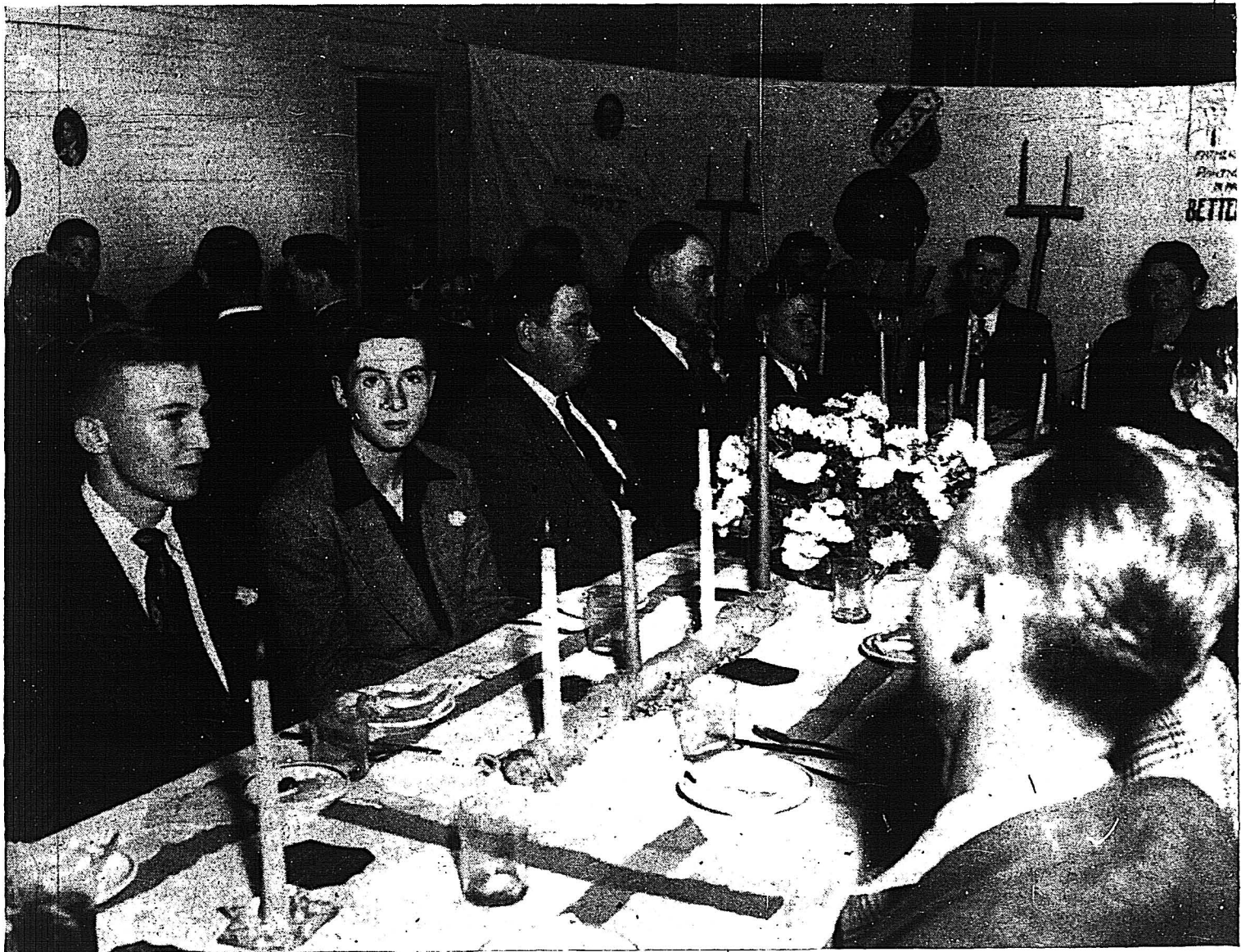


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Father and Son Banquet Held in Historic Church



The picture above gives a view of the Father and Son Banquet held in Mt. Pisgah Church, Yates Association, several weeks ago under the auspices of the W.M.S. of the church. A glimpse of Rev. B. W. Jackson, state Royal Ambassador secretary, can be seen to the left of the Bible and globe.

When C. E. Byrd became pastor of Mt. Pisgah two years ago, his son, Harry Emerson Byrd, organized the Royal Ambassador Chapter.

Mt. Pisgah is the home church of Rev. Mr. Byrd, and it is also the home church of the pioneer missionary, Matthew T. Yates, who went to China as the first Baptist foreign missionary ever to go to any field from North Carolina. From the great old church there have gone 17 missionaries and preachers, along with college professors, doctors, and men and women in all walks of life.

Formerly holding half-time services, the church two years ago went full-time and

now has services every Sunday morning. With all the organizations of the W.M.U. active, a growing Sunday school, and a wide-awake Training Union under the direction of Mr. Worth Booth, the church is showing progress in every phase of its work. Mrs. Lattie Yates is president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. George Farrell is counselor of the Royal Ambassadors; and Mrs. C. E. Byrd is W.M.U. young people's leader.

Editorial Brevities

WHILE IN WILMINGTON recently we had the privilege of meeting Brother A. W. Allen of the Calvary Church. Mr. Allen has been a member of this particular church since 1886 and has been secretary of the Sunday school for 54 years. He is now 81 years of age and is still one of the most active and faithful members of his church. Mr. Allen married Miss Comfort Walton November 25, 1896, the officiating clergyman being Miles C. Walton, an uncle of the bride.

A BRIEF SUMMARY of the work of Rev. N. H. Shepherd of Greensboro was handed to us some days ago. In this Mr. Shepherd states that he began as pastor in 1899 and over a period of 35 years served as pastor of 47 churches in North Carolina and three in Virginia. Results of his labors are indicated in approximately 1,300 baptisms, ordination of 11 preachers, the organization of 10 Baptist churches, and the construction of five church buildings. Brother Shepherd pays high tribute to the help of Dr. Livingston Johnson, J. M. Beatty of Smithfield, Noah Biggs of Scotland Neck, and Governor Charles B. Aycock and his brother, Ben, at Fremont.

MINYARD M. BARNETT, superintendent of evangelism for Missouri Baptists, writes us that Kansas City recently experienced the greatest revival in all its history. Dr. C. E. Matthews of Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention, led the campaign, with the assistance of the pastors and other leaders in the greater Kansas City area. There were 2,014 additions to the 91 churches which participated in the campaign, 1,297 of these being by baptism. Brother Barnett writes of Dr. Matthews: "He is not a 'fly by night' showman, but he promotes his whole program through the churches, God's only institutions for bringing the world to Christ as Saviour and Lord."

MRS. JAMES A. CLARKE, the former Miss Maggie Turner of Wake Forest, passed away December 25 at her home in Monroe, Ga. She and her husband were well known in this state. Mr. Clarke was pastor of the First Church, High Point, for a period of about seven years. His last pastorate was at Monroe, Ga., where he served for 10 years preceding his death about six years ago. Mrs. Clarke is survived by two brothers: Eugene Turner, who has served as Y.M.C.A. secretary in China for many years, and Dr. J. B. Turner, now pastor of First Church, Laurinburg. She is also survived by two daughters: Mrs. Frank Golding, Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. C. M. Murphy, Belzoni, Miss.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana, reminds us that the new Help Other People Eat (HOPE) food boxes can be sent to needy people in Europe and Asia for \$5.00 each. These boxes are not being sent to Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Rumania, or Hungary because Baptist World Alliance officials have been advised from sources considered reliable that anyone in

these countries receiving packages from America "is looked upon with suspicion as having friendly relations with America and that in some cases we run the risk of getting them into serious trouble." But \$5.00 sent to the Southern Baptist Relief Center will send a box of food to a friend in some other country of Europe or Asia. If you do not care to designate the recipient, the Relief Center will send your box along with others to one of our Baptist missionaries for distribution by them where the need is greatest.

PERHAPS your daily paper may not be as dry as you would like to have it, but, believe it or not, there are 175 daily papers in the United States that are so dry they refuse to take any kind of wet advertising, and moreover there are 1,950 weekly papers that positively refuse to carry any kind of advertising for any of the so-called alcoholic "beverages," according to a research made by The American Business Men's Research Foundation.

Take heart, not all the papers have gone over, and many of those that did jump are coming back!—L. A. MARTIN, in *Tomorrow*.

G. BROMLEY OXNAM, well known Methodist Bishop, will be one of the principal speakers at the national meeting of Protestants and Other Americans United to be held in Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C., January 27. Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat of Raleigh will preside at all three sessions of the national meeting. Dr. J. M. Dawson will formally present Glenn LeRoy Archer, who resigned a law school deanship to become executive director of POAU.

WE HAD an interesting conversation with Pastor S. L. Lamm of First Church, Bryson City, while he was a visitor in the RECORDER office recently. He stated that the Bryson City church had a membership of 550, and that 85 per cent of the church members in that section of the state are Baptists. Bryson City is taking on new life because of the increasing number of visitors in that part of the state due to the development of the Fontana Dam project. The waters of the big Fontana Lake back up to the limits of Bryson City. This lake makes this area a fisherman's paradise. Fontana Village, located at the dam, is an attractive recreational center and is being developed rapidly. Brother Lamm states that we ought to have a Baptist church located immediately in Fontana Village, to which statement we would heartily agree.

SOMEONE has said "Beware of the man with one idea." An illustration of remarkable achievement because a man has one great idea which he has persistently pursued through the years is the proposed building of an elegant Browning Library at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Dr. A. J. Armstrong, head of the English department at Baylor, has had as his main passion for many years the teaching of the writings of Robert Browning and the building of an adequate library to house what is called the greatest Browning collection in the world.

The total cost of the building will be \$800,000, and the leaders in the project are short of the full amount only \$50,000. It is now proposed that the laying of the cornerstone will take place May 7, 1949, and the building will be dedicated May 7, 1950.

The motto for this beautiful building and this great collection is taken from Browning's "A Death in the Desert."

"I say the acknowledgment of God in Christ Accepted by thy reason, solves for thee All questions in the earth and out of it, And has so far advanced thee to be wise."

A CLIPPING from *The Robesonian*, Lumberton, recently received, gave an account of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth at the Long Branch Church in the Robeson Association. A token of appreciation in the form of a beautiful silver bowl and a love offering of money were presented to Mr. Hedgpeth, and a silver vase to Mrs. Hedgpeth.

The anniversary sermon of Mr. Hedgpeth was on the subject, "Character Building," based on Philippians 4:8.

In discussing how to build a strong character Mr. Hedgpeth said, "Put the best material into it, for it goes with you to eternity." The materials he referred to were "honesty to God, to one's self, and to one's fellow man; a pure life; a willing life, one of good report." He said in part: "Men and women whose characters are built of these materials can win souls and be a bright and shining light in the world. . . . As a man thinketh so is he. Thoughts control action. . . . Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge . . . study to know, especially the Book of Books. . . . To knowledge add temperance (self-control), patience, long-suffering, to patience godliness and brotherly kindness. . . . If character is built on these things, you will be strong. These things I wish for you to put into your character as you journey on to the judgment bar of God."

