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The Flower Garden

Why I Believe In Heaven

By WILLIAM W. ADAMS

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Reason and the Bible compel me to believe in Heaven.

Immortality and Heaven (the two are inseparable) are realities which belong to the Spirit world. They must be tested by principles and methods that harmonize with the nature and activities of spiritual things.

Reason demands Heaven: as a person, I wake up in consciousness with a physical body, and with capacities and powers that dwell and function in my body and through it make contact with and use of material things. My desires, emotions, ideals, hopes, mind, and will are as real as my body. In fellowship and co-operation with God, I employ these spiritual powers in the interest of values and ends that use and yet reach beyond nature and time and that point always to something higher and better.

I live, work, struggle, and achieve. I experience many satisfying rewards—a deeper joy, a richer life, a growing capacity for the good. I find myself in need of moral and spiritual reinforcement. I call to God and receive the needed resources.

Still there is always something lacking. Hopes fade, aspirations and efforts are thwarted, the innocent suffer, the wicked prosper. Injustice, inequalities, sorrows, and tears abound everywhere.

The upward pull, the encouraging progress and hopes we experience here and our inherent sense of justice in a moral universe demand a climactic consummation consistent with nature and life, as we know them in experience. Otherwise, if death is the end, life is a colossal joke, an unspeakable tragedy.

The call of reason is answered perfectly in the Bible.

The story of creation disclosed a gradation



DOCTOR ADAMS

in nature. Progress is from the lower to the higher. This implies purpose and a climax which are realized in man himself.

In the Bible there is always the greater coming age and order. Christ's mission, ministry, and kingdom building were based on and dedicated to redeeming man from sin and to the final fulfilment of man's dignity and supreme worth. God will bring into being a new heaven and a new earth, in which will dwell righteousness, holiness, and peace, where sorrows and death will be unknown and where redeemed men, in the ideal society, beyond the reach of sin, can and will worship and serve God forever.

Thus the universe does have meaning, and life is increasingly rich and rewarding. Heaven becomes the logical and satisfying consummation of the universal longing of mankind and of all the good we know in life, in history, in the moral order, and in God's Word. In Heaven we shall be forever resting and yet active, where endless growth, achievement, and contentment will lie before us.

Blessed Forgiveness

A Devotion by the Editor

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven."

It is a tremendous distance from the depths of sin and rebellion, to which David had descended, to the lofty peak where we now find him rejoicing in free and full forgiveness. The time required to make the ascent must not be measured by the distance covered. By one supreme bound of triumphant faith David reached the heights in a much shorter time than the distance would seem to require.

One of the blessed facts of Christian redemption is that it is instantaneous. A person may have traveled long and far in the distant land of sin and iniquity, but he is not required to spend the same length of time retracing his steps. Though a person may have spent years wading through the mire of wickedness, he may fly with the speed of light to the Father's bosom, and there find free forgiveness, the bestowal of which interrupts his confession of guilt.

In his exuberant joy, David piles up synonyms to describe his present state of inner blessedness. He is not resorting to meaningless tautology, he is describing the same experience from different points of view. After he has used all the words at his command, the eternal fullness of his experience has not been told, there remains the richer part which can only be felt.

With the consciousness of forgiveness comes the sense of security. "Thou art my hiding place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble." The singer's heart is overjoyed by his sense of security and protection; he feels that no trouble can ultimately overtake him and destroy him.

It is no wonder he sings until the whole atmosphere vibrates with notes of praise.

Such is the experience of the glad and singing heart. The life that is glad with heaven's gladness cannot but sing and shout its gladness.

When a person is surrounded by the troubles of life which threaten and endanger, he is also surrounded by the protecting care of a forgiving God, by the radiations of his own joyous heart; and the echoes of his own shouts of praise form a wall of protecting grace about his soul.

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile" Psalms 32:1, 2.

REVERENCE IN GOD'S HOUSE

By W. BARRY GARRETT

Baptists need to learn reverence in the sanctuary of God's house. If Goethe was right that "the soul of the Christian religion is reverence," we have much soul-less religion in our churches.

How is it at your church? After Sunday school does the thundering herd stampede into the auditorium with a rumble and a roar? Do loud conversations continue in the sanctuary as if it were a gymnasium instead of the house of the Lord? Does the speed of the boys and girls darting here and there make you think you are at a track meet rather than in church?

We know of a church where the pastor has to ask the congregation to stand with bowed heads for prayer before he can get it quiet enough to start the service.

Several factors have contributed to the lack of reverence in the sanctuary of God's house, but most all of them can be overcome if our churches would give a little attention to this vital phase of our worship.

For one thing, we have carried our spirit of promotionalism over into the worship service. We have made our services big rallies for the church program instead of worship services where God can speak to us. The

program must be promoted, but we wonder if the worship service is the place to do it.

Another factor that has contributed to our irreverence is our informal, unceremonial type of religion. We must never become cold, formal, ceremonial as some other groups have done. But we must learn how to combine reverence and a lively warm-hearted, soul-stirring worship service.

We have not realized that our purpose of coming into the sanctuary of God's house is to enter an experience of God's presence. People would not act like they do at church if they thought that God was anywhere around.

Sunday school teachers and church ushers could do much to help eliminate the irreverence in the sanctuary of God's house if they would focus their attention on this problem a few Sundays.

Attention should also be given to the manner in which we depart from the Lord's house. Too many times as soon as the benediction is ended the auditorium sounds like a tree full of sparrows on a spring morning.

"The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before him."

—The Baptist Beacon

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From The Editor's Desk

Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress

Southern Baptists will be well represented at the Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress, meeting in London, England, July 16-22, 1955. It was reported by Baptist Press a few weeks ago that 2,438 Southern Baptists will attend the session of the Baptist World Congress. Georgia will lead the Southern states with 373. Texas is second with 353, while North Carolina will have 256. Virginia will have 153, Tennessee 115, Kentucky 106, Louisiana and South Carolina each 102.

Southern Baptists On Program

Also, Southern Baptists will be well represented on the program of the Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, is the immediate past president, and Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the vice presidents. Dr. Newton will also give the response to the welcome addresses.

Mr. George D. Crawford, music director of the Inman Park Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will direct the Atlanta Baptist Association Choir, which is scheduled to sing several numbers at the Congress.

A devotional message will be delivered by Dr. Guy Moore, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Robert S. Denny, Nashville, Tennessee, is chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee.

Mrs. George R. Martin, of Norfolk, Virginia, president of the Southern Baptist WMU, is chairman of the Women's Conference of the Alliance. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, will deliver an address on "Expect Great Things From God."

Judge John W. McCall of Memphis, Tennessee, will offer a prayer at the Laymen's Conference. Dr. Vernon B. Richardson of Baltimore, Maryland, will offer a prayer at the Ministers' Conference. Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, will deliver an address on "Christ and Freedom."

Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, is chairman of the Conference of Theological Teachers. Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, is scheduled for a prayer.

Mr. Robert Denny, mentioned above as chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, will deliver an address on "Baptist Youth in the World Today." Mrs. George R. Martin, also mentioned above as chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Committee, will deliver an address, "Baptist Women in the World Today."

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, chairman of Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, will deliver an address on "The Story of

Baptist World Relief." Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, president of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana, will deliver an address on "Evangelizing North America."

REVIVAL

"Let us go into the House of the Lord."



Dr. I. N. Patterson, Ibadan, Nigeria, field secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver an address on "The Cry of Africa." Dr. G. W. Sadler, Richmond, Virginia, secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East of the Foreign Mission Board, is chairman of the Conference of Missionaries and Board Secretaries.

Dr. W. L. Howse of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver an address on "Promoting Bible Study Around the World." Also, Dr. Gaines Dobbins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will deliver an address to the same Conference.

The Conference of Baptist Historians and Librarians will hear addresses by Dr. Theron D. Price, professor of History of Christianity, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Sydnor Stealey, president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

The Coronation address "Crown Him Lord of All!" will be delivered by Dr. Billy Graham, world famous evangelist of Montreat, North Carolina.

"Bon Voyage"

We may have overlooked some Southern Baptists who will appear on the program of the Baptist World Congress and if so we shall be glad to list his name later if it is called to our attention.

So far as I have been able to discover no Arkansas Baptist will be on the program of the Baptist World Congress. However, there are quite a number of Arkansas Baptists who will be in attendance.

To all these Southern Baptists and especially to Arkansas Baptists who will be sailing soon for London, we say "bon voyage." We wish for everyone a joyous and safe trip to and from the Congress. Most of those who attend the Congress will extend their tour to Europe and some of them to Africa and the Holy Land. We are sure that everyone will return with a greater inspiration for the Lord's work and a greater vision of

A Forewarning To Americans

The following quotation came by way of Religious News Service from Poitiers, France: "Government subsidies for Church-operated schools were demanded here by delegates to the third Congress of (Catholic) Church Schools.

"A resolution adopted at the close of three days of study sessions declared: 'Every private service of benefit to the community should receive its just part of public funds in a democracy.'"

That is the general policy of the Catholic hierarchy. Note that the statement says that community should be supported by public funds. That would include your churches as well as church schools. It would include the ministry. It would include sectarian-hospitals and any other service to the community rendered by a religious sect should be supported in part by "public funds."

In many of the European nations the Catholic churches and Catholic priests were supported out of public tax funds. You may mark this down for future reference that if the Catholics ever become strong enough in America, they will demand that not only their schools shall be supported by public tax monies, but their churches and their priests also shall be supported by public tax funds. That is the historic, the traditional, and the avowed policy of the Roman Catholic Church.

No Baptisms!

