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Louis C. Williams

**Central Avenue, Hot Springs, facing the Arlington Hotel, Medical Arts Building to the left;
Million Dollar Bathhouse Row to the right**

Rebuking Sinners

By S. H. JONES

We once heard a preacher offer a defense of the practice, in which he engaged, of rebuking people for their sins. He quoted Paul's advice to Timothy, "Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" 2 Timothy 4:2. It occurred to us that Paul probably did not have in mind that Timothy would use this advice as a pretext for denouncing and condemning people, as the above-mentioned brother and others may do; and we studied the verse again with the result that we offer the following observations on the subject.

1. Note first that the verse begins with the admonition to "preach the word." It is the word (scriptures) that rebukes people, rather than the words of men and one is not preaching the word when he is denouncing people or institutions, even though these may be faulty. The word is the truth, and it condemns and converts people while denunciatory words of men may only antagonize them.

2. The admonition to "reprove, rebuke, exhort" is not complete without the following words, "with all longsuffering and doctrine." We have observed, however, that preachers and other Christians who often rebuke other people may show very little of the grace of longsuffering and dispense very little doctrine (teaching). Patient teaching

of righteousness and truth, rather than mere denunciation of sin and error, is the proper way to "reprove, rebuke, exhort."

3. If somebody asks, "Don't you believe we should preach against sin?", the answer is, Yes, to be sure; but the way to do it is to preach the Word, the whole gospel of Christ, and to teach it patiently to all people. This is, we believe, "the more excellent way" than taking it upon oneself to rebuke, personally or publicly, those who do wrong or who are suspected of being wrong. After all, is our aim not that of winning the sinner from the error of his way? And how can we expect to do so if we merely rebuke him for being wrong and do not show him the better way and guide him into it in the spirit of love, made manifest in patient and faithful teaching?

4. But, some may say, "Did not Jesus rebuke people, as, for example, the Pharisees?" The answer is: To be sure, but He is Lord and perfectly righteous while we are neither. Perhaps a more applicable reference would be that of his suggestion that the sinless person should cast the first stone at the sinner. After all, are we not all sinners? And do sinners not need sympathy, understanding, help, and teaching more than they need rebuke? And is not this approach of love the most effective rebuke a sinner can receive?

—The Baptist Courier

Faith—Prayer—Clouds

A Devotion By The Editor

"There is a sound of abundance of rain." It was faith that heard the sound of rain. There was no cloud overhead, no lightning flashed across the heavens. No thunder rumbled from afar. The atmosphere was dry and hot; the sky blazed with relentless heat; the earth was dispirited and sullen.

Yet, here is a man who dares to claim that he hears the sound of abundance of rain. No one else heard that sound, nor did Elijah hear it with the natural ear.

Someone hears the sound of a great revival, and he confidently expects it to come to pass. Another sees the vision of a greatly expanded program of Christian service; and, keeping faith with that vision, it is soon realized. Still another becomes burdened for a lost soul, and that is the beginning of the salvation of that soul though he knows it not.

When Elijah heard the sound of rain, he accepted it as a signal to pray. It was not, as some might be inclined to think, a sign that there was no need to pray, since the rain was on its way. Beginning to pray, Elijah sent his servant to the mountaintop to see if the visible sign of rain had appeared. "There is nothing," he reported. "Go again," ordered the prophet. Six times the report was, "There is nothing." But seven times the order was given. "Go again." Faith held on and prayer continued longer than "there is nothing" lasted.

Here is that faith which hears the movement of God's purposes and that keeps the man of God on his knees until the visible evidence appears. Prayer cannot cease until the bleak and barren skies are overcast by the gracious clouds of God's promises, until the showers of His love and grace refresh the parched and arid earth below.

The cloud appeared. It was a little cloud, no larger than a man's hand. But it was a cloud. Faith said it was there. Prayer demanded its appearance. God promised it would be there, and there it is.

"And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand... And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain" I Kings 18:44,45.

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"When God has lifted us to a higher plane, when He has made us to make new resolves, we need to take the utmost care that we do not slip back into a dull routine of a half-hearted discipleship."

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Using Radio To Prepare For Coming Crusade

By C. E. AUTREY

It is imperative that Southern Baptists use every means of preparation known to us to ready our people for the colossal task which is now at hand. This Convention-wide effort to see revival in our land is of God, but as always God must use His people to bring it to pass.

One of the most effective means of preparation is publicity. Radio is one of the finest methods of publicity. All over our Convention territory are hundreds of Baptist preachers and churches who broadcast by radio every week. Some of them reach only the city where they are located and the limited outlying areas. Some are touching a large

part of the state where they are located, and some reach across several states. All are effective and influential. We thank God for this mighty ministry. God is blessing it.

The Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board is asking all of the preachers and churches which are employing this radio ministry to give a few minutes' time to the crusade in these multifarious churches and pastors to join hands and prayers with us and ask all their listeners to pray for and attend these services. Begin publicizing it now, and keep it up all the way through to the end of the effort. Give the dates of the three zones, and give special attention to the zone where the particular broadcast originates. The revival in the Tropical Zone is to be held March 6-20; in the Central Zone, March 27-April 10; in the Northern Zone, April 10-24.

A concerted cooperative effort on the part of all our pastors and churches who broadcast from now through this simultaneous effort will guarantee the cooperation of many churches and people and will result in the salvation of many thousands of lost souls. The Department of Evangelism, Dr. C. E. Matthews, its Secretary, and our great Southern Baptist Zion will be forever grateful to all who help us do this vital service.

Attention all pastors who have a regular radio broadcast. Would you please send immediately your name and address and the name of your station to the Department of Evangelism of The Home Mission Board, 600 Fidelity Union Life Building, Dallas Texas? This is imperative!

Greatest Killer

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until our nation goes the way of France? It is common knowledge that the French armies and the French population were so weakened by alcoholic liquors that they fell like straw men before the opposing armies in both world wars. France today is mortally afraid of German rearmament, yet when the Premier suggested a curb on the liquor drinking and the substitution of milk for liquor, his government was threatened with collapse.

The United States boasts of being the strongest, the richest, the most productive and the most resourceful nation in the world today. We raise the question as to how long the United States can maintain this position while at the same time it gives freer and freer reign to the liquor interests which brought to a disgraceful end the hero who helped to raise the United States flag on Iwo Jima.

From The Editor's Desk

How They Voted

The bill which requires that local option elections be held at the time of the general election in November was shot through the legislature like "greased lightning." It was signed by the Governor immediately upon passage by the Senate. As stated in a former editorial, the obvious purpose of this bill is to smother any local option election by major state and national issues that are to be voted on.

There are contradictions in the present legislative enactments. The legislature is looking for more money to support schools and at the same time making it easier for the liquor interests to flood the state with intoxicating beverages. Liquor is costing the state of Arkansas ten to fifteen times as much in law enforcement as it gets from liquor tax.

The Arkansas Democrat, in an editorial, issue of Tuesday, February 15, commended the legislature for its efforts to seek ways to help the alcoholics of the state. At the same time the Arkansas Democrat carries liquor ads which encourage alcoholic drinking. It is therefore contributing to the production of alcoholics in the state of Arkansas. We give below the record of the vote on Bill HB197 which requires that local option elections shall be held only at the regular November election:

House Members: There were three votes against the bill as follows: L. H. Autry, Burdette; Hugh Hackler, Mountain Home; and Vance Hickman, Harrison.

For the bill: William S. Andrews, Camden; Marvin Austin, Langly; J. P. Bethell, Des Arc; J. W. Black, Waldron; W. C. Blackwell, Bellville; E. W. Brockman, Pine Bluff; Jim

Bruton, Morrilton; Ben Bynum, Dermott; Quinton R. Clark, Jasper; Jim Coates, Little Rock; Harry B. Colay, Magnolia; J. H. Cottrell, Little Rock; Marion H. Crank, Warren; C. L. Durrett, Strong; Jack East, Little Rock; James J. Edwards, Blytheville; Talbot Feild, Hope; J. S. Ferguson, Beebe; G. C. Fleeman, Manila; V. T. Fletcher, Alexander; Guy W. French, Weiner; John W. Goodson, Texarkana; Paul M. Graham, Walnut Ridge; George O. Green, Dewitt; Jack Gwin, Sheridan; Robert Harvey, Swifton; Roy M. Haynes, Mena; Carroll Hollensworth, Warren.

John Howell, Nashville; M. J. Howell, Wabash; R. C. Johnson, Grady; Harold L. Johnston, Hampton; Charlie S. Johnston, Jonesboro; Don Jones, Little Rock; Paul Jones, Marshall; Knox Kinney, Forrest City; Clyde H. Kinslow, Russellville; John W. Kornegay, Clarendon; Winfred Lake, DeQueen; R. W. Laster, Little Rock; Jack Y. Ledbetter, Little Rock; Eli Leflar, Rogers; Sam M. Levine, Pine Bluff; Clayton N. Little, Bentonville; W. Logan, Tumbling Shoals; M. E. Mayfield, El Dorado; Raymond L. Mays, Rison; Bryan A. McCallen, Corning; Abner E. McQuire, Prescott; A. M. McKennon, Scranton.