IT HAS BEEN estimated that there are about 6,000 Baptists in various European camps for displaced persons. We are glad to see that provisions are being made for bringing many of these people to America, where they will find a haven from oppression and starvation. Christian people among whom these displaced persons will be settled will have an opportunity of proving to be neighbors to some very unfortunate and needy people.

WE ARE GRIEVED to learn that Editor John Arch McMillan of *Charity and Children* passed away this morning, January 6. The news came just as we were going to press.

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Editorial Outlook

A WILLIAM L. STIDGER STORIETTE in the December number of *Christian Herald* brings a great message springing out of a story of tragedy and pathos. It is an account of what a wise and stout-hearted American mother did when she learned that her little son had been attacked by a dreadful and rapidly moving eye disease which would bring total blindness within a few days.

"Roses in December" She took the boy out into the garden of her home and had him successively and intently to look at the sun, at a beautiful red rose, and into her own eyes of mother-love.

Dr. Stidger writes, "You see, that intelligent, resourceful American mother, knowing that her child was to be blind in a few days, wanted him to remember forever: Light, Beauty, and Love."

"An ancient sage once said: 'Memory was given us that we might have red roses in December.' Those of us who are growing older are beginning to realize the glorious meaning of that wise definition; and we are trying to fill our lives with Light, Beauty, and Love so that we may have red roses in December."

Gambling

AT THE RISK of dwelling too much in one issue on sins which man is prone to commit, we would like to join with the State Baptist Convention in condemning the sin of gambling in North Carolina, with special attention to those counties which have legalized betting on greyhounds and perhaps horses.

It's always a tragic day in a man's life when he sets out to get something for nothing, which is the basic reason for gambling of all kinds. Few men can afford to gamble, but there are thousands of them gambling in one way or another every day in North Carolina.

The Baptist Convention, in session in Charlotte last week, was concerned with the trend towards legalized gambling in the state. And so members of the convention went on record as condemning this form of gambling.

Gambling never built up a city or county, and sooner or later it will sap the life of the nation if it becomes too prevalent.

Church organizations are under obligation to fight gambling just as hard as they can because gambling tears down everything for which the church stands.—*Stanly News and Press*, November 23, 1948.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday To Be Observed February 6

AT ITS MEETING in Memphis, Tennessee, in May, 1948, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the following recommendation, presented by the Executive Committee:

"That the Southern Baptist Convention observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday on February 6, 1949, and authorize an offering with 50 per cent going to World relief and 50 per cent going to the operating expenses of the Baptist World Alliance."

A letter received some time ago from Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn,

general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, called attention to this important matter, which we are very glad to emphasize. A larger program has been worked out for the Alliance since the meeting in Copenhagen in the summer of 1947. Also, the headquarters of the organization have been changed from London to Washington, D. C., and a new headquarters building has been purchased. The Alliance is in position to render a great service to the Baptists of the world to help in promoting the cause of Christ everywhere. We hope that all of our churches will share in this important and worthy offering to be made on February 6.

Secretary Ohrn writes: "We have before us a greatly enlarged plan for helping our Baptist Displaced Persons, and our Relief Committee is confronted with the problem of financing it. The program of our Alliance as such, for promoting a stronger consciousness of our world-wide fellowship and for establishing contacts between co-believers in various countries, has been greatly impeded for lack of funds. What we may be able to accomplish in these fields will partly depend upon the success of the February offering."

Locomotive Bells Now Ring in Church Steeples

THE SOUND of the church bell across the hills on a bright Sunday morning calling the people to worship has a charm all its own. As a country boy we used to hear this familiar and entrancing sound. Alas, it was often a call to hurry, lest we be late at Sunday school.

This sound is not limited to rural hills and dales, however, but is familiar on city streets as well. For instance, one can stand on Capitol Square in Raleigh any Sunday morning and hear the toll of the church bells calling the people to worship.

Recently we had an inquiry as to where a bell could be found for a small country church. As a result of our search, a friend sent us a copy of the December number of *Ties*, the Southern Railway System Magazine, which contains an intriguing article on the subject, "Old Southern Locomotive Bells Now Ring in Church Steeples."

The article begins with a bit of verse based on the loss of a bell when a church building was destroyed by fire:

"And when the flames and fire were gone,
The hearts of the people mourned
For the loss of a sound—the voice of a bell—
A friend calling, 'Come worship your Lord.'"

The story is that the Moravian Church in Bethania, N. C., was destroyed by fire in 1942 and reconstruction started immediately. "By early 1946, the church was complete except for a bell and it

seemed there was no bell to be had to replace the one destroyed in the fire—a cherished relic cast from coins and trinkets brought to this country by men and women who sought religious freedom and who, finding that freedom in America, were privileged here to announce their call to worship with a bell in the belfry of the church they had built.

"But when the dedication service for the rebuilt church was held on October 20, 1946, a clear-toned bell hung in the belfry of the church—a bell that was a worthy successor to the one that had been destroyed, a bell with a tradition of its own and with a long history of service already behind it. The bell was from a Southern Railway locomotive that had been scrapped."

The president of the Southern Railway System, Mr. Ernest E. Norris, of Washington, D. C., has taken a personal interest in this matter of furnishing discarded railroad bells to churches which request them. So far the Southern has been able to satisfy the desires of 65 congregations, furnishing them with bells taken from locomotives which have been scrapped as the continuing modernization program of the Southern brings more and more Diesel engines into service and forces into retirement the older classes of steam power. The Railway has had more requests for these bells than it could supply, but it hopes to catch up with the demand as more steam locomotives are scrapped in the future.

One request from the pastor of a church in need of a bell said: "The people of the community are a little stupid on Sunday morning, perhaps from overwork during the week, and something is needed to apprise them when it is time to bestir themselves for Sunday school and divine worship."

Mr. Norris replied by saying, "I hope we can locate a bell with tones so dulcetly persuasive that even the most hardened 'non-bestirer' will heed its Sunday morning call to worship." The bell was sent on its way.

The Southern Railway is to be commended for providing these bells for churches; for anyone who furnishes a good bell for a church, especially in the country districts, is rendering a service to the people, to the church, and to God. The sound of the bell is a pleasant call to worship to multitudes of people; and the young people, especially, in years to come will remember the familiar toll of the bell from the church tower.

And since these words are being written at the end of the old year and the beginning of the new, we are reminded of the familiar lines of Tennyson in his poem "In Memoriam":

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow!

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace!

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand!
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be!

Historical Background of Geographical Problems of American Baptists

THE GREAT STATESMAN, seer, and inspirer of Southern Baptist independence, integrity, and responsibility was Isaac Taylor Tichenor. He was certainly the savior of the Home Mission Board, and they may not be wrong who attribute to him the chief



DR. CARVER

place among the saviors and rejuvenators of the Southern Baptist Convention. Joe W. Burton, in *Epochs of Home Missions*, recognizes that in this period "less and less of the total mission work in the South was actually financed by Southern Baptists . . . and more and more was done by help from Northern societies, chiefly by the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the American Baptist Publication Society." He says that these American agencies are "to be commended for their generosity" and not "rightly accused of usurpation of a territory rightly belonging to another."

The campaign of Tichenor and his co-adjutors, resulting in expansion and increase of work, inevitably produced con-

By W. O. Carver

This is the third of a series of four articles by Dr. Carver, who is Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion and Missions, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and President, The Southern Baptist Historical Society. The first article was published in our issue of November 17, 1948, and the second, December 8, 1948.

tacts with projects of the Home Mission Society and increasing tensions over jurisdiction, responsibility, and methods. Dr. Moorehouse, as Secretary of the Society, was, under somewhat different circumstances, the large-visioned statesman of Northern Baptists. He contended that there can legitimately be no geographical barriers to missionary duty.

In the same period, Dr. Rowland, at the head of the Publication Society, was greatly expanding and improving its material and ministry and was unmistakably making

progress toward one Sunday school and publication agency for all American Baptists. He was making increasing use of Southern writers and field workers, and the Society had distributing and administrative centers in Atlanta, Dallas, and St. Louis, with a chief and assistants in each of the branches.

Sunday School Board Is Founded

SOME OF THE SOUTHERN leaders believed that the integrity and the unity and destiny of Southern Baptists called for a self-contained organization equipped for all aspects of its work. Statesmanship was supported by Southern pride and prejudice.

The Home Board was expanding its Sunday School Department. Dr. J. M. Frost took the lead of growing sentiment and support. Amid extensive division of judgment as to the proper course and very strong and respectable opposition, Frost led in founding the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1890 and became the aggressive, constructive statesman of the new venture. He undertook from the start to occupy as rapidly as possible the entire field and to eliminate competition of the Society. The Society yielded reluctantly and surrendered its strongholds only after they demonstrated the losing of the struggle by increasing deficits. Atlanta was given up in 1911, Dallas in 1914; and in 1919 St. Louis was merged with a branch house in the border Kansas City, which continues as an outpost for the West.

By 1880 the Northern societies were actually investing in missionary work more than the Southern agencies were able to provide. Burton (P. 66) says that "the societies in the North were not willing to make contributions without exercising control." They practiced a co-operative arrangement with the states, each contributing an agreed amount. E.g., "Florida Baptists by resolution in state convention voted to accept \$2,400 offered by the Northern Baptists and to agree to their terms, rather than to re-

ceive the sum of \$2,000 which the Board of Domestic Missions was able to offer." Similar alliances existed in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, and Georgia (Burton, p. 67).

It was now a question of continuing or surrendering the Home Mission Board, and such surrender might mean the beginning of the reincorporation of Southern Baptists in the American societies. The decision, in 1882, introduced a new era of assured advance; and Tichenor, as Secretary, became the prophet of the new order, the apostle of great challenge, the architect of a growing body of militant Baptists.

Competition Develops Tensions

FROM NOW ON competition was to develop tensions. By 1894 those tensions had reached the stage of protest by Southern Baptists against what they regarded as invasion and intrusion by Northern Baptists, as unfraternal aggression in Southern Baptist territory. A joint conference between committees of the two Conventions was voted to seek an amicable arrangement.

Here, however, a new factor entered. Upon motion of a Texas delegate, the Convention had adopted a resolution to inaugurate mission work in New Mexico. Later in the same session, another vote instructed the Home Board to delay this until after the conference, which was held in September. This conference agreed on mutual "consideration, co-operation and avoidance of intrusion," as proposed by the Southern committee. This agreement stopped the proposed Home Board entrance into New Mexico.

By 1908 the Convention was again considering this favorably. The newly constituted Northern Convention protested on the basis of the Fortress Monroe agreement. A conference was held in Washington, April 5, 1909, and reached a tentative agreement, but this agreement was negated by the South's insisting on freedom to accept into its fellowship "churches or associations, or other bodies desiring co-operation with the Home Mission Board" (Baker). Thus was introduced a new line of approach which has played a part in discussion and action ever since and involves a principle of major influence at this time.

In 1910 the Home Board proceeded to enter New Mexico. This resulted in a new state convention, which was recognized by the Southern Convention in 1911. Thus was inaugurated the method of two Conventions, Northern and Southern, in the same state, a method which has been applied repeatedly and is now expanding.

