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CHAPLAIN Lee Pridgen is now on terminal leave and will be out of the Army about February 1. He served nearly four years in the Army, three of these in overseas combat. While overseas he traveled in Egypt and the Holy Land and saw service in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He has the purple heart for being wounded in action and also has five battle stars. He is now available for a pastorate. We hope that some good church will be led in securing his services.

AT THE ANNUAL meeting of the Georgia Baptist Convention some time ago, Columbus Roberts, one of Georgia's wealthy and civic cultural leaders, bequeathed the bulk of his personal fortune to the Georgia Baptist Foundation. Mr. Roberts had previously given large sums to Mercer University and other Baptist institutions and causes in the state. We hope that his fine example will be followed by some of our wealthier Baptists in this State.

A RECENT communication from Chaplain H. H. Wells, Jr., United States Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, states that he is now eligible for discharge from the Navy and is now available for a pastorate or for a teaching position in one of our Baptist schools. He is a graduate of Furman University and the Southern Baptist Seminary and served for two years on the faculty of Boiling Springs High School in this State before it became a junior college. His last pastorate was at the First Baptist Church, Georgetown, South Carolina.

AMONG OTHERS, the following new associational minutes have been received recently: Buncombe Association, Perry Sprinkle, moderator, and H. M. Hocutt, clerk; Kings Mountain, J. W. Suttle, moderator, and J. W. Costner, clerk; the Gaston, W. M. Long, moderator, and David P. Dellinger, clerk; French Broad, J. J. Buckner, moderator, and Mrs. C. R. Corn, clerk; Union, J. Howard Williams, moderator, and Jack T. Akin, clerk. In each case the clerk has done an excellent job, and we appreciate the kindness in sending copies to the RECORDER. We hope that a copy of the minutes of every association will be sent to the RECORDER office.

THE FIRST Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor, has prepared a very attractive booklet entitled "Those Who Served," which is being presented at Christmas time, with Yuletide greetings, to the service men and women of the church. This booklet carries pictures of the church and two beautiful memorial plaques on the walls of the church, bearing the names of these service men and women. Mr. Kincheloe was formerly pastor of the First Church, North Wilkesboro, in this State, and is a son of Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Sr., pastor of the First Church, Rocky Mount.

A RECENT LETTER from Dr. John W. Inzer, Sylacauga, Alabama, indicates that he is very happy in his work as interim pastor and as District Governor of Rotary International. At the annual meeting of the

Alabama Baptist State Convention in November, he delivered an address before the Pastors' Conference on the "Restoration, or Creation?" In commenting on this address the *Alabama Baptist* says, "Dr. John Inzer's address to the Pastors' Conference on the night before the convention assembled the next day, was said by all who heard it to be one of the greatest deliverances ever made in Alabama. There was much made of the address by the messengers in their private conversations and mention made of it several times in the convention."

The many friends of Dr. Inzer in this State, where he served for several years as pastor of the First Church, Asheville, will be glad to get this good news about his work.

THE PROTESTANT Film Commission, Inc., was organized recently at a two-day meeting in New York by representatives of major Protestant denominations and interdenominational agencies. The purpose of the new body is to provide, distribute, and exhibit religious motion pictures on a non-profit basis.

Dr. H. R. Bowler of the Northern Baptist Convention's Board of Promotion reported that 30 agencies of 14 denominations had already subscribed funds for the undertaking, with nearly \$15,000 on hand of the tentative annual budget of \$19,500.

One of the first objectives of the Commission will be to raise \$1,000,000 to launch production of general religious films suitable for all Protestant churches. The fund will be sought from individuals, foundations, and church organizations.

In addition to producing films of an interdenominational character, the Commission will represent the interests of Protestantism to the film industry, suggest Protestant themes to Hollywood, and encourage interest in and support of Protestant-slanted films.

The interest in and the use of religious films is increasing rapidly, which is good news in the promotion of religion. Our own Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has a rapidly developing department of visual education. We hope that pastors and church leaders make large use of the materials available.

THE PROGRAM of Weekday Religious Education or the teaching of the Bible in the public schools of North Carolina, goes steadily forward throughout the entire state, according to a statement made at Davidson College recently by Dr. Price H. Gwynn. The statement, as contained in the current issue of Church Council Bulletin, gives a listing of all of the communities in North Carolina where such work is now being done by the religious forces of the community in co-operation with the public school officials. At the present time some type of weekday work is being carried on in practically every city of 10,000 or more population. A number of county school units and an unusual large number of small communities have inaugurated the program during the past year. "This," says Dr. Gwynn, "sets an example of interdenominational co-operation which is both encouraging and significant." Dr. Gwynn urges that "more attention be given

to the smaller communities and the rural areas where our children are."

This report by Dr. Gwynn is in line with the report recently issued by International Council of Religious Education in Chicago, to the effect that Weekday Religious Education, through some form of co-operation of the public schools, is going on in 1,500 communities in 44 states of the Union, enrolling more than 1,500,000 pupils.

PASTOR GARLAND A. HENDRICKS of the Olive Chapel Church, Mount Zion Association, has prepared an interesting table showing the growth of the church during the last 46 years. In 1900 the membership was 320; Sunday school enrollment, 171; and average attendance, 58; pastor's salary, \$150 per year; gifts for all causes, \$331.37. In 1945 the church membership numbered 579; Sunday school enrollment, 453; average attendance, 218; BTU members, 112; WMU, 135; and gifts for all causes amounted to \$19,159.89.

These figures show the great progress made by this church during the last 45 years, and give some indication of the progress made by Baptists in this State during the same period, for hundreds of churches have shown marvelous progress during the last few years.

CHURCH OFFICIALS who recently appeared before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington urged an appropriation of \$1,350,000,000 for UNRRA, Religious News Service reports.

Dr. Lelie B. Moss, director of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, and Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, director of the Commission on World Council Service of the American Committee for the World Council of Churches, testified in support of UNRRA.

The immediate need for aid to relieve millions suffering from cold and hunger was stressed. Dr. Moss and Dr. Barstow declared that The Federal Council of Churches has gone on record on several occasions in favor of the continuation of UNRRA, and that similar action has been taken by numerous denominations.

TREASURER E. P. Buxton advises that the Foreign Mission Board received for relief early in October from the Green Sea Baptist Church, Green Sea, South Carolina, \$1,054.56. In addition to this contribution, the Green Sea church already contributed this year for relief a total of \$1,401.56, or \$2,456.12 altogether. This church has *The Commission* in its church budget.—*Foreign Mission Board*.

Easy-going religion makes weak souls.—*Copied.*

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Editorial Outlook

A NEW YEAR WISH expressed in the words below means to many people something rather superficial and selfish; but for the spiritually minded Christian it means happiness and prosperity based on character and worthy achievement. Read the Beatitudes of Jesus for the conditions and the rewards of the truly blessed life. The New

"A Happy and Prosperous New Year" Year that opens to us will bring some things to be enjoyed and some things to be endured, something of success and perhaps something of failure; but in it all we hope that untold millions may enter into fellowship with Jesus and get his message of victory, "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Miss Ellen Glasgow's Achievement

MISS LOUISE McMILLAN, in her regular column, "Patchwork," in *Charity and Children*, November 29, has an interesting and informing article on the life and work of Ellen Glasgow, the distinguished novelist of Richmond, Virginia, who died recently. Miss McMILLAN writes as follows:

"What Miss Glasgow actually achieved was a long chronicle reflecting the social changes which took place in Virginia from 1850 down to the present day. Included was the fall of the aristocratic tradition, the retreat of agrarianism against the rise of industrialism and an emerging middle class.

"But though the background was particular, the human conflicts she depicted were universal, the struggle of man against his environment, against frustration and defeat. Her philosophy was a stern one, miles removed from the Pollyanna optimism which was admired in her youth. But it was also a positive one, a philosophy which exemplified courage, fortitude and endurance as the true virtues, the 'vein of iron' which enables a person to refuse to surrender in the face of defeat."

Do We Know the Things Which Belong to Our Peace?

DR. T. Z. KOO, the well-known Chinese Christian and Secretary of the World Christian Student Federation, preached at an evening service in December at the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh on the question of knowing "the things which belong unto peace" in our day and generation, basing his recommendations on a passage in Luke, which tells of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44). Dr. Koo was in Hong Kong, China, December 7, 1941, ready to fly to America in the China Clipper and was caught there because of the Pearl Harbor tragedy, and as a Japanese prisoner, nearly starved to death. From the background of his own experiences in war and peace, he spoke in a moving way about the importance of a nation following the ways of peace instead of war, citing the examples of both Germany and Japan in recent years. Then he stated that the decision and responsibility have now passed to the victorious allies. He warned of the danger of not

knowing the time of our visitation as ancient Jerusalem failed, as well as Germany and Japan in our day.

The main points in this good sermon by Dr. Koo set forth the conditions of peace in terms of the three Chinese words for "peace." These words are graphic and pictorial according to the nature of the Chinese language and set forth the following ideas: (1) The first word signifies rice in a human mouth, suggesting that if we have peace, the hungry must be fed—the economic basis of peace. (2) The second word suggests a woman with a roof over her house, suggesting social security and satisfactory home life as bases of peace. (3) The third word shows two hearts on the same level. This word suggests that there must be equality of privilege and opportunity in our common society, which is the basis of harmony and justice.

We feel that the reader will agree that this was a good sermon and very timely for the United Nations today. God grant that we may know our opportunity, "the time of our visitation," and that we may know and practice "the things which belong unto peace."

A New Century with Christ

THIS IS A NEW century for Southern Baptists—at least according to the calendar. It was in 1845 that the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, and we have finished a century characterized by faith, devotion, and achievement. We are at the threshold of a new century, but will it really be a new century in insight, vision, endeavor, and achievement? The mere passing of time on the calendar is not important, but what we do with the time is very important. The Psalmist is on the trail of a deep need when he cries out, "So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

We thank God for the "faith of our fathers" and for their achievements, but unless we do better than they did, we shall do worse. For we can build on the foundations they laid, and we can learn through their mistakes and achievements. And sometimes our forefathers made mistakes, as many of us do now, and not all church members in those days were faithful to their tasks; which suggests at once that a big need for the new century will be the training, development, and enlistment of more of our people.

And so the important question for us is how we can make this century, upon which we are entering now, a new and better one. The most simple and direct answer is, it must be a new century with and for Christ. It is well that we take thought about the matter and get into action at once.

