

summer guests. Twenty-three conferences were conducted by departments of the convention board. The assembly provided for 8,656 registered guests, Sep. 1, 1978-Aug. 31, 1979. Individual church and retreat groups also used the conference center.

ANNE WASHBURN MCWILLIAMS

GUYANA, MISSION IN (III). By 1970 six career missionary couples served in Guyana. Since 1975, the missionary force has been reduced to one couple, due to government restrictions. Emigration from Guyana caused a loss of pastors and key church leaders, resulting in a membership drop to 800 in 10 churches and 10 missions and a reduction in some programs of work. The Baptist Cooperative Convention of Guyana was organized in 1973, and all mission work is carried out through the convention. Missionaries work directly with national leadership in such areas as evangelism, theological and lay leadership training, mass media, Christian education, social ministries, and camping.

CHARLES LOVE

✓ **GWALTNEY, LUTHER RICE** (b. Isle of Wight County, VA, Nov. 10, 1830; d. Rome, GA, July 18, 1910). Pastor and educator. The son, grandson, and great-grandson of Baptist preachers, Gwaltney was educated at Columbian College, Washington, DC (B.A., 1853; M.A., 1857). He was pastor of churches at Greenville, NC, 1855-57; Edgefield, SC, 1858-68, 1893-1901; Rome, GA, 1869-76; and Athens, GA, 1890-93.

While pastor in Rome, Gwaltney led in founding Cherokee Baptist Female College, forerunner of Shorter College. He acted as pres-

ident, 1873, 1875-76, and served as professor of moral and mental philosophy, 1873-76. Early in 1876 he proposed that Alfred Shorter (*q.v.* I) rebuild and endow the institution. From 1876 to 1882 Gwaltney was president of Judson Female Institute, Marion, AL. In 1882 at the request of Alfred Shorter, he returned to Rome and the college to become president, 1882-90, and later associate president, 1890-91. He also served as professor of moral and mental philosophy, 1882-91. After his final pastorate he came back to Shorter as chaplain and professor of Christian morals, 1901-10.

Gwaltney was married twice—to Louisa Davidson, who died leaving two children, and to Sophia B. Lipscomb, who bore seven children. He is buried in Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Rome, GA.

ROBERT GARDNER

GWATHMEY, ABBY MURRAY MANLY (b. Tuscaloosa, AL, Sep. 12, 1839; d. Richmond, VA, Dec. 18, 1917). Woman's Missionary Union leader. The daughter of Basil Manly, Sr. (*q.v.* II), and Sarah (Rudolph) Manly, she graduated from Richmond Female Institute in 1856 and married William Henry Gwathmey, Dec. 7, 1858. They had nine children: Ann, Basil Manly, Helen, Sarah, Richard, Charlotte, Abby, Mariah, and Alberta. She served as chairman of the Virginia Central Committee, 1893-97, and for one year, 1894-95, as president of the WMU, SBC, when the Week of Self Denial and Thank Offering (later Annie Armstrong Offering) was instituted. She is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, VA.

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HACKLEY, WOODFORD BROADUS (b. Culpeper County, VA, Aug. 2, 1894; d. Richmond, VA, Sep. 24, 1978). Educator and Baptist historian. Son of Walter Edgar and Marion Alice (Wood) Hackley, farmers, he graduated from the University of Virginia (A.B., 1914), Northwestern University (M.A., 1916), and Harvard University (M.A., 1917). He also studied at Johns Hopkins University, Columbia University, and the University of Berlin. He was principal of Jefferson High School, Culpeper County, VA, 1920-24, and professor of

ancient languages, University of Richmond, 1924-62.