THE NORTHERN BAPTISTS were now the complainants concerning invasion, disharmony, and breach of fraternity. At their instance, another joint conference, at Old Point Comfort, September 27-28, 1911, adopted a statement of principles to guide in relations between the Conventions. First was the independence of the local church; second, the moral inter-dependence and co-operation of churches; third, the advisory nature of all denominational organizations. It was agreed "that denominational organizations should be solicitous about the rights of sister organizations and churches, to the end that unity and harmony should prevail; and that Baptist bodies should in no way injure the work of another Baptist group." (Quoted

by Baker.)

The conference further advised that there ought to be one general body for each state which would allocate funds, North and South, as desired by the givers and churches.

This amounted to disapproval of the recent division into two conventions in New Mexico and the recognition of the new convention by the Southern Convention. It also had distinct bearing on the course of some two hundred churches which in 1906 withdrew from the Illinois Baptist State Convention and in January, 1907, founded the Illinois Baptist State Association, which in turn was automatically incorporated in the Southern Baptist Convention, although this action followed vigorous discussion and controversy in the Baptist press. A new factor was here involved, for the Illinois group of churches had separated from the older Illinois Convention "on doctrinal grounds." (See Baker.)

Dr. T. J. Watts Was Friend to Preachers



THOMAS J. WATTS

Thousands of our Southern Baptist pastors and hundreds of other denominational workers owe a debt they can never pay to Thomas Joseph Watts, who, near the midnight hour, December 20, answered the final summons and went to be with the Lord.

A little less than two years ago he had retired from the task that to him was dearer than life itself but unto the day of his passing he had maintained as keen an interest as ever in the work he had so long directed and at which he had toiled with such assiduity.

The Relief and Annuity Board has surely come to our Southern Baptist Zion for such a day as this. Just as surely did Thomas J. Watts come to his place of leadership in that Board, God's man for that responsible position, when the first executive secretary, Dr. William Lunsford, was called home. For practically twenty years, Dr. Watts served as the Board's executive secretary, giving to the task a salesmanship of rare quality, lofty vision that nothing could obscure, high

courage that nothing could daunt, an optimism that ignored discouragement, and a faith no circumstance could shake.

This denominational board, now ministering to more than 2,300 aged ministers and their wives or widows, this board that is building retirement annuities for thousands of denominational servants and now holds \$15,000,000 in assets, this board that humbly refers to itself as the denominational House of Security is more the lengthened shadow of Thomas J. Watts than many denominational leaders today may realize.

Dr. Watts and his twin brother, Joseph Thomas, were born in Raleigh, North Carolina, March 19, 1874, sons of a strict Catholic father, a captain in the Confederate Army, and a staunch Baptist mother. Reared in the Catholic Church until told by the priest they were old enough to become altar boys, the twins experienced a real spiritual rebirth in a revival meeting in progress in the First Baptist Church of their city, and were baptized into the fellowship of that church by Dr. Columbus Durham, then the state mission secretary. Staunch Baptists they became, and have remained ever since. The brother, Joseph T., only recently retired from the state secretaryship of the Maryland Baptist Union Association after an outstanding career in denominational service, now lives in Baltimore, Maryland, honored by the Baptists of that city and state.

The lad, Thomas J., passed the North Carolina examination, becoming a registered pharmacist at nineteen years of age, and entered the drug business at Barnesville, Georgia. There followed five years of the painstaking compounding of medicines for the physically ill and as painstaking leadership in things of the spirit in the B.Y.P.U. of the local Baptist church. During those years, the young pharmacist felt increasingly led to give himself to the compounding of that spiritual medicine the Great Physician alone can prescribe; the local church licensed him to preach in 1898; he entered the seminary in Louisville in 1903 to prepare himself for the gospel ministry. The next twenty years were served in the pastorate and in various positions of denominational trust in Missouri, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

In the fall of 1925 Dr. Watts came to the Relief and Annuity Board, associated with Dr. William Lunsford, then the executive secretary; and, upon Dr. Lunsford's death in May, 1927, he was elected to the secretaryship. This office he filled in a manner most acceptable to the entire Southern Baptist Convention, seeing the Board grow in those two decades of leadership from a comparatively small financial institution to one that was fostering twelve retirement plans, offering age security to all salaried workers of the denomination. The work of the Board became with Dr. Watts almost an obsession. He gave it his thought every waking hour, and proved himself indeed one who was "not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

He married, August 15, 1894, Miss Margaret G. Whitelaw. Of that union two children survive, Mary Emily and Emily Mary, twins, both living today in the Carolinas.

Following Mrs. Watts' decease, he married, October 6, 1934, Mrs. Sarah Jenkins Graves of Waco, Texas, a daughter of the late Judge Jenkins of Waco and a sister of Mrs. George W. Truett of Dallas. Thus, two noble women shared his life and added their

blessing to his labors throughout the years. It was in Waco that Dr. Watts passed away, near the midnight hour, Monday, December 20. He and Mrs. Watts had built a lovely home for their retirement days, adjacent to the Jenkins family home. There, amid surroundings familiar to her, they lived from the day of his retirement, January 15, 1947, until the day the Lord called him home to his eternal reward.

One by one the servants of God are called to their reward. One by one the leaders of our denomination, having served their day and generation well, receive the praise and plaudits of their fellow laborers who rise to call them blessed. No one who has passed from this earthly scene in recent years was more deserving of such expressions of gratitude than was Thomas J. Watts, who loved his fellow man, especially those "of the household of faith"; above all, his fellow preachers of the everlasting gospel as he loved a dear

Correspondence

SECRETARIES OF EVANGELISM MEET TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to report the meeting of the secretaries of evangelism in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, December 17-19. Secretaries from all the states were there except a few that do not as yet have a secretary, and in that case the general secretary of the state was present. Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, with his assistant, C. Y. Dossey, had charge of the meeting. Problems pertaining to our work in general were discussed, and plans were made for the Crusade west of the Mississippi River for 1950. All of the churches in that area will be in a simultaneous effort, and east of the Mississippi all the churches will make a similar effort in 1951.

We also decided to major in simultaneous efforts for the next few years. Also, Supt. Matthews reported the largest number of baptisms in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. Evidently our new emphasis on evangelism is bearing fruit. The final figures are not all in yet, but it appears that the baptisms will go over 300,000 for 1948. We voted to have another such meeting in Nashville, Tenn., next year at this same time.

As secretary of evangelism of our North Carolina Baptist State Convention, I do want our pastors and churches to begin to think and plan and pray for the 1951 simultaneous effort east of the Mississippi River. The Convention in Charlotte voted to accept the recommendations of our Committee on Evangelism to that effect.

J. C. CANIDE.

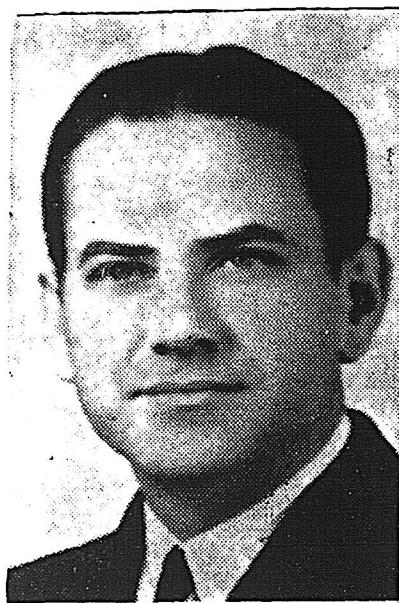
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FRED BROWN

TO THE EDITOR:

Do I hear one say, "He is Doctor Fred Brown"? Yes, friend, I understand that. My impression is that several great schools have honored themselves by "doctoring" him; more might have done so without overdoing the matter in this case. But, to me, he is simply Fred Brown—plain, simple, honest, loyal, faithful Fred Brown, man of God and man of the people. Like Zeb Vance

Books in Review



R. PAUL CAUDILL

BROADMAN COMMENTS ON THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHING, UNIFORM SERIES, 1949. By R. Paul Caudill. Broadman Press. \$2.00.

In this volume Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, makes his bow as the writer of *Broadman Comments*. Dr. Caudill, however, is well known in this field of writing on the Sunday school lessons, for he has written interpretations of the lessons for several Southern Baptist papers during the last few years, one of these papers being the *BIBLICAL RECORDER*. Our readers will take special interest in this work of Dr. Caudill also because he is a native of this state and a graduate of Wake Forest College. He is especially well prepared for this type of work because of his thorough training in Bible study and interpretation and because of his deep consecration and devotion to the Bible. He majored in New Testament under Dr. A. T. Robertson at the Southern Baptist Seminary and holds the Ph.D. degree from that institution.

Each lesson opens with the text of the lesson for the day, followed by explanatory notes on the passage. Then comes an outline in skeleton form which serves as the basis for the lesson interpretation. The closing section is the practical application, "The Lesson in Life."

We take special pleasure in saluting Dr. Caudill on the good work which he has done in this volume, and we recommend the book not only to all Sunday school teachers and workers but also to the general Bible reader or student.—L. L. CARPENTER.

Before him, much of the ruggedness, more of the strength, still more of the beauty of his native hills are to be found in him. Would that the world were filled with Fred Browns!

A mutual friend told me a few months ago that Fred was in the hospital. Thinking of him and loving him as I have done for these many years, of course I sat down and wrote to him. The letter that came from him less than 24 hours ago brought to me a thrill of joy—of a different kind of course—as great

as the right sort of letter from my "old friend" did when I was in my late teens! He says in this letter that he is in position now to go on with the task that he has loved so passionately and executed so faithfully and successfully since the day he left my classroom some 50 years ago—that of preaching the eternal "Good News." Yes; that News is always new when proclaimed by Fred Brown, and it is always eternal when preached after the manner of the New Testament preachers. And that is the way Fred Brown preaches it.

Being an octogenarian, I am not in the pastorate any more. I preach whenever I am invited and conditions permit. It seems to me that I must love to preach almost as well as does my pupil of the long ago to whom I am referring, and that is saying enough, surely, for both of us! But if I were in the pastorate, I should not fail to have Fred come and empty his soul for a few days to my people if it were possible to get him. And I say this for five reasons: (1) Fred knows God at first hand in such a way that his preaching is a perpetual stream of personal testimony—testimony that is grounded in thorough scholarship and backed by long experience; (2) his conviction that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God must approximate that of the great Apostle Paul; (3) a similar conviction that this Christ is the all-sufficient remedy, and the only remedy, for our present situation in the world; (4) he is able to tell "the old, old Story" with a pathos and a power that are, to say the least, quite rare; (5) his personality is itself a sermon that is much needed in today's world.

I thank God for Fred Brown and for the privilege of claiming him as my personal friend.

W. R. CULLUM.

Wake Forest, N. C.

Books Received

STUDIES IN JOHN'S GOSPEL. By John L. Hill. The Broadman Press. Cloth, 75 cents; paper, 50 cents.

KEEPING MEN ON THEIR FEET. By Frederick Keller Stamm. Harper and Brothers. 1949. \$2.00.

THE COMMON VENTURES OF LIFE. By Elton Trueblood. Harper and Brothers. 1949. \$1.00.

JESUS, SON OF MAN. By George S. Duncan. The Macmillan Company. \$3.50.