Herbert J. Meachum, Batesville; Joe P. Melton, Lonoke; A. M. Metcalf, Hardy; J. H. Moody, Bald Knob; J. S. Oakes, Augusta; G. V. Partee, Marcella; H. J. Perryman, Salem; Ray Pettit, Combs; Mel Phillips, Fort Smith; Russell C. Roberts, Conway; Pat Robinson, Lewisville; J. A. Rodman, Melbourne; Lucian C. Rogers, Earle; Charles B. Roskopf, West Helena; Frank Ross, McGehee; Glen E. Saw-

yer, Hamburg; James Shaver, Wynne; Jimmy Slack, Arkadelphia; Roy S. Smith, Hot Springs; W. V. Smith, Mt. Ida; Gordon Stanley, Pyatt; Fred Starr, Fayetteville; C. W. Stewart, Fayetteville; Dewey D. Stiles, Malvern; Kenneth S. Sulcer, Joiner.

Elmer Tackett, Hot Springs; F. A. Pat Teague, Berryville; Robert C. Temple, Hartman; W. H. Thompson, Marked Tree; D. E. Thompson, Little Rock; Hayes A. Triplett, Paragould; L. Weems Trussell, Fordyce; Arlo Tyler, Pocahontas; Paul Van Dalsem, Perryville; J. P. Walt, Altheimer; G. F. Walther, Little Rock; W. L. Ward, Marianna; C. S. Whillock, Clinton; Dan White, Fort Smith; Randall L. Williams, Monticello; Milton Willis, Van Buren; Norman Wimpy, Jonesboro; J. A. D. Womack, Camden; Harold Wood, Palestine; J. S. Yarbrough, Fort Smith; Jack Yates, Ozark; Charles F. Smith, West Memphis.

Senate, against the bill: Lawrence Blackwell, Pine Bluff; Max Howell, Little Rock; Guy H. Jones, Conway; Dewitt Poe, McGehee; Clifton Wade, Fayetteville; C. E. Yingling, Searcy.

For the bill: Tom Allen, Brinkley; J. P. Baker, West Helena; J. Lee Bearden, Leachville; Jack V. Clark, Texarkana; Ellis Fagan, Little Rock; W. E. Fletcher, Scott; J. E. Garner, Fort Smith; M. M. Gathright, Pine Bluff; Artie Gregory, Little Rock; C. V. Hayes, Benton; W. J. Hurst, Rector; Q. B. Hurst, Hot Springs; G. C. Johnston, Dermott; Gene Lee, Prescott; Tom Logan, Walnut Ridge; Y. M. Mack, Moorefield; Ray W. Milum, Harrison; Boss Mitchell, Danville; J. O. Porter, Mulberry; Ray L. Riales, Mena; L. L. Rogers, West Memphis; Marshall Shackelford, El Dorado; Fred H. Stafford, Marked Tree; O. R. Williams, Sheridan; R. H. Williams, Russellville.

We publish this record of the legislators so that the folks back home may know how their representatives voted on this local option bill.

Hero In The Dust

By JACK L. GRITZ

Alcohol has murdered another American. This time it was one who had attained the stature of national hero. He was Ira Hayes, 32-year-old Pima Indian.

He was one of the six Marines who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima in World War II. Three of them died in battle. Hayes and the other two who survived were brought back to the United States and widely acclaimed for their heroic deed. The event had drawn nationwide attention because of an Associated Press photograph, the finest picture to come out of the war. Recently a monument depicting the scene has been unveiled in Washington.

Hayes hit the bottle often and hard. He couldn't seem to adjust in an environment where liquor was easy to get. He had left the reservation and wandered from job to job, being frequently arrested for drunkenness, and had finally returned to the Sacaton reservation in Arizona.

One day last week he was found dead on the ground near the village of Bapchule. The doctor said his death was due to over-exposure in the freezing weather and to over-consumption of alcohol.

The Greatest of All Killers

We call to your attention an editorial on this page taken from the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, Jack L. Gritz, editor.

The tragedy of Ira Hayes was reported a few weeks ago by the press of the nation. Much has been said in praise of the six Marines who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima in World War II. Editor Gritz refers to the erection recently of a monument depicting the scene which has been unveiled in Washington. One of the heroes of Iwo Jima comes home only to be disgraced and become a victim of the liquor traffic.

According to The Clipsheet published by the Methodist Board of Temperance, alcoholism is one hundred times more prevalent than polio. The American people were asked to give 64 million dollars to fight polio, but there is a killer one hundred times more prevalent than polio and yet we turn

So, the liquor traffic chalked up another victim.

Thus did modern America treat a soldier-hero. He deserved better from his comrades of a Christian land.

—The Baptist Messenger

this killer loose on the American public.

Estimates made recently by the American Cancer Society, District of Columbia Tuberculosis Association, U. S. Public Health Service, and the United Nations World Health Organization, give the following startling figures concerning alcoholism:

Alcoholism is 5.5 times more prevalent than cancer, 3.2 times more prevalent than tuberculosis, 102 times more prevalent than polio.

The actual figures for each category are as follows:

Cancer	711,000
Tuberculosis	1,200,000
Polio	38,000
Alcoholism	3,876,000

Quoting from The Clipsheet: "The American people raise millions of dollars each year to fight cancer, TB, and polio, but spend billions (\$9,885,000,000 in 1953) to help spread the virus that causes alcoholism."

The question that should bore into the consciousness of the American people with relentless energy is this: Will the liquor interests be allowed to prey upon the public

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Kingdom Progress

Maple Avenue Church, Smackover



The Maple Avenue Church, Smackover, begun as a mission of First Church, Smackover, September 1, 1954, was organized into a church, Sunday afternoon, February 6. John F. Burton, Jr., is the pastor. The Sunday school enrolment has grown from 45 on the first Sunday, to 114; Training Union enrolment from 17 to 44. Charter members numbered 91. The W. M. U. was organized November 10, Brotherhood, November 16. The thirteen members of the W. M. U. gave \$190 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

The building shown was constructed and equipped at a cost of approximately \$17,000, and is located on lots valued at about \$3,000, which were given by W. E. Corley, a deacon of the First Church. This is the first unit of a proposed long range building program which calls for two more units, a Sanctuary and another educational building joined to the front of the structure shown.

The Organizing Council was composed of pastors and deacons from several Baptist

churches in Liberty Association. Associational Missionary, W. F. Couch, brought the opening devotional. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of the State Mission Department spoke briefly on the place of local Missions and Dr. L. B. Golden, Superintendent of State City Missions brought the principal message. Presentation of the title to the property, which is debt free, was made by W. E. Corley for the First Church to Mr. T. B. Fraser for the new church.

Dale F. Taylor, pastor of the mother church served as moderator and Eugene Johnson, Superintendent of the Mission Sunday school acted as clerk of the Council. Pastor Burton gave a presentation of 'Progress Made' by the new work and Mr. Johnson reported on the action of congregation to adopt Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, Rules of Order and commitment to co-operate with Liberty Association, Arkansas Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Former Priest Enters Baptist Seminary

Mario A. Benitez, 28 year-old former Catholic priest, enrolled in Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, February 1.

A native of Cuba, Mr. Benitez studied in Stanislaus College, Havana, and Pontifical University of Comillas in Spain. While teaching in Spain he became involved with his superiors over his defense of Martin Luther and the Protestant doctrine of "justification by faith." Mr. Benitez came to New York and found work in a steel mill. He became acquainted with a Baptist and began studying the Bible. Later he united with a Baptist church.

Mr. Benitez is preparing for the ministry and is available for preaching appointments and supply work. He may be addressed to Ft. Worth 15, Texas, c/o Seminary Hill Station.

J. Leo Garrett of Southwestern Seminary says: "He is neither a rabid anti-Romanist who vilifies his former associates, nor a rationalistic ex-priest who knows nothing of a vital experience of grace in Jesus Christ. His is a thrilling testimony of conscience, courage, and conviction."

Minister Ordained

J. C. Montgomery was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Wiseman Church in Rocky Bayou Association. W. C. Steward, associational missionary, served the ordaining council as moderator; P. H. Cawly, clerk; A. F. Muncy, Melbourne, delivered the charge and presented the Bible. Mr. Cawly delivered the ordination sermon.

Mr. Montgomery is pastor of Rocky Point Church in White County Association.

Deacons Ordained

Joe Pat Clements and Clyde Adams were ordained as deacons by the Riverside Church, Little Rock, Sunday afternoon, February 5.

Pastor J. C. Myers served as moderator of the ordaining council, and Doyle Hollingshead served as clerk. Carl Overton, pastor of Tyler Street Church, conducted the examination. Floyd Simmons, pastor of Remount Church, North Little Rock, offered the ordaining prayer. E. A. Ingram, Pulaski County Associational Missionary, delivered the message.

Music Director Leaves Arkansas



MALCOLM SAMPLE

Malcolm Sample, music and education director for First Church, Helena, since May 1953, has accepted a similar position with First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tenn., effective April 1. The Murfreesboro church has a resident membership of 1,280.

During the time Mr. Sample was in Helena, he completed the organization of four choirs and three ensembles, with an enrolment of 216; enrolment in the adult choir is 40.