We would not embarrass anyone by calling names. However, we feel that a situation exists that should be called to the attention of our churches and pastors. We will name this situation and let the churches and pastors identify themselves.

The situation to which we refer is this: A report from Dr. Yearby's office reveals that there were 72 churches in Arkansas in 1953 which reported no baptisms! In 1954 there were also 72 churches which reported no baptisms! There were 21 churches which reported no baptisms in 1953 and 1954. The other churches in the two groups reported baptisms either in 1953 or 1954.

It does not seem consistent with the commissions of Jesus for a church to go an entire year or perhaps two years without leading some lost soul to Jesus and baptizing that person into the fellowship of the church. Surely as the evangelistic fires warm our hearts during the current evangelistic crusade, all of our Baptist churches in the Arkansas fellowship will be revived to the point of winning the lost to Christ and burying them in baptism as Jesus commissioned.

We have no word of censor for these churches or their pastors. Several of them are pastorless. We would, however, appeal to them in the name of our Lord to seek out the lost of their communities and urge upon those lost persons the claims of Jesus, our Lord. With much prayer and supplication and a faithful testimony by Christian people, it is unthinkable that a Christian church should go an entire year without winning someone to Jesus.

the possibilities for the Baptists of the world to bear their distinctive message to the millions of lost souls at home and abroad.

Kingdom Progress

Pontiac Church In Groundbreaking Ceremony



Pictured above is Pastor A. H. Mullins turning the first shovel of dirt in groundbreaking ceremony on April 10, for the first unit of a new building for Columbia Ave. Church in Pontiac, Michigan. This unit will provide a temporary auditorium with seating capacity of 445, and an educational building to care for 500 in Sunday school. The estimated cost is \$75,000. Final plans for building on the four acre plot recently secured by

the church includes two more units, providing an auditorium with seating capacity of 2,500, and two additional educational buildings.

Mr. Mullins has been pastor of the Pontiac church 15 months, having gone there from First Church, Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock. When he accepted the pastorate there were 254 members; the membership now is 500.

Langford Receives Degree

The degree of Doctor of Theology was awarded Will Edd Langford in absentia at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, on April 29. The acceptance of his thesis completed the requirements for the degree.

Dr. Langford completed his undergraduate studies at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, where he received the Th.M. degree in 1938. He is a graduate of Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro Baptist College, and Arkansas State College.

While completing his residence work toward his doctorate, Mr. Langford taught English Bible in the early years of Golden Gate Seminary. He also served as pastor of Bay View Baptist Church, San Francisco, California, during the time of his graduate studies. Prior to his studies in Golden Gate Seminary he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Erin, Tennessee, and First Baptist Church, Hughes, Arkansas. He also served as chaplain in the Army during World War II. He returned to the pastorate of the Erin, Tennessee, church following his service as chaplain.

Dr. Langford is a native of Jonesboro, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Langford. He is married and has a three year old son, Bruce.

A honeymoon is the vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss.

—Life Today.

Second, El Dorado, Plans to Build

A building fund campaign to raise \$150,000 has been inaugurated by the Second Church, El Dorado. The plans call for the completion of the present building with three stories for educational space and a roof garden for recreation and other activities. The ultimate plans include a 1,500 seat ground level entrance auditorium and the purchase of adjacent property for parking facilities. The total program is expected to cost approximately a half million dollars.

Pastor D. Wade Armstrong reports a splendid start on the building fund drive. The campaign was started with a Loyalty Dinner with R. G. LeTourneau as the principal speaker. The church has recently let a contract for air conditioning the basement auditorium, church offices, and nurseries.

Minister Ordained

Jimmy Maness was ordained to the gospel ministry by Barling Church, Sunday, May 1.

The examination was conducted by H. G. Milam, pastor of Trinity Church in Crawford County. State Missionary M. E. Wiles offered the ordaining prayer; Mason E. Bonduant, pastor of Trinity Church, Fort Smith, delivered the sermon and charge. Associational Missionary C. C. Roberts, Concord Association, presented the Bible.

Mr. Maness is serving as pastor of Ratcliff Church, Concord Association.

Little Rock Couple Goes to Nigeria



MR. AND MRS. ORVILLE W. TAYLOR

Four young people who are living or have lived in Arkansas were among 23 appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its semiannual full meeting in April. They are Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Taylor, First Church, Little Rock, Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall, the former Katherine Kerr, native of Batesville, and Glendon D. Grober, formerly of Russellville.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will serve in Nigeria, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall in Indonesia, and Mr. and Mrs. Grober in Equatorial Brazil.

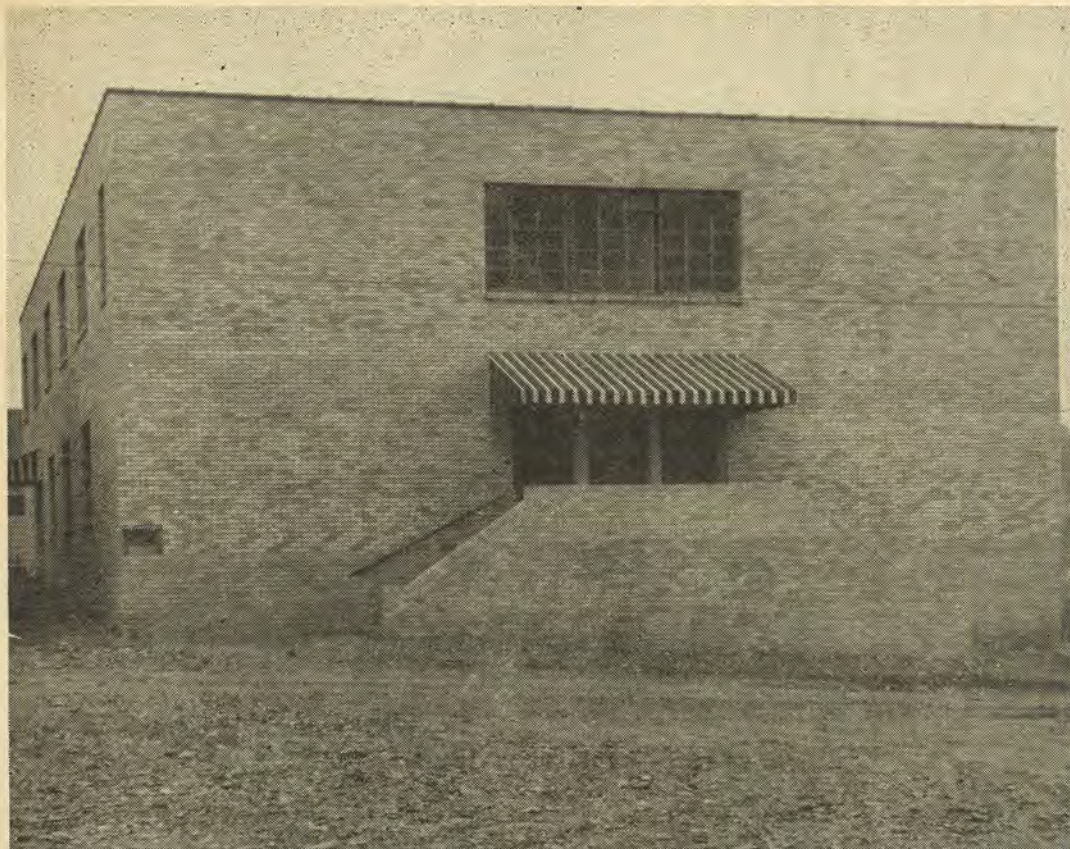
Mr. Taylor is chairman of the department of history at Little Rock Junior College. A native of Wesson, he received the A.B. degree from Ouachita College, the M.A. from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and the Ph.D. from Duke University, Durham, N. C. He completed residency and examinations for the Ph.D. in 1950 and has continued work on his doctoral thesis and expects to receive the degree this year.

While in college, Mr. Taylor was drafted into the Army where he served as an enlisted man in the Signal Corps in New Jersey and Missouri for a year. He then earned a commission as second lieutenant in the Signal Corps at Officer Candidate School. In the summer of 1944 he was sent to the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations as a cryptographic security officer with headquarters of the Fifth Air Force. He spent the next 16 months in the New Hebrides Islands, New Guinea, the Netherlands East Indies, the Philippine Islands, Okinawa, and Japan, participating in seven campaigns.

He returned to the United States in November, 1945, served as a base communications officer and then reverted to reserve status and returned to college. (He is now a major in the Air Force Reserve.)

Mrs. Taylor, formerly Evelyn Bonham, is a native of Memphis, Tenn., but she has spent most of her life in Little Rock. She studied at Albany (New York) State Teachers College, and was graduated from Ouachita College. Her working experience includes that of being secretary at Arkansas Baptist State Convention headquarters, Little Rock; secretary to post chaplain, Shepard Field, Wichita Falls, Tex.; and stenographer for the Veterans Administration, Little Rock.

Hebron Church Dedicates New Building



The Hebron Church dedicated their new educational building Sunday afternoon, May 1. Dr. I. L. Yearby, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, brought the message at the 11 o'clock worship service. Lunch was served at the church, following which C. E. Stewart, former pastor, and now educational

director at Reynolds Memorial Church, delivered the dedicatory message at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Deacon Henry Johnson gave a review of the history of the church.

The new building was completed at the approximate cost of \$65,000. This brings the



PASTOR CURTIS BRYANT

total value of the church property to approximately \$100,000.

The new building is a two story brick and stone structure. At present the first floor is being used as an auditorium with a seating capacity of approximately 450. The first floor also provides a pastor's study. The auditorium is provided with new pews and new pulpit furniture.

The second floor provides 18 classrooms, three assembly rooms to meet the requirements of three departments.