The appointment of Charles R. Gage to co-ordinate the entry of Displaced Persons into Southern Baptist Convention territory was announced recently by Dr. George W. Sadler, director of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Gage presently is director of promotion for the Relief Committee and will retain that position although he will give a large part of his time to the new assignment. He will work in close co-operation with Dr. R. L. Howard, Baptist World Alliance Displaced Persons co-ordinator in Washington. All requests for displaced persons and for information concerning the displaced persons program should be channeled through Mr. Gage, Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympic Street, New Orleans 19, Louisiana.

The Boyhood and Youth of Jesus

Lesson for January 16
Luke 2:39-48, 46-52; Mark 6:3ab

DEVELOPMENT AND DEDICATION featured the boyhood of Jesus. Note: (1) **A Pious Home.** Nazareth was beautifully situated among the Galilean hills, a thousand feet above the Plain of Esdraelon, ten miles from the Sea of Galilee and eighteen from the Mediterranean. It may have been a priestly town, is said to have been on the caravan route from Acre to Damascus, and had a population estimated at from five to fifteen thousand. The home here was fit for the upbringing of Immanuel, being hedged, in by a constant industry, sweetened by unfailling love, and illumined daily by the study of the Scriptures. The local synagogue afforded instruction supplemental to that received in the home. Thus surrounded by the plain comforts of a carpenter's home, receptive of the godly instructions of a pious mother, mingling with the children of the village and observant of all that came and went, Jesus spent his early years. (2) **A Growing Boy.** His development was in four directions. First, of course, it was physical. "The child grew" in body; his infant frame was subject to the physical laws governing us today. Moreover, he increased in wisdom. As the child of Mary, he was not endowed with infinite knowledge; but his mind was eager, alert, appreciative, so that he gained knowledge and attained wisdom. Also, he steadily advanced in popularity among his associates. They cast out and rejected the perfect Man, but they loved and admired the perfect Boy. And, again, in the favor of God he advanced with the advancing years. He needed no conversion as we do, but he had the capacity for spiritual expansion, for enlarging usefulness, and for increasing heavenly approval. (3) **A Supreme Mission.** At twelve Jesus made the memorable visit to attend the Passover. The historic scenes along the way, the multitudes of pilgrims from every quarter, and the first glimpse of the holy city as they neared its walls must have thrilled the youthful traveler. Intense must have been his interest in everything he saw and heard. And when Joseph and Mary joined the Galilean caravan on the way home, men and women and children traveling in separate groups, Jesus was left behind. Retracing their steps, Joseph and Mary on the third day found Jesus in the Temple in the midst of the doctors, an attentive hearer and a diligent student. His spiritual insight and mental grasp of truth astounded all observers. To the mild interrogatory rebuke of his mother, Jesus responded in his first recorded words, "How is it that ye sought me? know ye not that I must be in my Father's house?" (ASV). Thus early dawned upon him the consciousness of his mission as the Son of God.

2. DUTY AND DILIGENCE featured the youth of Jesus. Note. (1) **The Test Parental.** While in the Temple, Jesus was

in his Father's house and knew he must be about his Father's business. Infinitely greater than Joseph and Mary was Jesus; and he knew it. Yet he acknowledged parental authority and became the world's most beautiful example of filial obedience. He did not chafe under restraint; he did not wince under home orders; he did not shrink or sulk under home duties. He did his part industriously for the support of the family. (2) **The Training Personal.** When he went back from Jerusalem to Nazareth, did Jesus come to an apparent standstill? Not by any means. It was a narrow sphere but large enough for the work he had to do. Indeed, a development was possible there and then that was possible nowhere else and in no other way. He grew in favor with God and man. Thus, receiving power from the divine Dynamo, he was able to bring men back to God. (3) **The Toil Physical.** Those eighteen "silent years" must have been years of severest discipline: submission to a power that was infinitely less than his; the drudgery of incessant toil when angels were his rightful servants; obscurity in Nazareth when the heavens were full of his glory; and waiting his time when the world apparently needed him at once. Yet he patiently toiled in that narrow sphere till he had traversed the domain of Nature and gathered its ripest sheaves; till he had observed every phase of human character, fair and foul; and till the Scriptures were fitted into every fold and crevice of his being. Thus in the holy childhood and through the long unrecorded years that force was developing which in three years of public life startled the world and laid the foundations of an indestructible kingdom. (4) **The Ties of Family.** A backward glance at the youthhood of Jesus is given by Mark in his account of the second rejection at Nazareth. His mother was living and respected. Joseph (not being

mentioned) had probably died; but their children are listed—four brothers of Jesus by name and sisters (at least two, probably more). Upon him as his mother's "first-born son" the family would be dependent. His neighbors had seen him in the shop making yokes and tools and furniture. They seem to have dignified him as the carpenter of the town, but nothing more. It was to them inconceivable that the local carpenter was the Architect of the universe, the Creator, Preserver, and Saviour of earth and man. But unbelief, then and now, would fetter the Lord to wood-work and keep him off the throne of the world.

NOTE: We are indebted to POINTS FOR EMPHASIS for Dr. Moore's exposition of the lesson. The lesson prepared by Mr. Kendall was delayed in the mails and did not reach us in time for publication.—EDITOR.

NEWS ABOUT MINISTERS

E. N. Johnson has been called as full-time pastor of Spring Hill Church, Wagram, N. C., and began his service this month. He succeeds Rev. J. D. Whisnant, who resigned several months ago on account of ill health. Mr. Whisnant also served the Raeford Church, which is also expected to secure a full-time pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been living for some months in the Riverton community near Wagram, the old home of Dr. Livingston Johnson, Mrs. Johnson's father.

J. Lloyd Mauney has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Gilead Church, Montgomery Association, leaving First Church, Red Springs.

W. L. Pitts of La Grange, Ga., has accepted a call to Locust Church, Locust, N. C., Stanly Association. He has heretofore served churches in Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Pitts attended college at Norman Park, Ga., and Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga. They have two young children.

N. C. Teague resigned Reeds Church, Liberty Association, to become pastor of Calvary Church, Rowan Association. He was moderator of Liberty Association.

A. L. McGee has been pastor of Carolina Avenue Church, Liberty Association, for a few months.

C. M. Pogram was expected to begin his work as pastor of Reid Street Church, Liberty Association, about the first of the year.

Robert Taylor is new pastor of Glennanna Church, Liberty Association.

John P. Crouch is now pastor at Nebo, Blue Ridge Association, his former church being Whites Memorial, Cabarrus Association.

Paul J. Hopkins is now pastor of Camp Creek Church, Gaffney, S. C. He has been serving Hamer Creek, near Mt. Gilead, N. C.

Carl A. Talley has accepted the pastorate of three churches in the Brunswick Association: Supply, Lebanon, and Bolivia.

James Wilson Allen became pastor of Archdale Church, near High Point, January 1. Mr. Allen, for the past two and a half years educational director in Front Street Church, Statesville, was ordained to the ministry in December.



News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS.

Miss Zula Rogers, formerly missionary in the Little River Association and now a student in the W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., was a recent visitor.

We appreciate a copy of the 1948 Minutes of the Gaston Association, sent us by Clerk David P. Dellinger.

Rev. and Mrs. W. N. Brookshire announce the birth of John David Brookshire on December 17. Rev. Mr. Brookshire is pastor of Wilkesboro Church.

Nearly 200 persons attended the Schools for Deacons held in the Flat River Association recently. We learn from the bulletin sent out by Missionary Roger E. Williams, Jr.

J. W. Costner, pastor of Newland Church, was injured when knocked down by a jeep December 16. He is expected to be on crutches for six weeks.

Karl Jordan began his duties as music director of the Henrietta Church on January 1. Mr. Jordan is a well-trained musician and has had 20 years' experience in teaching music in public schools and training and directing choirs.

The church bulletins have programs given on December 26 by college students in their home churches. We would like to mention all these programs if space permitted. We are glad they are becoming so much a part of the Christmas season.

Miss Louvene Jordan, daughter of a Baptist minister and graduate of Mars Hill and Meredith, has been elected educational secretary of Southside Church, Winston-Salem. W. R. Grigg, pastor. She began her work the first of January.

Buncombe Association, H. M. Hocutt, missionary, is planning for a Ministers' Revival and five rallies on evangelism to be held February 14-18. Secretary of Evangelism J. C. Canipe will speak to the ministers each day and will also speak at each of the five rallies.

A recent letter from Rev. J. W. Loy, Jr., Salisbury, N. C., states that he has been in retirement from the active pastorate since February, 1947, because of his health. At that time he was pastor of the North Park Church—now Lexington Avenue—High Point. Brother Loy requests the prayers of our readers for his speedy recovery so that he may get back into active service again.

These changes of address have been requested: Rev. D. H. Lowder from Maysville, N. C., to 1079 Southern Avenue, Fayetteville, N. C.; Rev. C. O. Greene from Cary, N. C., to Lawndale, N. C.; Rev. Carl A. Talley from Kannapolis, N. C., to Supply, N. C.; Rev. Paul J. Hopkins from Mt. Gilead, N. C., to Route 2, Gaffney, S. C.; Rev. J. W. Means from Butters, N. C., to 108 Grove St., Fayetteville, N. C.; Rev. John P. Crouch from Kannapolis, N. C., to Nebo, N. C.

We note that there have been many beautiful programs of Christmas music in the churches. The bulletins show that all the choirs of the churches had a part in these services. For instance, in the First Church, Fayetteville, the Cherub, Carol, Concord, and Church Choirs, directed by C. Elwood Coggin, all had a part in the evening service on December 19. Total enrollment in the choirs is 101. At Cashie Church, Windsor, the Youth and Junior Choirs presented "The Light of the World," a Christmas worship service.

Mrs. Luther D. Sparks, a much-beloved member of First Church, Morganton, suffered a heart attack some time ago and passed away December 13. Funeral services were held December 15 with Revs. Fred Bower and John McCreedy officiating. Mrs. Sparks was president of the W.M.S. for five years, a Sunday school worker, and a faithful laborer in all church activities. The esteem and love which people of all ages felt for her is emphasized by the fact that 16-year-old Billie Patton wrote a poem to her while she was in the hospital. Lack of space prevents our publishing the verse.

ORDINATION AT ROSEMARY CHURCH



WARREN BUSH, a ministerial student from Rosemary Church, Roanoke Rapids, a graduate of Mars Hill College and now a senior at Wake Forest College, was ordained to the ministry at the Rosemary Church, November 21, having passed on November 13 an ordination examination by a presbytery composed of the following ministers: Worth Grant, C. W. Bazemore, Edward Lutrelle, David Poe, and B. Marshall White-Hurst, pastor at Rosemary.

The ordination sermon was preached by James Ray, North Carolina B.S.U. secretary, on the subject, "The Shepherd's Message." The charge was given by C. W. Bazemore; the Bible presented by B. Marshall White-Hurst; and the prayer offered by W. J. Norwood. Mr. Bush has been called as pastor of the North Warrenton Church.

A Chinese Christian businessman has given \$1,000,000 to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to set up a foundation to provide for retired Presbyterian missionaries. The gift was given in appreciation of the work done in China by Presbyterian missionaries.—*The Survey Bulletin*.

The congregation of Sheets Memorial Church, Liberty Association, will soon be in their beautiful new building, if they have not moved in already. Other churches in the Liberty have been making improvements too. Lake View has added Sunday school rooms, and Holloways has a new central heating system.