Ouachita Selects Speakers For May Commencement

Dr. George Schweitzer will bring the commencement address and Dr. Wayne Ward will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Ouachita College commencement exercises in May, it was announced today by Dr. R. A. Phelps, Jr., president of the college.

Dr. Schweitzer, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee, is an outstanding scientist and speaker, Dr. Phelps indicated. He is an authority on atomic energy, and has spoken to numerous audiences at Ridgecrest and other student assemblies.

Dr. Wayne Ward, associate professor of systematic theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, graduated from Ouachita in 1943.

Dr. Ward is from Piggott, and holds a Th. D. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, where he taught Hebrew before becoming an associate professor there.

Dr. Ward, who became a ministerial student during the middle of his work at Ouachita, came to Ouachita as a qualified court reporter. While attending college he was president of the B.S.U. council, a teacher of aeronautics, director one year of the Ouachita choir, and was a member of the Beta Beta social club. He graduated from Ouachita sixth in a class of 100.

He was active in the speech department at college, and while attending produced and starred in a number of plays. He excelled in Greek, and after taking all the Greek offered at Ouachita, he took all the Greek and Hebrew offered at Southern Baptist Seminary.

He is married to Mary Ann Heath, graduate of the 1943 class at Ouachita, and they have two children.

Berryville Pastor



J. B. MEASEL

J. B. Measel, after an eleven year pastorate at Barton, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Berryville. He is a native of Arkansas, and holds the A. B. degree from Ouachita College, and Th.M. from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Measel led the Barton church in erection of a pastor's home, a new church auditorium, and two story educational plant, including kitchen and dining room facilities. All departments of the church experienced a steady growth, with ten per cent of all income allocated to the Cooperative Program. For several years Mr. Measel preached to Oneida and Rehobeth churches on Sunday afternoon, and led these churches in remodeling their buildings and the installation of heating and cooling systems.

Pastor and Mrs. Measel have one son, Joel Ray.

Chalk Artist-Evangelist

October 8, 1950, Sayer Canova, a Catholic, made a public profession of faith in Christ at the First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, at the age of 28. He followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of this church at that time.

He was ordained by First Church, June 12, 1951, and has been in evangelistic work since then. Mr. Canova uses his talent as a chalk artist in connection with many of his night services which make the messages very vivid and impressive. Recently he had the morning worship hour in our church and the Lord blessed by adding three to our membership — a father and mother by letter, and a son by baptism.

Mr. Canova is one of the finest Christians, very humble in spirit, dedicated to the cause of Christ and daily witnessing with his life to others. He has open dates in May.

—Oster R. Daniel, Pastor
First Church, Siloam Springs

GOING TO HAWAII?

Your Baptist missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands are anxious to contact any Baptists or friends of Baptists who may be living here or who plan to come here in the Armed Services or for other reasons. We will greatly appreciate your sending us their names, addresses, telephone numbers and other details and we will visit them. —F. T. Woodward, 1920 Keeaumoku Street, Honolulu 14, T. H.

**First Church, Booneville,
Establishes Southside Mission**



Pictured above are the following: from left to right, C. C. Roberts, Concord Association missionary; Lester Kincannon, Sunday school superintendent, First Church; Clifford Lyon, Mission pastor; Jeral Hampton, Mission Sunday school superintendent; his assistant, Lynn Watkins.

On January 10, 1954, the First Church of Booneville established the Southside Mission in that city.

Prior to the establishment of the mission, a census was taken to determine whether a need existed for such a project. Deciding that the census revealed such a need, the mission was established and Missionary C. C. Roberts of Concord Association served as mission pastor on a half time basis for the first six months. He was assisted by the members of First Church, Booneville, especially the Brotherhood of the church. A Sunday school was begun and worship services each Sunday morning.

After six months Clifford Lyon was secured on a half time basis to work with Missionary Roberts to promote a full time program. In August, 1954, the full time program was inaugurated and a Training Union was added to the services of the mission, and also an

evening worship service. Also a mid-week prayer service was begun in August.

The Sunday school enrolment has grown from 16 to 78, the Training Union from an enrolment of 15 to 41. Total offerings for the past year amounted to \$1,429.33.

Additional space has been provided as needed. Two new classrooms have been added and the auditorium enlarged in recent months. There have been 17 additions to the church during the first year that the mission was in operation.

Pastor John W. Johnston of the Booneville church says, "We launched a mission rather than a building program. We felt that our southside of Booneville was in greater need of a mission than the need of our church for a new building even though we are badly crowded. The Lord has blessed both projects, and we hope to begin our new building within a year."

**Texarkana Pastor
From Oklahoma**

Lee Wells is the new pastor of Arabella Heights Church, Texarkana. He comes from the pastorate of the Cumberland Baptist Church, Cumberland, Oklahoma.

Mr. Wells is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, and attended the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have two children.

He succeeds Howard L. Wilson who resigned the Texarkana church to become associational missionary in Boone and Newton County Associations.

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A man must do more than believe in Christ. He must exercise his belief through love.

—Wesley.

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"To determine definitely to put God first is to find a great life stabilizer."

Halsell Brothers Meet in Japan

Lt. Commander William Howard Halsell, USNR, spent three days with his brother, Lt. Col. Aubrey C. Halsell, USAF, at Ashiya, Japan, recently.

Lt. Commander William Howard Halsell is religious education director for the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. The Arizona Convention also includes Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and Montana.

Lt. Col. Aubrey C. Halsell is staff chaplain, 417th Eng. Ava. Brigade with headquarters at APO 75, Ashiya, Japan.

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As President Garfield neared the end of the way because of the assassin's bullet, he heard his wife in the kitchen singing, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah." With tears he said to his doctor, "Glorious bliss, isn't it?"

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"Have we thought what people miss when we don't bring them to God?"

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By Religious News Service

Enrollment in Theological Schools Gains Five Per Cent

Enrollment in theological seminaries last fall was five per cent greater than in 1953, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare reported in Washington, D.C.

Official figures on students in colleges, universities and graduate schools for the 1954-55 academic year showed that seminaries of all faiths reported a fall enrollment of 28,760 as compared to 27,385 in 1953-54.

The number of freshmen in these institutions was 4,259, an increase of 299 or 7.6 per cent over the 1953-54 figures.

The statistics include only theological schools which are separate from other colleges or universities.

Conservative Baptists Name New General Director

Dr. John B. Houser of Lebanon, Ore., has been named general director of the Conservative Baptist Association of America, it was announced at the organization's headquarters in Chicago.

He succeeds Dr. Myron Cedarholm who became the Association's national field representative last May.

The general director is the coordinating executive officer of the association which was formed in 1947 by Baptist churches which broke off from the Northern (now American) Baptist Convention.

Officials of the association said it now has a membership of more than 1,500 contributing churches and is growing at the rate of 100 churches a year. They added that the association sponsors more than 350 missionaries in the field and its missionary budget is "approaching the \$2,000,000 mark."

Presbyterian Women Oversubscribe Missions Fund

Contributions by women of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. to the denomination's national missions in 1954 topped the year's \$1,400,000 goal by \$60,000, it was reported at the midwinter meeting of the Church's Board of National Missions.

Officials of the Board's women's committee said the reason for the oversubscription was the special interest Presbyterian women take in providing scholarships for students at the Church's more than 25 National Missions schools in the U.S., Alaska, Cuba and Puerto Rico.

Religious Groups To Fight UMT Plan

Religious groups opposed to Universal Military Training opened a fight against legislation to require six months of military training for all boys at 18 as the House Armed Services Committee began hearings on the President's new military reserve program.

The UMT feature is incorporated in the over-all reserve proposals.

The hearings opened with a promise from Chairman Overton Brooks (D-La.) that opponents would be given all the time they desire to present their case.

Present plans of the House leadership call

Temperance Leaders to Seek Limited Liquor Advertising Ban

Senator William Langer (R.-N.D.) has re-introduced his bill to ban liquor advertising from interstate commerce but temperance leaders in Washington, D.C. indicated they will not support it, seeking instead to outlaw only "beer-casting" over radio and television.

The Langer bill would prohibit liquor advertising in periodicals as well as over the air.

Officials of temperance groups said they do not believe the Langer bill has any chance of passage. But they feel there is enough popular support to force through a drastic curb on the advertising of alcoholic beverages over the airwaves.

A bill to prohibit "beer-casting" is expected to be introduced soon in both Houses of Congress.

Temperance leaders point out that the airwaves are public property, subject to Congressional regulations, and hence no constitutional question is involved.

Since radio and television invade the privacy of the home and cross state lines into "dry" areas, they say, citizens have no effective means of keeping out liquor advertising.

Methodist Leader Reminds Newspapermen of Responsibility

A Methodist leader said in Durham, N.C. that newspapermen have the "great responsibility of safeguarding the American way of life which is on trial before the eyes of the world."

Dr. Kenneth Goodson, superintendent of the Winston-Salem Methodist district, addressed the North Carolina Press Association. He said that "the pen in the editor's hand is a mighty instrument."

"I do not know of any profession to which so much has been committed," he said.

Citing the nation's 1800 daily newspapers with their approximately 125 million readers, he cautioned that "any institution or organization capable of reaching that many persons is capable of doing a great deal of good or a great deal of harm."

