering a new era of dense darkness, while others would presage the imminent coming of the Son of Man. Probably no hour in Southern Baptist history has confronted us with such a variety of threats, problems, and opportunities. Certainly it is timely for us to hear again the words of our Lord, "In patience possess your souls."

The Threat of War

The threat of war comes now with increasing horror, as the day of cobalt bombs and guided missiles becomes a reality. It seems that we are now forced to choose between the abolition of war and the end of the human race. If man is to prevent war, he must destroy the roots of war. It is therefore imperative for us to try as never before to convince people everywhere that security for

The President's Address

"THE CHALLENGE"

By DR.

Delivered to the Southern Meeting in

all mankind is to be found only in spiritual reality. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, enunciated this great truth in His conversation with Nicodemus when He said, "Ye must be born again." Spiritual regeneration is the only hope of our world today. Unless the Holy Spirit of God can find an earthly habitat in the hearts of men, He has no way of permanent and lasting peace.

Another Problem Which Poses for Us More Immediate Concern Is in the Realm of Racial Understanding

Two years ago this convention recognized that the Supreme Court decision relative to segregation was in harmony with the Constitutional guarantee of equal freedom to all citizens and with the principle of equal injustice and love for all men. The far-reaching implication of this decision has become the most disturbing issue in many parts of our Southland. I concur in the feeling that it will be unwise for us to reopen any discussion of it here. It may be well for us to remember, however, that extremists and agitators have, and will perhaps continue, to do incalculable harm. Those who follow such a course overlook the fact that economic and social relationships which have been from one to three hundred years in the making, simply cannot be changed overnight. On the other hand, open defiance of the constitutional principle will endanger our foreign mission work throughout thirty-five areas of the earth and play right into the hands of the Communist who will welcome the privilege of ridiculing, not only our democratic form of government, but the type of Christianity which seeks to win the world. I wonder if it has occurred to you that 94 per cent of the people of this world do not live in the United States. What a comparatively small number are we! What a precarious position we occupy! What a responsibility God has placed upon us! It behooves us, therefore, in this situation where there has been a remarkable lack of humility to humble ourselves before God and realize afresh that Christian love as exemplified by Christ is the supreme law of all human relations. If we who profess to know and love him, show the courage, prudence, patience and understanding called for by the President of the United States, we will find the solution for this question on the local level and demonstrate to the world that men of every race can live together in peace.

Safeguarding Our Liberties

Again, if we are to be true to the priceless heritage that is ours, we must continue on the alert to safeguard our religious and civil liberties. True but true, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We must proclaim fearlessly and unceasingly that we are unalterably opposed to any effort, program, propaganda, device, or scheme that tends to enslave man's conscience. If and when more tax funds are made available for non-public schools, demands for parochial and religious schools to share in them will skyrocket. If and when the principle is accepted that religious schools are to be sup-

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ported from the public treasury the principle of separation of church and state will be gone forever. If this principle is taken from us, the collapse of our democratic form of government is inevitable. Forbid it, Almighty God!

Divisive Issue from Within

A fourth thing which calls for our prayerful watchfulness is conflicting opinions that divide within our own ranks. Our very size is becoming more and more a threat to our unity. The strategy of Satan is to divide and conquer. Divergent viewpoints in such a large group are inevitable, but let us differ as Christians. Let us freely express our opinions based on convictions, but let us at all times securely safeguard our fellowship.

Thirty-one years ago, after struggle for decades for a plan through which we might channel our gifts in equitable fashion in order to carry out best the great commission, we adopted the Cooperative Program. Until God gives us a better plan, let us stand by it. I speak not in total condemnation of all special offerings, but if in our thinking, sentiment replaces sense and we fail to recognize some limitation at this point, I predict that the time will come when we will be back where we were thirty-five years ago. If certain phases of our work deserve and demand greater support, we had better readjust our percentages than to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

We are Challenged by the Promise of Victory Through a Mighty Offensive

In closing, I would call your attention to the challenge which comes to us in the promise of victory through a mighty offensive.

Not long after admonishing His disciples, "Watch and pray that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things—and to stand before the son of man," He met them for the last time on earth and said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The present tense in Greek denotes not time, but kind of action. When our Lord said, "Go," He meant to keep on going. This great commission is our commission still.

Worthiness to stand before the Son of Man demands nothing short of our best. When the great apostle wrote to the church at Thessalonica in the midst of conditions somewhat similar to those which confront us today, he said, "We waxed bold in our God to declare unto you the Gospel, not as pleasing man, but God which trieth our hearts."

If we are to accept the challenge of today, I believe, if you will permit me to use a military term, that we must launch for Christ the greatest offensive in human history. I am not thinking in terms of a shooting war, as you know. Ours is a conflict between ideas and ideals. "We wrestle not against flesh

and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Jesus came into such a world and having the resources of heaven and earth at His command, He chose preaching, teaching, and healing to meet the destructive ideologies of paganism. The same choice constitutes our definite and unmistakable challenge today. A wise general once said, "The greatest defense is a mighty offense, where the enemy considers us most vulnerable." At these points let us mobilize our forces to the limit and attack without delay.

The Local Church

If Satan ever really trembled it must have been when Jesus said, "I will build my church." My first appeal, therefore, is that we launch a mighty offensive for Christ to reproduce the New Testament pattern in every Southern Baptist Church. Our next obligation is to bring our people to a better understanding of the fundamental doctrines of our faith. Then let us teach our people to proclaim daily what we believe. Many puritanical ideals deserved to live, but they died as dead as a doornail because they were not continually proclaimed.

The theme of this convention, "Righteousness Exalteth A Nation," calls attention to our Crusade for Christian Morality which is long overdue. Early Christianity met a pagan civilization and turned it upside down, or perhaps more properly we should say, right-side-up. I believe that Christianity can do it again if we will dare to express in our daily lives what we profess with our lips. Christianity stands or falls upon the facts.

"No Man's Land"

Again, I call upon you, my fellow pastors, to launch a mighty offensive in what has been referred to as "No Man's Land," that area in the immediate vicinity of your local church or in unchurched areas where countless, Godless thousands live. My concern for this group is well-known among you. I claim no credit for pioneering in this field. I have only tried to be faithful to my calling.

But with all the energy of my being, I would call upon you to realize the importance of this phase of our work. The forces that would rule this world are seeking the masses. Some of the wisest of the land have boldly predicted that by the end of this century, just forty-four years hence, this world will either be dominated by Christian forces or enslaved by totalitarian power. While we are grateful to Almighty God for all that is being done in our churches, the teeming multitudes without Christ throughout this land of ours can never be reached by the present number of churches alone. We simply must organize more churches and more missions. We know from experience that new units reach more people. For example, the net gain of our Sunday school enrolment for five years prior to the Million More in '54 campaign was ten percent in our older churches; while in the new churches, the average net gain during the first year of organization was 65 per cent. In new churches and missions we will reach more, teach more, and win more people to Christ. Less than one-fifth of the members of my church—those working in our missions last year—won half of the people who were baptized into our membership.