Pastor Curtis Bryant came to the pastorate of the Hebron Church, Pulaski County Association, in July, 1954.

Ouachita Honors Six Arkansans

Ouachita college will confer honors upon six outstanding Arkansans at commencement in May, according to an announcement by Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist church of Little Rock and a former trustee of the college, will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Vaught is president of the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Also receiving a Doctor of Divinity degree will be Rev. Sam Reeves, former pastor of the First Baptist church of El Dorado and now of the Emmanuel Baptist church of Alexandria, La.

Mr. Charles Gordon, president of the Simmons National bank of Pine Bluff and many years manager of the Ouachita endowment fund, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Distinguished alumnus awards will be presented to Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist church, San Antonio, Texas, and graduate of 1919, Mr. Birkett Williams, an auto dealer in Cleveland, Ohio, and 1910 graduate and Mr. O. C. Bailey, independent oil operator of El Dorado, a graduate of 1913.

Largest Budget at Ouachita

The board of trustees of Ouachita college has approved the largest budget in the history of the college for the coming school year and has re-approved 52 faculty members and administration, Dr. Ralph Phelps, Jr., president, has announced.

The proposed budget will be \$650,265, Dr. Phelps stated.

96 Diplomas Issued at Ouachita

Ninety-six degrees will be awarded to ninety-five Ouachita college students at the commencement in May, Miss Francis Crawford, registrar, has announced.

The ninety-five diplomas awarded will include those to the May graduates and those to the students who graduated at mid-semester, Miss Crawford indicated. One student will receive two degrees.

The class, which is almost twice as large as last year's graduating class, is one of the largest in the history of Ouachita. Thirty-one of the class are married students, and there are four man-and-wife couples in the class.

For the first time in the history of the college a father and daughter will receive degrees at the same time.

Widener Mission Becomes A Church

Burnt Cane Mission at Widener, sponsored by First Church, Forrest City, was organized into a church, Sunday, May 1. There were 21 charter members. Dale Worsley, who served as mission pastor, was called as pastor of the new church.

The church voted to co-operate with Tri-County Association, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fred Sudduth, associational missionary of Tri-County Association, delivered the message at the organization services.

T. K. Rucker is pastor of the Forrest City church.

Minister Ordained

Lawrence Vowan was ordained to the gospel ministry by Pleasant Valley Church, Caroline Association, Sunday, April 24.

Elmer Dicus, pastor of Mt. Carmal Church and father-in-law to the candidate, served as moderator of the ordaining council; Deacon Judson Linderman of New Hope Church served as clerk. Associational Missionary Don Williams conducted the examination; Pastor Hill of Old Austin Church offered the ordination prayer; E. O. Martindale, moderator of the association, delivered the charge; H. R. Boyd, pastor at Watten-saw, delivered the message; and Deacon W. J. Waymack of the Pleasant Valley Church presented the Bible. Pastor Gates of New Hope Church offered the benediction.

Simultaneous Crusade in Arkansas

A partial report of the Simultaneous Crusade in Arkansas from Dr. I. L. Yearby's office as of May 3, lists 23 associations reporting. There were 2,391 baptisms reported by the 427 churches, and 1,774 members received by letter and statement. There were 196 professions of faith which did not result in baptisms.

In addition to the 23 associations, 18 individual churches have reported 427 baptisms, 110 additions by letter and statement, and 43 professions of faith which did not result in church membership and baptism.

Adding the two figures above gives a total of 445 churches reporting 2,818 baptisms, 1,884 additions by letter and statement, and 239 persons professing faith who were not baptized.

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By Religious News Service

Eisenhower Named For Layman-of-Year Award

President Eisenhower has been named to receive the 1955 Layman-of-the-Year award of the annual Washington Pilgrimage of American Churchmen.

Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R.-Ohio) was designated Laywoman-of-the-Year and Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Christ (Methodist) church New York, Clergyman-of-the-Year.

Mr. Eisenhower's citation refers to his "outstanding service to the nation, his leadership for peace, his spiritual devotion, and the inspiring example he has given of steadfast attention to religious values as President of the United States."

Capitol Prayer Room In Use Daily

The United States Capitol prayer room has been used every day since it was opened late in March, it was disclosed by Senator A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D.-Okla.), co-sponsor of the resolution which established it.

He said the highest number of Congressmen making use of it in a single day has been ten. Members of both the House and Senate are making increasing visits to the room, he added.

A page boy is stationed outside the prayer chamber door to admit members and make sure they are not interrupted. He informs them if a buzzer sounds for a roll call. The room is open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Presbyterians Report Record Net Gain

Membership in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., increased in 1954 by 77,225, the largest net gain for one year in the denomination's history, to a record total of 2,658,903, it was reported by the Church's headquarters.

Additions by profession of faith or reaffirmation totaled 138,461 during the year. Church officials pointed out, however, that membership figures were based strictly on the number of communicants in full standing.

Infant baptisms during the year totaled 92,989, also an all-time high. Sunday church school enrollment rose by 160,624—largest annual gain in the Church's history—to 1,845,139.

Contributions to the Church in 1954 totaled \$158,775,755, an increase of \$17,478,241 over the 1953 figure, marking still another all-time high. Of this amount, \$132,514,127 was used for local and denominational expenses, and \$26,261,628 for the Church's benevolence causes.

Churchmen Fete Dr. Dawson, Retired Baptist Leader

Representatives of religious groups gave a testimonial breakfast in Washington, D. C., to Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, retired executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, upon his departure from the capital to make his home in Texas.

Dr. Dawson has engaged in research on problems of separation of Church and State since leaving the post with the Baptist organization in 1953. He and Mrs. Dawson

will live in Austin, Texas, after spending the summer in the West.

British Baptist Membership Declines

Baptist church membership in Great Britain decreased by 2,732 during 1954 to a total of 325,896, the annual assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland was told in London. It was the seventh straight year the annual report showed a decline in membership which in 1948 stood at 351,533.

Sunday school enrollment also dropped during the year from 328,988 to 325,597, Dr. Ernest A. Payne, general secretary, reported.

He said 400 married Baptist ministers had received the minimum stipend of 400 pounds (\$1,120) last year and "a much larger number existed on an amount only slightly above this" with the average for all ministers being only 440.

Dr. Garbett Sees H-Bomb Manufacture Aiding Peace

Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett, Archbishop of York, says he supported the government's decision to manufacture the hydrogen bomb "because its possession appears to give better hope of peace."

Dr. Garbett, writing in his monthly diocesan letter, replied to the many protests sent him following a recent speech in the House of Lords approving the government's program.

"I agree with my correspondents in detestation of the bomb," he said, "and with the opinion held by most of them that if war should break out nuclear weapons would almost certainly be used."

"I agree with them that we must aim at progressive disarmament and the eventual abolition of war as a means of settling international disputes."

Plaque to Memory of 305 Chaplains Unveiled

A plaque dedicated to the memory of 305 chaplains who have given their lives during wartime service with the United States armed forces was unveiled in Washington, D. C.

The plaque, first ever compiled to honor chaplains of all wars and all faiths, will be hung in a place of honor at the headquarters of the Military Chaplains Association in Washington.

The association is a private organization in which all active and retired chaplains of the armed forces and the organized reserve are eligible for membership.

Unveiling ceremonies were held at Fort Myer, Va., to mark the 30th anniversary of the association.

Research for the plaque was done by Chaplain (Col.) Roy Honeywell (Methodist of Bethesda, Md.), a retired Army chaplain, who obtained the 305 names from records of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and various state National Guard and militia archives.

Chaplain Honeywell's research shows that the casualties among chaplains have been as follows:

Revolutionary War 10; War of 1812 1; Mexican War 1; Civil War 67; World War I 24; World War II 188; Korean War 14.

A Smile or Two

A certain mother one day told a neighbor that her son had been out "on the town" and as a result of his spree had lost his job. The neighbor said, "If he were my son, I'd run him off the place!" To which the mother calmly retorted: "I would, too—if he were yours."

Johnny was looking at his baby brother for the first time.

"What do you think of him?" asked his mother.

Johnny sighed: "The Jones have a new car, the Browns have a new radio, and we've got this."

—Eva.

A motorist and his wife hadn't spoken for miles. They'd got into a quarrel and neither would budge. Suddenly, the man pointed at a mule in a pasture they were passing.

"Relative of yours?" he asked.

"Yes," the wife replied, "—by marriage."

Woman has recently been placed at a disadvantage. Man can now travel faster than sound.

—Australasian Mfr.

A small boy returning from an inter-church meeting asked his mother and father, "Why is it they are always talking about John the Baptist, but never mention Jesus the Presbyterian?"

—Quote.

Farmer, plowing with one mule: "Giddap, Pete! Giddap, Barney! Giddap, Johnny! Giddap, Tom!"

Stranger: "How many names does that mule have?"

Farmer: "Only one. His name is Pete, but he don't know his own strength, so I put blinders on 'im, yell a lot of names at 'im, and he thinks three other mules are helping 'im."

—Better Farming.

She—George, doesn't the bride look stunning?

He—Uh-huh. And doesn't the groom look stunned!

Old Tom Parker, a colored servitor, had been in the service of a certain family for a long time, and so, when he made the surprising announcement that he was "gwine to quit," his employer was for a moment startled into silence. When he had finally regained his composure, he asked:

"But why do you wish to leave, Tom?"

"I'd rather not say, suh," replied Tom politely.

"But come, come, I insist upon knowing."

"Well, suh, ef yo' must know, I'se been heah now fo' mo' dan twenty yeahs, an', suh, I'se absolutely sick an' tired at de sight of yo' and yo' fambly!"

Clancy was ill and the priest had dropped in to see him. During the course of their conversation the good man said:

"I intend to pray that you may forgive Callahan for having thrown that brick at you."