"A trust has been given to newspapermen to deliver the truth as they see it but not to confuse the truth with petty prejudice or personal feelings," he continued. "When the newspaperman misleads the people or fails to be instructive, he becomes an unuseful public servant."

Railroad Gives 349 Bells to Churches

A total of 349 brass bells salvaged from steam locomotives have been given by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to small churches along the company's right-of-way from Alabama to Illinois in the past four years.

Latest group receiving bells, taken from locomotives scrapped in the line's conversion to diesel engines, were 15 churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Virginia.

for the reserve training bill to reach the floor about March 15, so that it can be voted upon before legislators go home for the Easter recess.

A Smile or Two

"Son," said a Texan to his offspring, "I just heard you asking that man what state he was from. Now, my boy, I want you to always remember this: If a man comes from Texas, he'll tell you; and if he isn't from Texas, there's no need to embarrass him."

"Do you ever have to hurry to catch your morning train, Mr. Ballantyne?"

"Well, it's fairly even, you know. Either I'm standing on the platform when the train puffs in, or I puff in while the train stands at the platform."

Evie Gordon of Scripps-Howard's Washington Daily News says so many people jam the Nat'l Presbyterian Church to watch Pres. Eisenhower worship that some of the parishioners can't get in.

Recently, an old-timer trying to get in was stopped by a stranger.

"Is Pres. Eisenhower in there?" he was asked.

"No," snapped the old-timer, "but God is."

—Quote

The outstanding characteristic of the late Abraham Lincoln seems to have humility.

It is said that one day his Secretary of State came upon him polishing his boots.

Mr. Secretary rared back with righteous indignation and reproached the President thus: "Mr. Lincoln, don't you know that gentlemen never polish their own boots?"

The President gave him a blank stare and retorted with an innocent air:

"Pray tell me whose boots they do polish."

You have heard about the little boy whose mother made him sit in a corner for bad conduct.

His retaliation went like this: "I may be sitting down on the outside, but remember I'm standing up inside."

Jimmie had celebrated his eighth birthday just a day or two before an agent called at the house. When the bell rang, Jimmie opened the door.

"Is Mr. Smythe in?" inquired the man.

"I'm Mr. Smythe. What can I do for you?" replied Jimmie.

A number of Bobby's playmates were noisily calling for him to come out and play.

Presently Bobby appeared at the door and said, "I can't come out just now; I'm taking my nap."

A worthy vicar in a rural parish waxed eloquent in the interest of foreign missions one Sunday, and was surprised on entering the village shop during the week to be greeted with marked coldness by the woman who kept it.

On asking the cause, the good woman produced a half crown from a drawer, and, throwing it down before him, said:

"I marked that coin and put it in the plate last Sunday, and here it is back in my shop. I knowed well them poor Africans never got the money!"

A distinguished Irish lawyer who, by reason of his extravagant mode of living, is generally hard up, one afternoon took a friend, who is a judge, to see his magnificently furnished new house.

"Don't you think," asked the lawyer, as he gave a complacent look about, "that I deserve credit for this?"

"Yes," answered his honor dryly, "and you appear to have gotten it."

News From Baptist Press

Florida Man Named To Baptist Press Staff

Theo E. Sommerkamp, Tallahassee, Fla., will join the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., March 1, as editorial assistant to work in connection with the Baptist Press. Announcement of his coming was made by Albert McClellan, director of the Baptist Press, and Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee.

He will devote his entire time to the Baptist Press, the Convention's news gathering and disseminating agency, McClellan said.

Sommerkamp, a native of Florida, received the bachelor's degree in religious journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., and returned to Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., for the master's degree in journalism.

For the past two years he has been employed as reporter on the Tallahassee Democrat. Prior to this he worked for Radio Station WINT as announcer and news writer. He brings to his job a high quality of professional experience.

While at OBU he served as managing editor and editor-in-chief of the OBU Bison, during which time the paper attained an all-American rating from the collegiate press service of the University of Minnesota. He has also done extensive free lance writing for national, general, and religious publications.

B. J. Murrie to Head Baptist Editors

B. J. Murrie, editor of The Illinois Baptist is the new president of the Southern Baptist Press Association. His election came at the recent 3-day annual meeting of the group in Birmingham, Ala. Murrie succeeds David M. Gardner, Dallas, Tex.

Named to serve with him were Floyd Looney, editor, The California Southern Baptist, Fresno, Calif., vice-president, and W. G. Stracener, editor, Florida Baptist Witness, Jacksonville, Fla., secretary.

Foreign Board Gets Over a Million Dollars From Mission Gifts

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., is one million nine hundred twelve thousand four hundred sixty-four dollars and ninety-seven cents (\$1,912,464.97) richer today, thanks to Southern Baptists. On February 15, Porter Routh, executive secretary, and Mrs. Ruth Nelson, bookkeeper for the Executive Committee, signed the check, the largest ever sent through the Executive Committee office to the Foreign Mission Board.

Of the entire total of the check, \$1,726,633.34 is from the Lottie Moon Christmas offering received in the Executive Committee office since February 8. The check represents only gifts received in the Executive Committee office during the week of February 8-15.

Texas Baptists sent \$1,065,773 as their part of the check to lead all the other Southern Baptist states. North Carolina was second with \$235,105; Alabama third with \$125,284; Virginia fourth with \$114,331; and Mississippi fifth in line with \$107,932.

Cooperative Program funds included in the check totaled \$112,394.96, while designated gifts totaled \$1,800,070.01, bringing the grand total to \$1,912,464.97.

Since January 1, Lottie Moon Christmas gifts sent to the Foreign Mission Board have totaled \$2,837,294.51.

Giant Youth Rally to Close Miami Convention

A giant Youth Rally Saturday, May 21, at the Dinner Key Auditorium in Miami will be the closing service of the Southern Baptist Convention scheduled for May 18-21.

Howard Butt, Baptist layman of Corpus Christi, Tex., and J. P. Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va., will be the featured speakers for the evening, according to G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, director of the youth night service.

The evening program will begin at 7:30 with a song service. James Cook, Texas, has been scheduled to bring the devotional for the evening. Also slated to appear on program are the Stetson University Singers, DeLand, Fla.

Bill B. Cody, associate in the Student Department is in charge of promotion for Youth Night at the Convention, and will preside at the service, Keegan said. Plans for the giant Saturday night service have been guided through the Miami local chairman, Ralph Langley, pastor, University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Fla.

New Howard College Campus Now Under Construction

Construction has gotten underway on the Administration, General Science Buildings, and the Faculty Apartments on the new Howard College campus in Birmingham.

When completed, sixteen buildings will have been constructed on the 400-acre campus site.

Tennessean to Head State Secretaries

At the recent annual meeting of the Association of State Executive Secretaries, Charles W. Pope, Nashville, Tenn., was elected president of the group for next year. Pope is executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The group, in session in Hot Springs, Ark., named W. C. Boone, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, vice-president; and Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of Illinois Baptists, secretary.

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Films Advertised in Graham's Name Never Heard Of by Billy Graham

By GEORGE M. WILSON

There are two films currently being shown in theaters throughout the United States and in Canada that are misleading in the advertising.

"THE MIGHTY FORTRESS" is a production of the Paul Short Productions in co-operation with "March of Time" and distributed by Allied Artists to the movie industry. Billy Graham, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, or the Billy Graham Films have absolutely no control over this film. It is a documentation of religious resurgence in 1954 in which some of the news reels of Mr. Graham's British and European tours are used. Included in this film are also reports of the World Council of Churches at Evanston and the Marion Year.

Another picture recently released by Metro-Goldwyn Mayer entitled "The Lord In His Corner," has also carried misleading advertising, particularly in Canada. Neither Mr. Graham nor any of his associates had ever even heard of this film until it appeared. The advertising uses Mr. Graham's name, and calls him the fighting evangelist, who built



Denominational Calendar

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Counselor's Corner

R. LOFTON HUDSON

Treasurer Refuses

Question: Ours is a small rural church with two treasurers. The building fund treasurer refuses to make a report of how much money is in the building fund. He says that it is nobody's business who gives and how much. What can the church do?

Answer: There is something bad wrong with your treasurer, perhaps something wrong with his judgment or training. All officers of a Baptist church are servants of the church, not dictators.

I would stand up in a business meeting and say, "Brother Moderator, I don't want what I have to say to be misunderstood. I love every one of my brothers and sisters in Christ. My motion is not a reflection on anyone's character. I suspect no one, believe me. But it is not fair to anyone to be asked to handle money without the protection of the presence of others at the handling of money and the knowledge of all facts regarding the money known to the whole church. I move, sir, that hereafter we ask for regular reports (monthly or quarterly) from both treasurers and that we have all checks signed by at least two people in our church. This is for the protection of everybody concerned and for the sake of a sound financial policy in our church. If we ask people to sacrifice in giving, we must be good stewards of every cent they give. This is a church matter and we are responsible to God for the manner in which these details are handled." Some such motion.

If this does not get the job done, resort to prayer, persuasion, and any other methods that are in accord with Christian love and respect.

a pulpit from the prize ring.