Furthermore, we have scarcely begun to tap the financial resources in this field. I am thinking of a church less than three years old that gave last year \$8,000 to the Cooperative Program. Another church in my association organized in 1950 has a budget of \$48,000, while still another, organized in 1954, has oversubscribed a budget for this year of \$60,000.

Progress made in this so-called "No Man's Land" has been most encouraging in many sections of our country, but in the overall picture it is by no means commensurate with our ability and what God expects of us for such a time as this.

I, therefore, venture the hope that this convention may request that the secretaries of its Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, the Brotherhood, and our state secretaries work together in presenting to us a program that will challenge our people to double the number of Southern Baptist churches and to increase the number of our missions to twenty thousand before the celebration of our third jubilee in 1964.

Samaria and to the Uttermost Parts of the World

The larger sphere of Christ's commission comes also to challenge us in a special manner in this hour. It calls for joining hands with other Baptist bodies in a great nationwide effort to set forward the kingdom of our Lord as never before.

With the advance plea of Theron Rankin still ringing in our ears, last year in Miami this convention adopted the report of its committee on World Evangelization and called upon the Home Mission Board and the Executive Committee to work out a program for the home front, designed to step up our efforts to win America and the world to Christ and to celebrate in worthy fashioned the Sesquicentennial of the Triennial Convention. We have been cheered greatly by the cordiality and enthusiasm with which this movement has been received. Immediately following the action of our convention in Miami last year, the American Baptist Convention endorsed it wholeheartedly. Then came the endorsement of the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A. Inc., and representatives of five other Baptist bodies soon added their approval. We are confident that others will approve when they understand clearly that our purpose is not to rehash past or present differences, nor for organic unity, but rather to demonstrate that born-again believers can make a special simultaneous effort to win lost people to Christ and carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. I believe that Baptists can work toward the achievement of certain common goals as a worthy recognition of God's blessings upon Baptist work in North America for 150 years. We dare to hope and venture to predict that the climax of our Baptist Jubilee Advance in 1964 may bring together 100,000 Baptists, (perhaps in Philadelphia), to praise God from whom all blessings flow; while in every nation on earth, where Baptist missionaries have gone, another 100,000, or more, will join in singing,

"All Hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all."

This is no time for drooping heads, lagging feet, limited visions, little plans, or selfish quibbling; it is truly a time for greatness!

Now is the time to join in a prayer uttered by one of our seminary presidents when he said, "God grant that our most glorious era may be yet ushered in by an evangelistic crusade that is spiritually sane in its approach, scripturally true in its message, spirit-guided in its methods, soul-saving in its imperative, society-purifying in its application, sin-destroying in its power and world-girdling in its scope." Such is the challenge of this hour.

\$60,000 Good Will Center Opened At Southwestern Seminary



A new \$60,000 Good Will Center building has been opened by the Baptists in Fort Worth, Texas. The project is sponsored by the Tarrant County Woman's Missionary Union and is operated by the social work department of Southwestern Seminary's School of Religious Education. Mrs. Robert Melton is director of social work in Southwestern.

There are now 763 people, of several nationalities, enrolled in

the Center. They receive training in kindergarten classes, Bible study, adult training, health education, sewing and cooking classes and recreation. Drama has recently been added to the curriculum.

In the one and one-half story building there are eighteen classrooms, some being used for multipurpose rooms as well. It is hoped that a medical clinic and a day nursery for working mothers can be added later on.

Encouraging Signs

By W. R. CULLOM

If one depends on Will Rogers' source of information ("the papers") I fear that he will have great difficulty in finding any such signs. I am going to point out five in this paper which the average newspaper reporter does not see:

1. **The multiplication and use of devotional literature.** The Methodists started **The Upper Room** twenty-one years ago in this year, 1956. Its growth, its spread, and its influence have been nothing short of marvelous. I have used it through most of its life and can testify to its high character and its spiritual power and help. The Episcopalians have their **Forward**, the Presbyterians have their **Day By Day**, Southern Baptists have their **Open Windows**, the American Baptists have their **Secret Place**. All these publications are flourishing in a wonderful way—in a way that would be impossible unless there were in the souls of people a hunger for God and nothing short of a personal fellowship with Him.

2. **Dr. E. Stanley Jones.** This man of God is an institution in himself — so much so that he has become a world figure. He has put out something like a dozen books, each of which has as its basic purpose that of bringing people face to face with God in their daily living. He has also introduced the **Ashram** into America. The **Ashram** is a Hindu institution. I attended the first one that was held in this country at Blue Ridge, N. C. It is simply a

retreat where Christians meet for a week of devotional study, prayer and fellowship. They are being held almost over the whole earth now, and are greatly enriching and blessing thousands and hundreds of thousands of human human lives

3. **The C. F. O. —The Camp Farthest Out.** Its name is suggestive—an effort to reach the remotest person. And this applies not to geography only, but to character and life as well. The originator of this movement was Dr. Glenn Clark of Saint Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Clark's thought and purpose are to abolish war and all such savage practices among God's children. The conviction back of this movement is that this cannot be done by physical force. The two key words in it are love and prayer.

4. **The publication and use of devotional books.** This is not quite a simple repetition of what has been said above; it has in mind the great publishing houses of the world — Harper and Brothers, Charles Scribner Sons, The Abingdon Press, not to speak of the presses whose basic purpose is putting out religious books.

5. **The publication and spread of the Bible.** Just as I was about to hand this paper to my typist a friend told me that she had just read that a copy of the Revised Standard Bible comes from the press every thirty seconds.

Surely this is enough. Let us take heart and go forward in spite of all that "the papers" say or don't say!

Me and My Experiences With Thieves

By E. E. LEE

Thief: one who steals. Steal: to appropriate unto oneself that which belongs to another without the consent of the owner.

There are different sorts of stealing, done by thieves in different ways and in different conditions.

In my early years I had some experiences with thieves who carry on in the dark, doing their deeds undercover. One night a thief came into my bedroom and stole my revolver and my watch and my pocketknife, my most prized possessions. Papa and the town marshal caught the thief and got these back for me.

When I started going to school, I had to write under the headline in my Spencerian copybook —over and over and over, again and again and again — until I was dead sure that "procrastination" is the thief of time.

I went into the weekly meeting of a B.Y.P.U. one Sunday and at five minutes past the starting time the president walked out and reckoned, "It's about time to begin." Five minutes stolen by procrastination from each one of us eighteen who had been settin' there waiting. Five times eighteen —ninety minutes stolen in just one steal by this "thief of time." I was finding out that procrastination has a few partners-in-purloining.