"Well," suggested Clancy, "maybe your Riv'rince would save toime if ye'd just wait till I get well an' thin pray for Callahan."

News From Baptist Press

Kansas to Have First Seminary Extension

A Southern Baptist seminary extension center will be established in Wichita next fall, the first in the state of Kansas.

It will be sponsored by the Sedgwick Baptist Association and be directed by Raymond Collier, superintendent of missions for Sedgwick Association.

Niagara Falls Church To Organize June 26

Southern Baptists on vacation in this resort city will have a chance to worship in a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The local church will be organized June 26. It will affiliate with the Erie Association of the Southern Baptist state convention in Ohio.

A mission has been operating already, sponsored by Baptists in Gant, Ala.

North Carolina Solicits Bids For Office Building

North Carolina's Baptist convention has asked contractors to make bids on construction of a four-story convention office building in Raleigh. The bids will be opened May 12.

Drive Continues For California Hospital

A campaign to raise funds for a proposed 350-bed Baptist teaching hospital in Alhambra has been stepped up, according to Southern Baptist leaders in California.

The Southern Baptist Hospital Commission earlier approved this Los Angeles suburb for the hospital. A \$500,000, 18-acre site and \$2,000,000 in cash has been promised for the proposed Baptist hospital.

The **California Southern Baptist**, state newspaper, reported that perhaps 500 doctors in the Alhambra area will financially support the hospital.

Southern Baptist leaders in California may place the proposal before the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., in May. Convention bylaws, however, provide that two Convention sessions must vote favorably before a new hospital is established.

Therefore, no binding action could be taken this year.

"Others Profit, Why Not Us?"

By B. J. MURRIE, Editor
Illinois Baptist

"Six states in the Southern Baptist Convention own all or part of their printing equipment, and operate under different set-ups. The North Carolina Children's Home has one of the largest and most modern plants among Baptists. It prints **Charity and Children**. The (N. C.) state paper, **The Biblical Recorder**, is now considering a printing plant when their new office building is completed.

"Kentucky has owned and operated **The Western Recorder** . . . and for the past ten years, the paper has made a profit from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year . . ."

"New Mexico . . . one of the smallest state Baptist conventions . . . with 197 churches . . . (has) operated their paper for twenty years. L. A. Myers, editor, states that they can print their own paper which has a circulation of 16,000 for \$400 a week 'in our own shop,' whereas on an outside contract, the cheapest bid runs \$675 weekly. This represents more than \$13,000 savings on the denominational paper alone.

" . . . the Missouri paper . . . put in a plant which has been operating five and one-half years. Last year they did a business of \$50,-438.85 and made a profit of \$8,808.74. (Editor H. H.) McGinty says, 'we got our paper printed much more reasonably than we could contract it out any place here . . .'

"The Oklahoma paper, has in the past six months, put in their printing plant in the basement of their state office building. The equipment cost them \$75,000, and Jack Gritz states that they expect to pay the equipment out in five years . . ."

"The Tennessee paper purchased some equipment six years ago, on which their paper is printed. They do not operate it themselves, but let the local printing firm use their equipment in printing the paper and doing the firm's work.

"The Texas paper . . . owns the building and rents space to a printing company. The company does the printing but the paper purchases its own print stock, does the proof reading and the mailing.

"Illinois Baptists have made some striking advances. We can and will make more when we do our own printing . . . this includes the paper and other materials. The paper, which has been the main source of promotion for the state association since the beginning, should have a chance to lead. Since we're going to pay for printing equipment in the next ten years, whether we have it or not, something should be done now to maintain the leadership that brought the state association into existence."

Press Freedom No Right To Obscenity, Baptists Say

Freedom of the press doesn't guarantee a publisher the right to print obscene literature.

So say a number of Southern Baptist laymen and ministers, responding to questions from the **Baptist Press**.

Several declared that Christian people, especially parents, should express themselves openly against such literature. Those who publish such literature should clean their own house, some said.

Two believed that the framers of the United States Constitution never extended freedom of the press to the publishers of indecent printed matter.

Seminary Professor Injured In Automobile Accident

Eric C. Rust, professor of Christian apologetics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Saturday, April 30.

His son, David, 11, was also injured. Both are patients in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville.

Professor Rust is a native of England. He came to the United States three years ago, and has been professor at Southern Seminary for the past two years.

Delaware Test Case Nears On Bingo-Type Games

Three men charged with operating a bingo-like game in the auditorium of St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic school in Wilmington were held in \$500 bail each for a hearing in Superior Court.

It was generally believed the trial will become a test case on the application of Delaware's gambling laws to such games sponsored by religious, charitable and fraternal organizations.

—Religious News Service.



Denominational Calendar

May 13—Commencement Exercises, New Orleans Seminary

May 15-17—Southern W.M.U. Annual Convention, Miami, Fla.

May 17—Summer School opens, New Orleans and Golden Gate Seminaries.

May 18-21—Southern Baptist Convention, Miami, Fla.

May 22-23 — Baccalaureate; Commencement exercises, Ouachita College

May 24—State W.M.U. Board meeting, Little Rock

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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

NO GOOD AS HUSBAND

Question: A man twenty-five years of age came to our little town on business. I dated him and fell in love with him before I found out that he has a wife and a little baby boy. He wants to marry me but he drinks and runs in debt and has some other bad habits.

What am I to do? I feel dependent on him and cannot break with him.

Answer: If you cannot break with him something is wrong with you. You need help. It may be that you have an unconscious need to get hurt. Many people do. Sooner or later you will find yourself up a dead-end street.

This man tells you that he is in love with you and feeds you the usual "sugar pie" line. He did that to his wife also. He seems extremely sincere and is a good talker, but is just weak. Is that right?

I have described some of the qualities of what is called a "character disorder." These people rarely improve. The other characteristics are: failure to conform to the rules of society, lack of realism, inability to stay long in one place or on one job, and very superficial relations with friends. Often they write cold checks, drink, are immoral, and use dope.

If you marry this young man you deserve the worst. And the worst will be much worse than you have imagined.

Turn to God and turn loose of this play-boy.

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

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Nine Soviet Baptist Leaders Expected at World Congress

Nine Baptist leaders from the Soviet Union and one from Communist Hungary are expected to attend the 50th anniversary meeting of the Baptist World Alliance at London, Eng., July 16-22, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary, said in Washington.

Applications from the ten have been received in London and their papers appear to be in order, he said, so there should be no hitch to their being permitted to participate in the meeting.

Dr. Ohrn noted that although there are sizeable Baptist groups in Czechoslovakia no delegate is expected from that country.

—Religious News Service.

Groundbreaking At Calvary Church, No. Little Rock

Calvary Church, North Little Rock, held groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday, May 1, immediately following the morning worship service. The church plans to construct an educational building 96x74 feet, two stories. It will provide approximately 14,000 sq.ft. of floor space. It will be constructed of haydite blocks and brick veneer.

The new building will have facilities for 360 in Sunday school. It will provide space for some adult classes, also nursery, beginner, primary, junior, and intermediate departments. The church offices will also be located in the new building.

It is estimated that the structure will cost approximately \$75,000. The church has issued \$60,000 in Broadway bonds.

Pastor Patrick D. Sullivan has been with the Calvary Church three years and four months. During his pastorate, in addition to meeting payments on a debt contracted before he came to his present pastorate, the church has acquired additional property including a five room residence and two vacant lots adjacent to the church property.

Under the leadership of Pastor Sullivan, the membership of the church has increased from 179 to more than 300. The mission gifts have increased from \$472 in 1951 to \$2,850 in 1954.



First Church, Hoxie, Holds Open House



First Church, Hoxie, held Open House in their new church building Sunday, May 1. Editor B. H. Duncan spoke at the 11 o'clock worship service. At the close of the service the congregation responded to an appeal to consecrate themselves to the Lord and to the

challenge of an expanding program of church facilities and church activities in the future.

Following lunch served at the church, Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, brought the message at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The new building provides an auditorium with a seating capacity of 300 and Sunday school facilities which will accommodate approximately 150. The overall plan calls for the construction of another educational unit. When completed the entire plant will provide space for approximately 360 in Sunday school.

By using lumber from the old building and by reason of considerable free labor, the present structure was built at a cost of \$25,000. The lowest bid by a contractor was \$35,000. The church saved approximately \$10,000 on the cost of the building. The current debt of the Hoxie church is \$5,000 which includes the cost of an organ and new pews.

Pastor J. V. Chandler has been with the Hoxie church seven years and seven months. Under his leadership the contributions of the church, exclusive of the cost of the present building, totals \$39,439 during the present pastorate. Mission contributions during the same period total \$4,067. Baptisms during the pastorate of Mr. Chandler have totaled 135. The membership has increased from 229 to 292.