First, we must have new and larger vision. Our achievements most certainly will not outrun our faith and vision. How much we suffer from lack of knowledge and insight! "Where there is no vision, the people perish." We magnify the importance of great leaders because they are needed to inspire and lead the multitudes. These leaders in the new century must not be "blind leaders of the blind," but true prophets who can know and proclaim the will of God.

Read the script again or see the picture, "The Romance of a Century," and you will realize that our forefathers had faith in God and in the power of the Gospel and they had a sacrificial devotion to the truth as God gave them to see it, as did the early apostles in the Book of Acts. We need the same spirit in the new century in facing different but very real situations of danger and opportunity. In 1845 the difficulties faced were poverty, limited numbers and resources, but today we face the dangers of prosperity and almost unlimited resources. We need the same simple faith and sacrificial zeal as then, but, in addition, clearer vision and wider outlook. Big and successful denominations always face the danger of losing the simplicity and purity of pioneer days.

This new and larger vision will include a better grasp of the gospel in its fullness and keener insight as to its application to the whole of life—individual and social. There must be a better understanding of Jesus Christ and of his message for needy human beings. This will mean a stronger faith in Christ and in the power of his gospel. Faith in God will involve fellowship with him and devotion to him and his will. This will mean also faith in, and heart devotion to, truth, beauty, goodness, and human brotherhood.

Along with this new and larger vision must come, and, shall we say, will come, a deeper consecration. Let us read again, and with deep searching of heart, John 14-15, and hear the Master say, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father." And again, "Abide in me, and I in you. . . . He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit." Our theme is "A New Century with Christ." Fellowship with him, and devotion to him, will give us just what we need—better men and women, more love and devotion to our fellowmen, more thought and study in preparation for service, more liberal giving, harder and more faithful work in and through the church to meet the needs of our common humanity.

Our people cannot be interested in, nor give their support to, that which they do not know about; which is to say, the great need is religious education for everybody, including the rank and file of our church members. Our program for the new century should include plans for more and better study of the Bible, Christian doctrine, character development, stewardship, and missions. We must reach the lost multitudes with the sav-

ing gospel of Christ, but we must also learn how to develop richer quality in the lives of our present church members. Genuinely good men and women, and these informed as to the teaching of the Bible and the needs for evangelism and Christian missions, will come very near solving the problems of Southern Baptists for the next hundred years.

As never before we must respond to the basic need of the world today, which is indeed "one world," and must be a world brotherhood. The message concerning personal repentance and salvation was never more needed than now. People must repent of their sins and turn in simple faith to Jesus Christ for salvation, but those who have been born again must give more attention to the application of the gospel to social and economic life. The physical and economic welfare of human beings must claim the attention of Christian men and women. The rank and file of the people must have more ethical and spiritual insight and power to meet the increasing dangers and opportunities of an atomic age. Mechanical invention has outdistanced man's moral and spiritual development. Herein is found the challenge and opportunity of the church. Never in the history of the world was there greater need that every Christian should be and do his best and every church measure up to its greatest possibilities. Can we as individuals and as Christian groups today say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Christians must lead out as never before in teaching the peoples of the world how to live together as human brothers in our heavenly Father's world. We must learn co-operation instead of competition in all areas of human life, or else another world war and the destruction of Christian civilization. Along with this must go the teaching, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The real enemy of Christianity in our day is not the differing points of view of Christian groups, however far astray some of them may seem to go, but a deadening secularism which leaves God and spiritual things out entirely. We must live the triumphant life and bear simple testimony to the power of the gospel to save individuals and nations. The hope and ideal of the human race is in the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, both now and forever more, in this new century and in untold millennia to come.—L. L. CARPENTER, in *The Teacher*, January, 1946.

The What and How of the Jesus Way

By J. R. Moseley

Dr. Moseley, of Macon, Ga., is author of "Manifest Victory," published by Harper and Brothers, New York, which is now going in the seventh edition; of "The Secret of Divine Renewing Rejuvenation," published by the J. W. Burke Company, Macon, Ga., which is in the third edition; and joint author with a group of twelve, including Rufus Jones, E. Stanley Jones, Glenn Clark, Star Dailey, Samuel Shoemaker, and Walter Judd, of "Together," to be published this month by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, New York and Nashville.

THE JESUS WAY is, first of all, the way of union and the way of love—the same kind of union between us and Jesus as exists between the Father and Jesus, and the same kind of love for one another as Jesus has for us, going on to the same kind of love for our enemies that Jesus had for his enemies. Union brings love, and union and love bring everything else. As we yield to his love, and give this love, we become new centers and creations of love. The more union the more love, and the more love the more union.

Jesus reveals himself to be perfect every-

thing—perfect God, and the eternal Christ with us on the plane of our suffering and need. He is also Perfect Man, in perfect union with the Father, and in perfect triumph. He is God on the throne of man, and man on the throne of God. He is the perfect and eternal synthesis between Divinity and humanity, Spirit and manifestation and soul and body. To glimpse him, and to believe in him as he is, is to be conceived of him and to be started in the way to become like him. It is also to be ruined for everything else. To glimpse the Perfect, and the wholly satisfying is to be set free from all

partial and imperfect claimants. When the True God is seen, the "half gods go."

In fruit bearing identification, union and marriage with him, we become extensions and contagions of him. He in us and we in him, and in the outflow of his love, all good and all achievement become possible to us. Even the works he did, and greater works will be in evidence through us when we go on to the same kind of union with him that he had and has with the Father. The same kind of union with Jesus that he had with the Father, while here in the flesh, gives him new possibilities through us, and us through

him. It is far better to be in union with him now than it could have been prior to his full self-offering, resurrection, ascension and gift of the Holy Spirit. Since we have the benefit of all that has been achieved by Jesus, and by those in union with him from then until now, we stand at the acme of privilege. It is increasingly better to be in union with him, and living in love, as it is increasingly tragic to be outside of him and his way of life as love.

The Jesus Way in perfection is also immediate guidance and discipleship. "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13). There is no certainty except the certainty of first-handedness, and no peace about anything until you know for yourself that it is God's will, and true. You are never free defending another man's revelation as you are witnessing to your own. A disciple of a disciple is pale and anemic, in comparison with an immediate disciple of Jesus. Moreover, we cannot be of great worth to him, and each other, except as we are led and taught and used by him, and placed by him, in his best place and work for us. We are a hindrance to each other, and are as the blind misleading each other, until we are led and placed and used by him.

The Jesus Way is not only the way of union and love, and immediate guidance and discipleship, but it is also the way of meeting, and overcoming, all evil with good; the way of judging men, according to God's love and his power of turning their sins and blunders and errors to good; the way of utter sincerity; the way of peace and peace-making; the way of abundant life, health and healing; the way of great bliss and glory, even in the midst of seeming defeat, and finally the way of Manifest Victory.

Overcoming Evil With Good

TO MEET EVIL with evil is to be overcome by evil, and to have evil get on top of you, while to meet evil with good is to overcome it, and to put it under your feet as a stepping-stone to ever higher conquests and attainments. You cannot whip the devil with his own fire, for, as a Georgia Congressman put it, the devil has a great deal more fire of his kind than you have and is far more skilful in handling it. Moreover, if you could destroy the devil with his own fire, we would still have you, a greater devil, on our hands with more and hotter fire. Then, too, since the means appear in the ends attained, the only possible way to bring the kingdom of pure good is by the use of the Spirit and technique of Jesus and his way of love.

The way of judging men, according to the love of Jesus for them and their needs and possibilities, instead of according to their sins, is grace extended to its uttermost limits and possibilities. Jesus takes the chief of sinners and makes of him the chief of saints, enabling him to become his chief witness and apostle. He takes a coward and makes him a stone.

The ultimate name for Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and his way of life is that of peace, and the Peace-Maker. He loves us into loving one another, even into loving our enemies. He gives us not only the spirit of peace, but the technique of peace. (See especially Matthew 18:15-35 and Matthew 5:23-24.)

In Jesus we are made alive; we are given

the abundant, joyous, victorious and glorious life. We are also given health and healing, and even rejuvenation and redemption of the body, as well as of the spirit, mind and soul.

Great Joy in Doing Will of Jesus

IN UNION with Jesus, in the doing of his will, in going all the way with him, there is great joy and bliss, and real victory, even in the midst of the seeming worst. Jesus and his way of life and love are undefeatable. Crucify him and his love and there follows resurrection, ascension and the gift and power of the Holy Spirit.

Those who go with Jesus all the way cannot escape manifest victory. The end of the way is to be like Jesus—in love, in wisdom, in dominion and triumph.

His work, in making us like him, is by creating and predestinating us for this very purpose, and by every possible provision and service of love, in our behalf, from the very beginning unto its full attainment.

We have to be born of him and his love, baptized by his spirit, fire, power and glory, so that he has us and we have him, even in a union of bodies as well as of spirits, so that we become consciously bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh (Ephesians 5:20). He longs to be all in all in the all of us, so that he is spirit of our spirit, mind of our minds, life of our lives, eyes of our eyes and Perfect Everything for the everything of us.

The New Birth Brings Christ's Spirit

WITH THE NEW BIRTH, which comes as we believe Jesus is the Christ (1 John 5:1), we have his spirit. With the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which comes through happy obedience and joyous yielding and response to Jesus and his spirit and love and presence and power and glory, the Spirit has us, and we should have the all of us as a free and glad possession and use. In my own experience, much of what Jesus promised concerning the other Comforter, the Spirit of

Truth, and the Holy Spirit, were literally fulfilled. There was glorious revelation concerning Jesus. I was put in the free possession and control and uses of the Holy Spirit. I was put on a cross of life and bliss and glory. Jesus manifested himself unto me, and breathed or infused himself within me, so that I realized that he had baptized me according to his promise—"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father and ye are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

The baptism that will unify will, first of all, be a baptism bringing glorious union with Jesus, and a life of limitless love, and with this union and love the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit will be life and light, and never as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. The great outpouring of the Spirit is ahead of us, and not behind us. "The best is yet to be."

After the baptism we are to go on to perfection, the perfection of union, the perfection of love and the perfection of everything of him. Our first union with him is largely a union of interchange. He takes our sins and our diseases and our needs, and gives us his righteousness, his health and his perfect everything else as fast as we are made ready and make ourselves ready to give up our selves and our imperfect everything, and receive him and his perfect everything. The next growth in union is the union of interaction and co-working. The ultimate union is the union of integration and likeness. He becomes like us to make us like him. Full salvation is this achievement. In this achievement we become extensions and contagious of him and his kingdom, so that any one who receives us receives him. The growing up into his likeness is almost as good as the attainment, and the going to heaven is almost as good as the arrival. Better still will be the coming of the kingdom on earth, so that the kingdoms of this world and the whole of life shall be his. The ultimate is bringing heaven to earth, and everywhere.