Jarrett Memorial Church, Dillsboro, recently ordained four new deacons and has adopted the rotating plan of service for deacons. A budget is being framed. The Six Point Record System has been adopted for the Sunday school, and two new classes, a Cradle Roll and an Extension Department, have been organized. Wayne C. Deitz is pastor of the church.

The last Sunday in December marked the completion of G. T. Tunstall's 15th year as pastor of West End Church, Petersburg, Va. The church membership has grown from 746 to 1,769, and gifts increased from \$11,903.52 in 1934 to \$65,264.42 in 1948. We congratulate pastor and people as they enter upon the 16th year of working together. Mr. Tunstall is a native of Granville County, N. C.

Frederick A. Nordan, member of the newly organized Fayment Church, Fayetteville, sent us a RECORDER club and a sketch of the new church building which is planned. Members and friends of this church, located on the Cumberland Mills Road four miles from Fayetteville, are hoping to raise right away \$10,000 for this new project. The present membership of the church is 28, and the pastor is George Hocutt, who gives one-fourth of his time to the church.

Pastor J. C. Bennett of Silver Springs Church, Stanly Association, reports that the church has experienced a very fine meeting under the leadership of Dr. E. L. Spivey of Charlotte. As a result, the church has gone into the Ministers' Retirement Plan, and is organizing a W.M.S., B.T.U., and Y.W.A. There is a possibility that the church may go to full-time services and build a home for the pastor. It is felt that Dr. Spivey's being with the church led to these progressive steps.

After a pastorate of 20 months at Rocky Knoll Church, Piedmont Association, George E. Williamson resigned and is now pastor at Schoolfield, Va. He writes: "The Lord was wonderfully good to us in the Rocky Knoll Church. There were 74 professions of faith in Christ, 32 additions to the church by letter or statement, and two young people, Miss Cleo Creede and Curtis Harrington, are now in school preparing for full-time Christian service."

Mrs. Winfrey Davis, executrix of the estate of the late Dr. Alma Hull Wilcox, Newport News, Va., recently presented First Church, Newport News, a check of \$10,850 which Dr. Wilcox bequeathed to the church for building purposes. Mrs. Davis is the wife of the pastor of the Baptist church at Beaufort. The pastor of the Virginia church is Dr. Bruce H. Price, a former pastor at Asheboro.

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We appreciate copies of the Minutes of the Tar River Association, G. M. Beam, Louisburg, moderator, and E. Norfleet Gardner, clerk; Stanly Association, J. W. Whitley, Albemarle, moderator, and Leo Hawkins, Norwood, clerk; Liberty Association, N. C. Teague, Rte. 3, Lexington, moderator, and A. L. Snider, Denton, clerk; New South River Association, Louis S. Gaines, Fayetteville, moderator, and Waldo D. Early, Rte. 2, Roseboro, clerk; of Haywood Association, M. L. Lewis, Hazelwood, moderator, and Mrs. Sam Knight, Hazelwood, clerk.

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The First Church, Gastonia, was recently the scene of a Bible Teaching Clinic for the Sunday school workers of Gaston Association. The clinic was sponsored jointly by the State Sunday School Department and the First Baptist Church, Gastonia. J. L. Corzine, Sunday School Secretary for South Carolina Baptists, led the clinic and others on the faculty were Miss May Bomar, Spartanburg, S. C., Miss Elizabeth Nuckols, Columbia, S. C., Mrs. F. A. Bower, Morganton, and Mrs. Lameraux, of Spartanburg.

Although the clinic was held just two weeks before Christmas, the attendance was very good with approximately 30 churches represented.

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The First Church of Spruce Pine recently began worship in its completely renovated main auditorium. The improvements included a new ceiling, fluorescent fixtures, refinished floor, 41 new pews, movable partitions to adjoining Sunday school rooms on each side of the auditorium, and a heating plant to serve both the church and the Sunday school plant. Plans for additional improvements have been made and will be carried out later. *The Tri-County News* in its issue of December 23 carried pictures of the exterior and interior of this attractive church, along with an account of its renovations and future plans. D. C. Wesson is pastor at Spruce Pine.

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Pritchard Memorial Church, Charlotte, held a most inspirational and unusual Preachers Service on Wednesday evening, December 29, at the regular prayer service. Three of the outstanding young men of the church were granted licenses to preach, following a charge by the pastor, Dr. William Harrison Williams. One of the boys, Harvey Crimminger, now in school at Mars Hill, is a mission volunteer to Japan. The other two, Hudson Favell, attending Baylor University at Waco, Texas, and E. J. Wood, attending Queens College in Charlotte, are preparing for a preaching ministry. At the close of the service, Dr. Williams presented each of the young men with a Greek New Testament, a symbol that God first calls his preachers to prepare. In the near future, the church plans to take a similar move re-

WORKERS AT SECOND CHURCH, SHELBY



Miss Sara Posey, left, and Mrs. Helen Dellinger, right, are members of the staff of Second Church, Shelby. Miss Posey is educational director, and Mrs. Dellinger is choir director. W. W. Harris is pastor of the church.

garding three other young men now in the colleges of the state preparing for definite Christian service.

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The United Nations General Assembly in Paris some time ago voted unanimously approving an international convention outlawing genocide—mass murder of national, racial, or religious groups. Certainly such mass murder should be outlawed, but it is a sad commentary on the depravity of the human beings in the world today that it would seem necessary to have such mass murder outlawed. It would seem that such atrocious crimes against the race would be so abhorrent to sane and decent men that no nation could be led to practice mass murder of the kinds indicated above. The atrocities of the Nazis were so cruel and barbaric that they seem unbelievable; and yet thousands of people have testified to the facts. We hope that this action of the United Nations will help greatly in eliminating this immense danger and evil from the world.

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Busy ministers and teachers may find help in preparing their sermons and lessons for Race Relations Sunday, February 13, 1949, in materials available from the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Co-operation, Box 1208, Raleigh, N. C. It will be sent free upon request. The mimeographed sheets contain suggested scriptures, quotations, comments, and illustrations appropriate for the occasion. It is hoped that Christian leaders will be aided in their efforts to promote brotherhood by having this material at hand.

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Boonville Church was active during November and December of 1948. An Every-Member Canvass was made and a religious census of the town and surrounding countryside was taken. But the high point of the activity, writes Pastor Rowland S. Pruette, came the first week in November when revival services were held with Rev. Donald G. Myers, pastor of First Church, Reidsville, doing the preaching. "His messages were brought with that clarity and humility that characterize a truly learned and consecrated servant of Christ, and the good resulting from these services to our church is inestimable," writes Mr. Pruette.

The University of North Carolina presented the twenty-fourth series of The John Calvin McNair Lectures in Hill Music Hall, Chapel Hill, on November 30, December 1 and 2. The lecturer this year was Kirtley Fletcher Mather, professor of geology in Harvard University. His sister, Miss Juliette Mather, has long been associated with Southern Baptist W.M.U. work.

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We are glad to see that the constitutionality of the state law in Tennessee which forbids handling poisonous snakes in religious ceremonies has been upheld by the Supreme Court. The fact that some people persist in handling poisonous snakes as a demonstration of their faith in God is rather an indication of the ignorance and superstition of a few deluded people. The brief reference to this matter in the New Testament is clearly figurative and should not be taken literally. The handling of poisonous snakes does not show faith but rather the lack of sense.

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We had the privilege of attending a "talent service" held at Gardners Church in the Tar River Association Sunday evening, December 19. Last April C. M. Haithcock, a member of the church, had passed out \$5 bills to people who were asked to use or invest this money in whatever way thought best to bring in a good yield for the benefit of the church, having in mind especially the building of a new parsonage.

These people went forth during the coming months and invested their "talents" in various ways—raising cotton, making aprons and quilts, selling fish, and even taking in washing. When the money was brought forward December 19, the total talent offering amounted to \$791.49. Mrs. Harvey J. Haithcock brought in the largest amount—\$75.00—which she had secured by selling fish at her husband's store. Mrs. Claude M. Haithcock brought in \$60.10, which she secured through selling aprons and taking in washing. Not only did the people reap a good financial reward for the church, but they had a very interesting time during the summer in following out the various projects.

Rev. Gilmer Parrish is the present pastor of the Gardners Church, which is one of the three churches making up the "W. R. Cullom Field."

What More?

My house is warm and snug tonight
For brightly burns the fire,
Upon the table food is spread,
What more could I desire?

Except to see the table spread,
To see the fire burn bright,
And warmly clad each little child
In every home tonight.

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The Story the Snow Told

He was a foolish young rabbit. And here is what happened to him one dark winter night when the ice-locked lake lay like a white blanket between the feet of the mountains.

It all happened in the dark with only the throbbing stars to see. "Oho!" someone says, "how do you know it happened at all if no one saw it?"

He thinks he has caught you trying to fool him until you say that you read the story in the snow. For when one learns to read the signs of the snow, one finds many strange stories written on its white surface. They are all true stories, for they are written by the feet of the animals they tell about. Everyone should know how to read the snow stories. Tragic and amusing stories are written there, stories of strange things that happen in the woods, or in the dark when no person can see them. Yet in daylight a true account of all that happened is found written on the white page. There it stays until more snow falls and another clean page is spread. But let us return to our rabbit.

Truly he was a foolish young fellow, or he would never have ventured out so far onto the frozen lake. If he had stayed in the woods and run along the tunnels under the snow-draped branches he would have been safe. At least as safe as a Snow-shoe Rabbit ever is with so many hungry animals looking for a meal.

But no, he simply must hop out on the lake, you can tell by his tracks that he has no definite goal in mind. See, here he made a dozen hops in a straight line. Leisurely hops they were, for his little front feet have just tickled the snow ahead of the broad furry pads of his hind ones. These pads are so broad and so furry that they carry him on top of the snow as well as snowshoes would.

Then when he has made those twelve hops he sits up and has a look around. You tell that by the way the long hind feet have shifted.

Away he goes again, in a slightly different direction. This time he hops easily until he is over a hundred yards from the line of evergreens that rise like a dark wall back there at the shore. Once again he sits and views the night. It is really a fine night, and he feels very daring. None of the other rabbits come out on the lake like this. Foolish fellow! Every hop from the shore puts him more at the mercy of his enemies.

But look! What has happened? Here he was sitting up, and then he makes one wild leap and starts for shore. A rabbit bounds like that only when he is fleeing for his life.

But what could be after him? There are no marks on the snow behind him. How he is racing. Just pace off this leap. Six paces, or eighteen feet, you make it, between where he left the snow and where he landed again. Now he is dodging his invisible pursuer. Each leap takes him at an angle to the last one. Those jumps tell the terror that is making him strain every muscle to gain the forest he so foolishly left. Still the snow shows no tracks behind him. No wolf, coyote, or fox is racing to seize him.

Then you come to marks on the snow that explain his fear. He may well be afraid when the western horned owl swoops for him. Often at night you have heard the deep "Who—oo—whoo" that hunter sends through the dark woods in the hope of starting a crouching rabbit or grouse into betraying his hiding place by a slight move. You see here where the owl's wing tips brushed the snow as he tried to drive his talons into the rabbit's white fur. He missed his prey by an inch. Owls do not often miss like that. Before he could swoop again the rabbit has bounded twice and is under the sheltering branches of the shoreline trees.

