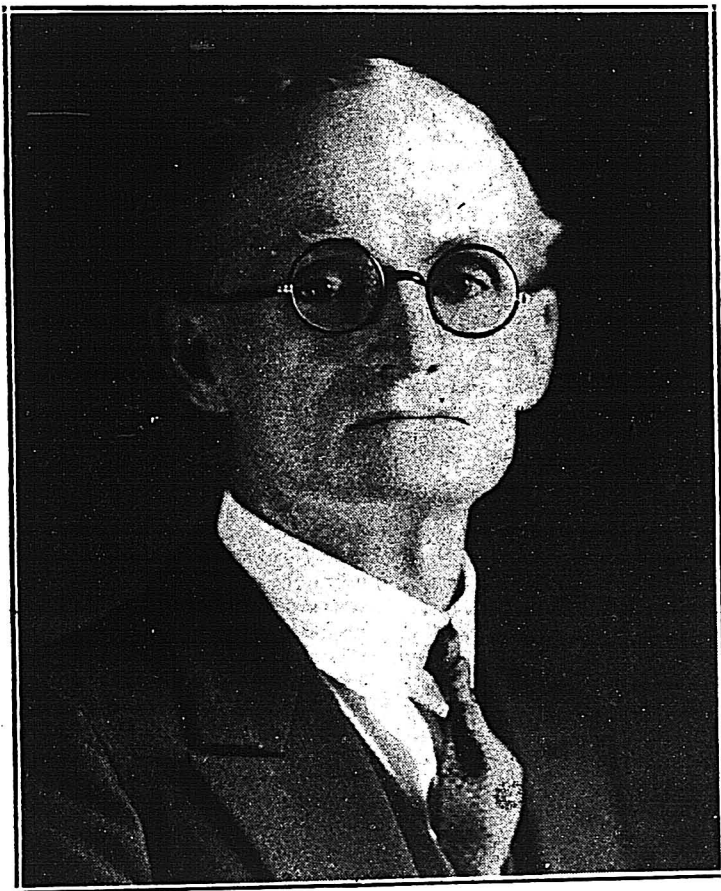


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New President of Convention



REV. J. W. SUTTLE, of Shelby, was elected president of the Baptist State Convention at the meeting in Winston-Salem, November 11-13. Mr. Suttle is the first country pastor to serve as president in 43 years.

Mr. Suttle has been in the ministry for 58 years. At present he serves four country churches in Cleveland County, where he has been a pastor for 37 years. He is also rounding out his 25th year as moderator of the Kings Mountain Association. He is a native of Cleveland County and all his ministry has been in that section except for a period when he served a group of churches in Johnston County.

He has missed only four meetings of the Convention within the last 60 years, and three of the years he missed he was at the Seminary.

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Editorial Brevities

IT STILL isn't too late to contribute used clothing for the Southern Baptist drive for clothing for 500,000 people. The drive was scheduled for the month of November, but clothing, shoes, bedding, etc., can be sent at any time to Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

THERE ARE said to be at least a million Baptists in Texas. Reports to Baptist Headquarters in Texas showed a total of 999,970 earlier in the fall. Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, said: "Additions to the churches in fall revivals since these reports were written undoubtedly have shoved the figures well above the 1,000,000 mark."

THE BOARD of foreign missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., recently, voted a \$1,000,000 allocation for missionary work in Japan during the next three years, we learn from Religious News Service.

Fifty additional missionaries will be sent into Japan, the board also decided.

Evidently the Lutherans think that this is a strategic time for work in Japan.

THE TAR RIVER Baptist Association, representing 60 churches and 15,000 members, at its annual meeting at Gardner's Church, October 16, 1947, unanimously passed a resolution declaring "its emphatic opposition" to the action of President Truman in the appointment of Myron C. Taylor to the Vatican as representative of the President of the United States, protesting its opposition to the continuance of the appointment, and urging "the termination of this appointment without further delay." A copy of the resolution was sent to President Truman and a copy recorded in the minutes of the association.

WE ARE DEVOTING this week's issue largely to the report of the meeting of the Baptist State Convention, but we have not been able to include reports of several meetings of interest and importance. The report of these meetings will appear in next week's issue, among them being the meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood, the Pastors' Conference, meeting of Associational Missionaries, and various school banquets. We shall be glad for those interested to send names of the new officers of any organization which held meetings, such as the seminary alumni association.

Also, we shall welcome a note about any matter of importance in connection with the Convention which may have been omitted in our report.