Mr. Graham has not changed his policy relative to releasing films through regular theaters. The two above-mentioned pictures are not Mr. Graham's productions, nor does he have any control whatsoever over them. Billy Graham films are released only through Billy Graham Film, Inc., of 2627 Connecticut Avenue N. W., Washington, D. C.

Also there has recently appeared on most news stands a biographical booklet entitled "Billy Graham, The Man and His Message." This booklet gives a somewhat sensational but sympathetic treatment. This booklet was totally unauthorized. Neither Mr. Graham nor any of his associates knew anything about it until it appeared on the stands.

Due to the tremendous publicity Mr. Graham has received during recent months, many such promotional schemes will likely be appearing. It is questionable whether legal steps, if taken, would prevent these things.

Amended By-Laws of Executive Board Arkansas Baptist State Convention

1. The non-salaried officers of the Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President and the Recording Secretary, whose duties shall be those usually pertaining to such offices in deliberative bodies. The Executive Secretary may be the Treasurer of the Board and be bonded.
2. The salaried officers of the Board shall be an Executive Secretary and such other officers and field workers as may be necessary for prosecuting the work committed to the Board by the Convention.
3. The Board shall maintain in the city of Little Rock such offices and equipment as may be necessary for the prosecution of its work.
4. The Board shall meet semi-annually at such times and places as may be determined by the Board, or by the President of the Board and the Executive Secretary, or by the Executive Committee. There may be called meetings of the Board when emergencies arise.
5. All sessions of the Board shall be opened by religious exercises and closed with prayer.
6. Twenty of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
7. At the meeting of the Board following the State Convention the annual election of non-salaried officers shall take place immediately after the religious exercises and roll call.
8. The Board shall organize itself into the number of standing committees necessary for the carrying on of its work. These committees shall function in advisory capacity only. All matters pertaining to employment of personnel, salaries paid, budgets recommended, new departures in work promoted and the like, shall be acted upon by the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee. An Organization Committee of five shall be appointed by the President of the Board in co-operation with the Executive Secretary at the pre-convention meeting of the Board and shall recommend to the December meeting of the Board the members of the Advisory Committees to serve during the following year. This Organization Committee shall function in co-operation with the Executive Secretary. Each Advisory Committee shall be composed of from three to seven members and no one shall be a member of more than one committee except in the case of the Executive Committee. Each member of the Board shall be a member of one committee.
9. The Executive Committee shall consist of the chairmen of the Advisory Committees, the elected President and recording Secretary of the Board and the President of the State Convention.
10. The meetings of the Board shall be open to all co-operating Baptists except when the Board may go into executive session or order otherwise.
11. No member of the Board shall speak before the Board without first arising and securing recognition of the presiding officer, and no member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time or speak more than twice on any one subject without unanimous consent.
12. No person shall be a member of this Board who is an employee of any Board or Institution of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.
13. All associational missionaries and pastors who receive financial aid from the Arkansas Baptist Convention budget shall be expected to promote all phases of our State Convention work as well as specific mission tasks. Such missionaries and pastors shall be under the direct supervision of the Executive Secretary in respect to all promotional work, and shall, under him, co-operate with the heads of all departments in the State work; the direct mission work of these missionaries and pastors shall be under the supervision of the Executive Secretary through the Superintendent of Missions. These pastors and missionaries shall make monthly reports to the Executive Secretary and the Superintendent of Missions on report blanks prepared for this purpose.
14. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any meeting of the Board.
15. Copies of the minutes of the Executive Board and Executive Committee meetings shall be mailed to each Board member as soon as possible following each meeting.
16. The Board shall organize itself into the following advisory committees and such other committees as this Board shall create:
 1. ARKANSAS BAPTIST
 2. Brotherhood
 3. Evangelism
 4. Benevolent Institutions
 5. Educational Institutions
 6. State Missions
 7. Sunday School
 8. Training Union
 9. Music
 10. Student Union
 11. Retirement Plans
 12. W.M.U.
 13. Foundation
 14. Assemblies
 15. Executive Committee
17. Duties of committees and executive officers and policies for their guidance shall be:
 - I. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 1. The Executive Committee is empowered to act for the Board between sessions of the Board, provided that it shall never exercise any authority contrary to the expressed will of the Board.
 2. It shall meet quarterly or on call of the chairman, and a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.
 3. It shall make final recommendation on employing all department heads and associates. These recommendations shall be made with the consent of and in co-operation with the Executive Secretary. Each of these must be submitted to the Board for approval or rejection.
 4. This committee shall make recommendations to the Board touching finances, budgets and general policies and programs; shall pass upon salaries of the administrative office as well as the various departments; and shall act in all emergencies between the meetings of the Board.
 5. This committee shall have as one of its chief aims assisting the Executive Secretary in the formulating of general objectives of the Cooperative Program for the coming year and shall lead the Board in serving as the promotional agent in each of the Associations. These objectives and the program for their achievement shall be worked out prior to the budget making meeting of the Board.
 6. To this committee may be referred all unfinished business.
 7. At meetings of the Board, this Executive Committee shall make a full and detailed report concerning its work and recommendations.
 8. The Executive Committee shall hold the Executive Secretary directly responsible to it at all times between meetings of the Board. All departments, their directors and workers shall be under the supervision of the Executive Secretary. Regular meetings shall be called by the Executive Secretary of all heads of departments in Headquarters Building for planning, prayer, discussion and correlation of all phases of the work and reports of these meetings shall be given to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall look to the Executive Secretary and his associate to co-ordinate the work in Baptist Building with reference to all departments, the purchase of all materials and the promotion of all phases of Baptist life.
 9. This Executive Committee shall be empowered with authority to see that the wishes of the Board are carried out in the interim when the Board is not in session. This authority shall include the right to audit books and records of departments and institutions who receive money from the Executive Board. Whenever the expressed wishes of the Convention or its Executive Board are violated, the Executive Secretary shall have the right to withhold monthly allocations until Executive Board has time to act on the grievances.
 10. All requests for supplemental aid shall be passed upon by the Executive Committee.
 11. This committee shall see that no institution or agency shall receive funds from this Board which does not supply this Board annually with an opinionated audit by a Certified Public Accountant.

II. ADVISORY COMMITTEES:

1. The duties of each committee shall consist of co-operating with departments, agencies and institutions in the promoting of their work and the informing of the Executive Committee of the Board of the needs of each.
2. These committees shall have no executive authority to recommend salaries, personnel, program changes, or areas of work entered. They shall serve in liaison capacity between the departments and the Board.

III. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

1. The Executive Secretary is the officer elected to execute the plans and policies of the Convention and the Executive Board. He is charged with the responsibility of promotion and co-ordi-

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Stop The Monologue

By LEE GALLMAN

Karl Heim chides Christian scholarship for carrying on what he calls the great monologue. Christian pastors and teachers spend so much time talking to themselves that they have no time left to confront world problems and to speak an understandable message to the world.

The Cell-Unit

While reading this provocative work, *The Christian Faith and Natural Science*, the spectacle of our Baptist monologue arose. Baptists have developed a cell unit of the Christian world and had little contact with others in the large community. Whatever dialogue this large community develops, it does so without our contribution. What progress is being made within the larger community is shut off from the cell. While Baptists have made many claims through the years, our contentions have fallen on our own ears for the most part. The cell-unit has not kept close enough to the larger fellowship to speak to or learn from it.

For this reason this generation has seen the rise and fall of several important schools of thought and investigation with no help from Baptists. At critical moments our contributions could have been decisive; but we were not, and are not, in a position to be heard, for within the cell we are carrying on a monologue. We are writing notes to each other trying to out-say what we have just said. Much of the monologue is essential, for we have an internal problem of learning. So much, however, is unessential; and those who are writing could be doing something constructive.

Why

One may ask, "Why the monologue? Can we stop it? Will others listen?" The answer to these questions is not obvious. Some experimentation is necessary. Baptists have men who can speak so as to be heard. There are graduates of our own seminaries, universities, and of the divinity schools of America and Europe serving in pastorates and teaching in colleges and seminaries whose training is sufficient for this work. We need

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nation of all the work of the Convention.

2. The Executive Secretary directs the work of the departments and co-ordinates the activities of other commissions, boards, and auxiliaries. He works directly with the Executive Committee on expenditures and appropriations, and is responsible to the Convention and Executive Board for the formulation of new plans and phases of missionary work. He may also be treasurer of the Convention. The Secretary also promotes and co-ordinates the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in the state of Arkansas.
3. The Associate Executive Secretary, working with the Executive Secretary, helps promote all Baptist work in Arkansas. He works with all departments and phases of work in the State Convention. He is an ex officio member of major committees and commissions. When the Executive Secretary is not in his office, the Associate Executive Secretary assumes his responsibilities.

their voices in a world that's searching for answers.

Yet, wherever one turns he finds evidence of this silence. In colleges and seminaries the search for adequate and appropriate texts ends in disappointment. New works are needed in preaching, Old and New Testament, Theology, Philosophy, Church History, and Evangelism, to say nothing of related fields. Works of this type must come from research and investigation. The monologue loses its effectiveness at this point.