You follow his trail a little way through the woods to where at last he crouched in the shelter of an upturned stump. And you know that Snow-shoe Rabbit has learned one of the reasons why it is unwise to wander onto the inviting smoothness of the frozen lake. H. R. EVANS, in *Forest Friends*.

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Bless the four corners of this house,

And be the lintel blest;

And bless the hearth, and bless the board,

And bless each place of rest;

And bless the door that opens wide

To stranger as to kin;

And bless the roof-tree overhead,

And every sturdy wall;

The peace of man, the peace of God,

The peace of love on all.

—ARTHUR GUETERMAN, in
Baptist Bulletin Service.

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Keeping Things Bright

In a quaint little old hotel in Knightsbridge, London, is a chambermaid by the curious name of "Shuftie." During her eight years in the British Army she won the title by being in the places she was needed and willing to do the things that needed to be done. She is not an upper-bracket person, but is rather typical of the spirit of Britain.

Coming down the red-carpeted stairs one morning I saw her on her knees, with her rag in her hand, scrubbing a brass rail.

"Shuftie" is not architecturally designed to do much work comfortably. She is about six feet tall and weighs around 240 pounds. Crawling around on floors and scrubbing brass rails and plates is not easy. But she does it—and does it cheerfully and well. As I passed she looked up and smiled and said, "It's my job to keep things bright around here."

I didn't think so much of it at the time, but come to think of it now, it's an important job. In a very true sense, it is everybody's job "to keep things bright around here." "Shuftie" couldn't sing very well—but she sang. And the sound of her singing and the memory of her scrubbing abide with me.

There is an example of how one-talented people need not bury that talent in the earth.

Would it make any difference in YOUR home and church and community and even in your own heart, if you picked up the philosophy of this chambermaid and reached the conclusion that "It's my job to keep things bright around here?" It probably would.

—DR. PIERCE HARRIS, from
The First Methodist Messenger.

Spice Box

A politician so wanted the votes of all the people in his somewhat cosmopolitan audience that he shouted, "I know no North or South; I know no East or West."

Whereupon an urchin in the gallery piped out, "Mister, you better go home and study your geoffarfy!"—*Ex.*

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"What a boy you are for asking questions," said the father. "I'd like to know what would have happened if I'd asked as many questions when I was a boy?"

"Perhaps," suggested the young hopeful, "you'd have been able to answer some of mine."—*Ex.*

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The bright young pupil looked long and thoughtfully at the 2nd examination question, which read: "State the number of tons of coal shipped out of the U. S. in any given year." Then his brow cleared and he wrote: "1492—none."—J. DORIS, *Reader's Scope*.

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The mule was trying the old farmer's patience. Repeatedly, the long-earned animal would start cautiously, take a few steps, and then stop.

A passerby paused to watch the slow process.

"Looks to me," he said, "as if that mule is balky."

The farmer shook his head.

"No, he's a first-class mule," he replied. "But he's so afraid I'll say, 'Whoa' and he won't hear me, that he stops every now and then to listen."—*Lookout*.

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An unsolicited testimonial from an ardent golfer to a hosiery manufacturer: "Fifteen minutes after putting on a pair of your socks, I made a hole in one."—*Ex.*

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1949 HOME MISSION SERIES

The Home Mission Board again gives us a current graded series of home mission texts. The general theme for home mission study this year is "Co-operating for a Christian Nation."

Two books are provided for adults and young people: *Co-operating Southern Baptists*, by Dr. J. B. Lawrence; and *Handclasp of the Americas*, by Dr. Alfred Carpenter. Each is 50c. The two texts are quite different, and both may well be studied this year. In *Co-operating Southern Baptists*, Dr. Lawrence points clearly to Christian co-operating without organic union. *Handclasp of the Americas* is a challenging presentation of a specific area of our home mission work; namely, the Canal Zone, Panama, and Costa Rica. Dr. Carpenter, now Secretary of Direct Missions of our Home Mission Board, is well qualified to write of these sections, for formerly he served as pastor of Balboa Heights Baptist Church in the Canal Zone. Of the two texts, Y.W.A.'s will doubtless find the latter particularly desirable for their classes.

Intermediates will use a revision and reprint of a very popular book by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, *The Word of Their Testimony*, price 50c. This deals with the influence of the Bible in home mission work. It contains appealing human interest stories.

Indian Blankets, by Mrs. Alpha Marie Gambrell, also a reprint, is provided for Juniors. This is the story of an imaginary trip to the Indian field at Pawnee, Okla. The price of this text is 35c.

Sunbeams will delight in *Anthony Becomes Eagle Heart*, 50c, a picture story book on Good Will Center work in Tampa, Fla. The co-authors are Miss Frances Curb and Miss Rebecca Tarry, directors of that Good Will Center.

For a Christian Nation, 50c, is the title of the Resource Book giving helps and suggestions for teaching the books of this series. This has been prepared by Mrs. Hellon Alexander Wright. All who are planning to teach any of these texts will be happy to know that these helps have already been published, and order for this Resource Book for the use of the teacher should be placed at the same time that any of the texts are ordered.

Send your orders right away to one of the Baptist Book Stores serving our state: 121 W. Hargett St., Raleigh; or 304 North Tryon St., Charlotte.

ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

Ten divisional leadership conferences bringing together the associational officers of each given division were held last week. Now each association is urged to have its leadership conference for local workers before the end of January. Doubtless most of these dates have already been set and are now being advertised. If you do not know yours, inquire immediately of your associational superintendent. Give thorough pub-

licity to this in your society and seek to have present every officer and committee member, and every young people's counselor, together with as many other members as possible. The plans discussed in the divisional conferences will in turn be presented to local W.M.U. members when they gather in the associational conferences. There will be opportunity to ask questions and to share experiences.

Do not miss this day of leadership training for all it can mean to your work throughout the months of 1949.

FURTHER WORD ABOUT THE 1949 SUPPLEMENT

We should like to call attention again to the 1949 Supplement to the 1948 State Guide Book which has been printed and is now available from the State W.M.U. Office. The price is 5c per copy. W.M.S. presidents, W.M.U. young people's directors, and young people's counselors will receive their free copies with the shipment of material for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. All others who have copies of the 1948 Guide Book should immediately order the Supplement from the State W.M.U. Office. Please be sure to remit with your order.

To new W.M.S. presidents, W.M.U. young people's directors, and young people's counselors free copies of the Guide Book will be mailed at the same time the Supplement is sent. Other W.M.U. workers who do not have the 1948 Guide Book may secure a copy as long as the supply lasts by sending 5c to the state office. The price of this booklet is being reduced since some of the material therein is now out of date. There is still much valuable help included, and we hope that those serving as other officers than those named above and those who are members of committees will avail themselves of this information.

Send 5c, then, for either the 1949 Supplement or the 1948 Guide Book; 10c for one of each.

1949 W.M.U. YEAR BOOKS

1949 W.M.U. Year Books issued by Southern Union may be ordered for 15c each from either the State W.M.U. Office or W.M.U. Literature Dept., 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala.

Let us keep in mind that this is *not* a mis-

sion study text but a booklet of plans and suggestions based on the W.M.U. Plan of Work, designed to give W.M.U. workers information necessary for best work in any current year.

For several years *Woman's Missionary Union at Work* has been the basic text for a methods course recognized as a mission study class. A *Manual of Woman's Missionary Union* will succeed this when printed, we hope in the not too distant future. When such a Manual comes from the press, the study of that will be considered mission study. Watch the RECORDER for announcement when released.

Many missionary societies will plan for a study of the W.M.U. Year Book early in each new year, but this is in the nature of setting the plans for the year and giving leadership training in a kind of methods clinic and is not to be considered a mission study class.

HAVE YOU?

Have you forwarded to the State W.M.U. Office the names and addresses of 1949 workers requested on a mimeographed blank which was sent to each 1948 W.M.S. president with the material for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions? We are correcting our mailing lists for 1949 and need this information. Thank you.

A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IN WORLD RELIEF

It started at Ridgecrest during the W.M.U. Conference of 1948. In one of the state delegation meetings, the State Executive Secretary called attention to the proposed plan that the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union ask members in rural communities to collect raw cotton for shipment to needy people in Europe via the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans. Such had been an emphasis given in Memphis in May by Dr. Paul Caudill, Chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, to which our president, Mrs. Farmer, had responded on behalf of our state.

Miss Anna Mae Locklear, W.M.U. superintendent of Burnt Swamp Association, together with other Indian women from near Pembroke present at Ridgecrest, immediately expressed the feeling that the Indians of that association would delight to furnish one of the bales from our state.

After returning home, Miss Locklear presented the matter to various leaders of the churches and association and wrote encouragingly of the enthusiastic interest manifested in the project. When cotton was picked, enough was brought together from the different communities to furnish a bale for overseas relief. Enthusiasm overflowed into similar work in the interest of state missions, that cotton to be sold and the money forwarded to Mr. Huggins.

Just when the bale for relief was ready to be shipped to New Orleans, word came

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Florida Street Church Is Building



ON LAST OCTOBER 17 FLORIDA STREET CHURCH, GREENSBORO, HELD GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR ITS NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING. SECRETARY M. A. HUGGINS OF RALEIGH WAS CHIEF SPEAKER. SHOWN IN THE PICTURE, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE MRS. CARL PHIBBS, MR. AND MRS. G. W. LEWIS, MR. AND MRS. T. C. FRAZIER, MRS. J. B. POSTER, MRS. N. M. OZMENT, MRS. D. M. FRAZIER, AND REV. H. T. ALLRED. MR. D. M. FRAZIER IS TURNING THE DIRT, AND REV. JAMES R. THOMPSON IS KNEELING BESIDE HIM.

Florida Street Church, Greensboro, is in process of erecting an educational building which will accommodate more than 700 in Sunday school. The new structure, which will contain six assembly rooms and 35 classrooms, is expected to be ready for occupancy in April. The building will cost \$89,000 exclusive of furnishings.

The church is prospering under the leadership of Pastor James R. Thompson, who returned to the work something more than a year ago, after a period in a sanatorium. Rev. Hoyle T. Allred, who will complete his work at Guilford next June and expects to enter Southern Seminary next fall, has been and is serving as assistant pastor, and is rendering great assistance in that capacity.

After the ground-breaking services on October 17, a fall revival was held with Rev. Geo. Williamson, then pastor of Rocky Knoll Church, preaching. Fifty-nine persons were added to the membership during and shortly after the revival, 35 of them by baptism.

Average attendance at Sunday school is about 400, and at B.T.U., 135. The church supports Rev. and Mrs. John S. McGee, missionaries to Nigeria who are this year having a leave of absence and studying at Louisville, Ky.

An article in a Greensboro paper comments on the rapid growth of the South Greensboro section, where Florida Street Church is located, and on the fact that this church is expanding its facilities to match the growth of the community in general. Pastor and people are commended for their forward-looking program to meet the religious needs of the community.

The happiest people are less forgetting and more forgiving.—Copied.