Churches Challenged to Service

Report of Church Service Committee to the Rowan Baptist Association, Eighteenth Annual Session

From 1 Chronicles 29:5 I read, "The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of the artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

Material had been gathered for the construction of the temple; needed now were the hands of skilled workers, those willing to give of their time and knowledge. Today, almost three thousand years later, we hear the same call, "And who then is willing to consecrate his service unto the Lord?"

We as followers of Jesus Christ have the necessary materials to assist in the building of God's kingdom here in our community, but what are we doing about it? Has our service been consecrated unto the Lord? During the past year would our service bear close examination? What comments would be in order?

Your service committee asked each member church of our association for information pertaining to service activities of the past year, from which we hoped to compile an informative report. Of the twenty-five member churches contacted, only nine, evi-

dently, considered their service activities worthy of mention.

Even though sufficient interest was not shown by the other sixteen churches, your committee feels they must have had at least a small part in service. However, we have no way to report their extent. The information from those responding is greatly appreciated.

Our fields of service could be so diversified, yet having only the one purpose, "As you do it unto one of these, you do it unto me." To enumerate each field of service would become very uninteresting. Therefore a brief consideration will be given to only some of them.

Reports on Sunday school, Training Union and women's work have been presented. This report commends each for its outstanding achievements not only within our association, but also in many types of service embraced in each organization.

From available information all churches are assisting in the support of our Baptist Hospital and children's homes.

Civic Work

Many local civic projects, which should have been church projects, have had active co-operation from our churches. Sometimes

it seems as though our churches are much relieved when civic organizations take over obligations belonging primarily to the church, placing the opportunity for service in hands other than those in which it rightly belongs.

Most of the churches are serving our boys and girls in the armed forces corresponding regularly, not only through "newsy" letters but also through church bulletins and soul-feeding literature. This is one form of service which should be a "must" on every church program. Our Sunday schools and Training Unions are reorganizing young people's classes to meet the needs of our returning boys and girls.

Active sponsorship is given in that interested leaders are giving of their time and experience to Boy Scout Troops, a Cub Pack and a Brownie Unit.

Evangelistic Services Held

With few exceptions, if any, our churches have held special evangelistic services, but not as many as needed to meet the present demand. In serving God and man we must be alert to the requirements, we must be ready. To be ready we must be equipped spiritually, mentally and with worship and educational facilities equal to the situation. With these we must have the burning desire to bring the lost ones to Christ.

One church during the past year has enlarged its service program by agreeing to support one of our Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa.

To serve those not having means of transportation, several of our churches have regular bus trips to and from their churches, also organized car teams, a suggestion to be used by all to good advantage.

The Salisbury churches not only co-operated in, but sponsored the recent city-wide religious census.

Several churches have conducted worship services in the prison camp, jail and county home for the aged. Not only did they take to those less fortunate the Word of God, but also they took little thoughtful gifts. Here we have an opportunity in which all may serve.

To prepare for service, several study and training courses have been held with local leaders. These are very good, but cannot be compared to the results obtained when we use our State Board's trained instructors. It is true these may not be available just when we wish, but as soon as possible, if we request, they will be more than willing to assist any and all churches. Include at least two courses in your program of next year. Now is the time to request desired dates.

Some of us are failing to prepare for the enlargement opportunities which will be forced upon us. Plans for more adequate worship and educational buildings are beginning to be formulated by two or three churches. Are your facilities equal not only to tomorrow's needs, but those of today? Do you think with what you now have you will be able to cope with the demand of a people hungry for the Word of God? What would we do today if the other half of Rowan County tried to attend worship services? In this question we really have a challenge to every church. What are you going to do about it?

Opportunities for service in our immediate vicinity are missed every day, in that, as members of this association, we fail so often to co-operate at the opportune time. Lack

of such has caused the loss of enlargement service preparation. We have no record of our State Board's educational faculty being used during the past year, either by the association or by individual churches. We really missed opportunities for service here, in not equipping ourselves for more knowledge as to what to serve and how to serve.

Several times during the past year our association as a whole has been invited to join in educational projects, but the response was very feeble. How can we serve others when we are not willing to serve ourselves? As we now work, to a certain extent, each church seems to be to its self, whereas we could make much use of an integrated program, all working at the same time together for the one and same purpose.

To really serve as God would have us, we must unite.

"The Master is come and calleth for thee."

(The above report was read by D. N. Tucker, chairman. Other members of the committee were Mrs. J. L. Kirk and Mrs. Walter Cooley.)

The New Leaf

"Behold, I make all things new."—REVELATION 21:5.

As we calmly and silently stop and look back on the old year that has just passed away, we realize that another page representing another year of our life has now been written, and we also know that the page does not look so well to us. It is marred and stained with regrets of the best things, and the best way of life, and we perhaps say to ourselves, "Oh, if I could call back the past." But this is not possible. We can never recall this year again. It is gone forever, with its opportunities, blessings and failures, and has forever stamped itself on the background of "Eternity." And now comes the time to take inventory. And, as we do this, may we profit by our mistakes, and make them stepping-stones to a richer, nobler and freer life. And as we turn a "new leaf" may we in the turning of the leaf, not forget to begin a "new life," in relation to God, ourselves, others, home, church, community, state, nation and the world. For, in the words of our text, we have the secret of a "new life." "Behold, I make all things new."

We may have soiled our leaf of life, but with Jesus as our Saviour and our guide we can make a new one.

"He came to my desk with quivering lips,

The lesson was done.

Have you a new leaf for me, dear Teacher?

I have spoiled this one.

"I took his leaf all soiled and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted,
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
'Do better now, my child.'"

"I went to the throne with trembling heart,
The year was done;
Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?
I have spoiled this one!

"He took my year, all soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted;
Then into my tired heart he smiled:
'Do better now, my child.'"

—A. C. LAWSON.

Greensboro, N. C.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

We thank God wholeheartedly that major wars have ended, and that opportunities for repairing their terrible physical and moral damage are now opening. Especially we give thanks that a United Nations Organization for ensuring peace and general well-being is taking form, and earnestly pray that the noblest hopes set upon it may be fulfilled.

The world is nevertheless very sick. Suspicion abounds. National and sectional interests still override co-operation for the common good. Dangerous strains persist in spite of the appalling and universal devastation which large-scale war would involve.

The simple truth is that general peace cannot be based on self-interest or on fear; its only enduring foundation is in brotherly love. The responsibility is more urgently than ever brought home to us, to beseech men everywhere to "be reconciled to God," and to manifest in their whole life—as individuals, as citizens, as members of the human race—the spirit of Christ. "In none other is there salvation."

May grace abound throughout our Baptist fellowship, that in the coming year and all the years we may be faithful and effective disciples and ambassadors of the Saviour of the world.—J. H. RUSHBROOKE, *President, Baptist World Alliance.*

London, Nov. 29, 1945.

Miami Chosen as Convention City

The Southern Baptist Convention will hold its first post-war session at Miami, Fla., May 15-19, 1946, according to a decision made by the Executive Committee, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, December 13.

Miami's invitation for the meeting was accepted after it developed that lack of hotel facilities would prevent the meeting being held in Atlanta as originally planned, the committee spokesman said.

The Executive Committee also elected Dr. Duke K. McCall, of New Orleans, La., as its executive secretary, succeeding Dr. Austin Crouch, who retired after serving since the committee was organized in 1927. The resignation of Dr. J. Howard Williams, who has served as president for the last two years, was accepted.

Dr. Williams said he was resigning to become executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Books Received

THE CHURCH AND THE RETURNING SOLDIER.
By Roy A. Burkhart. Harper and Brothers.
Cloth, \$2.00.

ON FOOT TO FREEDOM. By Newton Chiang.
Friendship Press. Paper, 25 cents.

AMERICA'S CHANGING FRONTIERS. By Mark A. Dawber. Friendship Press. Paper, 25 cents.
DISCUSSION AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR ADULT GROUPS ON "THE CHURCH AMONG UPROOTED AMERICAN." Friendship Press. Paper, 25 cents.

A JUNIOR TEACHER'S GUIDE ON "THE CHURCH AMONG UPROOTED AMERICANS." Friendship Press. Paper, 25 cents.

God's Concern for the Oppressed

Lesson for January 6

Printed Text: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-2

With this lesson we begin a study of the history of Israel from the period of oppression in Egypt to the Coronation of Saul. The general theme of our study is "A Nation in the Making." This historical unit follows in logical sequence "Studies in Genesis," our topic during the third quarter of 1945. It is highly desirable that we maintain the continuity of these historical units even though they be divided in the cycles' schedule.

In this particular study of the nation of Israel we find values of permanency given us. It will be the purpose of these lessons, one by one, to bring to light these values. The interested reader will look forward to each link in the chain of sequence, beginning with the present discussion.

Bitter Bondage

Our lesson opens with the nation of Israel sighing and crying in the throes of bitter bondage. For more than four hundred years they had been in Egypt, growing in number from seventy souls to more than 600,000 on foot, men, besides women and children. There had been days of prosperity, but those days were gone, for "in process of time" the friendly king of Egypt died "and the Children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God by reason of the bondage." An unfriendly king had come to the throne, a king who was insanely jealous of the blessings that had come to the Children of Israel. Taskmasters laid upon them grievous burdens and yielded not unto their cry for mercy.

There are few today who do not have or have not had their night of bondage. Sometimes the taskmaster is a specific sin, or an undesirable quirk of temperament, or an evil impulse that enslaves and robs one of his highest and best. Countless souls yearn for deliverance from the prisonhouse of self. That is why the experience of Israel reminds one so much of life today; their trials were so human, so close to earth, so like our own.

That which is of greatest importance, however, is not one's bondage, no matter how slavish and mean-spirited it may be, but, rather, the manner in which he reacts to his trial. The Children of Israel realized their own inability to cope with their problem and cried out to God. However far they may have drifted from his love and care, they recognized that their ultimate course of deliverance was God. To him, therefore, they made their cry.