Problems

There are some serious problems which must be faced if we are to stop the monologue and produce dependable works. Four problems stand out in my own thinking. First, Baptists are not congenial with their thinkers. Although we have no written creed and although we are in position to encourage some degree of latitude in thinking and research, yet we seem to say to our scholars (I make no apology for this term), "Go on and study. Your job is a great challenge to prove that we have arrived at the answer." Or even, "Investigate all you will, but your answer must be the same as ours." When a new thought or even an unfamiliar old one appears, or when a new approach is suggested, the teacher is hailed before the scribal court and condemned as a liberal, a modernist, or worse. The sort of tension created by such attitudes does not produce critical, objective scholarship. It is not necessary for Baptists to surrender their faith in order to develop objective scholarship; but sound reasoning requires that we cease to persecute our investigators for their work. Should one be condemned because he has some new information? Shades of Galileo!

Demands

The second problem is, that Baptist institutions and churches make such demands on their teachers and preachers that they have no time for research and writing. One can only grieve at the thought of how the world is impoverished because Dr. Hershey Davis was unable to write more because of his heavy teaching load. This is a process that is still going on in every one of our seminaries and in our colleges. Teachers cannot ignore the coming class period and the pastor cannot ignore the meetings of committees, clubs, the preparation of sermons and talks.

Whatever the reason, the problem persists. As long as it obtains, we will continue to use textbooks written by non-Baptists in vital areas of thought. Non-Baptists will continue to be the source of thought and productivity while the world asks, "Who are Baptists, what have they produced?"

Lack of Funds

The third problem is an answer to the second. The institutions do not have sufficient funds to provide both teachers and research professors. While it may appear that Southern Baptists are giving vast amounts of money to education, we must remember that our educational institutions are our greatest assets, and naturally represent our greatest need financially. Everything waits on proper preparation and leadership. This preparation is dependent upon the character of the institutions.

A possible answer may be seen in the establishment of chairs of research sufficiently endowed to permit their operation without touching the budget of an institution.

Preach The Word

By G. H. O'DONNELL

There is a story which has no doubt been very often told, yet it is a story which teaches a profound truth. The story is that a young pastor was called to the pastorate of a church in a college center. Most of the teachers in that college attended that church. The young man was distressed as to what he should preach upon in such a church as that one with so many professors in it.

So the young pastor went to an older and trusted friend and asked his advice. The young man said: "If I preach on science, there will be several great scientists there who know far more about science than I do. If I preach on history, the professor of history will be listening, and he knows far more history than I do. If I preach on literature, several men will be there who are masters of literature and its interpretation. What can I preach on?"

The reply of the older man was: "Why not try preaching the Bible! It may be that you know more about the Bible than any of them knows." A great truth for preachers is suggested here. It is our business to preach the Word of God. We may apply that Word to our own day and its life, but we must always begin with the Word of God. If we do thus preach the Word, we will make the discovery that we have a "Thus saith the Lord" for the historian and the scientist and other specialists. And what is more, we will discover that we have a message with divine authority for the masses of the common people who know little about science and history and literature. Let us be sure that we have a true understanding of the meaning of the Biblical passage from which we are to preach; and then let us give that Biblical meaning to our people. We will indeed then have a "Thus saith the Lord." And our people will heed.

—The Baptist Observer

The seminaries have to operate without charging tuition, and this represents a sizeable share of the income of other institutions. An endowed chair would probably solve the problem.

The fourth problem is that of an adequate outlet. Not many of our books are bought by non-Baptists. Our outlet is to a very large degree an outlet to the membership of our churches. And while others buy from our book stores, in the main we serve ourselves. This is an important factor, for Southern Baptists perhaps would not purchase one thousand books of an objective, critical nature. We should have the clientele of other groups as well as our own. This factor naturally discourages the publishers.

Objective Literature

Baptist preachers need to read more of the heavy objective research publications. One of the reasons why so many light repetitious sermonic reproductions appear is that this is the kind so many preachers seem to want. In a world crisis Baptist preachers are reading books that tell them how to say the same thing next Sunday they said last Sunday in a different manner. In an era of world challenge to Christianity our Th.D. pastors are publishing pithless prayer meeting talks. But do not blame them! Preachers and leaders demand this type.

The gap between our ability to produce and our willingness to read objective work should be bridged. We have a stewardship. The world needs our contribution. The avenue is the printed page. And while the world needs us and the rest of the Christian world needs our witness, let us not forget that we also need them.

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

Increased Financial Support

Recently released figures showing Southern Baptist gains in 1954 give emphasis to the responsibilities of the fastest growing major denomination in the United States for larger world service. Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen said to the Foreign Mission Board in its February meeting.

There are now 29,899 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. These churches showed an increase in church membership of 296,289 in 1954, bringing the total to 8,182,305.

The Foreign Mission Board received a total of \$10,137,532.90 from all sources in 1954, an increase of \$936,472.07 over 1953 income. Dr. Cauthen pointed out that this is still less than five cents of each dollar given through Southern Baptist churches. "Total gifts through the churches amounted to \$305,573,654 in 1954," he said. "If only five cents of each dollar given in the churches had been made available for mission work beyond this country, there would have been a total of more than \$15,000,000. And if a tithe of all that is given in the churches were used to make Christ known among the millions outside our country it would bring increased blessings throughout the world and strengthen our work at home."

The Board is receiving encouraging reports from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, though there is no way of determining the total of the 1954 Offering at this time. A number of churches have given as much as \$20,000. A few days after one church gave \$23,500 to the Offering, the church building was destroyed in a disastrous fire. Dr. Cauthen said, "We are confident that the spirit which led the members to give \$23,500 during the Christmas offering will enable them to surmount the tragic loss they have sustained in their building."

Buildings and Equipment

The Board is rapidly utilizing the funds received from the advance section of the Cooperative Program at the end of 1954. Recommendations for Africa, Europe, and the Near East and the Orient made at the February meeting brought totals appropriated for each of those areas to \$125,000. Recommendations for Latin America will be made upon the return to this country of Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for that area, who is now visiting the work for which he is responsible.

At the February meeting, \$57,000 was appropriated for the erection of four church buildings in Japan; \$14,000 for the purchase of land and erection of chapels on Formosa; and \$10,000 for a building at the Baptist Assembly at Hong Kong.

Of the \$45,500 appropriated for Nigeria and the Gold Coast, the following are included: additional on a missionary residence, Lagos,

Nigeria; missionary residence, Kumasi, Gold Coast; missionary residence, Ogoja, Nigeria; Sunday school worker's residence, Ibadan, Nigeria; and a church building, Oshogbo, Nigeria.

For Southern Rhodesia, \$17,600 was made available for a classroom building at Rimuka; a hospital nurses' home, Sanyati; and church buildings at the Government Settlement, Gwelo, Bulawayo, and Selukwe.

Five thousand dollars will be applied on the erection of a church building, Ajloun, Jordan.

Personnel Prospects Good

The personnel department of the Board reports that there is a possibility of appointing more missionaries in 1955 than in any year previous. Prospects indicate that by midsummer appointments will exceed last year's entire total.

Among those coming for appointment this year are a number of Southern Baptist pastors who are still within the appointment age limit. Since the meeting of the Convention in St. Louis in June, 1954, when Dr. Cauthen appealed to the pastors in this age group to consider their own personal responsibility in the world mission undertaking, there has been an encouraging response.

The personnel department reports that there are many foreign mission volunteers among college and seminary students.

State Secretaries Invited

The Board voted to invite the state secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention to attend the semiannual meeting of the Board, April 26-27.

Rankin Portrait

The Board has authorized the painting of a portrait of the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin which will be ready for unveiling at the opening service of the April meeting.

Make Reservations Now

"Expect—Attempt—Advance!" is the theme of the 1955 Foreign Missions Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, according to an announcement by Dr. Rogers M. Smith, conference director. Program personalities will be announced soon.

The Ridgecrest Conference will be held simultaneously with the Brotherhood and Writers' Conferences, June 30 through July 6. The Glorieta Conference will be held simultaneously with the Brotherhood Conference, July 28 through August 3.

For Ridgecrest reservations write to Manager Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. For Glorieta reservations write to Manager E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M.

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"A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible."

—Woodrow Wilson.

"Every Church Needs a Brotherhood"

J. D. Wagon to Louisiana

J. D. Wagon, Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Department for the past 26 months, has resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Taylor, Louisiana. Brother Wagon will leave about March 1.

We are grateful for every contribution that J. D. has made toward the growth and development of Royal Ambassador work in Arkansas, and also for his fine work among our men. He has touched the hearts of people throughout the state, and has endeared himself to many, many of our pastors, our laymen, and our boys, and young men.

We wish for him the best of everything in his new work. And as he leaves Arkansas to return to his native state, we pray God's richest blessings upon him; and that God shall use him mightily in the years ahead.

We salute you, J. D., as one of God's own!

Yes, One to Fifteen!

Eighteen thousand Cottage-Prayer meetings throughout Arkansas, in preparation for the Simultaneous Revivals, means one prayer-meeting for every 15 members of every church!

Report blanks returned to the Brotherhood office reflect the fact that many of our churches are stepping up their number of prayer-meetings to a higher level than they first planned to hold. Here is a letter that did our heart good:

"Thank you for reminding us what we can do if we but work at the job. I refer to our having 86 Cottage Prayer meetings. We are going to try to do even better than the figure you gave us. We are going to plan for 100 Prayer meetings. Our men are working and our church is growing. We have averaged five additions a Sunday for the last three months.