Hackley became secretary of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society in 1954 and treasurer in 1962. He continued in these positions through 1974, serving also as curator of the society's collection. In 1962 he initiated publication of *The Virginia Baptist Register*, which he edited through 1971. In 1972 he published *Faces on the Wall*. A recognized authority on Baptist history, he did extensive research and wrote numerous articles. From 1960 to 1968, he served

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GWALTNEY, LUTHER RICE, D.D., the son of Rev. James L. Gwaltney, was born in Isle of Wight Co., Va., and is now about fifty years of age. In early life he received a thorough collegiate education, graduating with distinction from Columbian University, Washington, D. C., thence he went forth as an ambassador of the Cross. Where his first pastorate was is not known to the writer of this sketch. He was called from Murfreesborough, N. C., in 1857, to take charge of the church in Edgefield village, South Carolina, where he labored with great fidelity and success for eleven years, both in his pastorate and in the educational interests of the community. In 1868 he left Edgefield and took charge of the church in the city of Rome, Ga., where he remained for eight years. Here he worked with the most constant zeal in the ministry, in the temperance cause, and in the interests of education, bearing a prominent part in the founding of Shorter Female College. In 1876 he was called to the presidency of the Judson Female Institute, in Marion, Ala., where he now labors with great acceptance. With the highest culture, a dignified and graceful appearance, a pure life and deep piety, the best kind of sense, and fine scholarly attainments, an earnest worker and an able preacher, Dr. Gwaltney has proven himself a success wherever he has been tried. He has the art of endearing himself in the lasting affections of his people. His alma mater in Washington conferred the degree of D.D. upon him a few years since, as a fit tribute to his distinguished merit. He is one of our most valuable men, and would be a leading man in any community.

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GWALTNEY, Luther Rice, Edgefield, S. C.; Born, Isle of Wight Co., Va.; Coln. U., D. C., B. A., 1853; M. A. '58; D.D., '76; Lic. July, '53, Ord. July, '55, E. St. Ch., Washington, D. C.; P. Greenville, '55-57; Edgefield, S. C., '58-68; Rome, '69-76; Athens, Ga., '90-93; Edgefield, S. C., '93--; Pres. Judson Female Inst., Marion, Ala., '76-82; Pres. Shorter C., Rome, Ga., '82-90.

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LUTHER RICE GWALTNEY

REV. LUTHER RICE GWALTNEY, D.D., was born in Isle of Wight county, Virginia, November 10th, 1830, and named after Rev. Luther Rice, a personal friend of his father's. His father, James Lancaster Gwaltney, was of Welsh extraction, the son and grandson of a Baptist preacher; and his mother was Mildred Holliman. His boyhood was spent in Sussex county, Virginia, where he attended the Littleton Academy, of which the Principal was Professor David G. Poyner, a good and liberal-hearted man. At sixteen years of age, he entered Columbian College, Washington City, when Dr. Joel Bacon was President, and, in February, 1847, while in that city, was baptized by Dr. W. G. Samson, then pastor of the E street church. His father's inability to sustain him forced him to retire from college in 1848; but he returned in 1853, after teaching several years in the Valley Union Seminary (now Hollins Institute), at Botetourt Springs, and graduated in July of that year. He was immediately elected a tutor in Columbian College, and filled the position until the spring of 1855, when he resigned to accept a call extended to him by the Baptist church at Greenville, North Carolina, being ordained the 27th day of June. In this pastorate he was very happy and his work was blessed, but he was soon induced to accept a position in Chowan Female College, Murfreesboro, North Carolina, where he remained a year, and then gladly took charge of the church at Edgefield, South Carolina. This church had enjoyed the labors of Dr. Basil Manly, Dr. W. B. Johnson, and James Chiles, and was a most delightful field of labor, and there Dr. Gwaltney remained for eleven years, serving the town church and two country churches with great fidelity and much success. Many were brought into the kingdom of Christ; the moral power of the church was greatly developed; and much life and vigor was infused into the membership.

The educational interests of Edgefield were greatly enhanced by Dr. Gwaltney, who, at one time, aided his brother John in the Female Seminary, and at another time, as Principal, conducted the Male Academy. By his labors in Edgefield Dr. Gwaltney greatly endeared himself not only to the members of his church, but to the entire community, and his memory is still fragrant in the minds and hearts of the citizens of that place, while to him the time spent

there was the happiest of his life. In the year 1868, he withdrew from Edgefield and took charge of the Baptist church in the thriving town of Rome, Georgia, where he spent eight years of still more enlarged success, accomplishing much for the cause of Christ and humanity. As a pastor, he won the love and confidence of his people, holding constantly a large congregation, and leading many to the Saviour and into the membership of the church; as an educator, he developed and trained the minds of many of the youth of North Georgia; and, as an advocate of temperance, wielding a trenchant blade in its behalf, he exerted great influence for good. During his stay in that city he made a deep and lasting impression on the social, moral, religious and educational interests of Rome. He was greatly influential, by his wisdom and energy, in the establishment, at Rome, of the Baptist Female College, now known as "Shorter College," and, for some time, he was President of the institution, in connection with his pastorate.