There is much for the church to do at this point today. So few know how to carry, in satisfying manner, their sorrows unto God. More and more ministers of the gospel, Sunday school teachers, and Christian workers could prepare themselves for counseling and give themselves over to this vast realm of opportunity with increasing devotion.

Divine Concern

"And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked

upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them." These words tell us of God's concern for his oppressed people, Israel. But they tell us more than this; they declare unto us the eternal concern of God for people of every generation in their hour of extremity.

It is true that the Children of Israel were chosen, appointed by God for a special ministry, that, in the providence of God, was to be world-wide in scope. In the call of Abraham (Gen. 12) God had expressly said, "And in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Moreover, he would say a little later "and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:6). But it is of equal concern to God today that his children of every race and clime likewise find help in hours of adversity.

The Scriptures are replete with assurance of God's concern for our woe. Think of Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof . . . the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." Or, consider his words to Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee" (Josh. 1:5). And, again, the words of Christ remind us of this truth: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:10). Jesus tells us that the very hairs of our head are numbered (Matt. 10:30), and that we are of far greater value than many sparrows, the fall of even one of which is not able to escape his compassionate concern.

God's Deliverer

God did not stop with mere concern for his oppressed people. He translated his concern into a living reality. He prepared for them a deliverer.

The story of the call of Moses is familiar to all Bible students. God found him tending the flocks of his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, over on the back side of the desert near Mount Horeb. Unto him the angel of the Lord appeared in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush and laid upon his heart his holy calling.

Moses was not easy to convince or at least to persuade to accept his mission. But the words of the Lord must have given him the needed reassurance, for he said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people . . . I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them." It was to be no draw victory. They were to have total deliverance.

The people of God can have deliverance today from their bondage of sin if they will but turn to him who is able to deliver. God's arm is not shortened, nor his strength abated, by reason of the years. He can still lead us out of our sorrows, bondage, and night!

As we begin the new year, let us resolve

to be mindful of the fact that God is concerned with the oppressions of his people. No matter how far removed they may be from the path of right, his heart continues to ache for them when they are in the throes of trouble.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT TAKES LIFE OF MRS. ELLA BROADUS ROBERTSON

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary lost one of its most prominent and best-loved friends, and Southern Baptists one of their greatest souls with the home-going December 3 of Mrs. Ella Broadus Robertson, widow of the late Dr. A. T. Robertson, for many years a member of the faculty of the Seminary.

Mrs. Robertson, who was a daughter of Dr. John A. Broadus, one of the founders of the Seminary, and who was personally acquainted with every member of the faculty of the Seminary from its beginning to the present, was fatally injured when struck by an automobile as she was crossing a street near her home late in the afternoon. She had been shopping and was carrying several packages which may have obstructed her vision. Death came four hours after the accident, in a Louisville hospital.

By strange coincidence, Mrs. Robertson lost her life at the same place where her sister, Miss Eliza Broadus, was killed by an automobile fourteen years ago.

Mrs. Robertson, who was 73, was in good health and continued to live an active, useful life. She devoted the most of her time in recent years to writing and was the author of several books. Her books include: "The Heart of the Bible," a condensation in its original words of the King James Bible, designed for children and young people; "The Fine Art of Motherhood," "The Highway of Prayer," "Women of the Bible," and "Half a Century," a book of verse.

During World War II Mrs. Robertson wrote and published a pamphlet entitled "The Dark Valley," a comforting message for families of men killed in the war. This was translated into several languages and was widely circulated. At the time of her death she had ready for publication a book entitled, "Talks to Preachers' Wives."

Born in Greenville, S. C., where the Seminary was first located, Mrs. Robertson moved with her parents to Louisville as a little girl, when the Seminary was removed to this city. She is survived by two sons, Cary Robertson, Sunday editor of *The Courier-Journal*, Louisville, and Archie T. Robertson, who is with the State Department, Washington, D. C., and by eight grandchildren.—ELLIS A. FULLER.

Jno. T. Stallings of Nicholasville, Ky., wrote recently from Litchfield, Ill., that he was assisting in a revival meeting in the First Baptist Church of that city, a church which he found to be sound and spiritual.

"One impressive feature of the revival," he wrote, "is that three young men, high school seniors, have accepted a call to the ministry, and two outstanding young women have announced their decision to go into training for foreign mission work."

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

The Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage from the Mars Hill Church amounted to \$478.60.

Rev. A. C. Martin, of Alexander, has been named half-time pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, near Forest City.—*Ex.*

Fuquay Springs Church, W. M. Page, pastor, has joined the list of those subscribing to the *RECORDER* on the Every-Family Plan, with 156 subscriptions on the list. Thanks and congratulations!

We have received 1945 minutes of two more associations, Stanly and Mount Zion. C. C. Huneycutt is moderator of the Stanly Association, and L. D. Munn is clerk; D. Kelley Barnett is moderator of the Mount Zion and Charles C. Smith, clerk.

Among those who have dropped into the *RECORDER* office recently are Pastor Wade H. James of the North Kannapolis Church; Pastor Carl L. Ousley, First Church, Siler City; Pastor John H. Knight, Bethesda Church, Durham.

The many friends of Dr. L. L. Vann of Mars Hill, N. C., will be glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently from a serious illness to return to his home from the Mission Hospital, Asheville, which he entered on October 30, 1945.

Dr. E. L. Hillman, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Rocky Mount, was elected president of the North Carolina Council of Churches at the recent annual meeting of the organization, which was held at Guilford College. He succeeds Dr. John R. Cunningham of Davidson College.

First Church, Winston-Salem, planned a Christmas home-coming celebration for the evening of December 23 in honor of members who have returned from the armed forces. Members still in service were included in the plans, too. It was thought such a service would mean much to those who had been away and also to those who had stayed at home.

Help build the greatest Baptist Hour audience in history for that first broadcast, Sunday morning, January 6—7:30 CST. Dr. W. Marshall Craig is the speaker. Request plenty of cards for your church and community. Write The Radio Committee, S.B.C., 427½ Moreland Avenue N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Secure ample announcements of The Baptist Hour. Place one in every home in your church community. Make it possible for these broadcasts to bless your community and church. Request announcements from The Radio Committee, S.B.C., 427½ Moreland Avenue N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, in a recent issue of *The Builder*, bulletin of the Druid Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., of which he is pastor, writes of a recent week he spent in Missouri. He writes enthusiastically of President Walter P. Binns of William Jewell

College and of other college officials; of the work of Missouri Baptists under the leadership of Secretary Maderas; and of Editor Joe Brown of *The Word and Way*.

Enrollment at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary reached 621 as the Seminary began its second term, breaking all previous records. This compares with 617 for the corresponding period last session and with a total of 654 for the 1945 session. Approximately 150 men who had applied for admission were unable to enroll because of lack of housing facilities. Dr. Fuller announced.

1946 BAPTIST HOUR

"Following Christ in the Paths of Peace" is the theme for the 1946 Baptist Hour series of messages which will be inaugurated on Sunday morning, January 6, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, S. F. Lowe, Director, Atlanta, Georgia.

"The Lordship of Christ" is the subject of the speaker, Dr. W. Marshall Craig, of Dallas, Texas, in this first broadcast. Dr. Craig has been pastor of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, for eighteen years, and is one of the leading preachers of the Southern Convention. Dr. Craig went from North Carolina to Texas.

The program can be heard in North Carolina over Radio Stations WWNC, Asheville; WPTF, Raleigh; and WSJS, Winston-Salem, 8:30 a. m.

First Church, Waynesville, L. G. Elliott, pastor, has adopted a budget for 1946 which totals \$16,900. Of this amount, \$10,097 is designated for administrative and operating expenses, and \$3,873 for missions and benevolences. The sum of \$335 is designated for associational expenses and local benevolences, and \$2,535 for reserve fund.

A recent visitor was Rev. W. B. Harrington, who has a field of five churches, four of them in the Roanoke Association and one in the West Chowan. Cedar Branch, Jamesville, Piney Grove, and Riddick's Grove belong to the Roanoke, and Siloam to the West Chowan. Mr. Harrington has had a long period of service on this field—since 1928.

Pastor E. S. Morgan of the Rowan Church, Eastern Association, was a recent visitor in the *RECORDER* office. This rural church of 536 members takes the *RECORDER* on the Every-Family Plan, we are glad to say. There have been 48 additions to the membership since June 1, 1943, when Mr. Morgan became pastor. He is a graduate of Mars Hill and Furman, and has the B.D. degree from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

It may be that some church needs a pipe organ and would be interested in the item below:

Limestone College is ordering a new pipe organ for the auditorium, and the organ now in that building is for sale. This pipe organ is a two-manual, electro-pneumatic Moller, 18 stops, the front of which is 18 feet wide,

the height 15 feet. If interested, please communicate with Mr. Wilgus Eberly, Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has donated \$1,000,000 to the World Council of Churches. About one-half the amount will be used for the World Council's relief and reconstruction program, and the other half to establish and maintain a Christian laymen's training center in Europe under the auspices of the World Council.—*Religious News Service.*

The Hilltop, published by the students of Mars Hill College, reports that a recent B.T.U. study course ended with an approximate enrollment and average attendance of 700.

Miss Katie Murray of Raleigh, missionary to China on furlough, was speaker at a meeting of the W.M.U. of Temple Church, Wilmington, on Monday evening, December 10. A native of North Carolina, Miss Murray was educated at Meredith College and the W.M.U. Training School, and from 1923 until 1944 she was engaged in evangelistic work in Chengchow, Nonan, China.

Organizations of Corinth Baptist Church recently conducted training and study courses for the Sunday school and the B.T.U. of the church. Twenty Sunday school officers and teachers enrolled for the book, *New Testament Studies*, taught by Rev. D. P. Brooks of Salem. Forty-five enrolled for the B.T.U. courses. Adults studied the book, *Living Abundantly*, taught by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Bazemore. Younger groups were taught by Mrs. Effie Ives, Mrs. Rosa Harris, Mrs. Gladys Thompson, and Mrs. C. W. Bazemore. The smaller children were taught by Mrs. Mary Pritchard and Mrs. Linda Griffin. Corinth is one of the churches of the Chowan Association, maintaining a fully organized Sunday school in all departments and a complete B.T.U. organization.

At the 45th annual session of The State Literary and Historical Association in Raleigh, December 14, 1945, Josephus Daniels of Raleigh was awarded the Mayflower Cup for the best of the 15 books entered in the 1945 competition for the best book written by a resident North Carolinian. Mr. Daniels' book is *The Wilson Era*.