"Put down First Baptist Church of West Memphis for 100 Cottage Prayer meetings—sponsored by the Brotherhood."

Walter Yeldell

The first response from the above church was for 30 Cottage Prayer meetings. When we wrote them that according to their membership the church would need to hold 86 prayer meetings if they were to reach the goal (of one prayer meeting to each 15 members), the above letter came.

We are grateful for this response, and hope and pray that other churches shall be willing to follow the fine example of First Church, West Memphis!

Those Associational Rallies of Men

The calendar of activities in preparation for the Simultaneous Revivals calls for a Men's Associational Rally to be held as follows:

Central Zone: February 28

Northern Zone: March 21

These rallies may well be the associational Brotherhood meet-

ings for the First Quarter of 1955.

We trust that every association in Arkansas is planning the rally, and dedicating it to the Simultaneous Revivals. We hope also that every church shall be well represented at every associational rally; and that Arkansas Baptist men shall indeed lay hold of both the responsibilities and the opportunities brought to them by the Simultaneous Revivals.

501 Church Brotherhoods!

Arkansas Baptists have passed the 500 mark in church Brotherhood organizations. We are grateful to God for the growth which He has brought about in His power!

The Brotherhood Department began its work on April 1, 1946, with (as well as could be determined) 23 church Brotherhoods throughout the state. Since the above date 462 weeks have passed, during which 478 church Brotherhoods have been organized. Our goal through the years has been one new Brotherhood each week; and the Lord has enabled the department to reach this goal, with some to spare!

More Brotherhoods Ahead!

Within the past few weeks there has been an unusual increase in the number of requests for information about Brotherhood organization and work. We are happy about the continuing response of our pastors and our men to the challenge to utilize our Baptist manpower in undergirding all the work of our churches and denomination.

"Every church needs a Brotherhood!"

Nelson Tull, Secretary

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We are not disheartened by anything except our own smallness and inadequacy; but with earnest and continuous prayer support from you at home, we believe that even that can be overcome.—Ronald C. Hill, missionary to Thailand.



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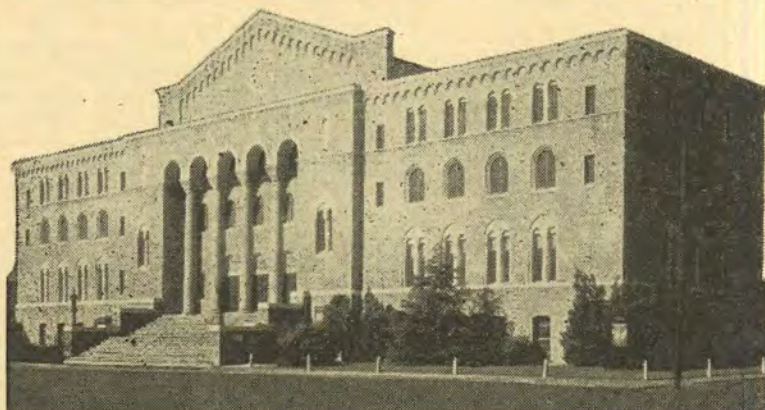
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Miss Camie Jay, Student from San Andres Islands

Mr. Ghazi Sakran, "A Carpenter from Nazareth"

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NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary, W.M.U.,
State W.M.U. Office, Little Rock,
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TWO BANQUETS

Young Woman's Auxiliary

March 16

Business Woman's Circle

March 17

Immanuel Baptist Church

5:30 P.M.

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March 17

Mission Study Chairmen

Community Missions Chairmen

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MISS MARGARET BRUCE
Youth Secretary
Woman's Missionary Union, SBC



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Japan



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Types of Work By Mission Employees

(Continued From February 10)

STATE RURAL MISSIONARY, Jesse Reed

1. Revivals where there are needs for new churches.
2. Revivals to revive inactive churches.
3. Revivals in weak churches where some definite objectives should be accomplished:
 - a. Evangelistic possibilities are great.
 - b. Pastoral field needs to be formed.
 - c. Church needs new building.
 - d. Budget and financial program needs to be adopted.
 - e. Pastor needs to give full time to church.
4. Stewardship Revivals.
5. Week-end revivals (especially where supplementary aid is given).
6. Promotion of mission work through showing slides, films, etc., in a tour of churches with missionaries.
7. Speak in associational workers conferences, annual associational meetings, etc.



- reading, prayer, personal soul winning, distribution of good literature.
2. Bible study for patients able to attend.
 3. Preaching service for patients able to attend.
 4. Personal attention to patients' "loved ones."
 5. Personal ministry in times of death.
 6. Follow-up service of those who have been saved and go home.
 7. Keep Baptists informed about the work through speaking engagements, monthly reports, etc.

NEW CHURCHES CONSTITUTED

We are glad to report that in all sections of Arkansas new churches are being constituted. The first Sunday in February, Dr. Golden and I participated in the organization of Maple Avenue Church of Smackover. This church was a mission of the First Church, Smackover, and Dr. Golden gave valuable assistance in initiating the project.

Sunday, February 20, I was privileged to be in the organization of Southside Church in Paragould. It was begun as a mission of the First Church, Paragould, and had reached the place where they were ready to walk as an independent organization.

Missionary Fred E. Sudduth of Tri-County writes about the organization of Plantation Baptist Church. We quote from his letter:

"There was a mission organized last fall from the Barton Chapel Baptist Church on the NorCross Plantation. I preached a revival meeting there last fall and the results was a mission. The mission grew so fast that we decided they could go on their own as a church. So, January 23, this mission was organized into a church

with 32 charter members. The Plantation Baptist Church called for its pastor, William T. Taylor from Memphis, Tennessee. It is a full time church with a full time program."

Missionary H. S. Coleman in Arkansas Valley Association writes that a mission at Lambrook will likely be organized the last of February, or first of March. We quote also from his letter:

"The folk at Lambrook are getting a half acre of land on the highway and now they are over anxious to get a building going and the church organized. We are getting the deed made. It will have to go to California for signing. They have \$1,375 on hand or subscribed, and more promised but not signed up.

"Could you come for organization say February 27 or March 6, or give nearest date?"

Rejoice with us, the work is moving forward.

—C. W. Caldwell
Supt. of Missions

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- Have you heard one lately?
- Have you tried to arrange it so you could?
- Have you tried them lately?
- Have you taken a part?
- Have you noticed where your church leaders get training?
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CHAPLAIN IN STATE SANATORIUM, C. E. Finch

1. Bed-side ministry — Scripture

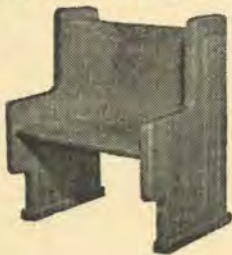
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This program challenged me to bring my tithes and offerings to the Lord's House on the Lord's Day, so that I could spread the Gospel around the world.

Those who are not honest with God concerning his financial plan are missing one of the greatest blessings and one of the greatest opportunities in soul-winning that the world has to offer, because through the Cooperative Program we have a chance to be missionaries to all parts of the world.

Our 1955 State Convention Budget is \$1,205,375. This should not be a burden, but a challenge to us. We will not only reach this budget, but we will go beyond it if all of our churches will take advantage of the opportunity and give all they can through the Cooperative Program.

Noah followed God's plan in building the Ark. Moses followed God's plan in building the Tabernacle. We follow God's plan in baptism, in observing the Lord's Supper, and in telling people how to be saved. Why can't we go all the way with God and follow His plans in tithes and offerings.

Homer Alfred, Pastor
Grandview Baptist Church
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PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING

- 10:00 Worship — Nolan P. Howington, Loren Williams
Ouachita Trio
- 10:25 Let's Meet Our Visitors — Robert Dowdy
- 10:30 "Through These Our Strength" — Dan Coker
- 10:40 "Let's Go to Glorieta" — Mrs. Agnes Pylant
- 11:00 "The Trends of the Training Union" — Ralph W. Davis
- 11:25 Announcements
Ouachita Quartet
- 11:30 Message: "Will America Stand or Fall?" — Dr. Joe Burton, Secretary,
Home Education Department
- 12:10 Adjourn



Robt. Dowdy



Ralph W. Davis

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 - 4:45 — Sectional Meetings

1. Administration & Associational	8. Primary Leaders	
2. Adult	9. Beginner Leaders	
3. Young People A (17-18 yrs.)	10. Nursery Leaders	
4. Young People B (19-24 plus college students)	11. Primary Children	
5. Intermediate A (13-14)	12. Beginner Children *	
6. Intermediate B (15-16)	13. Nursery Children *	
7. Junior	*(at all sessions of Convention)	



Loren Williams



Mrs. Agnes Pylant

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Worship — Dr. David Garland, Loren Williams
Ouachita Quartet
Ouachita Trio
- 7:20 State Sword Drill Finals — Versil Crenshaw
(Eight Intermediates selected from afternoon elimination Sword Drills)
- 7:40 State Speakers' Tournament
(Two speakers, 17-18 group and two speakers, 19-24 plus college students, selected from afternoon Elimination Tournament)
- 8:10 Mrs. Agnes Pylant — "My Leisure for My Lord"
- 8:25 Song, Offering, Ouachita Quartet, Report of Tournament Judges
- 8:35 Message: Dr. Baker James Cauthen
- 9:15 Adjourn



Versil Crenshaw



Warren Jones

SATURDAY MORNING

- 8:50 Meeting of Junior Memory Drill Participants — Choir Room
- 9:00 Worship — T. K. Rucker, Loren Williams
- 9:30 State Junior Memory Drill — Lawson Hatfield, Mrs. Helen Emmons
- 10:00 Sectional Meetings (Same as Friday Afternoon)
- 11:25 Song
- 11:30 Message — Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary, Foreign Mission Board
- 12:15 Adjourn



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While it is not our purpose to begin now another series of discussions on making wills, we do want to give from time to time some information, thoughts, and suggestions on will-making that will keep the subject before our people and help them to be will-conscious. Below is such a statement, which we are asking our Baptist readers to note carefully and as you do so, ask yourself these two questions:

"Why should I not provide in my will that a part of my estate should go to the Baptist Foundation for the benefit of the Lord's work?"