Evangelism Committee

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WE APPLAUD THE YANCEY

By M. A. HUGGINS

During the past fall a special effort was made to reach every church with the story of State Missions and its needs in the hope that the people would respond as never before. We received more money than in the year before, but many thousands short of what we had hoped to get.

Many of our associational missionaries presented the matter, along with the pastors, to the churches, and in many places the response was encouraging. We applaud in particular the effort made in the Yancey Association and the work done there by Miss Laura Mae Hilliard, the associational missionary. We include in this the response which the churches made to the appeal. The amount given in this special effort during 1948 was several times larger than it had ever been before, and many more of the churches had a part in it. This of course means that the matter was presented in the churches and that the churches responded. We are proud of the record made by the churches in the Yancey Association.

Walk humbly before thy God.—Micah 6:8.

FOOD BOXES, SEED PARCELS AVAILABLE AT RELIEF CENTER

Two special projects of the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans are, to use the vernacular, "going like hot cakes." They are:

1. The eleven-pound assorted food box. Known far and wide as "HOPE boxes," the packages can be purchased from the Center for \$5.00, which includes delivery anywhere in the world. HOPE stands for Help Other People Eat.

2. Seeds for Peace. In co-operation with one of the South's leading seed dealers, the Center is able to buy and ship for \$4.00 enough seeds to grow five tons of vegetables. "Help them feed themselves" is the slogan.

Order blanks for the HOPE boxes may be obtained from the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. You are invited also to send your money for "Seeds of Peace" to the same address.

LET US SHARE WITH OTHERS

By M. A. HUGGINS

Let me announce that Eugene Howard, field representative for the Southern Baptist

Relief Center, is scheduled for speaking engagements and conferences in North Carolina during the period of January 22 through February 6.

We are making this announcement in order that pastors and associational moderators may plan to use Brother Howard for any service he may render with reference to our relief program.

Already we have a request for an engagement in the Kings Mountain Association on Wednesday night, February 2. We request that all those interested in using Brother Howard write directly to the Raleigh office in order that we may make out an itinerary for him.

The need for world relief continues, and will most likely continue for some time to come. Those who have enough and to spare should be willing to share it.

Party for the Oldsters

The newly organized Brotherhood of the Lower Creek Baptist Church sponsored a Christmas party Thursday night, December 23, for members of the church over 70 years of age. There were eighteen present, whose ages ranged from 70 to 94, and totaled 1,378 years. Mrs. Rebecca Austin, 94, the oldest honor guest, is still blessed with good vision

and hearing, so entered heartily into the festive spirit of the evening.

The group was welcomed by Perry O. Frye, president of the Brotherhood, who had each guest tell his name, age, and place of birth. Walter Hart, program chairman, called on J. R. Swanson, 77, still active clerk of the church for more than a half century, to lead the group in singing three old hymns.

A surprise feature, which caused pleasure and some amazement, was the repetition of the program to this point by the church's new wire recording machine, purchased by the church primarily for use with the shut-in members of the church.

From a gay Christmas tree, each guest received a bag of fruit and candy and an individual present—tea set, musical toy, telephone, or other merry-making gift.

Christmas refreshments were served before the pastor, W. Walter Jones, closed the hour with the reading of Luke's Christmas story and with prayer.

Stubbornness we deprecate.

But firmness we condone.

The former is our neighbor's trait.

The latter is our own.

— Clipper

NEWS NOTES

An association of Southern Baptist colleges and secondary schools to advance general education and "safeguard academic freedom" was formed in Nashville, Tennessee, on December 13, 1948, during a meeting of the Southern Baptist Education Commission. Dr. Charles D. Johnson, chairman. Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was elected president. Other officers are Dr. S. S. Hill, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., vice-president; and Dr. H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, secretary-treasurer.

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A. C. Taylor of Stanley writes us that Rev. S. A. Stroupe, pastor of Hickory Grove Church, located on the Stanley-Belmont highway, "was first made sad and then happy Thursday night by the unanimous action of his members." It seems that the pastor went to the church at the usual prayer service hour on Thursday night before Christmas, but not a person appeared. He waited an hour, and then sadly started home. There he found the yard filled with cars, with others lining the highway. Inside he found every room filled with his church members, and in the dining room he found what they had been doing during prayer meeting hour. The room was filled with boxes, bags, and packages of all sorts, the biggest pounding he had ever received. There was so much that the pastor and his wife spent an hour putting things away and then had to leave some packages on the floor for lack of space. In addition, the pastor was given a purse containing a nice donation. The fine spirit of his members made the pastor very happy. During the past 15 months they have contributed more than \$8,000 to the building fund, which has been used for improvements on the church, including new pews and a modern heating system.

Baptist Students in Religion at Duke



Pictured above are the Baptist divinity students and graduate students in Religion at Duke University. They are, left to right:

Front row: Martha Mallary, Calvin Knight, Mrs. Peyton Royal, Peyton Royal, Mrs. Stanley Burgess, Mrs. Esther Marrotte, D. D. Gross.

Second row: James Cansler, Mrs. James Cansler, Mrs. Edwin Andrews, Edwin Andrews, Stanley Burgess (holding daughter Judy), Emmanuel Gitlin, Mrs. Bryant Spivey, Bryant Spivey.

Third row: Emmett Hamrick, Elbert Wethington, Robert Holt, Dunklin Burnside, John Carlton, Walter Moose, John Davis, Dr. Franklin W. Young, assistant professor of New Testament and dean of students.

Other Baptist students who could not be present when picture was taken are: Harold Anderson, Martin Caldwell, Thomas Sawyer, William Poteat, Kenneth Smith, William P. Smith, and Robert Woodruff.

"Baptist students find a warm welcome at Duke," says Calvin Knight, one of the students. "In an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and thorough scholarship, these students pursue their training for the Christian ministry."

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 6, 1949

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO FELLOW-BELIEVERS AROUND THE WORLD:

Greetings in the name of our common Lord and Saviour!

Forty-four years ago our Alliance was formed at the first Baptist World Congress, in order "more fully to manifest the essential oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ, as their God and Saviour, of the churches of the Baptist order and faith throughout the world."

Our oneness is not that of an ecclesiastical body, held together by a common creed or a rigid organization or a hierarchical authority. Ours is a unity of the Spirit, a fellowship of hearts that bow only to the absolute and undelimited sovereignty of Christ in all matters pertaining to faith and practice.

When we meet to worship God on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, let us with joyous hearts call our essential oneness in Christ Jesus to mind.

On this day let us proclaim with new power that truth which is our dearest possession, and that Lord who alone can make men both free and one. Never has the world so needed the simple gospel of the "New Testament, unmixed with human traditions, uncontaminated by the errors of men."

On this day let us praise God for our world-wide fellowship; for those faithful men and women of our persuasion who in time past have lived and died for the truth committed unto them; for those who today lift our banners high in every part of the world; and for the great and growing hosts who, in every land are coming to share our convictions.

On this day let us pray for the millions in every clime who belong to our fellowship; for those who know comfort and abundance, that they may take up the cross of voluntary sacrifice; for those who live in hunger and distress, that their needs may be supplied and their faith renewed; for those who in prison and trial are sore tempted, that they may be true to their Lord; for us all that we may lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

On this day when, in countless places, we gather around the Lord's table, to share in the bread and wine of his remembrance, let us not forget the least of his brethren for whom he died, but consecrate ourselves and our possessions to the service of his love.

On this day, within great areas of our fellowship, an offering will be taken for the relief efforts and the operating expenses of our Alliance. We hope that it may be pos-

sible for thousands of churches to take part, and that everywhere prayers may be offered for the work we are carrying on.

And so, my friends of many nations and tongues, but of one great family of God, let us from this day follow our Lord more closely, obey him more eagerly, love him more wholeheartedly, and, filled with his Holy Spirit, proclaim him without cease as the Saviour of the world.

C. OSCAR JOHNSON.

(NOTE: Pastors are requested to save this message and read it to their congregations on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 6.—EDITOR.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REFLECTS PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

By PORTER ROUTH

Continued gains made by Southern Baptist churches during 1948 were reflected in the reports to the December meeting of the Sunday School Board meeting held in Nashville, December 15.

To meet the growing responsibilities faced by expanding church goals from Maryland to California, the Board approved the following recommendations presented by Executive Secretary-Treasurer T. L. Holcomb:

1. Budgets for promotion of Sunday school, Training union, Baptist Student union, and church music work through the various states were increased from a total of \$250,600 for 1948 to \$278,650 for 1949. North Carolina will receive \$17,100 as compared with \$15,400 in 1948.

2. Construction on the Sunday School Board building on Ninth Avenue in Nashville, which was halted in 1940 by war conditions, will be resumed as soon as possible. The recommendation to build came after a two-year study of the present crowded quarters by a group of Nashville Baptist laymen. The elevator shaft and exterior for nine additional floors will be completed and the individual offices will be finished as needed. Space will be provided on one of the floors for the Southern Baptist Historical Society, now located in Louisville, Kentucky, and will be a depository for Southern Baptist historical material.

3. A budget of \$56,000 was provided for free literature to be distributed through the educational and promotional departments. Free literature is provided for the first quarter for any new Sunday school or training union, or for a mission Sunday school or training union started by a church. A num-

ber of free books are offered to any churches starting church libraries. Free material is also furnished to churches starting Extension departments or Cradle Roll departments.

Several personnel changes were approved by the Board. Dr. John L. Hill, book editor, who was scheduled to retire on January 1, was asked to continue to serve as book editor until June 1, 1949, his twenty-seventh anniversary with the Sunday School Board, and to continue until the end of the year as a general field representative of the Board.

Herman L. King was elected as superintendent of Adult Sunday school work to succeed Dr. William P. Phillips, who was named general associate in the Sunday School Department. Dr. Phillips will lead in a new campaign to enlist church members not now enrolled in Bible study through the Sunday school, and in planning increased aid for rural churches. Jesse Daniel, a member of the staff in the Sunday School Department, was also named as a general associate.

Harold E. Ingraham, business manager, reported that periodical circulation for the fourth quarter, 1948, reached 9,243,705. During the first eleven months of 1948, there were 241 book titles published for a total of 2,470,534 volumes. Plans were also approved for 18 film depositories to be operated in connection with Baptist book stores. It was also reported that the Sunday School Board would print and distribute the Baptist Bulletin Service, beginning January 1. The Executive Committee will continue to furnish the editorial material.

In the Division of Education and Promotion, headed by Dr. Jerome O. Williams, the Sunday School and Training Union departments both reported gains. Sunday school enrollment in Southern Baptist churches will show a gain of nearly 300,000 for the year. Training Union enrollment has passed the 1,000,000 mark. Dr. Homer Grice reported 17,250 Vacation Bible schools with an enrollment of 1,404,790.

A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IN WORLD RELIEF

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from the Relief Center that sending of raw cotton to Europe for relief purposes would have to cease for the time being, because of certain conditions overseas. Not to be thwarted, our Indian friends kept their bale until some disposition might be made of it to enable it to serve the cause of world relief.

Recently the following word came from Miss Locklear: "It was suggested by our Executive Committee last Thursday night that I sell the bale of cotton collected for World Relief and have the check mailed to you, since we had not received any further word concerning the shipping of it; this would save paying storage on it here. . . . The amount is \$126.72. The seed was sold also and a check mailed to Mr. M. A. Hugins for State Missions. This amount was \$23.49."