In 1876, Rome yielded him to the Presidency of the Judson Female Institute, at Marion, Alabama, where he still labors with the same untiring zeal and fidelity which have always marked his work; but, just before he left Rome, his alma mater, in Washington City, bestowed on him the title of Doctor of Divinity, as a fit tribute to merit.

Esteeming him as a most valuable accession to their State, the Baptists of Alabama received Dr. Gwaltney into their hearty and affectionate confidence, and he is meeting the responsibilities of varied relations with a versatile ability which gives universal satisfaction. In addition to the Presidency of the Judson Female Institute, which furnishes a suitable sphere for his rare accomplishments and finished manners, he has assumed the pastorate of some country churches, where his labors have been distinguished by his usual pleasing success. As a preacher, he has few superiors. In matter, he is both doctrinal and practical. The analysis and arrangement of his discourse are almost faultless; but his sermons are not merely lifeless, though perfect, skeletons standing before the congregations to be admired; but each one is a thing of life and power, instinct with spiritual vitality and truth, moving among the people and making the sensitive chords of each heart

vibrate as though touched by a supernatural hand. Preaching without manuscript, and with a manner indicative of great earnestness, he looks his people in the face and deals out to them spiritual truths, thoughts and arguments, in pure, well-chosen language, with an ease, grace and pathos which never fail to gain him the unbroken attention of his hearers.

As a pastor, he is extremely laborious. During the years in which the work of a pastor was his sole occupation, he was never known to drop the work for a single day, without a providential hindrance. He could find work for every day, and for every hour in the day, in organizing the details of his pastorate, and elaborating those details to the development and edification of his people. Endowed with a peculiar fitness to deal sympathetically with the sick, the distressed and the bereaved, and to administer to them instruction and consolation, he never fails to gather around him the tenderest affections and profoundest respect of all his people.

Dr. Gwaltney is a Christian of a type higher than ordinary. His whole life and all his work are pervaded by the sancity of pure thoughts, pure speech and pure devotion to the Lord Jesus and his work on earth. While he never indulges in unbecoming levity in conversation, his piety is not of the constrained type. He enjoys life, enjoys his work, enjoys the society of his friends, and, more than all, he enjoys the Lord who bought him with his own precious blood. Cultivated to a degree that makes him acceptable in the highest circles of social life, yet he is at home amid the plainest surroundings. In all the walks of life he is attractive in person and pleasing in manners. Tender and affectionate in heart, courteous and gentlemanly in demeanor, prudent and persuasive in speech, and firm and decided in his convictions, he combines those traits of character and address which make him a man among men, and one whose influence for good is felt in all the relations of life. Indefatigable in work, he is never idle, and appears never to rest, sometimes working simultaneously in several departments of labor, any one of which would seem to be sufficient for an ordinary man, and pressing all to a successful issue.

Apparently his life has been too busy and earnest for much time in it to be devoted to that plodding industry in the acquisition of

knowledge, essential to the attainment of the highest order of scholarship, yet, in all the stations occupied by him, he has been recognized as a man of learning fully adequate to the demands of his position. His learning, based on the sound theory of the institution from which he graduated, has since been directed to the practical ends of life, and is, therefore, full in variety, always ready for use, and without the least evidence of pedantry. Hence, as a teacher, he is well founded in theory and rich in practice, combining with practical learning and natural gifts, those organizing traits and that discrimination in details which adapt him eminently to the presidency of a college.

Dr. Gwaltney has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Louisa Davidson, of Charlotte county, Virginia, who died in Edgefield, South Carolina, leaving a son and daughter, both of whom are now teaching in North Alabama. His second wife is an Edgefield lady of rare accomplishments, who is still living, and the mother of seven promising children. Her maiden name was Sophia B. Lipscomb.

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