Dr. Robert B. House of Chapel Hill was elected president of the State Literary and Historical Association for the coming year. Mrs. Ford S. Worthy of Washington, first vice-president; Dr. J. Harold Wolf of Gaffney, S. C., second vice-president; and Mrs. Sidney McMullan of Edenton, third vice-president. Dr. Christopher Crittenden of Raleigh was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Education Council of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention held its regular quarterly meeting in the Rose Parlor at Meredith College, December 11, 1945, at 3 p. m. Vice-chairman LeRoy Martin presided. Routine business was cared for and there was discussion of some matters referred to the Council by the Convention, but no decision reached. After the Education Com-

mittee of the General Board is elected, the chairman of this committee will automatically become chairman of the Education Council. The next regular quarterly meeting will be held at Wake Forest College.

After the meeting adjourned, a delicious dinner was enjoyed in the college dining room, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas. The college choir, under the direction of Dr. Harry E. Cooper, sang two numbers. This courtesy was greatly appreciated by the members of the Council.—
MRS. J. S. FARMER, Secretary.

After performing nearly two million man-days of labor in North Carolina agriculture and rural industries, prisoners of war will be removed from farms and plants by the end of this year, according to the War Manpower Commission. Reasons for their removal: return of veterans, the filing of claims for unemployment benefits, passage of peak in emergency crop harvesting, and return of many workers from war jobs.

The fight against infantile paralysis goes on unceasingly. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., founded by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, aids stricken areas all over the nation in times of need, and also makes possible extensive scientific work: for research toward the goal of a preventive and a cure for infantile paralysis, for the training of physicians, nurses, physical therapists, medical social workers and others in modern methods of treating and helping polio victims, for a broad program of education—a never-ending campaign to give the facts about polio to the people of America.

We can all help this work to some extent. The March of Dimes, January 14-31, 1946, will give every man, woman and child among us an opportunity to contribute something to this worthy cause.

Ottis J. Hagler, chaplain at Oteen, was called back to Jacksonville Beach, Florida, on Sunday, December 2, to preach the dedicatory sermon of the First Baptist Church of that city. Mr. Hagler is a former pastor, having served the church from 1939 to 1942. It was under his leadership that the present beautiful building was planned and construction work was begun. The first meeting was held in the new plant on September 22, 1941, at which time the building was about half completed. The present pastor, W. P. Everson, assumed his duties on April 1, 1943, some months after Mr. Hagler had resigned, and it was under his leadership that the work was completed.

This church, which was organized on June 20, 1921, and was assisted by the Florida State Mission Board until 1937, has had remarkable growth. There are now 765 members and the debt-free church property is valued at \$75,500. Besides the beautiful church building, a parsonage has been purchased and the church sponsors Wonderwood Chapel, at Mayport, Fla., where a building is under construction.

The Meredith College Choir, numbering 60 girls, gave a number of concerts during the Christmas season. The most important was the annual Christmas Candlelight Vesper Service in the college chapel at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, December 16, to which the public was invited.

Two concerts were given at Fort Bragg Service Clubs, and one at the Camp Butner Hospital. On December 11 the choir sang during the supper hour for the Council on Christian Education of the Baptist State Convention, which was holding its quarterly meeting at Meredith. The Christmas program also was broadcast from Station WPTF at 6:30 on Christmas morning; and the girls in the choir led the whole student body of 600 girls in Christmas caroling in all parts of Raleigh early in the morning of the last day of school before Christmas holidays began Tuesday, December 18, and again for a 6:00 o'clock broadcast of carols from Station WPTF that morning. The choir is conducted by Dr. Harry E. Cooper, head of the department of music at Meredith College.

REV. J. H. ANDERSON ORDAINED



Rev. James Harold Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Anderson of Mars Hill, now a senior at Wake Forest College and pastor of the East Warrenton Baptist Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry at an impressive service at the Mars Hill Baptist Church Sunday evening, November 11.

Rev. John R. Link, pastor of the church, preached the ordination sermon, using as a text a passage from Exodus 18:19, "Be thou for the people to Godward." Professor Vernon E. Wood delivered the charge to the candidate, and Rev. M. H. Kendall presented him with the Bible from the church. Following the laying on of hands, Dr. R. L. Moore, president emeritus of Mars Hill College, offered the ordination prayer. Mr. Anderson led the closing prayer and benediction.

Among those present for the ordination service was the great grandmother of Mr. Anderson, and participating in the service were his father, Deacon W. K. Anderson, and his sister, Miss Doris Anderson, who was a member of a trio who sang "Take My Life and Let It Be" during the service.

An ordination council composed of Rev. John R. Link, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, Rev. P. C. Stringfield, Rev. B. M. Canup, and Rev. J. A. McLeod met with Mr. Anderson for his

examination on Saturday afternoon and recommended his ordination to the church.

Before coming to Wake Forest College Mr. Anderson was graduated from Mars Hill College and attended the University of Tennessee, and he expects to continue his education at the Seminary, probably this fall.

On Sunday morning, December 9, during the morning worship hour of the Covington Baptist Church of Covington, Va., there was a dedication service for a newly installed organ, the gift of Mrs. W. A. Rinehart as a memorial in honor of Mr. W. A. Rinehart, her husband, and of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hundley, her father and mother. The organist for the day was Mr. Henry von Hasseln, of Charlottesville, Va., organist at the University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va. Mr. von Hasseln also gave an organ recital at four o'clock in the afternoon. The pastor of the Covington Church is Dr. Roy R. McCulloch, who formerly held pastorates in this State at Oxford and at Clayton.

Herbert W. Baucom, Jr., has resigned the pastorate of Western Avenue Church, Statesville, and has accepted a call to Takoma Park Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. He will take up his work in Washington on January 1. During the six years of his pastorate at Western Avenue the church has paid off its indebtedness, redecorated the educational building, bought additional space for church use, and raised over \$5,000 toward remodeling the auditorium. In 1939 the gifts totaled \$9,248 and last year they totaled \$22,349. Gifts to missions increased from \$1,952 to \$6,361. There have been 302 additions to the church in these six years. At present the church is supporting two children at the orphanage and a Cherokee Indian girl who will do mission work among her own people after college. Mr. Baucom has been president of the Statesville Ministerial Association, and is now serving his second term as moderator of the South Yadkin Association.

The Swepsonville Baptist Church has been without a pastor for the past four months. The church extended a call to Rev. Ben W. Cox, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Thomasville, N. C. He accepted the call and is now on the field. He is a graduate of Furman University and the Seminary at Louisville. His wife was the former Miss Betty Clara Jennings, of Thomasville. The church is now building a pastor's home which should be ready for occupancy early in the spring. Our people are well pleased with Rev. and Mrs. Cox, and we are looking forward to accomplishing great things in the future.

During the time we were without a pastor we used Dr. Forrest L. Fraser, P. O. Box 749, Greensboro, N. C., as supply for three Sundays. Dr. Fraser is a high type preacher and he is open to do supply work anywhere in the State. Dr. Fraser is also a crayon artist, and has a most challenging evangelistic ministry centered around the use of his drawing board. His crayon talks are remarkably adapted for a wide range of gatherings, such as Sunday night services, Young People's meetings, Sunday school conventions, evangelistic services, etc. We are glad to recommend Dr. Fraser to the Baptists of North Carolina.—WALTER M. WILLIAMS.

New Year Greeting

I saw the hills of the morning,
The form of the new year arise;
He stood like a statue adorning
The world with a background of skies;
There was courage and grace in his beautiful
face,
And hope in his glorious eyes.

"I come from Time's boundless forever."
He said, with a voice like a song:
"I come as a friend to endeavor,
I come as a foe to all wrong,
To the sad and afraid I bring promise of aid,
And the weak I shall gird and make strong.

"I bring you more blessings than terrors,
I bring you more sunlight than gloom,
I tear out your page of old errors,
And hide them away in Time's tomb;
I reach you clean hands and lead on to the
lands
Where the lilies of peace are in bloom."
—Selected.

TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S GIFTS WERE SACRED

The Druids distributed branches of the sacred mistletoe, cut with peculiar ceremonies, as New Year's gifts to the people and the Saxons observed the day with gifts and festivals.

The Roman custom of taking gifts to the emperor was introduced into England as early as the time of Henry III. Queen Elizabeth is supposed to have supplied herself with her jewels and wardrobe almost entirely from these gifts.

As late as 1692 the English nobility were accustomed every year to send to the king a purse containing gold.

Under the Tudors and the Stuarts it was the habit of all classes to give presents to friends with the best wishes for the New Year.

Ladies received presents of gloves or pins which were then expensive. Sometimes the gifts were wrapped in money and from this practice we have the term "pin money."—*Copied.*

A Good Resolution

One of the New Year resolutions that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference. How arguing over nothings mars the home harmony. An erroneous opinion may need correction, but what possible difference does it make whether Aunt Jane came to dinner Tuesday or Wednesday, or whether it rained Friday or Saturday.—*Ex.*

WITH GOD IN THE HILLS

By MAE TRALLER

God walks the hills when the summer winds come

And I hear His voice in their singing.
Then I hear Him speak in the brook that talks
Where the rock-moss velvet is clinging.



Every Child Should Have a Bible. It would be good if every child in the RECORDER reading families could start the New Year with a Bible if he doesn't have one already.

Down where the wild roses, pink in the dusk
Of dark green foliage, is leaning
I glimpse His face, and my heart can catch
The message He speaks, and its meaning.
God walks in the hills as I climb the paths
Into sunlight where glad warmth enfolds me.

And I feel His presence. His wonderful love
Tenderly touches and holds me.

—The Word and Way.

THE MESSAGE OF THE NEW YEAR

I asked, and paused: he answered soft and sweet.

Some rule of life with which to guide my feet:

I asked, and paused: he answered soft and low,

"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge then suffice, New Year?"
I cried;

And, ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"

And once again the answer sweetly fell,
"Yes! this thing, all other things above:
God's will to love."

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears.
God made one and the tailor made the other.
Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge a man by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too good and too honest to succeed. Don't judge a man by the house he lives in; the lizard and the rat often inhabit the grandest structures.—*Friendly Chat.*

Spice Box

"Hard working little wife you've got, Bill," said the traveler to the small shopkeeper as he watched the man's busy wife in the shop.
"My word, yes!" replied the shopkeeper.
"I only wish I 'ad a couple more like 'er."—*Clipped.*

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BETTY: Did you hear about the fellow who stayed up all night figuring out where the sun went when it went down?