"What excuse do I have for not sharing with the Lord what I leave at my death, be it much or little?"

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, recently issued the following message to the members of his church. As you read it, consider it as applicable to Arkansas Baptists from the Baptist Foundation.

"One of the most gracious things anyone can do who loves the Lord and our precious church is to remember the church in a will.

"Our building fund that resulted in the erection of the two beautiful, new Activities Building first started from two gifts to the church by two men who remembered us in their wills. Dear Brother Bob Coleman bequeathed us one thousand dollars, then Brother Chesley Brown bequeathed us five thousand dollars. Later, when the will of Miss Maria Dunn was probated, the church received fifteen thousand dollars. These remembrances, with others, have meant much to us.

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W. A. Jackson, Secretary
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B.S.U. Includes Personal Evangelism

A Christian of two years was giving the invitation at the close of our B.S.U. sponsored jail service. The surroundings and atmosphere certainly were not what we would call conducive to worship. As soon as the invitation began, one of the inmates stepped forward without hesitation to make his public confession of faith in Christ. This incident points out two very valuable aspects of a B.S.U. program. First, the student who preached was converted while on the Arkansas Tech campus. The B.S.U. program of evangelism includes both personal evangelism and strong support of the program of evangelism of local Baptist churches. This is important because on our campus alone there are 100 unsaved students who prefer a Baptist church, plus an additional 300 students who indicate no religious preference.

Secondly, our young people need opportunities to render services off the campus. B.S.U. mission activities give such opportunities. Our B.S.U. has the weekly jail services, weekly services in two local convalescent homes, a monthly service in the County Home and occasional services in the Veterans' Hospital and surrounding churches. Support B.S.U. with your prayers and with your gifts through the Cooperative Program.

Jamie L. Jones,
Student Director B.S.U.,
Univ. of Arkansas

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Missionary's Address

Mrs. W. E. Haltom, Southern Baptist missionary to Hawaii who was injured in an accident in May, 1954, has been released from Baylor Hospital, Dallas. She and Mr. Haltom may be addressed at 815 N. Julian Street, Altus, Okla. Mr. Haltom is a native of Little Rock.

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The Church Proclaims The Gospel

By BURTON A. MILEY

What is the gospel? The word means "good news." Any good news must have a basis for existence. First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, defines the gospel: "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel . . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he arose again the third day . . ." (1-4). The gospel is the good news of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

"Rank imposes obligation" is a French proverb. Whoever knows the redemptive gospel has obligation. Therefore, the church has obligation to impart the gospel to all the world. The church that best pursues this divine obligation lives best in current life. The fire that sends its beams the furthest out, is the fire that is the hottest at the base.

The main business of the church is to preach the gospel and to apply the facts of it to everyday life. When the word preach is used it is not exclusive of teaching. Therefore Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Choir work along with other acts of training and service are in accord with God's will. The church has no self-imposed task, but is under the commission which God has given. Matthew records the great commission in 28.19-20. Mark records it in 16:15. The disciples believed and practiced it in the early movements of Christianity.

THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL Romans 10:8-15

To understand this section in Romans one must study Deuteronomy 30:11-14. Moses was about to die. He had been used by God to bring the law down from Mount Sinai. Moses gave the ten commandments, all the statutes, ordinances, precepts and judgments connected with them. The natural reaction in the heart of the Israelitish people was, "When Moses dies, what is to become of us?" Moses received this law from Jehovah, who came down from heaven in great majesty and glory. Circumstances are altogether different from those when our fathers saw the awful presence of Jehovah on Sinai and heard His voice. "Who will go up to heaven now and come down to make us hear this law as the fathers heard? Is there some wonderful teacher whom we can send for to come across the sea and bring it to us and make us hear it that we may do?" Moses' answer was, "the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart that thou mayest do it." This righteousness of faith (by faith) is near the people. The news is upon their ears. It has been spoken fully.

The word of faith means faith redemption or faith righteousness. It is not a particular formula, but

Sunday School Lesson

February 27, 1955

Romans 10:8-15;

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

it is the cause which produces righteousness within the individual's life. It is to move out to all people whether Jew or Gentile for, there is none left out of the marvelous plan of God. The admonition is that one should believe in the heart and confess with the mouth unto salvation produced by faith. The Lord said this of the Jews, "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (12:42-43).

It is imperative that the Jews confess the Lord Jesus whom they had rejected. It is necessary that everyone who rightly believes should confess Jesus today. Confession is a natural act which follows belief within the heart. The belief embraces the facts of the gospel, Christ's death, burial and resurrection. God included all in his purpose. He made preparation for all. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

These questions arise. How shall they call when they do not know Him? How shall they believe when they have not heard? How shall they hear without a speaker? Therefore the divine obligation comes upon all Christians to tell the glorious news of salvation to every generation in every land. The church is obligated to send forth divinely called preachers. For unless one goes, how are they to hear?

Even today the question is asked, What about the heathen who have never heard? What is their status? Possibly a question of greater import would be, What about the church, if it has never gone? The church should be concerned over her obedience to the divine commission for therein is the hope of the entire world.

CHRIST IS AT THE CENTER OF THE GOSPEL, 1 Cor. 2:1-5

Paul had encountered the intellectuals at Athens. He had spoken about the Unknown God. He realized that it was not by the might of man's wisdom or oratory that men would be won unto God. It was by the marvelous power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, he came to the conclusion that his proclamation should be in the demonstration of power of God. "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified" (v.2).

It is well to remember in the first chapter Paul says that by the foolishness of preaching it

pleased God to save people. It was an act of foolishness only in the evaluation of the Greeks. The content of preaching is not to be foolishness. Paul's determination that Christ Jesus crucified upon the cross would be the center of his ministry settled the content. He wanted men's faith to stand, not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. This word of caution can be spoken. All faith should be a direct placement in God. It should not be a chain event, going from one person to another and then to God. Have you ever heard anyone say, "well, if so and so should fail I don't believe I would have faith any longer?" What a weak stand that is for faith. Faith should be direct between the individual and God, so that the failure of any other whether beloved or trusted friend would never jar the faith of that individual. Certainly there would

be disappointment in human failure, but there would not be release of faith. Christ must be at the center of the gospel.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Preachers are the Voice of the Church. But they are not the only voice. Consecrated laymen and laywomen who testify through devotion to church work and personal witnessing win innumerable souls to the Lord. They are rightly the voice of the church and of the gospel as well as the preacher.

The Individual Must Keep Christ at the Center of His Life. Christ should not be on the brim of consciousness. He must be in the hot-center of man's consciousness daily. One cannot ignore Christ, and then come reverently to Him at a stated time. As far as kingdom value is concerned Christ is valuable only in proportion to the consciousness the individual holds of Him.

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EDGAR WILLIAMSON

NOTE: The above telegram is from Dr. Edgar Williamson, secretary of the Sunday School Department, who is participating in the Southern Convention-Wide Sunday School Clinic in Los Angeles, Calif.

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Rise Up Early			Kountz
Come Lord and Rule			Thiman
Battle Hymn of the Republic	Steffe	—	Waring

FRIDAY'S SESSION

A.M.

8:00 Registration (Foyer)
 9:00 Full Rehearsal (everyone in places)
 10:30 Individual Choir Auditions
 11:30 Lunch in Church Dining Hall

P.M.

12:10 Solo Auditions
 1:00 Choir Auditions Resume
 2:30 Full Rehearsal
 4:30 Relax
 5:00 Supper
 7:00 Festival Concert

Required Selections

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But the Lord is Mindful of His Own	Mendelssohn
A Seasonal Thanksgiving	Thiman
Come, Lord, and Rule the Earth	Thiman
Lord God we Worship Thee	Bach — Harts
The Heavens are Telling	Beethoven

SATURDAY'S SESSION

A.M.

8:00 Registration
 9:00 Individual Choir Auditions
 10:30 Full Rehearsal
 11:30 Lunch in Church Dining Hall

P.M.

1:00 Choir Auditions Resume
 2:00 Full Rehearsal
 3:00 Festival Concert



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