We rejoice in this generous spirit on the part of our Burnt Swamp Indians. They have set a worthy example for our entire state. We hope that others who grow things will adopt a similar project of dedicating a portion to the needs of a suffering world.

The eagerness of these Indians on behalf of relief continues, for Miss Locklear adds

Every Baptist a Tither

We have an eight-day campaign on in our association and have adopted a goal of slightly less than two pounds per member in the churches of resident and non-resident members, and we are very much encouraged at the response in some of the churches."

We are grateful for this inspiring example. Let us too share!

DO YOU KNOW

1. What date has been set as Baptist World Alliance Sunday?
2. What was the home church of Matthew Yates?
3. What associational W.M.U. sold a bale of cotton and donated the proceeds, \$126.72, for world relief?
4. What became of the \$23.49 obtained from the sale of the seed from the bale of cotton mentioned above?
5. Who is missionary in the Yancey Association?
6. Where a good many churches get bells these days?
7. Where the Southern Baptist secretaries of evangelism met in December?
8. What percentage of the church members in the Bryson City area are Baptists?
9. Who is author of *Broadman Comments on the International Bible Lessons* for 1949?
10. A church that expects to have a large educational plant ready for occupancy in April?

News Notes

The Magnolia Church, Eastern Association, recently installed a gas heating plant at a cost of \$1,225. This much-needed improvement will help our attendance in Sunday school and Training Union, as well as other services. The Concord Church (another church of the "Magnolia Field") has under construction an eight-room addition to their church to care for Sunday school and other educational needs. They are also redecorating the auditorium. This church field, including also the New Hope Church, is making good progress. We are happy in our work.—THOS. W. MCKNEELY, Pastor.

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Dr. J. R. Edwards, Sr., a deacon in the Fuquay Springs Church, recently gave to the church a Schulmerich Tower Music System in memory of those who gave their lives in World Wars I and II and in honor of all those from the town and community of Fuquay Springs who served in the two wars. The System was installed before the Christmas holidays, and the community enjoyed immensely the Christmas carols that came over it. Pastor W. M. Page writes that the new auditorium at Fuquay Springs is nearing completion, and that the congregation hopes to be in it by February 1. The cost will be between \$40,000 and \$50,000. It is planned to convert the old building into Sunday school departments and classes, giving sufficient room for a fully graded Sunday school.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams, members of Western Avenue Church, Statesville, were honored in the service on Sunday, December 6, which was the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The pastor, Wendell G. Davis, took this occasion to emphasize some facts regarding Christian marriage and the Chris-

BROWN MEMORIAL CHURCH, HICKORY, MAKES PROGRESS



PARSONAGE OF BROWN MEMORIAL CHURCH, HICKORY

The parsonage of Brown Memorial Church, Hickory, shown here, was completed in June, 1948, at a cost of \$16,500, including a double garage and grading of the yards. The first floor of the house has a living room, dining room, kitchen, den and study, and full bath. On the second floor are four good bedrooms and a full bath. Of brick veneer construction and heated by an automatic oil furnace, the estimated actual value of the house is \$20,000.

During the past year Brown Memorial has done many other things, too. A new Hammond Electric Organ has been dedicated, and a new stoker-fed furnace installed for

the church auditorium; new books have been bought for the library; the concrete walks have been widened; and the amount of insurance on the church property has been increased. Nevertheless, the Co-operative Program still receives 25 per cent of all the regular offerings.

Additions last year equaled ten per cent of the total membership. One deacon, J. C. Mull, was ordained. Mrs. Clara Brooks, church clerk, writes that the pastor, Wyman E. Wood, in addition to his regular work with Brown Memorial, has been and is very active in the work of the community and of the South Fork Association.

tian home. The regular order of service was followed until the offertory, when Mr. Jim Speaks sang "O Promise Me." Then Mr. and Mrs. Williams stood before the altar and repeated a renewal of their marriage vows. The pastor's sermon topic was "A Marriage Made in Heaven." Mr. Williams is a charter member of the church and has served on the Board of Deacons for 45 years. He has been a tither since his early years, and is now an honorary member of the Board of Deacons for life.

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An All-Church Training School is to be held in the First Church, Asheville, March 21-25, and similar schools are to be held in the five districts of the Buncombe Association April 4-8. This plan was followed successfully last year. Leaders and teachers for the Asheville school are as follows: Lawson W. Allen, Winston-Salem, Sunday School Administration; L. J. Newton, Raleigh, Training Union Methods; Mrs. L. J. Newton, Raleigh, Story Hour Leadership Methods; Mrs. Foy J. Farmer, Raleigh, Essentials in W.M.U. Work; Hugh F. Latimer, Memphis, Tenn., Brotherhood Work; and Miss Mildred Thomas, Asheville, Vacation Bible School Work.

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The Milton field of churches in the Beulah Association, consisting of Milton, Ephesus, Blanche, and Shiloh, recently sent in an appreciation for the work of their former pastor, A. F. Yarbrough, who has undertaken new work. The article, signed by James Powell, H. T. Williams, and Ed. Pulliam, states that when Mr. Yarbrough came to the field there was only one church, Milton,

which had not functioned for a number of years. Through the help of the pastors of the association and the Sunday School Board, this church was reorganized after a revival conducted by Mr. Yarbrough. The membership has grown to 70 at present, with a Sunday school enrollment of 61. The other three churches have joined the field since that time. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Yarbrough's family as well as to him for their splendid work, especially in the musical development and W.M.U. work of the churches.

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Both the Woman's Missionary Society and the Faithful Workers Bible Class of the First Church, Salisbury, passed resolutions honoring the memory of Mrs. W. A. Daniel, who died August 27, 1948, at the age of 77. A native of England who had spent most of her girlhood in Virginia, she had been for fifty years a member of the First Church, Salisbury, being a charter member of the W.M.S., treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society for more than 20 years, and a charter member of the Faithful Workers Bible Class of the Sunday school. Her husband, Waverly Ashton Daniel, died December 10, 1924. The resolutions state that her Christian and practical advice to her children and grandchildren "was a noted and inestimable blessing of incalculable value to them through all their lives and because of which they will ever give evidence. Her children arise up and call her blessed." Her lovable Christian character was evidenced by the remark of a friend quoted in both resolutions, "It is so easy to love Mrs. Daniel."

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CONVENTIONS'S PROGRAM FOR WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

In April a list of churches and amounts pledged by them for the relocation and enlargement program of Wake Forest was published in the BIBLICAL RECORDER. Horace Eason, Charlotte, N. C., who is directing the campaign through the churches, has submitted the following report of pledges made since the former report was published. Churches are listed under the association to which they belong.

Atlantic	
Morehead City, First	\$ 1,560.00
Oriental (Contribution)	54.26
Beulah	
Bethany	150.00
Beulah	65.30
Ca. Vel.	300.00
Clement	625.00
High View	185.75
Lambert Hill	30.00
Lea Bethel	300.00
Mill Creek	886.00
Montwood	150.00
Mount Harmony	250.00
Old Lea Bethel	43.00
Old Branch	631.52
Providence (C)	1,200.00
Providence (C)	1,000.00
Roxboro, First	5,090.00
Senior	300.00
Wanchope	1,000.00
Lambert Hill, Second	300.00
Bladen	
Bladenboro, First	6,000.00
White Oak (Contribution)	200.00
Blue Ridge	
Old Fort	250.00
Brushy Mountain	
Wilkesboro	2,000.00
Cabarrus	
North Kannapolis (Contribution)	126.00
Caldwell	
Lower Creek (Contribution)	\$672.80
2,000.00	
Catawba	
Abee's Grove (Contribution)	270.00
Chowan	
Cornhook (Contribution)	25.00
Columbus	
Hinson's Cross Roads (Contribution)	36.25
Porter's Swamp (Contribution)	100.00
Eastern	
Corinth (Contribution)	29.10
Evergreen (Contribution)	66.67
Garners' Chapel	500.00
(\$100.00 previously reported)	
Island Creek (Contribution)	100.00
Jones Chapel	100.00
Poplar Grove (Contribution)	33.25
Sharps (Contribution)	25.00
Elkin	
Macedonia (Contribution)	25.08
Gaston	
Lowell, First	2,000.00
Shady Grove (Contribution)	24.00
Green River	
Gilkey	50.00
Morgan Chapel	168.72
Piedmont	359.57
Pleasant Grove (C)	183.45
Pleasant Grove (R)	474.82
Round Hill	500.00
Silver Creek	107.00
Spindale, First	3,000.00
Haywood	
Canton, First	5,000.00
Hazelwood	1,000.00
Lake Junaluska	25.00
Waynesville, First	3,000.00
Kings Mountain	
Fallston	1,500.00
Grover	1,500.00
New Buffalo (Contribution)	10.00
Pleasant Hill	500.00
Pleasant Ridge	1,000.00
Polkville	300.00
Shelby, Calvary	500.00
Shelby, Second	4,000.00
Zion	1,500.00
Liberty	
Abbott's Creek	2,400.00
Erlanger	2,000.00
Jersey (Contribution)	50.00
Rien Fork (Contribution)	100.00
Southside (Contribution)	150.00
Stoner's Grove (Contribution)	125.00
Little River	
Buie's Creek	1,000.00
Dunn, Second	100.00
Friendship	2,000.00
Macon	
Highlands (Contribution)	300.00
Mecklenburg	
Myers Park, Charlotte	30,000.00
(Amount previously reported)	
St. Johns, Charlotte	20,000.00
(Amount previously reported)	
Mitchell	
Central	1,000.00
Spruce Pine, First	1,000.00
Mount Zion	
Calvary (Contribution)	20.00
Mount Moriah (Contribution)	100.00

Neuse	
Davis Grove	46.81
Emmaus	80.50
Fremont	277.22
Kinston, First	7,500.00
La Grange	707.78
New Hope	82.69
Snow Hill	270.81
New South River	
Evergreen (Contribution)	
Piedmont	
Antioch	185.12
Asheboro Street	5,000.00
North Main Street, High Point	2,000.00
Revolution	600.00
Sixteenth Street	1,000.00
Southside	50.00
Pilot Mountain	
City View	600.00
Deep Springs	300.00
Germantown	100.00
Goodwill	300.00
King	1,000.00
Marshall	500.00
Mount Herman	500.00
Mount Olive	1,000.00
Olive Grove	150.00
Pleasant View (Contribution)	8.02
Rural Hall	1,000.00
Stanleyville	150.00
Union Grove	300.00
Walkertown (Contribution)	100.00
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Fuquay Springs	2,500.00
Holly Springs (Contribution)	28.13
New Bethel (Contribution)	50.00
Randolph	
Franklinville	1,000.00
Roanoke	
Arlington Street (Contributions, \$350.00)	1,500.00
Farmville (Contribution)	375.29
Gethsemane (Contribution)	25.00
Ludford Memorial, Plymouth	2,000.00
Rocky Mount, First (Contribution)	500.00
Sharpsburg (Contribution)	20.00
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Antioch (Contribution)	452.00
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Cedar Grove (Contribution)	100.00
North Lumberton (Contribution)	50.00
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