At a statewide B.Y.P.U. banquet the first speaker was a prominent preacher. More than just prominent, he was an outstanding leader in the Southern Baptist Convention. When he got up, he started off with, "We have thirty minutes for three speakers." He should-a said "thirty minutes for one speaker" because he took twenty-nine of the thirty minutes before the master of ceremonies finally got him to stop.

When the call was made for my speech, it was answered with "Enough has been said." The final speaker was then called on —himself the state B.Y.P.U. secretary—and he told 'em, "The singing has already started in the auditorium. Get going."

Another state secretary for B.Y.P.U. work — not the one at the afore-mentioned banquet — asked me to come and share the thirty minutes given to the B.Y.P.U. report "We'll each take fifteen minutes." He took twenty-five of these thirty minutes himself, and I said to Dr. Van Ness, who had come from Nashville to represent the Sunday School Board, "I'm not going on." "Yes, you are," was his reply. then he was gracious enough to add, "If there is one among us who can take these five remaining minutes and make 'em worth while, you are that one."

At a state B.Y.P.U. convention I had been given thirty minutes for the closing address at the morning session, at 11:30. The 11:00 o'clock speaker was a prom-

inent-in-the-state pastor. At 11:20 I was "keyed up." At 11:30 I was "on edge, ready to go with my best effort." At 11:40 I was sliding down in my seat. At 11:50 I was as limp as that dishrag you've heard so much about (some of you). At 12:05 he quit. I never did know just what it was that caused him to quit — this pastor of one of the biggest churches in the state —after having taken all thirty of my minutes with an added-on five minutes of the folk in-general. But he quit —at 12:05.

"Our next speaker is 'Hot Dog' Lee," was the announcement of the president. "Hot Dog, it's all yours." I was still limp, but I did have enough left to be able to shake my head. I simply sat in my seat, speechless. The folks were generously good: "We want 'Hot Dog.' Come on, 'Hot Dog'."

I came up with, "I heard Dr. Lee Scarborough a little while ago tell about an old ducky who was feeding his hog some corn. He pulled out an ear at a time from the little basket that was swung on his arm until the last ear of corn had been thrown to the hog. He then turned the basket upside down and hit the bottom hard enough to knock out all the remaining grains. A white man who was watching him said, "Uncle Eph, why didn't you turn the basket over in the beginning and throw all the corn out at once? It would have saved a lot of time." "Now look-a-here, Marse Fred, what you reckon dat hog know about time?"

The crowd took it in sections at first —right section, middle section, left section—then all together. It was several minutes before the president could have the benediction. Another prominent pastor said to me, "Lee, I've heard you make many speeches. I've enjoyed every one of 'em, appreciated all of them, but the speech you made this morning is your masterpiece."

Now... PLEASE . . . don't construe anything I've said into a complaint or the expression of a vindictive spirit. I'm not complaining, I'm not vindictive, I'm not mad at anybody. I'm simply hoping—praying — that all of us who ever have been thieves won't be that way any more. If we've been robbing God, let's quit. "The tithe is the Lord's." If we've been guilty of taking time on a program that belongs to somebody else, let's don't do it no more. Let's be honest — with our own selves, and with our fellows. Let's be honest with God. Selah.

—Training Union Magazine

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Too many people discover that the faster you travel, the sooner old age catches up with you.

—Quote

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If we had no faults of our own, we would not get so much pleasure out of finding them in others.

—Borrowed

Space Necessary For Your Departments

To guide churches planning their Educational Building, the Sunday school, Training Union and Church Architecture Departments of the Sunday School Board have prepared the following joint statement on space allocation.

For the Nursery Department, it is suggested that each church provide from 16 square feet to 25 square feet of floor space per child. Rooms to accommodate an attendance of 15 babies, birth through one year, are suggested. Rooms to accommodate an attendance of 20 are suggested for children two and three years of age.

For the Beginner Department, it is suggested that each church provide from 16 square feet to 25 square feet of floor space per child. Rooms to accommodate an attendance of 25 children in each department are suggested. More than 25 children would indicate the need for two or more Beginner rooms.

For the Primary Department, it is suggested that each church provide from 16 square feet to 25 square feet of floor space per child. It is suggested that there be a department room for each age group, even though the enrollment of each department would be less than 30. If there are more than 30 children, two or more department rooms should be provided. **THE OPEN DEPARTMENT ROOM IS PREFERRED.** Please note that the Sunday school, Training Union and Church Architecture Departments of the Sunday School Board are advocating the open department room for the Primary as well as the Nursery and Beginner Departments.)

The Junior or Intermediate Department should consist of an assembly room and four to eight classrooms. From 14 to 18 square feet of floor space per person should be provided. 7 square feet of floor space should be provided for each person in the assembly room. When at all possible, 7 to 10 square feet of floor space should be provided for each person in the classroom. Two or more departments will be needed when the enrollment is beyond 70 Juniors or Intermediates. A department for each age is preferred. **MOVEABLE DOORS BETWEEN ALTERNATE CLASSROOMS PROVIDE FOR THE**

TRAINING UNION. This is a must in providing space for the Junior and Intermediate Departments. The Training Union could meet on Sunday night in the same department meeting place that it meets Sunday morning in Sunday school.

For the Young People an assembly room and classrooms will be needed for each department. 14 square feet of floor space per person should be provided; seven square feet in the classrooms and 7 square feet in the assembly rooms. Classrooms accommodating from 12 persons to 25 persons are recommended. **MOVEABLE DOORS BETWEEN ALTERNATE CLASSROOMS WILL PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING UNION.** (The Educational Building should not be a 'Sunday school' building, but should be for all of the organizations of the church. The moveable doors between alternate classrooms are absolutely necessary if we are to provide for the Training Union.)

For the Adults an assembly room and classrooms will be needed for each department. 14 square feet of floor space per person should be provided; 7 square feet in the classrooms and 7 square feet in the assembly rooms. Classrooms accommodating from 20 to 30 persons are recommended. Separate adult assembly rooms should be provided. Adult Departments prefer the main floor.

*Training Union Dept.
Ralph W. Davis, Secretary
Robert A. Dowdy, Associate*
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Illumines

By CHARLES A. WELLS

There has been more scientific advancement during the past twenty-five years than in many centuries. Progress in science has illuminated the infinite nature of God and his universe as no theologian had ever been able to do in the past. The leading scientists say that now with all our new knowledge, "We only stand at the edge of the tiny wavelets which sweep out from a limitless sea of power and life." The word of God in beautiful poetry and in the records of God's dealing with man still stand as the supreme revelation of the grandeur of God's handiwork and the reality of his love as the one force which holds all together.

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A golden opportunity awaits all Intermediate boys at the Royal Ambassador Camp, JUNE 18-22 at Ferncliff.

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Plans are being made to make this the biggest and best camp ever for this group. We expect a near capacity attendance for this camp and trust that every association will be represented.

There are just eighteen days left before Camp opens. Pastor, Counselor, Parents urge your Intermediate boys to take advantage of this opportunity for fellowship, study, inspiration and recreation with some of the finest Christian leaders in the State. It will be a blessing to the boys personally and in time will be a blessing to your church.