OLIVER: No, what happened?

BETTY: It finally dawned on him.—*Copied.*

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A Westerner walked into the ticket station of an eastern railway company and asked for a ticket to Chicago.

"Do you want to go by Buffalo?" asked the agent.

"Goodness, no! If I can't go by train let me have a reindeer."—*Ex.*

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VOYAGER: Captain, what shall I do if I get seasickness?

CAPTAIN: Don't worry, you'll do it.—*Ex.*

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"How old would you say she is?"
"Oh, somewhere in the middle flirties."—*Exchange.*

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MOTHER: Your uncle will be here for dinner, Sonny, and you must wash your face.

SONNY: Yes, Ma, but suppose he doesn't come—then what?—*Copied.*

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Johnny at the Poultry Show:

"Let's stay until they let the animals out."

MOTHERS: "They don't let them out, Johnny."

JOHNNY: "Yes, they do! Last night Dad told Uncle Bill that they would wait until after the show and pick up a couple of chickens."—*Ex.*

Woman's Missionary UNION

MRS. J. S. FARMER, Acting Executive Secretary

MRS. J. CLYDE TURNER, Acting President
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MISS RUTH KELLER, Field Worker

One Year to Live

I had but one year to live;
one year to help; one year to give;
one year to love; one year to bless;
one year of better things to stress;
one year to sing; one year to smile;
one year to brighten each a little while;
one year to sing my Maker's praise;
one year to fill with work my days;
one year to strive for a reward
when I should stand before my Lord,
think that I would spend each day
just the very self-same way
that I do now. For from afar
the call may come to cross the bar
any time, and I must be
prepared to meet eternity.
If I have a year to live,
just one day in which to give
pleasant smile, a helping hand,
a mind that tries to understand
fellow creature when in need,
is one with me—I take no heed;
I try to live each day he sends
to serve my gracious Master's ends.

—MARY DAVIS REED.

Miss Keller's Report

THANK YOU'S FOR NOVEMBER

For—Ten wonderful days with Brunswick's Olivia, Mt. Pisgah, Southport, Bethel, Antioch, and Mill Creek. Goings a plenty at Mrs. Robbins' direction—and pleasant hours beside the sea—and around a poppin' oyster fest.

For—All the way to Raleigh to the Convention. How good to hear for a few days and feel the strength which comes with fellowship with many Christian friends.

For—Good days with Center Hill and the Jenkins near Lexington, and Thanksgiving dinner! We had "The Larger Stewardship" and "So This Is Africa" for the children who turned out adults!

For—Ahoskie! Hats off to Creeches and their Maddrays and folks. And for Pearl Hanson who is somebody in the West Chatham, and for Brother Bushyhead whom even the juniors considered so. We really had congregations at this school of missions.

For—Bunnlevel—hostess for a night, and singing "Pray Ye."

Thank you and God for November.

Miss Keller Resigns

With keen regret and with deepest appreciation for her very fine service as Field Worker for nearly two years, the Executive Committee accepted Miss Ruth Keller's resignation which she tendered at the December meeting.

Ruth has endeared herself to North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union from the mountains to the sea. Her devotion to her work, her unfeigned interest in his work, her sunny smile, her sweet, calm spirit, her efficiency have made her a valuable worker. In January she will fill some engagements already made, and her resignation will take

effect January 31. May our Father's blessings attend her wherever she goes!

CHURCH WOMEN OF AMERICA A CHALLENGE TO ACTION SHARE AND SEW

(This appeal comes to us through Miss Juliette Mather. If you want detailed instructions, write to the Raleigh Office.)

Although victory of arms has been achieved, liberated peoples all over the world are facing the most desperate winter yet, because of lack of food, fuel and clothing. Clothing is woman's field. Quick action will save thousands of lives this winter.

Collect Used Clothing, Shoes and Bedding

Word comes from Greece that it is useless to send food unless garments are sent, too, else the people will die of exposure. In northern countries warm clothing is imperative to mere subsistence.

Organize Salvage Sewing Rooms

At the same time that the appeal for used clothing is made, ask for odds and ends of knitting wool; pieces of woolen and cotton cloth; sewing materials such as pins, needles, thread, buttons, zippers, trimmings; scraps for patches; velvet portieres for warm wrappers; chintz curtains for quilt-backs; old quilts and blankets to be re-covered.

Urge your interdenominational groups to canvass their churches and community, appealing to textile or knitting mills for samples, mill-ends, imperfect yardages, factory discards of any kind. Ask local stores for remnant samples, odd lots of fabrics and findings. Then, with American ingenuity, utilize the talents of churches and community for designing, cutting and making these salvaged articles into useful and attractive garments and quilts.

The Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction

is appealing to the women of America through the women's denominational organizations in co-operation with the United Council of Church Women to carry out this clothing relief program.

At a time when many national relief organizations are being disbanded because of Victory, let us make this Victory secure by sharing of our abundance, and by continuing to contribute of our time, our abilities, and our enthusiasm, to help clothe the peoples of the world.

This program will be continuous and cumulative, and will overlap no other national program. It will supplement the work of UNRRA and the Red Cross, and has the approval of the President's War Relief Control Board. Distribution will be made through church centers all over the world. It is a magnificent opportunity for the church to build an essential material foundation under its spiritual program.

Full directions for collecting, reconditioning and shipping clothing may be obtained from CCORR, Material Aid Department, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. (Correspondence address only.)

Also instructions, suggestions, diagrams, etc., for Salvage Sewing and knitting may be obtained from the same source.

Packages of clothing should be sent to United Church Service Center either at New Windsor, Maryland, or Modesto, California. Please do not send packages to New York.

CHURCH WOMEN OF AMERICA, ANSWER THE CHALLENGE! SEW AND SHARE

Royal Ambassador Conclave Held in Monroe

The Royal Ambassador Conclave of the Charlotte Division met at the First Baptist Church, Monroe, N. C., November 9-10. Two hundred and twenty-four R. A.'s with their pastors and sponsors were registered. This was the largest Conclave which has ever convened in this Division. Twelve pastors, seven men counselors and twelve women counselors attended the Conclave.

After registration on Friday afternoon the boys and their counselors were entertained at a banquet in the "Hut" belonging to the church. The meal was planned, prepared and served by the ladies of the First Church, Monroe.

The program Friday evening opened with the singing of the Royal Ambassador hymn, "The King's Business," after which a playlet was presented by the R. A. Chapter of the West Albemarle Baptist Church. Dr. E. L. Spivey, State Missionary, was speaker of the evening and brought a very inspirational message on the timely topic, "Ambassadors of Peace." A missionary motion picture, "We Too Receive," aroused anew the missionary zeal in the hearts of those present. The evening was climaxed by six of the boys presenting themselves for service on the foreign fields.

Each boy and his counselor present at the Conclave who spent the night had a home, for, at the conclusion of the program, the ladies of the church were there to take them to their homes. With such friendly hospitality, they could not help but feel welcome.

The devotional message on Saturday morning was brought by Rev. David K. Shelton, pastor of the Wingate Baptist Church. Other features of the morning service were talks by R. A.'s on "Victory Through Our R. A. Allegiance," a song service led by Rev. Jack Akin, Monroe, and a Recognition Service led by Rev. C. R. Hinton, R. A. Counselor for the Charlotte Division. In the Recognition Service, 48 Knights, Squires and Pages were recognized and three Ambassadors, L. C. Caudle, of West Albemarle Baptist Church, holding the rank of Ambassador, was elected Ambassador-in-Chief for the Charlotte Division for the ensuing year. Rev. Jack Akin, the newly elected R. A. Counselor of the Charlotte Division, commented on plans being made for the new year. Our spiritual vision was broadened by a message brought by Rev. Donald G. Myers of the First Baptist Church of Wadesboro, on "Boys and the Church of Tomorrow." Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, delivered the closing message on the theme of the Conclave, "Victory Through Christ," and sent the group away determining in their hearts to live more victorious lives through Christ.

Christian Education

IN THE CHURCHES

L. L. MORGAN, Sunday School Secretary
R. T. HOWERTON, Jr., Student Union Secretary
HARVEY T. GIBSON, Training Union Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Program for January 22 Meeting

January 22, 1946, is the date for special simultaneous associational Sunday school meetings throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our goal is a meeting in every association with representatives from every church in attendance. The following program is suggested in the Sunday School Bulletin for Associational Sunday School Workers:

Song—"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story."

Scripture.

Prayer.

Distribution of the booklet, "Launching a New Century in Southern Baptist Sunday School Work."

"Our 1946 Southern Baptist Sunday School Program"—(A brief study of the eight items contained in this program).

"We Are Doing These Things in Our Church"—(Three three-minute testimonies by Sunday school superintendents).

"Making This Program Available to Every Church"—(A discussion of the special Sunday school meetings in the churches in February under the direction of the associational officers).

Open Conference—(Announcing teams and completing their itinerary for the February meetings).

Department Conferences led by associational department superintendents. (See December Bulletin for conference programs.)

Reassemble for closing period.

Song—"We're Marching to Zion."

Announcements.

Closing Address: "Go ye . . . into every church."

STUDENT UNION

STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAM AT WAKE FOREST

A Student Night program, sponsored by the Wake Forest College Baptist Student Union Council, was presented in the Wake Forest Baptist Church during the evening worship hour, December 9th. James Mattox, ministerial student from Wilson, presided over the service. Two student speakers, Luther Morphis, veteran from Lexington, and Crate Jones, from Kentucky, took part on the program.

The general theme of the program was that of the state BSU Convention, "Christ My Imperative." Luther Morphis, ex-service man, spoke on "The Resolutions We Made." Included in the resolutions made was that ex-service men must realize the importance of the religious life and the worship service. Also Mr. Morphis stated that each veteran must do his part to build a better world. In order to do this, he must find God, find peace and make Christ his Imperative.

Mr. Jones chose "Christ My Imperative" for his subject. His message was divided

into three parts, namely: Christ must be the individual's Imperative; Christ must be the groups' Imperative; and Christ must be the Imperative of the world.

In conclusion Mr. Jones stated that Christ has the answer. "The world must be baptized with the spirit of God."

A quartette composed of Lanneau Newton from Wake Forest, Mary Nichols and Billie Barnes from North Wilkesboro, and Bill Herring from Burgaw, sang "Since Jesus Is My Friend."