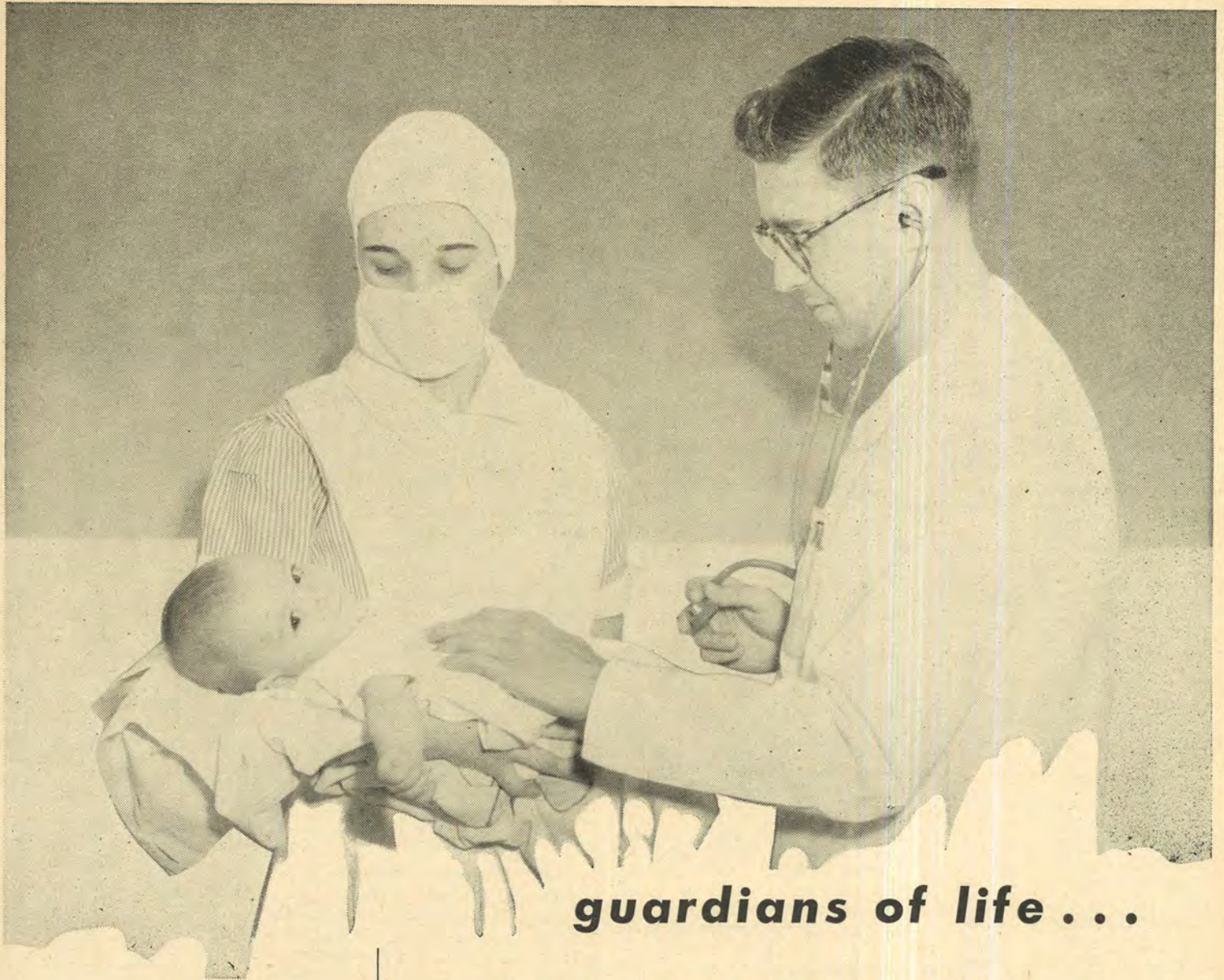
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Ministers to Get Clergy Rates to Miami Convention

Ministers will get special clergy rates in May if they are going to attend the Southern Baptist Convention session at Miami, Fla.

Passenger Association officials said tickets will be sold between May 12 and 21, good for thirty days on a round-trip basis.

—Baptist Press.



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Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

American Seminary
Honors Professor

By MATTIE C. LEATHERWOOD

Two Thousand Attend Foreign Board Session

An estimated 2,000 people attended the opening session of the Foreign Mission Board in the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Tuesday evening, April 26, to hear the report of Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen and to witness the dedication of 23 young people to world mission service.

Dr. Cauthen's report, given early in the session, set the tone of the two-day meeting of the Board as it called Southern Baptists to a new dedication of life coming forth from recent sorrows over the tragic deaths of four missionaries and one missionary candidate.

"We cannot understand all that these sorrows mean, but we feel that the deaths of these missionaries should be like the falling of a grain of wheat to the earth to die and then to bear much fruit," he said. "There comes a fresh call to dedicate ourselves to our Lord and call upon Him to raise up laborers for His harvest.

New Missionaries

Twenty - three young people from 13 states were appointed to missionary service in eight countries, bringing the total appointments for 1955 to 43. Elmer S. West, Jr., personnel secretary, reported that another large group are seeking appointment at the May meeting of the Board. Prospects for appointment in May, he said, indicate that the Board will come very close to having 1,000 active missionaries by the time the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Miami in May. This is the goal which the Board had set for the end of 1955.

Among the April appointees are three medical doctors, three registered nurses, and eight ordained ministers. A medical couple, Doctors Robert L. and Mary Gilliland Dorrrough, are the first Southern Baptist doctors appointed for the Philippines. They will work in the one-year-old Baptist Hospital at Mati, Mindanao, Philippines. Dr. Robert M. Wright and Mrs. Wright, a nurse, will fill an urgent need in Pusan, Korea.

The April appointees are as follows: J. Bryan Brasington, South Carolina, and Victoria Young Brasington, Florida, for Peru; Roy Z. Chamlee, Jr., Georgia, and Martha Brooks Chamlee, Illinois, for Peru; Robert L. Dorrrough and Mary Gilliland Dorrrough, both of Alabama, for the Philippines; Albert H. Dyson, Jr., Texas, and Ruth Widick Dyson, Tennessee, for Nigeria.

Glendon D. Grober, Mississippi, and Marjorie Steele Grober, Kentucky, for Equatorial Brazil; W. Bryant Hicks, South Carolina, and Peggy Greene Hicks, Georgia, for the Philippines; Douglas E. Kendall, Massachusetts, and

Katherine Kerr Kendall, Arkansas, for Indonesia; Louis E. McCall, North Carolina, and Julia Seay McCall, South Carolina, for Thailand.

Mary Sue Meuth, Kentucky, for Indonesia; Tom G. Small, Texas, and Mary Burnett Small, Virginia, for Southern Rhodesia; Orville W. Taylor, Arkansas, and Evelyn Bonham Taylor, Tennessee, for Nigeria; and Robert M. Wright and Paula Perkins Wright, both of Texas, for Korea.

Africa, Europe and the Near East

In accepting the report of the Committee on Africa, Europe, and the Near East, the Foreign Mission Board was asked to assume responsibility for the work already being done in Egypt by the Rev. Seddik W. Girgis, a native of that land who is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., provided conditions satisfactory to the secretary for that area should be met.

Latin America

Since 1948, Latin America has been reinforced by 224 missionaries, the total staff now numbering 398, said Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, in his report to the Board. "To see them at their work is to praise God continually for calling, leading, and preparing them," he said. "But they are urgently in need of further reinforcements. The Latin American staff should number not less than 600 missionaries in the next six or seven years, and the requisite financial resources will have to be increased accordingly.

The Orient

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, gave a brief survey of Southern Baptist mission progress in the Orient which "has taken place against a background of events of worldwide significance."

The report of the Committee on the Orient called the attention of Southern Baptists to the pressing plea for new medical developments in extremely needy areas of Thailand, Indonesia, and Korea. Attention was also called to the developing work among students in Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Indonesia, pointing up possibilities for an expanding program of student work as qualified missionaries become available.

The Board asked that a continuing call for relief funds be made in view of the appalling human needs in the Orient, particularly in refugee areas in Hong Kong and Korea. Southern Baptist relief is administered through the Relief Committee, a Convention committee, with Dr. George W. Sadler as chairman. The mon-

ey comes through special gifts from individuals and churches. It should be sent to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., and marked clearly for relief.

Buildings and Equipment

At its April meeting the Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$222,259.17 from Advance Program funds for buildings and equipment in foreign fields, with \$61,128 going to Africa, Europe, and the Near East; \$125,850 to Latin America; and \$35,281.17 to the Orient.

This money, for the most part, came from the \$1,297,123 in Co-operative Program funds which the Foreign Mission Board received at the end of 1954 as the Board's share in money over and above the fixed budget of the Southern Baptist Convention. Appropriated for capital needs at the April meeting was the remaining part of each area's equal share in the portion of Advance Program funds earmarked for capital needs.

By countries, the money will be used as follows: Nigeria, \$51,128; Italy, \$10,000; Bahama Islands, \$2,650; North Brazil, \$19,350; South Brazil, \$1,900; Argentina, \$32,500; Chile, \$14,700; Colombia, \$12,000; Ecuador, \$7,250; Mexico, \$20,000; Paraguay, \$5,500; Uruguay, \$5,000; Venezuela, \$5,000; Japan, \$25,000; the Philippines, \$5,281.17; and Thailand, \$5,000.

Increased Financial Receipts

Treasurer Everett L. Deane reported that contributions reaching the Foreign Mission Board in 1954 totaled \$10,137,532. "Contributions have increased at the rate of \$1,000,000 per year for the last three years," he said. Resources, however, are not sufficient to meet the urgent needs for buildings and equipment and current operations.

The 1954 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering received in Richmond through April 25 totaled \$3,918,934, an increase of \$316,390 over the final 1953 total. Books on the 1954 Offering will be closed May 1.

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Youth Week

South Side Church in Pine Bluff observed Youth Week from April 24 to May 1 with over 100 young people participating.

The youth conducted an evening service, composed the choir, furnished special music, acted as ushers, brought Training Union devotionals, and taught 55 Sunday school classes in five departments.

A chartered bus took 42 young people to "Tiger Day" at Ouachita as a part of the week's activities.

Roy A. Lambert is pastor of the South Side Church.