The cost for the week is \$13.50, including registration fee. Registration and reservation blanks have been mailed to all pastors and counselors, along with information about the camp and what each boy should bring. See that your church is well represented. Men of the Brotherhood it might be possible for you to help some boy attend this camp. It would be a worthwhile investment in the life of a future leader.

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Regional Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Clinics

We are grateful for the continued good response to the Regional Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Clinics being held throughout the state.

The next Clinic scheduled is to be at First Church, Forrest City, on June 5, for the East Central Region. This region of the state includes Arkansas Valley, Tri-County, Woodruff, and Trinity Associations.

Below is the program for the meeting. This program shows the general arrangement for all the eleven Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador Clinics scheduled for 1956, in Arkansas. Speakers and instructors change, but the general program is the same.

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL BROTHERHOOD-ROYAL AMBASSADOR CLINIC

at

First Baptist Church
Forrest City, Arkansas
Tuesday Evening, June 5, 1956

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- I. **PRELIMINARY — 6:30 - 7:00 o'clock**
FELLOWSHIP Period and SONG-FEST
- II. **FIRST ASSEMBLY — 7:00 - 7:45**
Song _____ Led by Neil Jackson
Introduction of Faculty
Special Music
MESSAGE _____ Russell Clearman
- III. **CLINICAL PERIOD — 7:45 - 8:45**
- IV. **SECOND ASSEMBLY — 8:45 - 9:00**
Announcements
Special Music
Prayer of Dedication and Benediction _____ T. K. Rucker

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ATTENTION ARKANSAS BAPTISTS

Would you like for some of the children from the Orphanage to visit in your home and church?

We're trying to let all of them visit at the same time.

August 1 to 15 has been selected as vacation time.

Could you arrange transportation?

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Revival in Boys Industrial School — Pine Bluff

It was my privilege the first week of May to work with Chaplain E. A. Richmond in revival services in the Boys Industrial School, Pine Bluff. There were 14 professions of faith and 16 rededications. These professions make approximately 100 boys who have been saved and baptized since the Chaplain took up his work about a year ago.

The services were held in an old gymnasium. There was ample room, but nothing about the place was conducive to worship. I might state that a movement has been launched to erect a Chapel Building on the grounds of the Institution. Churches and individuals are asked to contribute toward this important project. I hope our Baptist people will respond, but I do have a conviction that since the building is to be on state property and will be owned by the state, that the state itself should construct the building. It seems that an Institution of that kind should have a Chapel Building on its grounds.

The few days I spent with Chaplain Richmond convinced me more than ever of the value of his ministry in that Institution. There are 138 boys present and Richmond has the privilege of counseling them in their many problems, and conducting public worship services for all enrollees and employees. The staff of the Institution is very co-operative and also appreciative of the Chaplain's work. There is no way to estimate the ultimate that we Baptists are doing by maintaining a Chaplain for counseling and giving a spiritual ministry to the boys who pass through that Institution. The average stay is a little less than a year.

I wish our Baptist people could visualize this group of 138 boys from 12 to 18 years of age and then ask the question, what is to be their future? They are not criminals, but what if they were to follow the road of crime? On the other hand if we continue to reach them for the Lord, they can become useful citizens and outstanding Christian gentlemen.

Some people may have a wrong conception of this Institution. It is not a penitentiary; it is a school. There are no fences around the grounds, no mounted guards to keep boys from running away. They have classes, recreation, ball games, and yet each is required to do some work. They live in dormitories with a man and wife over each hall. It is more like an orphanage. Occasionally some boy runs off, but the majority seem to be content, though naturally they look forward to the time when their period of service is ended. The Board of Directors should be commended for the fine staff directing the Institution. They are men and women of high ideals and Christian character.

LAST CALL FOR RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

The annual State Wide Rural Church Conference will open at Ozark Boys Camp, Mt. Ida, June 4. Many of those writing to request reservations state they prefer to attend this conference to any meeting that is held in our state or southland. I am sure the reason is that the messages and conferences are planned directly for the work of the rural pastor, and he gets help for his own problems and inspiration for the task he faces. We wish it were possible for all the churches to send their pastors to this important conference. It would mean much to the church to have the pastor in a conference getting new ideas and methods of work which he could put into practice.

There are still some vacant beds. Brother pastor, make your plans to attend. Brother deacon, why not raise a little money and give to your pastor to take care of his meal ticket? Brother missionary, why not load your car with some of your fine pastors and bring them to this conference? The men who attend, the churches from which they come and even their association will also receive profit as a result of their attendance.

CHURCH DEDICATIONS

It has been my privilege in recent weeks to participate in a number of church dedications. I was honored to preach the dedication sermon for the Leslie Church, Dale Barnett, pastor. It was Dale's last Sunday as pastor since he had accepted the pastorate of First Church, Hoxie. The Leslie church built a nice two-story educational building, which is a credit to most any town, and have in mind to re-arrange the church auditorium and modernize it in a beautiful fashion. The Leslie church has made great progress under Dale Barnett's ministry, and we were thrilled to see the accomplishments and to be able to participate in the dedication of their new building.

Another church in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association to dedicate a new building recently is the Plant Church, of which Mr. Simmons is pastor. A few years ago, the Missions Department supplemented the pastor's salary in the Plant Church. Pastor Simmons has been doing a great work, and a new building has been constructed and now it is dedicated debt free. We were happy to be able to preach the dedicatory sermon for the fine people of the Plant Church.

On another Sunday, I was privileged to be in a ground-breaking service for the Ola Church. Ernest Baker is the pastor and they are anticipating a new building on some lots which have been given to the church. We expect great

World Evangelization

By L. O. GRIFFITH
Home Mission Board

"When you trust the Lord, he will save you." This personal word fresh from the rich Christian experience of an old person, brought a younger man to a place of complete trust in the Lord.

"You don't believe that book, do you?" the salesman asked a businessman, as he pointed to a Bible on the desk. Beside the Bible was the "Sunday School Builder" magazine which this Christian read and studied with his Bible between business transactions.

The businessman answered, emphatically, "Yes, I do believe this Bible. I have experienced its teachings!" With this same earnest, fervent testimony, the businessman also gave witness to many others who came into his office.

An Indian girl came home and recited Bible verses which she had learned in Vacation Bible school. Her parents were so impressed with these wonderful words, they invited the missionary to visit their home.

God opened their hearts and the hearts of some of their children. Sunday school was started in the home; others were won to Christ. Today, a beautiful church stands in this Indian village as a testimony because a little girl quoted Bible verses to her parents.

A woman on the West Coast rented a room to a military family with a little boy. This family had been unable to find living

progress under the leadership of Pastor Baker.