A special offering was taken for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions.

The service was ended with the benediction by James Mattox.—ANNE JOHNS.

HIGH POINT COLLEGE B.S.U. COUNCIL TO BE TUTORED AT W.C. STUDENT HOUSE

The Baptist students of High Point College, a Methodist school, have elected, with the full approval and co-operation of the administration, a roster of splendid leaders for the Baptist Student Union: Mary Lou Rainey, President; Neil Lancaster, Membership Vice-President; Nelly Gray Inscoe, Social Vice President; Louise Joyce, Worship Vice-President; Pat Isenhour, Secretary; Jack Foster, Treasurer; C. D. Spilman, Sunday School Representative; Doris Pickler, B.T.U. Representative; Mary Elizabeth Vaughan, Reporter; Rev. W. Wilbur Hutchins, Pastor Adviser; and Dr. Harrison, Faculty Adviser. Dr. Harrison, himself a Methodist, is deeply interested in the student religious program for all of his students. He wants to see the churches exert every effort to keep students active, alert and growing Christians while getting their education along other lines.

On the afternoon and evening of January 10 this new council from High Point will be the guests of the council at Woman's College for a social, a series of group and individual conferences and supper, during which time the experienced B.S.U. veterans of W.C. will share their technical know-how and spiritual enthusiasm with their neighbors.

"WORLD MISSIONS"

The Student House at W.C.U.N.C. was taking on a festive air, with the ping-pong table in the newly decorated "Wreck Room" covered with a white cloth. Luxurious hot dogs with real chili sauce, mustard and slaw, doughnuts and hot coffee were present in abundance and well taken care of. The occasion was a meeting for special emphasis on "World Missions," with Dr. A. S. Gillespie of Wake Forest as special speaker. The listeners included students from W.C., A.&T. and Bennett College. After an inspiring discussion of the urgency of world need for the gospel message, implemented with every modern technique of education and medical care, the students asked a rapid-fire series of pointed questions that revealed serious thinking. Several students present are considering some phase of missions as their

life work. Present also was Miss Ola Le missionary to China, who expects to return to that country within a few months. She was delighted with the enthusiastic interest shown and the definitely Christian way in which students of different racial backgrounds faced together their mutual problems in a world-wide missionary enterprise.

North Carolina has been selected as the first state in which the American Academy of Pediatrics will conduct a thorough fact finding survey to determine the needs of children in a post-war world, in order that the medical mind may assume the leadership in making available the facilities with which these needs are to be met. It is expected that this survey will serve as a model for similar undertakings in every state in the Union.

"North Carolina was chosen as the state in which to launch this great movement because of the excellence of its pediatric group and their interest in child health," said Dr. Joseph Lachman, who has been secured to act as executive secretary during the survey, his services having been loaned to the North Carolina Pediatric Society by the United States Public Health Service.

Rev. Claxton Sawyer, who was pastor of Bent Creek Church in Buncombe Association, has recently accepted the pastorate of North Canton Church, Haywood Association, and has moved to his new field.

Urgent need for student nurses at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, class, March 5, 1946.

Requirements: 17½ years old, high school graduate with 85% on basic subjects. Get bulletin and application blank from Director of Nurses.

LEGAL NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Mrs. Mollie B. Gattis, late of Wake County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of January, 1947, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of January, 1946.
W. A. YOST,
Executor of Mrs. Mollie B. Gattis, Deceased,
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Dr. Rankin Speaks at Baptist Bible Institute

Second Missionary Day of Current Session Given Over to Foreign Missions

"When Admiral Perry anchored off the shores of Japan and issued his heavy artillery ultimatum to open up or be opened up, Japan changed the methods and procedure but not the direction of her civilization," Dr. M. Meron Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, stated in an interview recently. "However, Japan has now begun the renovation of her civilization, thereby presenting the greatest challenge to the Christian world in the history of missions."

In New Orleans to speak on the Missionary program at the Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. Rankin stated further that the war had served a revelatory purpose in showing to the entire United States the urgency of world conditions. Based on estimates made by Baptist leaders who both made a study and toured Europe since the war, the missionary leader said that only a miracle could prevent the starvation of at least 5,000,000 Europe's populations, providing the Christian world carried out her already-made plans for aiding these countries. If the Christians fail, there may be no limit to the starvation.

Quizzed as to the moral and spiritual reactions that accompanied the use of the atomic bomb, Dr. Rankin had little to say other than that the bomb was but an inevitable extension of war. If war continues to harass the world, the bomb can be only the beginning of what is to come was his opinion.

"But world conditions are not altogether hopeless," stated the distinguished visitor. On the spiritual and moral side there are limited opportunities. Baptist Japanese leaders in Japan are sending growing reports of the change in Japanese thought. At the present Japan presents a wonderful opportunity for a national Christian conquest."

However, it is an old but true adage that opportunity often knocks but once. Baptists must act and now: 1943 is the year. Since no nation can save itself alone, just as no man can save himself alone, it behooves the country with the self-made title of "Christian nation" to act immediately. According to Dr. Rankin, God is going to move in ever-widening circles in Japan, and if Baptists are not in the circle it will be due to their own negligence. "If Baptist Christians will become as concerned about winning the world to Christ as they were about winning the war, Japan and the world are ours," emphatically stated the world leader.

Immediate needs of the unchristian world cannot possibly be supplied by Baptists with their present personnel, was another opinion voiced by Dr. Rankin. He inferred that several hundred newly-called missionaries were demanded with some 200 of them needed in 1946. "It is not a question of open doors," said he, "but a question of whether we will enter the doors that are open. Our attempt to meet the present-day emergency can be well compared to the analogy of the man who attempted to cover a barrel-head with a postage stamp. He moves the stamp to the side to cover a section of it and immedi-

ately he sees the void left on the other side. If five and one-half million Southern Baptists expect to win the world with five and one half hundred missionaries, we are deceiving ourselves."

Concluding the interview, the Board executive made a direct appeal for male missionaries. It is a known fact that women are responding to the call of the foreign field far more rapidly than are the men. The request is that Baptist churches throughout the South and the entire world will humble themselves before God and plead in prayer for leaders to fill these vital and very urgent missionary positions. Behold, the fields are

white unto harvest; now is the time.

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Sunbeam Band "Pounds" New Pastor



The Sally Eagles Sunbeam Band of the Eagles Baptist Church of Crisp held a special meeting the last Sunday afternoon in October, at which time the new pastor and his wife were "pounded." An original program by the leader, Miss Gladys Albritton, was presented by the class. The program carried the theme "Our Pastor."

Following the program Rev. and Mrs. West were invited into one of the classrooms. It was lighted by candles and the gifts were attractively arranged on a table. The class sang a welcome song to Mr. and Mrs. West. At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the leader.

The picture shows the children with their gifts on the table.

Front row—Frank Eagles, Jackie Eagles, Wayne Forbes, Jean Harrell, Billie Forbes, Joanne Eagles, Addie Marie Griffen, Robert Reason.

Second row—Elizabeth Forbes, Evelyn Marsh, Al Felton, Anne Forbes, Rosemary Eagles, Dora Mae Reason.

Back row—Mae Felton, pianist; Shirley Taylor, Mrs. West, Miss Albritton.

On steps—Mr. West, Mrs. Walter Forbes.

News Items

The October report of Solomon F. Dowis, superintendent of City Mission Work for the Home Mission Board, shows that 18 states and the District of Columbia are now co-operating in this work. For October there were 536 churches and 340 mission stations reporting, and 14 new churches. The report indicates that there were 9,720 volunteer workers, 1,742 professions of faith, and 1,432 additions to church membership. North Carolina has four cities co-operating in city mission work—Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro and Raleigh. Florida also has four, and Texas has six. None of the other states has more than three cities in the effort, and some of them have only one or two such points.

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Pastor John H. Coley came from Roxboro to North Street Church, Raleigh, the last week in November, 1939. Thus he has recently rounded out six years of service and has begun his seventh year in the pastorate. These six years have been full of progress. The church has engaged in a building campaign which, though not without difficulties along the way, has resulted today in a church plant with a value of about \$45,000. The church budget in 1939 was a little over \$3,000. This year it is \$11,000, and prospects are that contributions will go well beyond this amount. Counting all funds, there is

more than \$2,000 on hand for the purchase of new pews, new carpet, and about \$700 to pay on indebtedness.

The tributes to the pastor and his family in a late issue of the church paper, or bulletin, indicate that there is remarkable harmony in the work of the church, and that the people have great faith in the genuine religion of their pastor.

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The First Church of Rockingham has made substantial advancement during the past year, we learn from the *Richmond County Journal*. There were received into the church 37 members by baptism, with a net increase in membership by baptism and letter totaling 80. Church membership now is 557, and Sunday school enrollment, 600. Gifts to all causes amounted to \$24,108.56, \$4,757.68 being for missions.

During the year a new home has been erected for the pastor, and an outdoor playground has been arranged. Miss Lillian Humphrey, educational director, began her work in August. The W. M. U., the Training Union, and the choirs are doing good work. Edwin F. Perry is pastor of the Rockingham church.

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J. Marshall Walker gives half his time to the Stovall Church. This church recently decided to purchase a Hammond Electric Organ as a memorial gift to the men in the armed service. The second Sunday in November was set as the date to bring gifts

for this purpose. The estimated cost of the organ was \$1,700, and when the collection was counted, it was found that \$2,012 had been given in cash, and more has come in since that time. The amount above the purchase price of the organ is to be used to paint the church auditorium.

At Island Creek Church, to which Mr. Walker gives fourth-time, the fourth Sunday in November was designated as Building Fund Day. The collection at the morning service for the building fund was \$4,269.66 in cash. This brings the total cash on hand for the building fund to over \$15,000. In view of the fact that the goal for the year is only \$5,000, the members feel certain that this building fund goal will be reached and exceeded. Several memorial gifts will be presented to the church, including an organ.

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Loray Baptist Church made the best report to the Gaston Association it has ever made in finances, and it was very good indeed in other things. The treasurer says there has been paid in \$30,320.87 during the past associational year, with only about \$6,000 going to others. We are accumulating a building fund which now amounts to nearly \$60,000.

The church received during the year 122 into its membership, 85 of whom were received by baptism. There was a loss of 53, which gives us a net gain in membership of 69, making a total of 806, including 122 non-resident members.