The Executive Committee of the Trustee Board of American Baptist Theological Seminary, in its April 12 meeting, went on record as sponsoring a testimonial dinner for Dr. J. C. Miles, professor of Old Testament and director of Extension. Following the meeting of the Executive Committee, local alumni took similar action and will aid in the sponsoring of a joint affair to be held Friday night, May 27, 1955. Representatives of the National Baptist Convention, Inc., Southern Baptist Convention, local pastors, national Christian workers, Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni will join in the planned celebration.

A program is being arranged at which time a featured address to the Alumni Association, to be delivered by Rev. J. T. Ridley, will be built around the honoree, Dr. J. C. Miles. On this occasion, friends and co-workers will present Dr. Miles with a purse as a token of appreciation for his long years of service in connection with his work at the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

For more than a quarter of a century, Dr. Miles' devoted and unselfish service to the institution began with his coming to the institution in 1930, and he has, since that time, as a teacher and worker, served in almost every capacity connected with the institution. Despite the strenuous program that he has carried for the last quarter of a century, the able and sainted professor still carries on and will still be connected with the Seminary for the 1955-56 term.

Deaf Work to Open In Los Angeles

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Landon, home missionaries with the deaf in Dallas, Texas, April 7 were appointed by the Home Mission Board to work among the 17,000 deaf people in the Los Angeles area, California.

The Landons, who have been interpreting for the deaf in First Baptist Church, Dallas, will institute a mission program for the deaf in Greater Los Angeles.

At the invitation of Greater Los Angeles Baptists, the Home Mission Board made a survey of the needs and opportunities among the deaf in the 450 square mile metropolitan area of the city.

Mr. Landon, a native of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, and Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.

He is married and has four children.

Jimmy's Birthday Surprise

By MATTIE C. LEATHERWOOD

Jimmy was six years old, but he had a birthday coming soon. This would make him seven! Mother had promised to give him a birthday party and he knew it would bring many surprises. He could hardly wait for the day to come.

Three days before his birthday Jimmy had a fall from his wheel. He broke his leg.

Having to go to bed and stay there was bad enough. But it was not half as bad as having to give up his birthday party. Jimmy could think of nothing else.

"A fellow couldn't have a party while he was in bed, could he Mother?" he asked, at last.

"I'm afraid he would not enjoy one very much," said Mother. "We will just put off the party until you don't have to stay in bed any longer."

"No-o-o," said Jimmy. "it wouldn't be a birthday party if I couldn't have it on my birthday."

Neither of them spoke for a minute. A big tear rolled down Jimmy's cheek.

His smile came back, though, and he said, "I'll just wait until another birthday to have a party. This one, I'll spend with my story-book friends. I'll pick out the ones I want you to read me about—and I can have a birthday cake, can't I?" "You surely can," said Mother, "a cake with seven pink candles."

When Mother went downstairs, later, she telephoned the mothers of Jimmy's friends. She told them about an idea she had for Jimmy's birthday. They thought it was a very fine idea and said they would get to work helping, right away.

So it happened that on the afternoon of Jimmy's birthday, things began to happen. While he was waiting for Mother to come and read to him, Cousin Elizabeth, who was a big girl, came in. She was dressed as Mother Goose.

"Surprise Jimmy!" she cried. "Some of your story-book friends are coming to see you. They will be here any minute. I shall not tell you who they are—you will have to guess who each is."

Mistress Mary was the first to come. She wore a long ruffled dress and had a wreath of flowers in her hair. She carried a basket filled with flowers in her arm.

Jack and Jill came next. Jack had a white bandage around his head and he and Jill carried a pail, together.

Mary's little lamb came on wheels, but it followed her in, just as it was supposed to do. And when Little Bo - Peep got there with her long shepherd's



Illustrated by
 Iris B. Johnson

crook, she didn't notice anybody until she had looked under the bed, behind the bed, and even the dresser, trying to find her sheep.

Little Boy Blue had his horn, Jack Horner had his pie. And Tom, the Piper's son, ran into the room and right out again with a very large piggy bank under his arm.

Polly brought her kettle. Simple Simon brought his pail and fishing line. Jack put his candle stick on the floor and jumped over it, the very first thing.

The last of Jimmy's book friends to get there were Old King Cole with his pipe and his bowl, followed by his fiddlers three. The fiddlers couldn't get any music out of their fiddles, but the record which Mother put on the record player did very well in place of the fiddles.

These book friends enjoyed marching about the room and skipping, to the music. They sang Mother Goose rhymes and most of them did stunts.

Jack jumped over the candle stick so well that everybody wanted to try it too.

Simple Simon fished for a whale, all by himself.

Last of all, Jimmy showed his friends the cast the doctor had put on to help his leg get well. Everyone of them had to write or print his name on the white cast, right then and there!

Mother Goose couldn't understand why Humpty Dumpty hadn't come.

"I know he started to the party," she said. "I wonder where he is!"

"Here he is!" said Uncle Ben, coming through the door with Humpty in his arms. "The walk was too long for him and he sat down on the wall to rest. I happened along just in time to give a lift."

He sat Humpty on the head board of Jimmy's bed. He sat there only a minute or two, then he had a great fall.

"And all the king's horses
 And all the king's men
 Couldn't put Humpty Dumpty
 Together again."

That was because he was made of paper, and when he fell his sides burst and the gifts in bright wrappings with which he was filled rolled over Jimmy's bed!

Jimmy had lots of fun opening his gifts. His friends had fun, too, as they watched him, then passed each gift around so all could see it.

Mother brought in the birthday cake with the seven pink candles burning, on a tray.

Everyone crowded near to sing "Happy Birthday" and to make a wish. Then Jimmy blew out the candles and Mother helped him cut the cake. Everybody got a big slice and all the ice cream he could eat.

When it was almost time for the party to break up, in walked Daddy dressed as the pie man. He wore a suit he had borrowed from the baker and carried a tray fastened about his neck with a ribbon. On the tray, instead of pies, there were books—of stories about nice-to-know friends. There was one for each guest.

"Oh, Mother," said Jimmy when the last little friend had gone, "it was the nicest party!"

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HELPING IS FUN
 By MATTIE C. LEATHERWOOD
 I'm glad that children small as I
 Can help sometimes, each day—
 I hang my nightie on the hook,
 And put my books away;
 I pick up all my playthings
 When time for play is done,
 And smile while I am doing it,
 For helping folks is fun!
 I'm glad there are a lot of things
 I'm big enough to do—
 I can take my daddy's hat
 And bring his papers, too;
 And when my mother calls me
 And wants an errand run,
 I can do it quick as scat,
 For helping her is fun!

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Bigger and Better Book Exhibit At Southern Baptist Convention

The book exhibit at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., will be bigger and better than ever this year, according to Jay O. Turner, manager, Merchandise Sales Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Turner will direct the exhibit, which will be open for browsing and buying on Wednesday, May 18, 8:30 a.m., through noon, Saturday, May 21. He will be assisted by Miss Blanche Mays, as co-ordinator.

More than 3100 square feet of space will be used to display the books of all publishers and newest church supplies. A feature of

Commencement Exercises At Golden Gate

Commencement activities for the largest graduating class in the history of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary were held Thursday and Friday, April 28-29. Dr. Allen W. Graves, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and brother of Dr. Harold K. Graves, president of Golden Gate, preached the baccalaureate sermon on Thursday night. President Graves delivered the commencement address on Friday morning and conferred degrees upon forty-six men and women.

Those from Arkansas receiving degrees were: W. W. Davis (B.D.), Magazine; Howard C. Langwell (Dip. Th.), Batesville; Norman B. Short (B.D.), Camden; Glenn W. Wood (B.D.), Paragould.

Missionaries Needed For Latin America

Dr. Frank K. Means, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Latin America, returned to the States last week after a ten weeks' visit to the areas for which he is responsible with a deeper conviction that "now is the time" to send new missionaries to Latin America, to purchase choice properties which may not be on the market later, to major on field missions and direct evangelism, and to undergird Baptist institutions.

"Latin America's most urgent immediate need for 1955 is 35 to 40 new missionaries," he said. "And directly related to additional missionary personnel is the further need for funds to support the new missionaries in their work."

Bill Cody Named To Foreign Board Post

Bill B. Cody, associate secretary for the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected to a newly created position in the department of missionary personnel of the Foreign Mission Board in the closing session of its two-day April meeting. His title will be assistant secretary, student representative.

In the position Mr. Cody will seek to develop through local Baptist churches, the Baptist Student Union (B.S.U.), and other youth groups a well-organized program of recruitment and conservation of life commitment decisions among young people of college age and under. He will take up his duties June 15.

The exhibit will be a bargain sale on selected books and Bibles.

Specially trained workers will be on hand to consult with those interested in selecting books for church libraries and audio-visual aids materials.

Managers from the Baptist Book Stores east of the Mississippi River will be in the exhibit, serving as sales persons.