As I write this article I am making plans to be with the Lambrook Church in their dedication. This church was organized about a year ago and has made great progress. The Missions Department has helped on their building, and now the church is ready for the dedication service. We rejoice in the progress that is being made throughout the state, and always happy to have a part in these dedication services.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Number churches in state—1955	1149
Churches that had no baptisms	187
Churches without a pastor	200
Churches with no Sunday School	75
Churches with no Training Union	203
Churches with no WMU	510
Churches with no Bible Schools	375
Churches that made no offering for denominational program	40

Department of Missions
C. W. Caldwell, Supt.

quarters because of their child. The first time the young mother went to get groceries, she saw her



landlady sitting in a rocking chair reading the Bible with such interest that it made a very strong impression on her.

Soon, an invitation was given to attend services, and it wasn't long before the mother had accepted Jesus as her Saviour and in turn, became a dynamic witness to the saving power of Jesus.

Calls kept coming to the laundry, saying, "My clothes have not been picked up." It was during the Baptist revival.

The man on the truck had been saved from a life of sin. He felt the urge to witness to others so strongly that his concern for soiled souls to be cleansed became so great that he forgot about the soiled clothes of people.

As he went from home to home picking up soiled clothes he witnessed personally to the soiled souls until he led 14 to accept Christ during that revival.

These are but illustrations of what Christians in all walks of life, including you, may do — right in their own home town — to lead others to Christ.

World evangelism begins at home, with each Christian doing what God wants him to do and those who are not Christians

—Baptist Press.

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Atomic scientists frequently speak of the sense of divine presence that comes over them when they are working with the atom. When someday we have this unlimited power at our command, can we escape the all-pervading sense of awe? Every concerned citizen should learn all he can about the atom, its nature and the laws that rule its life and power. A scientific education is not required for such understanding, nor a theological degree to realize that God has at last brought the ultimate choice between good and evil so close to man that we can no longer procrastinate.

—Chas. A. Wells

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

At its May meeting the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 14 new missionaries, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,058. The new appointees are:

Mr. and Mrs. Otis W. Brady, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., for the Bahamas; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Goodwin, Jr., Clyde, N. C., for Korea; Mr. and Mrs. William H. (Bill) Ichter, Amite, La., for Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. George S. Lozok, Manor, Tex., for Venezuela; Miss Evelyn W. Owen, Fitzgerald, Ga., for Japan; Miss Arlene Rogers, Berkeley, Calif., for Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. James O. Teel, Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., for Ecuador; and Mr. and Mrs. R. Henry Wolf, Athens, La., for Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Ichter are the first missionaries appointed specifically for music work in Brazil.

THE HAWAIIAN MISSION

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, has returned from a brief visit to the Hawaiian Islands. The following facts are gleaned from his report to the Board:

Christian work in the islands was projected by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. By 1875 it had become so advanced that the mission board withdrew and left the responsibilities to the local Christian forces. However, circumstances of later years changed the picture. The churches lost some of the vitality of their message. There was less emphasis upon the simple preaching of the gospel. There was an influx of population from Oriental lands.

Southern Baptist work in the Hawaiian Islands began by missionaries who could not reach China because of emergencies prior to and during World War II. A strong mission now exists with progressive work being conducted on six islands. There are 19 organized churches related to Southern Baptist work and several mission points which will later become churches.

AFRICA, EUROPE AND THE NEAR EAST

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, reported that 1,233 messengers from Baptist churches in Nigeria attended a recent annual meeting of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

He reported on the April 5 shelling in Gaza when shrapnel slightly damaged the Baptist Hospital there. Dr. James M. Young, Jr., missionary doctor, and Misses Carolyn Cate and Anne Dwyer, missionary nurses, worked until 2:30 a. m. the next day, doing three amputations and six or eight abdominal operations, plus smaller things. The report from the missionary doctor said: "The director of public health paid us one of the highest compliments we have had. He said that while he considered UNRWA (United

Nations Relief and Works Agency) to be a foreign institution, he looked upon us as if we were nationals. We are very grateful for the blessings that have been ours in spite of the difficulties we have had in recent days."

LATIN AMERICA

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, is just back from 14 weeks in that area where he spent the major part of the time in Argentina and South Brazil. He said there are some inescapable impressions which the visitor to these areas receives:

"One is impressed by the potentialities of both countries," he said. "The basic resources have not yet been determined to any degree of accuracy . . .

"The people are the greatest resource of both Argentina and Brazil. It is a mistake to consider that most Latin-Americans are highly cultured, educated people. It is an even greater mistake to assume that all Latin-Americans are illiterate, without cultural graces, and lacking in the sense of their relatedness to others . . .

"One is also impressed with the vitality of the Baptist movements in Argentina and Brazil. When Baptists are appealed to to do their best in evangelism and in church development, such an appeal meets with a ready response."

The Uruguayan Baptist Bible Institute was opened in Montevideo on May 7, with a student body of seven young men and two young women. This Institute will serve the needs of young people who are not prepared by educational background to avail themselves of the facilities offered by the International Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

THE ORIENT

The following facts about Formosa, or Taiwan, are gleaned from the report of Dr. J. Winston Crawley:

The people of Taiwan are basically Chinese. Of the total population of about 9,000,000, something over 6,000,000 are Taiwanese. Perhaps 2,000,000 or more are 'mainland' Chinese who have come to Formosa since about 1948 in connection with the moving of the Nationalist Government and armed forces. Several hundred thousand are aboriginal mountain tribespeople.

The religion of Taiwan is predominantly Buddhist, with animism among the mountain tribes. Canadian and English Presbyterians began mission work among the Taiwanese about 80 years ago. Since 1948 many missionaries formerly in mainland China have been relocated on Taiwan.

Southern Baptist work there began in 1948 with Miss Bertha Smith as pioneer missionary; now there are 31 Southern Baptist missionaries.

Of all Orient lands, Formosa shows the most eager response to the gospel. Leading men in government, military, and business

Children's Page

Good Helpers For Maria's Village

By NANNETTA MAJORES

Maria stood in the doorway of her little bamboo hut in the Philippines. She looked out at all the other little bamboo huts nearby. She watched several younger children chasing each other. But she could not see any of the children her own age.

"I wonder what they are doing in school now?" she said to herself. "If only there were some way to help Mother get well. Then I could go back to school."

Then she remembered what Mr. Maniti, her neighbor, had told her.

She hurried inside the hut and knelt down on the dirt floor near the mat where her mother lay.

"Mother, Mr. Maniti says that a missionary doctor is in the next village. Perhaps he will come here, too!"

"I hope so," said Mother. "I would like to get well so that you can go to school."

One day Maria's father came home early from the rice paddies. "I have good news!" he said. "Tomorrow the missionary doctor will come here. He is Doctor Alvarez, they say."

The next day Maria got up early. She could hardly wait for the doctor to arrive. But at last he came. And he brought Miss Perez, a nurse, with him. The first person they came to visit was Maria's mother.