Our Sunday school enrollment reached 671 with the Baptist Training Union having an enrollment of 162. We were glad to have Mission Week with Miss Helen McCullough returned missionary from China, as our visiting speaker. The youth of our church also enjoyed having ministers of the association leading in conferences during Youth Week. For the above and other special things in which we have engaged, we thank God and press on.—L. M. Dixon, Pastor.

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The choir of the First Church, Asheville, under the direction of Mr. Frank Gough, presented the Christmas cantata, "The Word Incarnate," on Sunday morning, December 16, at the regular morning service. The program was supplemented by the Young People's Choir, Mrs. Graham Reams, director. W. Perry Crouch is pastor of the church.

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Pastor R. Von King of the Eller Memorial Church, Greensboro, writes that a successful series of revival services was recently held in the church. Rev. O. B. Lancaster of Washington Church, Greer, S. C., was visiting preacher, and Rev. E. B. Hicks, Southside Church of Concord, led the music. There was good interest and attendance, with 12 additions to the church. To date 74 new members have been received during this Centennial year, 60 of whom came for baptism.

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The *Durham Sun* of December 8 has an interesting article on Rev. H. G. Hammett who has been pastor of the Temple Church in Durham for a little more than a year, having come from the pastorate of the First Church, Waynesville. During the year of Mr. Hammett's pastorate at Temple, much progress has been made. Approximately 250 members have been added, and about \$40,000 was raised for all purposes. The 1946 budget calls for \$60,000, and a program to raise \$250,000 for the completion of the church's educational plant has been launched.

DR. CAYLOR ACCEPTS HOME BOARD POST



Dr. John Caylor, above, of Shreveport, La., assumed the position of secretary of education of the Home Mission Board, January 1, according to announcement by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer. Dr. Caylor succeeds Rev. Joe W. Burton, who goes to head a new department of home curriculum with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Board's new educational director, Dr. Caylor, has been president of Burleson College in Texas; Baptist Student Union secretary in Texas and Louisiana; educational director of churches in Tuscaloosa, Oklahoma City, and Fort Worth; and for the past twelve years pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Shreveport.

Election of Chaplain Fred A. McCauley as general field worker in New Mexico, Arizona, and California by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has been announced by Dr. Lawrence. Next year the mission agency expects to spend around \$100,000 in these three eastern states, Dr. Lawrence said. Activities will include mission work among Indians and Spanish peoples, erection of church buildings, and the promotion of Baptist work among Anglos.

The appointment of seven other missionaries was also announced. They will work in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Baltimore, Md.

Dr. John D. Freeman, editor of the *Western Recorder* of Louisville, Ky., has accepted the position of field worker in the rural department, Dr. Lawrence announced. He will begin his work February 1.

Dr. Lawrence reported that Home Mission offerings the first eleven months of 1945 totaled \$1,383,000, a 25 per cent increase over the same period last year.

"There is no friend like an old friend
Whose life path meets our own;
Whose dawn and noon and evening
Have known what we have known."

God has his best things for the few
Who dare to stand the test;
He has His second choice for those
Who will not have His best.

Your Red Cross Must Carry On

Your Red Cross must carry on in peace as in war, because . . .

Service men and women still in uniform—those overseas with the armies of occupation, those yet to be discharged—continue to need Red Cross clubs, snack bars, and recreation centers, and the friendly assistance of understanding Red Cross workers.

Veterans and their dependents look to the Red Cross for assistance in solving problems that often slow adjustment to civilian life.

Hospitalized service men and veterans need help to face the tedious hours of convalescence.

Disaster victims, the homeless of war-ravaged lands, and others in distress, need Red Cross help.

A sailor, convalescing from burns that seared his legs and arms as he leaped from his shattered, flame-licked ship, summed up the Red Cross appeal.

"The Red Cross has never let us down," he said. "In the hospital they said it was plasma that kept me alive. It was a Red Cross woman who wrote the folks about it and told them not to worry. It was a Red Cross worker who helped my wife when the allotments didn't arrive on time after I was reported missing. It was a Red Cross girl who brought me those magazines over there. . . . So don't let the Red Cross down."

Give now to the 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign.

BAD NEWS FROM BUDAPEST

Miss Bessie Daniel of Stem recently sent us an extract of a letter from her sister, Miss Ruby Daniel, who is now serving as a missionary in Iwo, Nigeria, West Africa. Formerly she served five years as a missionary in Budapest, Hungary. She sent her sister news from Budapest which she received in a letter forwarded to her by Dr. Sadler of the Foreign Mission Board. The letter was dated July 14, 1945, and was sent through the American Legation. Dr. Sadler, of course, did not know the contents of the letter, as he could not translate it.

This letter brought tragic news of the death of Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki and three other people in an explosion which destroyed the Seminary buildings in Budapest. One of the other persons killed was Bela Korosi, a teacher, and the other two were a man and his wife, members of the church of which Mr. Udvarnoki was pastor. Miss Ruby Daniel was greatly saddened by the news, as Mrs. Udvarnoki was one of her good friends, a missionary from Mobile, Alabama, whose name was Gladys Smith before her marriage to Pastor Udvarnoki.

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FROM WAR ZONES come urgent appeals for helpless and homeless millions. "Millions are homeless. Children, not responsible for the war, require immediate care; many of them are without homes, without father or mother." All Christians should seek to render a ministry of relief and reconstruction to the people in all devastated lands, whatever their war alignments. Such service is the essence of the teaching and service of him who went about doing good.

MISS LORENE TILFORD, who has just recently gone from Chungking to Shanghai, commends the leadership of our Chinese brothers and sisters who through the darkest days of the war carried on the church and school work in Shanghai. She writes concerning the work down in Leung Kwong field in South China: "Last week Miss Lum and I spent two days reading and translating letters from the Leung Kwong field. They are wonderful testimonies to the keeping power of God and the faith of his followers."

IN THE SCARBOROUGH Memorial Evangelistic Campaign held in Jaguaquara, Bahia, Brazil, where the Taylor-Egidio High School is located, there were 49 public decisions. Missionary M. G. White writes that Pastor Carlos Dubois was assisted by Missionary J. A. Lunsford.

MAIL MOVES RAPIDLY these days. On Monday, December 3, Missionary M. G. White mailed in Bahia a letter addressed to the Foreign Mission Board and the following Friday morning it was in our hands. He refers to the election held the preceding day when Brazilian states were voting by secret ballot to elect a president, a senate and a house of representatives. "The new president will take office very soon. The senate and house will meet first in one body as a constitutional convention to work out, adopt and put into effect a new constitution for Brazil. Then the two bodies will function separately according to the new constitution."

OUR STAFF CORRESPONDENT in China, Mr. Howson Lee, member of the faculty in Shanghai University, describes material and moral devastation wrought by war and adds: "Thanks to the Lord that there is one great lifting power in this city; that is the influence of Christian churches and Christian institutions. These churches and institutions with their evangelists and Christian workers serve as the lighthouse of the city. They are needed everywhere, but their influence is even more keenly felt in this city. Our Baptist work here plays an important part in exerting such an uplifting influence."

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT comes from Mr. Lee concerning the activities and growth of five Baptist churches in Shanghai which have their own premises: First, Grace, Cantonese, East Shanghai, and the Fah Hwa Baptist Church. There are two other churches meeting in rented quarters, New Life and-Sallee Memorial. The largest is the

First Baptist Church, with an active membership of more than a thousand. The Grace Baptist Church, with a new building erected four years ago, is led by a young and vigorous pastor, Charlie Chi. This church is planning to install a broadcasting station. The Cantonese Baptist Church, as its name suggests, serves only the Cantonese-speaking people. The East Shanghai Baptist Church is made up of the faculty and students of the University of Shanghai.

MR. LEE names three problems that face our fellow workers in China: finance, personnel, and policy. "We need our own Baptist trained men and women to work in the administration as well as in the teaching staff. We want to guard against the church union movement on one hand and secularization on the other, both of which are popular at this time."

DR. EVERETT GILL, JR., who, with Recife as his base, has been visiting North Brazil mission fields, will make his headquarters for some time at Rio de Janeiro. After January 1 he should be addressed: Caixa Postal 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Through his visits to every part of our mission fields in Latin America, Dr. Gill is making a tremendous contribution to world missions.

CHRIST HAS COMMITTED to us the ministry of reconciliation—not only reconciliation to God, but reconciliation to other people. In Christ walls have been broken down. "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized unto Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." All, whether American, African, or Asiatic, may become children of God by faith in Christ. There is no other way to God except through Jesus Christ, but that way is open to believers of every race, and nation, and tongue, and tribe. It is our business to make this way known to the whole world.

DR. R. E. BEDDOE, M. W. Rankin, and I. V. Larson are scheduled to sail for China about December 20. Mrs. J. B. Hipps, whose husband is already in Shanghai, and Dr. N. A. Bryan are en route to Shanghai.

MISSIONARY JAMES CRANE and Mrs. Crane, appointed missionaries to Mexico a few months ago, are on the field at work, being located at Guadalajara where Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Reid, now on furlough, are stationed. A short time after arriving in that field of urgent need, Missionary Crane held a meeting in Morelia, having studied the language in college and having become proficient in the use of it while working among the Mexicans in Texas. There were thirty professions of faith in Christ.

MISSIONARY D. F. STAMPS, one of the first group to enter the front door of China after V-J Day, writes to the *Christian*

Index of Georgia a letter in which he closes with these hopeful words: "The demand in China for relief work in many places will be very urgent. The need for missionaries is greater now than ever before, for the opportunities are much better. Our own mission work is more fully unified now than it has ever been. Our Baptist people at home should support the program of missions both at home and abroad with all their strength in men and in money. We should go all-out for Christ at this time. And I believe we will do a better job for the Lord than has been done during our hundred years of organized work."

DR. EMORY ROSS, representing in Africa the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, calls attention to the contribution of Christian missions to Africa, not only to the spiritual life of the people, but in the fields of modern education, medicine, public health, literacy, literature, agriculture, and social advance. Modern civilization has wrought great changes in Africa. We quote from *World Call*: "As for the change, it was inevitable. Missions pioneered in the elements mentioned and still carry a large share of the load, but nearly every other force touching Africa from the outside in the past century, has brought or contributed to change also: trade, political forces, western law, foreign literature, sea transportation, motor salesmen, air lines, cinema, military forces, war, liquor, land ownership, the press, labor unions, clothing merchants, the postal system, mail order houses, co-operatives, international health agencies. Change has been made inevitable by a world pushing in upon Africa."

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