29th Baptist Student Retreat, June 9-15

Ridgecrest, North Carolina

Date	Session	Subject	Speaker
Thursday—Evening	—	“Christ . . . in ALL Thy Ways,”	Dr. Chester Swor
Friday—Morning	—	“In His Will Triumphant”	Mrs. Sibyl Townsend
Friday—Evening	—	“The Laws of God and the Minds of Men”	Dr. Ralph Overman
Saturday—Morning	—	“I Was a Hobo Kid”	Mrs. George Davis
Saturday—Evening	—	“Does It Work?”	Mr. Robert Norman
Sunday—Morning	—	“Following Christ in Today's World”	Dr. Walter Judd
Sunday—Evening	—	“Christ is the Answer”	Dr. Clarence Cranford
Monday—Morning	—	Symposium: “The High Road Toward Marriage”	Mrs. Frank Leavell, Dr. Olin T. Binkley, Mrs. J. O. Williams
Monday—Evening	—	“Christian Frontiers of the 20th Century”	Dr. Louis H. Evans
Tuesday—Morning	—	“It Took a Miracle!”	Miss Virginia Wingo
Tuesday—Evening	—	“The Living Christ Must Reign”	Dr. Edgar Hallock
Wednesday—Morning	—	“The Royal Road to Service”	Dr. W. C. Hultgren

A Day's Activities at Ridgecrest

7:00	Moments with the Master	Johnson Spring and Lake Dew
7:30	Breakfast	
8:15	Bible Hour — Teachers: Dr. E. L. Ackiss, Dr. J. J. Burt, Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, Dr. Edgar Hallock, Dr. W. C. Hultgren, Mrs. Frank Leavell, Miss Lorene Tilford, Mrs. Sibyl Townsend, Mrs. J. O. Williams, Miss Virginia Wingo, and Dr. Olin T. Binkley for B.S.U. directors.	
9:10	Practical Christianity	Testimonies by students and others
9:50	Recess	
10:10	B.S.U. Workshops (Friday and Saturday); Seminars on the home (Monday); Seminars on vocations, etc. (Tuesday and Wednesday).	
11:15	Assembly in Auditorium	Music, prayer, address
12:30	Lunch	Leisure-time activities and optional features . . . parade of talent.
6:00	Dinner	
7:30	Assembly in Auditorium	Music, prayer, address
9:00	State Meetings — Friday, Get Acquainted; Saturday, Devotional; Monday, Fellowship; Tuesday; State Devotions.	
9:45	Campfire (Friday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)	Dr. Chester Swor

Make your reservation today for Ridgecrest Student Retreat, June 9-15. A registration fee of \$2.00 must be sent to this office by May 28.

1955-'56 BSU Council Selected at A.S.T.C.

Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, Secretary of the Student Department in Nashville, Tennessee, was guest speaker at a banquet honoring the new B.S.U. Council of Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, April 6 at First Church. Miss Dorine Clark was mistress of ceremonies and welcomed special guests A.S.T.C. President and Mrs. Silas D. Snow; A.S.T.C. Dean and Mrs. A. E. Burdick; Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Street; Mrs. A. M. Sheppard; Miss Mary Robinson, Director of the Training Union at First Church; Mr. N. F. Bolling, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mrs. Bolling; and Miss Dorothy Long. Other guests were Mr. W. Dean Moore, Chairman of the Student Committee of First Church. Other members of this steering committee who attended the banquet and installation service were Miss Helen Canaday, Mr. and Mrs. Ray McEachern, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Crafton, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rogers, Jr., Mrs. W. C. Ferguson and Mr. L. B. Jackman.

The new officers are **President**, Hubert Carter; **Enlistment Vice-president**, Ernest Grayson; **Social Vice-president**, Verna Jean Davis; **Devotional Vice-president**, Dorine Clark; **Secretary**, Betty West; **Publicity Director**, Carole McKenzie; **Dormitory Representative**, Joyce Johnson; **Missionary Chairman**, Ruth Speck; **Music Chairman**, Travis Johnson; **Pianist**, Shirley Smith, **Evangelistic Chairman**, Jerry Strickland, **Treasurer**, Allen Gabbie; **Transportation Chairman**, Paul Choate, **Y.W.A. Representative**, Annette McKinney; **Sunday School Representative**, Kay Allen; **Training Union**, Helen Speaker, **Magazine Chairman**, Lillie Jo Balloun; **Librarian**, Reita Parker, **Town Representative**, Hazel Clements; **Campus Activities**, Charles Turpin; **Enlistment Representatives**, Mary Jo Abernathy, Sarah Sloan, Mary Elizabeth Lewis, Jimmy Greaves, Johnnie Hobson, Mrs. George Mathis, James Thomas; and **Sponsors**, Miss Helen Canaday and Mr. L. B. Jackman.

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1954 Crusade Results

“A million more in '54” was the slogan for Southwide Sunday schools. This goal was not reached but Southern Baptists had the best year in its history so far as net Sunday school enrolment gains were concerned. Southern Baptists had a net enrolment gain of more than twice as many as any previous year and more. The total net Sunday school enrolment gain for the Southern Baptist Convention during 1954 was 613,190. Arkansas' total net gain was 15,529. Listed is Arkansas' 1954 Sunday school enrolment record by districts and associations.

Association	'53 Enrolment	'54 Enrolment	Gain	Percent of Gain
Northwest District				
Benton County	4,640	5,072	432	9.31
Boone County	2,059	2,129	70	3.40
Carroll County	1,081	1,446	364	33.77
Newton County	302	330	28	9.27
Washington-Madison	4,287	4,879	592	13.81
North Central District				
Big Creek	774	843	69	8.91
Independence	2,166	2,325	159	7.34
Little Red River	1,271	1,354	83	6.53
Rocky Bayou	904	1,019	115	12.72
Stone-Van Buren-Searcy	1,748	1,841	93	5.32
White River	1,303	1,286	-17	-1.30*
Northeast District				
Black River	3,134	3,297	163	5.20
Current River	1,917	2,131	214	11.16
Gainesville	1,922	2,042	120	6.24
Greene County	4,445	4,867	422	9.49
Mississippi County	8,016	8,938	922	11.50
Mt. Zion	6,139	6,538	399	6.50
Central West District				
Buckner	2,458	2,605	147	6.
Clear Creek	3,865	4,484	619	16.02
Conway-Perry	1,349	1,394	45	3.34
Concord	11,632	12,902	1,270	10.92
Dardanelle-Russellville	2,448	2,598	150	6.13
Ouachita	1,730	2,092	362	20.92
Central District				
Buckville	284	327	43	15.14
Caroline	3,908	3,923	15	.38
Central	9,437	9,890	453	4.80
Faulkner	2,742	2,792	50	1.82
Pulaski County	24,662	25,689	1,027	4.16
White County	3,054	3,492	438	14.34
Central East District				
Arkansas Valley	4,905	5,676	771	15.72
Centennial	2,425	2,785	360	14.84
Tri-County	6,261	7,071	810	12.94
Trinity	3,517	4,269	752	21.38
Woodruff	1,746	1,719	-27	-1.55*
Motor Cities	2,508	3,173	665	26.51
Southwest District				
Caddo River	1,054	866	188	-17.83*
Hope	7,950	8,980	1,030	12.95
Little River	3,094	3,333	239	7.72
Red River	3,975	4,220	245	6.16
Southeast District				
Ashley County	2,998	3,378	380	12.68
Bartholomew	3,570	3,864	294	8.24
Carey	2,659	2,648	-11	-4.1*
Delta	5,202	5,707	505	9.71
Harmony	8,149	8,440	291	3.57
Liberty	12,830	13,395	565	4.40

*—Losses rather than gains in Sunday school enrolment.



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Immediately after dinner on Sunday, May 1, the girls and counselors who attended the Houseparty at Hardison Hall, April 29-May 1, began to carry baggage, bedding and loading cars for the trip home. Into all corners of our state these intermediate witnesses have returned. We have faith to believe that most of them returned with hearts more conscious of the need for LOVE in their Christian witnessing. The program theme, "The Greatest of These — LOVE," was taken from I Corinthians 13:13. This theme was so effectively magnified and presented by the program personnel: Mrs. James H. Street, Conway; Mrs. Ernest L. Holloway, Japan; Miss Elsie Shimamura, Hawaii; Miss Camie Jay; San Andres Island; Mrs. Nona B. Hankins Schultz, Brazil; Miss Elma Cobb, Keo; Mrs. James L. Grant, Little Rock; Mrs. R. E. Hagood, Dumas, and many other friends.

The closing service eleven decisions were made by the young people. Five of these young

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YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

The Y.W.A. Conference will be held at Ridgecrest, N. C. June 16-22. Bulletins and letters regarding the plans for the Arkansas delegates have been sent to counselors in local churches. A special bus will leave Little Rock, 7 o'clock, June 14. Enroute we will visit the Sunday School Board in Nashville, The Parthenon, The Hermitage, Lookout Mountain, Cherokee Indian Reservation, and other points of great interest. The total cost for the trip will be approximately \$67. Send for additional information today. Send for the YWA poster which you may use in your church. Reservations are needed in the office as soon as possible. Send reservations to Miss Doris DeVault, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Enclose for each reservation the total of \$13.50. The Arkansas

group will be staying at Lakeview at Ridgecrest. This annex is centrally located for the dining room, auditorium, class rooms, etc. Do ARKANSAS TRAVELERS need to be urged to travel with us "To The Land of The Sky?" Hurry, talk about it, pray about it, and send your reservation now.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

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Registrations are being held open until June 1, for Music Camp — HURRY! Send in your name, age and what instrument you play, if any. Also send an endorsement by your pastor along with your \$1 registration fee.

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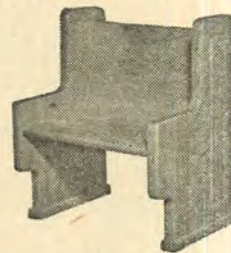
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Uzziah's Strength and Failure

By BURTON A. MILEY

Sunday School Lesson

May 15, 1955

2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 16-21

The subject prompts two questions, each with heartsearching effect. The first is "should any man have success?" The second, "should one project himself for a half century as leader to any people?" These two questions come out of the history of King Uzziah who offered unto Judah one of the best reigns of its existence.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO KINGDOM

Uzziah began his reign at the age of 16 and reigned fifty - two years. The beginning of his reign had outstanding promise. He restored Eloth, a port city on the Red Sea, and thereby opened the doors for trade which ultimately brought in many new products and customs. With these came a new hope and spirit to the people who had advanced very little since Solomon's reign. The Arabs and Ammonites were also brought into vassalage. The cities of Philistia were conquered and their walls torn down. New cities were built upon their foundations. It was a moment of forward looking and expectancy for the kingdom.