The doctor and nurse smiled at Maria's mother. They took her temperature. They gave her some medicine to take.

"Miss Perez will stay here a few days," Doctor Alvarez said to Maria.

"She will give your mother medicine. Your mother will soon be well."

Maria and her mother and father were very happy. Soon Mother would be feeling stronger. Then Maria could go to school. Soon she could run and play with the other boys and girls. Soon she would learn to read and write.

Miss Perez showed Maria how she could help her mother to get well.

She showed Maria how to keep the house clean. "Keeping everything clean is one way to help stay well," explained Miss Perez.

She was very kind. She and

life are responsive to evangelism in a most unusual way.

Latest statistics (1955) for the Taiwan Baptist Convention showed 14 churches and 24 chapels, with a total of 3,835 members, an increase of 70 per cent over the previous year's membership report.

Much hope for the future of Baptist work on Formosa rests in the Baptist seminary, located at Taipei. The first class graduated last year; present enrolment is about 65.

Maria became good friends. One day Miss Perez said, "Maria, something exciting is going to happen!"

"What can it be?" asked Maria.

Miss Perez smiled as she said, "Your mother is now well. You may go to school every day now."

"Oh, thank you, thank you!" said Maria.

What fun it was to skip and play with all the boys and girls. It was so good to go to school. Maria learned many things. How proud she was to read to her mother and daddy.

Miss Perez and Doctor Alvarez stayed on in the village. They helped many other people there learn how to keep well.

One day Miss Perez saw Maria. She said: "I know a secret! Miss Flores, a Christian teacher, is coming to the village! Tomorrow after school she'll meet all of the children in the schoolyard. She'll tell you many stories!"

Maria could hardly wait until the next afternoon. She loved to hear stories.

After school the following day, the boys and girls met Miss Flores in the schoolyard. They all sat under the big tree.

Miss Flores smiled at the boys and girls. "I am so glad that you have all come to hear my story," she said.

Then Miss Flores told them about Jesus who helped many sick people just as the doctor had helped Maria's mother. Jesus was everybody's friend. He loved the children. He was glad when they came to see him.

"Jesus taught the people about God," said Miss Flores. "He taught them how to help God care for people."

She showed the children some pictures of Jesus helping sick people. Maria liked best the picture of Jesus helping a sick lady on a mat. It made her think of how Doctor Alvarez and Miss Perez had helped her mother.

Soon it was time for Miss Flores to go.

"I will come back another day," she said. "I will tell you more about Jesus."

Maria was happy as she went to sleep. She wondered what story Miss Flores would tell them next time.

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GOD ASKS

Why do you

—wear the rags of mediocrity?

Be clothed with the royal robes of dedication!

—live in the hovel of indifference?

Dwell in the palace of service!

—eat the crumbs of self?

Feast on the riches of Christ.

—Austin Ingram

STATE B.S.U. CHOIR MAKES TOUR



Arkansas Baptist students from nine campuses will sing in the State BSU Choir at the annual Student Week at Ridgecrest. The choir is directed by Richard Essman, student at Arkansas State College. The choir will make the following appearances:

June 3, First Church, Bauxite, 10:30 a.m.
 Second Church, Little Rock, 7:30 p.m.
 June 4, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., 10:30 a.m.
 Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., 7:30 p.m.
 June 5, Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.
 June 6, East Lake Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

June 7-13, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly
 June 14, Red Band Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 June 15, First Baptist Church, Brownsville, Tenn.

*Tom Logue, Director
 B.S.U. Department*

What Others are Saying

By CHARLES L. MCKAY

"A church without a child is out of style" is a slogan used by one association. I like it.

In some sections of the Southern Baptist Convention, churches are not content to be without a mission station.

The day is dawning now when every church will want to have some part in sponsoring a new work some where. This is not only possible; it is practical and profitable.

Let me quote you what a few of the pastors of the Convention are saying about the importance of church-sponsored missions. I quote: "It has been estimated that American society is 61 per cent pagan. Every unchurched community is a potentially pagan call in our nation. Only through the establishing of new Sunday schools or mission points can we hope to minister to the needs of the people in these communities.

"Every community will center upon some institution. If we do not furnish churches, then institutions of a destructive nature will fill the vacuum left by our indifference. Therefore it becomes our responsibility to see that a 'little colony of heaven' is established in every new community for the enlistment of the hearts and

lives of the people in the cause of Christ"—H H Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

I quote again: "Launching a new mission and giving some of the church's best blood to man it will put new life and vigor into the mother church every time. Our church has tested and proven this truth every year for several years"—William D. Wyatt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"When our First Baptist Church in Dallas began its Sunday school mission program, I was surprised at the reward that came in an altogether different place.

"When we established the Sunday schools, I was thinking only in terms of ministering to those untaught people. To my surprise, I found that the greatest reward was reached in our own membership. The enterprise blessed our deacons, it blessed our home school, and it blessed our entire church."—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

"Establishing mission Sunday schools and churches strengthens the mother church and it is one of the finest ways to grow a great missionary spirit in a

church."—Landon Miller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sherman, Texas.

"The establishment of four missions, sponsored by our church, has provided a mighty stimulus to our total mission program. Such visible results have given a third dimension to our missionary program and outlook."—E. H. Westmoreland, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

"The church which sponsors missions is made stronger. We had one thousand members when we started our first mission, we now have a membership of 2,475 and the combined membership of our children (three new churches) is 1,882."—S. C. Rushing, pastor, Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"In our nine mission stations (6 churches and 3 missions) there are more than 1,300 enrolled in Sunday school and more than 900 enrolled in Training Union. In eight years more than 500 have come through these arms for baptism. In my judgement, this is the best plan for reaching the unreached multitudes."—W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

"Joy has come to—our church in the knowledge that a spirit

of missionary vision, zeal, and generosity has resulted through our mission in reaching more than three hundred people for Christ in less than two years."—W. L. Sewell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana.

Of the thousands of strong statements made by Dr. C. C. Warren, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and also the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, I quote one statement. "For over twenty-five years I have received some of my greatest thrills in blazing new trails (starting new work). Last year 43 per cent of our additions by baptism came through sponsored chapels."

Oh, my Baptist friends who read these lines, could we not quicken our pace? Let us strengthen the hands of those who can pioneer into new fields. Let us start one mission station for every existing church.

Every church can and should be the mother of another church. Two churches may need to band together and sponsor another. This has been done.

For free information concerning this matter, write your Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Gospel In Europe

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

June 3, 1956

Acts 16:6-10; 18:5-11

The Great Council in Jerusalem freed the gospel for the world. Chosen brethren were sent back to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. Silas was one of the chosen and was designated 'chief among the brethren' (15:22). He was impressed with the work and chose to abide in Antioch (15:34).

Workers were in sufficient number in the church to warrant Paul's consideration of the work outside Antioch. He suggested to Barnabas that churches begun on the first journey be revisited. Such matter-of-fact approach launched the second journey which in the wisdom of God would take the gospel to another continent.