Internal resources were also developed by this enterprising king. Defensive towers were built about the city of Jerusalem. Water supplies were developed. Cisterns and wells were digged. Vineyards flourished. Agriculture was expanded to the profit of the king and country.

Politically and socially his long reign had a prosperous effect on the people. Dormant conditions made by kings who had not led to such broad perspective were broken. Even Isaiah, a prophet of God, fell into great depression when Uzziah died (Isa. 6). An army was developed and equipped. It is credited to his record that the first war machine was manufactured. It used arrows and great stones for ammunition. Previously any fenced city was besieged and starvation was the method to reduce people to surrender. The new machine attacked the walls to break them down. The process to conquer was speeded up. Uzziah's strength is definitely related to his relation and obedience to God: "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." This was foundation for his prosperity. One could wish that the record closed with these words. Unfortunately, a valley followed the crest.

IS SUCCESS HURTFUL?

Should any man have success? Is success the cause of downfall in man? It is said in the record, "But when he was strong his heart was lifted up to his destruction." He was made strong by God's blessings. This strength turned against his welfare when he became irreverent and impious to the limit that he offered sac-

rifice in the temple. This act was distinctly the priests' responsibility. The priests were on the job. He could not plead incompetency from the priesthood. The king entered the temple possessed with self-evaluation to the extent that he thought it would be pleasing unto God for him to step from the duties of king to those of priest. Azariah with eighty priests withstood the king, but the king was stubborn in his demand. The priests ordered him out of the sanctuary but the king continued. Leprosy was the result of this disobedience. The impatient, angered king took a censor and burned the incense until leprosy rose on him. He was moved from the temple by the priest. In fact, he was willing to go ahead of them because of the dreaded disease which smote him. This one failure stands out on a man of great success. Had it not been for this blot the king's record would have been perfect. It does not take but one unthoughtful, impious act sometimes to spoil an otherwise excellent record.

CONCLUSIONS

The record does not hesitate to attribute Uzziah's success to his walk with the Lord. This is worthy upon the part of the king who for fifty two years headed his nation. Any man of long tenure with people will lead them in God's way and to lasting conditions, or he will corrupt them to self - destruction. Uzziah was one who possessed the energy and spiritual resource to carry the Kingdom toward God.

The strength of Uzziah was one thing. His failure was another. His strength was within God. The seed of his failure was within himself. Analysis of his life from evidence in hand would lead one to contribute his failure to two factors. The first of these factors is overtowering pride. The king had grown strong and was proud of his position. This pride was ultimately his downfall. "Pride goeth before destruction" (Proverbs 16:18).

The second factor was irreverence. The king entered an office which his kingship gave him no license to violate or practice. The office of priest was a sacred designation by God to be performed by those especially consecrated and ordained. Uzziah was not one so consecrated or ordained. When he entered to do the work it was necessary for God to withstand him in order that the sacredness of this office might be protected.

from the profaneness of his hands. Surely it was no pleasure for God to withstand one. Even today there are those who feel that they are licensed to profane the temple of God and his work. God has to protect Himself from vain and foolish men even at the expense of their suffering. Uzziah was a leper the remaining days of his life.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Prosperity is a gift. Uzziah lifted Judah to new heights of prosperity. He as a king was more prosperous than those before him. He had private herds scattered throughout the kingdom for which he built towers to watch and dug wells to water. The long, peaceful reign was a gift from God. Any gift carries responsibility with it. The individual who does not think of his prosperity as a gift bearing responsibility will soon use prosperity without responsibility and run aground against the principles of God.

A Mar Existed from One Sin. Kings ahead of Uzziah had many sins. The sins of murder, fornication, of conspiracy, of foolishness in policy and reign. Uzziah was spared from all these sins and no blood is upon his record. Yet one sin blots his entire record. It is the sin of pride and irreverence as he lifted himself against God.

Result from Sin Is Separation. The king was stricken with the loathsome disease of leprosy. He had to leave the king's palace to dwell in a separate house. It seems that he managed the affairs of the kingdom through his son, Jotham. However, he himself was cut off. Sin is one of the most divisive elements of all human experience. It separates. Sin separates fathers from mothers, children from parents. Sin separates men from God. Sin separates men from responsibility. Sin is so divisive that it is the only thing which will utterly and lastingly destroy the relationship of God with man.

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The recent convention-wide Evangelistic Crusade is one of many examples. The Sunday School Board instigated the great "Million More in '54" campaign which resulted in thousands of new Sunday school members. The Home Mission Board initiated the great Evangelistic Crusade in '55 to lead these to Christ. Many new converts to give and serve have been reported. The whole-hearted co-operation of every organization and church — with God's blessing — made it possible. Your Home Mission Board looks forward to close co-operation and greater endeavor in the years to come.

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Power is not made, it is released. So scientists have blended God's creative elements to produce gasoline and atomic energy. The gasoline engine does not create power, but merely releases the power that has been "pent-up" since the day of creation. Power originally resident in the sun has long been stored within the earth.

To release this power man has built his engines. When a six cylinder automobile rolls along the highway at 60 miles per hour the engine is turning over at the rate of 3,600 revolutions per minute. The valves open and close 1,800 times per minute or 30 times a second and exactly at the right time. The gasoline, in regulated amounts, enters the cylinders mixed with air and these combine with an electric spark and "pent-up" power is released. But man had to meet the requirements of the physical laws of this universe before he could release power.

To his early followers Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you." But these disciples had to meet the spiritual conditions laid down in order to release "God-Power." Just before his ascension Jesus gave these final instructions. "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." When all the requirements were met, Pentecostal power was released. That power lasted through all difficulties. They did not have enough money to attend college; they did not have enough money to build elaborate church buildings; they did not have enough money to live comfortably, but they did have "Holy-Spirit-Power" and were able to change their world. With that power one of them (Paul) stormed the citadel of the Caesars and turned a pagan Government to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Down the ages people with "Holy-Spirit-Power" have won the victories. "As many as received Him to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe." By this passage of scripture we see that God releases saving power when man believes. When man meets the spiritual conditions, God's power is released and a soul is saved. The Holy Spirit strikes a responsive spirit in man and that connection causes the individual to realize that something is wrong within. The conscience says you had better repent of sin and turn by faith. When that is done God stands ready to forgive sin.

But the thing that is important about this is that man must meet the spiritual conditions before God can release "Holy-Spirit-Power." Simple isn't it—So simple that many people miss it.

There is just one way for the Christian to be empowered by God. Not by prayer only; not by Bible reading only, but by Bible reading and prayer find out what the Holy Spirit wants you to do and then start out to do it. Obey is the big word. Obedience to the will of God is the price that every Christian must pay for God Power. When the early

Christians obeyed the divine commands the people about them were amazed. "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Church members can find God's will, then go out by faith to do His will and find that His promise, "Lo, I am with you always" is true. He will release the power to aid and that power means victory.

We need that power in every life in order for our great Baptist denomination to do what God wants us to do. "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." We believe God would have every church affiliated with our great Convention to go every month of every year through the Cooperative Program. But it will take "God-Power" to do it.

That motor in your automobile may have every piston in place, every cylinder oiled, every gear in perfect condition, but it will remain a helpless mass of iron and steel, unless fuel is put into the tank. Put gasoline into the tank, ignite it with a tiny spark and that mass of steel will race down the highway day after day at seventy-five miles per hour.

The windmill without a breeze blowing is like a great church with detailed organization without "God-Power." That windmill may be perfect in its mechanism and still stand helpless on its towers. But send the winds of heaven through its wings and it pumps great quantities of water to satisfy the thirst of man and beast. A church organization may be perfect, in an ideal building, with educated and refined members, resting on a cultured background, and still be impotent in the face of a sin cursed world. But when the breath of the Holy Spirit begins to breathe through the membership, revival fires are kindled and the church becomes a mighty force in building the Kingdom of God.

Then that church hears the call of God and goes to the ends of the earth through the mission program. The church is not only able to do community missions, but that church reaches out through the long arm of the Cooperative Program to preach the Gospel in the ends of the earth.

Let us look up at the Cross until we see Jesus dying for our sins, surrender to Him and let the Holy Spirit break in and flood our souls. Then and only then will we learn that we will not have to go it alone in this life. "God-Power" will lead us out into the world to prove what is good and accepted and perfect will of God. —R. D.

Yesterday—Today—Tomorrow

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring

back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds—but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day—today. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities—yesterday and tomorrow—that we break down.

It is not the experience of today that drives men mad—it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live but one day at a time.

Scottish Rite News Bulletin.

Rock Island Schedule to the Convention

In the issue of April 21 we listed a schedule of the trip and the fares to the Southern Baptist Convention. You can refer to it on page 16 of that issue of the paper. Since that time the Rock Island has handed us its schedule to Memphis and to Miami. Their schedule to Memphis is as follows: Leave Little Rock 3:20 A.M., arrive 6:50 A.M. Then the balance of the schedule over the Frisco and FEC Railroads is the same as is listed in the *Arkansas Baptist* of the above named issue. Returning to Memphis on the Rock Island you leave Memphis at 7:30 P.M. and arrive in Little Rock at 10:25 P.M. The rest of the schedule we repeat is listed on the back page or page 16 of the April 21st edition. This is really the only feasible Railroad trip to Miami. The round trip first-rate Railroad ticket from Little Rock to Miami is \$85.75 and the Clergy fare is \$48.73. The lower berth rate from Memphis to Miami is \$13.48 one way and a compartment for one way for two people is \$37.90.

—Ralph Douglas.



FALL, 1955