The missionaries split at this point. Barnabas wished to take John Mark who had abandoned the travelers on the first journey (13:13). The contention was sharp and pointed. The solution was that Barnabas and John went to Cyprus. Paul chose Silas and started the journey overland to Derbe and Lystra. Never again did the paths of the two great men cross.

THE MACEDONIA VISION

Timothy joined Paul and Silas when they revisited Derbe and Lystra. Timothy came from a devoted background. His father was a Greek but his mother and grandmother are named in I Timothy as people 'of unfeigned faith.' It must have been good for Paul to find the work prospering in the stations visited on the first journey. It is wonderful encouragement to any worker to know that there are those who carry on. Consequently the decision of the Council was published and the men moved on. But which way were they to go? They wanted to go northeast into Bithynia but in some manner not detailed the Spirit forbade. This would have carried the gospel to the Southern shores of the Black Sea. God was not ready for the shores and adjacent grounds of the Mediterranean to be left. They went the only way opened to them and arrived at the coastal city of Troas.

Paul had his conversion and call by special revelation. It is not unusual that attendant instructions should come in a like manner. While they were casting for direction, a vision appeared to Paul in the night. An unidentified man of Macedonia stood before Paul in the vision with the plea 'Come over and help us'. This was interpreted as the opening for entrance into Europe. Luke joined the party at this point. Some have suggested him as the man in the vision. No foundation is found for this statement. With conviction in heart the missionary party endeavored to go into Macedonia because they felt the Lord had called them. One of the first cities which they contacted

was Philippi, the chief city of that part of Macedonia and a Roman colony. It was here that Lydia was converted to become the first European fruit of the gospel. Also in Philippi the damsel was converted from her spirit of divination. The experience of Paul and Silas in jail must have been a test of faith. If so, the test ended with further fruit for the jailer was won. Wherever Paul with his missionary companions went, evidence of the gospel with its redeeming power was felt. One can follow him by the results of the gospel. The gospel was on its way in Europe!

TROUBLE BREWING

After the Philippian experience and release from jail, the missionary party passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia to Thessalonica where Paul reasoned out of the scriptures with the Jews. A great number believed. This success aroused envy in the unbelieving group which gathered a company and set all the city in an uproar. This led to Paul and Silas being sent away by night. They paused at Berea for awhile where the Bereans nobly received the scripture and searched daily whether things spoken were so. However, tormenters from Thessalonica followed the missionaries to Berea and stirred up the people. Once again it was necessary for the missionaries to move on. Paul, as chief spokesman, was escorted to Athens. Silas and Timothy continued at Berea but received word to come to Paul quickly. Paul used opportunity. While in Athens he had the experience to see the Pagan city honoring its many gods. He preached in the synagogues and in the market places. Those who heard him were newsmongers. They wanted something new. That which Paul gave unto them was new, but they did not care to receive it. Paul's preaching in Athens stirred up no persecution neither was it outstanding in its success. However, the witness produced results and there were certain men which believed and at least one woman. Paul did not write any letters back to Athens and did not return to it. However, the seeds of the gospel were left in the hearts of those who believed.

AT CORINTH

When Paul left Athens he came to Corinth. There he found a Jew and his wife who were fellow craftsmen. Paul joined himself to them because of economic need. He preached in the synagogue and persuaded the Jews and the

Greeks. When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia to join Paul, Paul received a greater courage and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. This produced open opposition. Even blasphemy was engaged by the tormentors. Paul announced that he was going to the Gentiles. The blood of the Jews was upon their heads. Opportunity may not linger when unused.

There is a bit of humor in the fact that Paul moved into the house of one who lived next door to the synagogue and the official of the synagogue was among the first of his converts. These surely were trying days to the soul of Paul. The second vision of the lesson came to him by night to assure him that he had nothing to fear, that he would not be hurt, for God had much people in the city. He worked about eighteen months in Corinth. The city was exceptionally wicked and noted for its low standards. The gospel had not been previously tried in a field so degraded and licentious. No disappointment attended its proclamation. Out from the abyss of corruption in Corinth, Jesus redeemed and lifted those who would become witnesses for Him. Because of the two Corinthian epistles we know more about the situation at Corinth than many of the other places Paul visited.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

God leads. This fact is known. Many times details of the way and method of God's leadership are not known. Details may not be the same in every life. It is through impressions in heart, through opportunities before and closed doors behind that God makes His will known. One is more likely to know the leadership of God when he is in the exercise of prayer, the practice of Bible reading, and the spirit of thorough dependence. To do God's will is supreme success in life.

The gospel has no conqueror. Paul had an opportunity to pit the gospel against cities of dismal corruption and paganism. The gospel triumphed in each because it carries power of victory. One redeemed by the blood of the Lamb has the resources of God at his command. The twentieth century holds nothing more degrading than Corinth held. The gospel that worked thousands of years ago can work today.

The Press of People Demands Power. People do not have to be in cities to need the Saviour. Yet the more tightly pressed people are the easier the flow of corruption from one to the other. The Bible is read by a greater percentage of rural people than it is by urban. A City taken for God is truly a light on a hill.

I am more and more convinced that our happiness or unhappiness depends far more on the way we meet the events of life than on the nature of those events themselves.

—Karl Von Humbolt

Figures to Inspire May 20, 1956

	* Indicates	Missions	Included	
Alma, First		205		
Bentonville, First	*731		*123	1
Berryville, First		375		
Cabot, First	*398		254	214
Camden, First	*662		*271	6
Conway, First		536		132
Cullendale, First		454		213
El Dorado, First	*1112		*312	4
El Dorado, Second		727		247
Fayetteville, First	*650		*190	2
Fort Smith, First		464		118
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	*820		*294	3
Fort Smith, Immanuel		373		110
Fort Smith, Temple		275		125
Fort Smith, Trinity		321		107
Hot Springs, Park Place		456		147
Jonesboro, Central		383		134
Little Rock, First	*1043		*359	2
Levy		383		159
Little Rock, Immanuel		1576		427
Little Rock, Second	*1378		*338	6
Little Rock, Tabernacle		635		157
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights		589		144
Little Rock, South Highland		524		191
McGehee, Central		549		254
Magnolia, Central	*704		*268	7
Malvern, First		561		122
Marianna, First		290		85
Mena, First	*329		*150	1
Monticello, First		403		166
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	*1109		*341	6
N. Little Rock, First		329		109
N. Little Rock, Park Hill		556		172
Pine Bluff, Immanuel		583		188
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial		208		84
Pine Bluff, Southside		590		193
Searcy, First		381		122
Smackover, First		363		160
Springdale, Caudle Ave.		139		
Springdale, First		474		
Warren, First		567		170

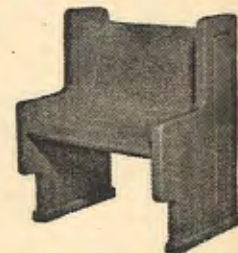
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A famous doctor was asked recently to name the most devastating disease today. "Loneliness," he said. "Just plain loneliness." He went on, "The longer I practice, the surer I am that there's no condition so acute, so universal. Everybody, at one time or another, is subject to its ravages. With many the disease becomes chronic. And not a few live constantly under its blight—melancholy, bored, forlorn, friendless. Doctors can't cure it. Only the victims can."

—Clarence W. Hall

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Ouachita College Commencement

It was our privilege to attend Commencement Exercises at Ouachita College, Monday, May 21. We saw degrees and diplomas granted to more than 80 young men and young women. It was indeed an inspiring service.

A TRIBUTE TO HAMILTON MOSES

The Commencement speaker was Honorable W. J. Holloway, former Governor of Oklahoma. He is an alumnus of Ouachita College and married an alumna. Mr. Holloway delivered an interesting address which included many reminiscences. Among other things, he paid a glowing tribute to C. Hamilton Moses. Both men attended Ouachita at the same time. He said that C. Hamilton Moses' influence was felt throughout the South and into the Eastern groups of business and civic organizations. He said that Mr. Moses had been invited to Oklahoma and many of the policies and procedures that Mr. Moses had advocated in Arkansas had been accepted in Oklahoma and that Oklahoma is growing on those principles. Mr. Holloway also spoke of other Ouachita College celebrities.

This Commencement was a red letter day for Ouachita College. President Ralph A. Phelps is doing a magnificent job in and with this great institution. Among other notable events of the year is the new boy's dormitory which will be ready to accommodate 100 boys at the opening of the next session. Ouachita College has made far reaching contributions to the leadership of Arkansas and of the nation. Let us make this college grow year by year. — B. L. B.

Yellville is Prosperous

The Yellville Baptist Church increased its gifts for the Cooperative Program from five per cent to 10 per cent and likewise doubled its contribution for Associational Missions. Pastor Curtis Bryant is enjoying a fruitful ministry in Yellville. Recently a revival led by Harold Presley and Curtis Bryant resulted in 19 baptisms and 4 additions by letter. The offerings in the church have increased 25 per cent or 30 per cent.

Your Daily Bible School Offering

Remember that all Daily Vacation Bible Schools are urged to send their offering in for the Cooperative Program. Our Cooperative Program money finances all the departments of our work including the Daily Vacation Bible School. Be sure to have the Superintendent of your Bible School to take a collection and send it to us for the Cooperative Program. —B.L.B.

Preachers Register With Southern Baptist Convention

Brethren, there are more than 1,200 preachers in Arkansas and our office cannot assume the responsibility of getting you registered so that your name will appear in the Southern Baptist Convention annual. You will have to handle that yourself. Write to Dr. J. P. Edmunds, 127 Ninth Avenue, North Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Some Quaint Beliefs

Remember when?

A rainbow in the evening meant fair weather ahead, but if it appeared in the morning, the people looked for more rain.

People talked about the Cooperative Program as "that handed down Program" from Headquarters.

A witch could assume the form of a bird or animal, but her favorites were the cat and wolf.

A group of deacons assumed authority and made all the recommendations in the local church.

Gun powder was mixed in a dog's food to make him more vicious.

Someone would get peeved at a denominational worker and go around talking against the Cooperative Program.

A girl could attract men and win a husband by carrying a little wasp nest in her apron pocket.

A church tried to attract people by not mentioning money or paying the preacher a salary.

Sheep were sheared when the moon was on the increase.

The undershepherd of God's flock sheared the sheep, someone wanted to decrease his salary.

Mothers would eat raw onions and drink sorghum mixed with water to produce rich milk for the baby.

A woman could be W.M.U. President and have an anti-missionary spirit.

Remember:

If it thundered in February, it would frost in May.

A Sunday School enlargement campaign "up-set" some because they were selfish.

If it rained on May 23, the blackberry crop would fail.

If a pastor asked the congregation to tithe, some of the members tried to prove tithing was unscriptural.

If the wind was from the south on February 4, the peach crop would fail that year.

If a pastor preached on stewardship, some church members accused him of loving money.

If a cow ate large quantities of acorns or turnips, it would make her go dry.

If the pastor of a Baptist church asked the members to sign a pledge card, some of them thought that he would run many people away from the church.

We have come a long way since the days of witchcraft, and hardshellism, but some of us have a long way to go yet. Tried and tested methods to win the lost, organize churches, promote revival meetings, conduct enlargement campaigns, and finance God's Kingdom are disapproved by some good people who are "set in their ways". They would go back to "fourth-time" preaching for their church program; They would have a committee canvass the community or neighborhood for money to pay the preacher's salary; They would have a few large Sunday school classes, but our day calls for men and women with vision.

No doubt there was a time, in some situations, when that was the best that the churches could do. Surely in this day of

adequate finances, mass education, open Bible, and millions of church members, Baptists can and should use every "means" honorable and Christ-like to promote the Kingdom.

We have out-grown the "witchcraft days"; the "asafetida days"; the "wasp-nest-in-apron-pocket days"; the "raw onion-sorghum days," and we are about to "out-grow" the Hardshell, non-missionary, non-cooperative days.

A Church Where Our First Convention Was Held

The brethren in Liberty Association are erecting a Baptist Church building in the village where the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was organized in 1848. The Convention was organized in the Brownsville Baptist Church which was located near the town of Tulip in Dallas County. There has been no Baptist church house in Tulip.

We held our Centennial session of the Convention in Tulip in 1948 and we used the Presbyterian's meeting house. We have felt all along that there should be a Baptist Church house there for both purposes of serving the Lord and having a monument to the organization of our great State Convention. The brethren in that section are determined that this shall come to pass. They have acquired a plot of ground and are ready to start the work on the church building.

It occurred to them and to us that you or your church might want to make a contribution to this historic movement. If you do be sure to designate the offering for Tulip Baptist Church and send it to us and we will see that it reaches the spot. — B. L. B.

A Rural Church Can Do Things, Too

The Piney Baptist Church in the edge of the mountains near Hot Springs is advancing under the leadership of Pastor William West. The church voted to give 15 per cent of undesignated gifts for the Cooperative Program. They had a budget based on \$315 per week. Under their increased liberality for Missions their budget has averaged more than \$400 per week, so their Cooperative Program gifts have more than doubled. Pastor West says, "Tell anyone that a country church can give to a great World Mission Program such as Baptists have and still grow at home while giving."

It is also interesting to note that they are baptizing more people under this stepped up missionary program. — B. L. B.

Prayer Calendar

Did you know that the department heads and the office force of your State Convention have prayer meetings? Each week we make one association the definite object of our prayers. We put the names of the associational officers, the pastors, along with the name of each church in the association on a blackboard. When these names are called someone takes them to the Throne of Grace in prayer.