BY THE TIME this paper comes off the press Congress will have been in session 10 days. On the eve of the special session there was much speculation as to what would be done. All seemed agreed that first attention would be given to the plans for aid to Europe, but there was a growing sentiment that something would have to be done to curb rising prices. The present high prices for food work a hardship on low-income

groups. People with plenty of money can get whatever they want, but many families find that rationing due to high prices puts more restrictions on their fare than the wartime rationing as to quantity allowed each person. Many of us, for instance, who used to eat bacon once or twice a week forego it entirely now. Food in this country certainly is not being distributed equitably, and will not be as long as prices remain so high.

THE PROTESTANT Film Commission's initial production, "Beyond Our Own," has been chosen as the picture of the month by the Protestant Motion Picture Council. The picture was shown simultaneously in 100 cities on November 10. Durham, N. C., was one of the places.

The Review of the Council states that the choice of the picture "is not made primarily because we are interested in religious films and are eager to promote their wider use. It is made because here, at long last, is a movie which not only has a great and important theme but which compares favorably in production excellence with entertainment motion pictures at their best."

The theme of the picture is in keeping with the emphasis currently being placed on evangelism by many denominations. The review goes on to say: "Dramatically, 'Beyond Our Own' is vivid and gripping. It has a well-integrated story, one that moves swiftly to its climax with no pauses or time-outs to belabor you with a preachment. Technically, it has skilled direction, capable acting, authentic settings. And spiritually, it stirs the finest emotions and moves upon the will with strong persuasion."

REV. ALLAN B. DARLING, Presbyterian minister from Oswego, Ill., at the recent fourth annual National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country in Rochester, N. Y., advocated a reorganization of the local church work. Religious News Service reports.

"Part of our weakness," he said, "has arisen from an emphasis on personal salvation without the necessary corollary of commitment to the work of the kingdom."

Weakest point in the Christian education program, he said, is the American home.

"Few parents take the time and effort to teach their children the facts and truths of the Christian religion. A farmer will stay up all night with a sick cow who would never think of praying all night for a wayward son or daughter.

"We must have a satisfying Christian philosophy of rural life. The church needs to develop a sense of 'community.' The Bible needs to supplant the radio as the most used piece of furniture."

This last comment could apply as well to families belonging to city churches as to those in rural areas, probably.

A RECENT TRIAL in Wooster, Ohio, reveals to what extremes certain religious sects can go. Religious News Service reports that Andrew J. Yoder, 33-year-old Amish farmer, was awarded \$5,000 damages against four church officials who had expelled him. He had sued for \$40,000, holding that he was

damaged in that amount through a mite or boycott that had been imposed against him, making him a virtual outcast among his old friends, relatives and neighbors. Because of the boycott, he said, he could not sell to, buy from, eat with or otherwise deal with any member of the Amish community among whom he had been born and raised.

He said that when he visited at the home of his old friends, he had to eat alone in the basement. "I felt like a dog eating out of a pan," he asserted.

And the boycott was imposed because Yoder purchased an automobile to transport his ailing daughter to and from a doctor's office! Use of an automobile is forbidden by the strict Amish sect.

There is too great a leaning toward liberality today among many church members, a great many people think. Strong convictions are not in evidence enough. But the other extreme of religious fanaticism is reached in such incidents as that of this boycott.

DR. C. G. BRENNECKE, of the electric engineering department of State College, in speaking to a Raleigh group recently on atomic energy gave a hopeful word in regard to avoiding war. Although most of his address was concerned with the research for peacetime utilization of atomic energy, Dr. Brennecke pointed out that the United States and Russia are the only powers in the world today capable of waging a war that would amount to much. We have the atom bomb now and in all probability Russia will soon know how to make it. Nevertheless, Dr. Brennecke said, if we destroyed the great cities of Russia, we still would not have conquered her. Russia might do more damage to America by the use of atomic bombs because we have more great cities, but she could not conquer us unless she sent an expeditionary force and occupied our territory. Both countries have such great land masses that subjugation by occupation is impossible in either case, and both countries know this. Therefore, the speaker said, war is extremely unlikely, and he thinks that finally some agreement between the two countries will be reached.

Dr. Brennecke admitted that he might be living in a fool's paradise, but stated that this was his honest conviction. His reasoning sounds logical, and, in the midst of all the screamings about the inevitability of war, it is comforting to know that a scientist thinks it may be avoided.

"Kingdom News," bulletin of First Baptist Church, Wilmington, devotes its first page to an In Memoriam for Dr. Joshua Hill Foster, 1861-1947, who was a former pastor of the church.

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THE ONE HUNDRED seventeenth annual session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina opened in the beautiful and spacious auditorium of the First Church, Winston-Salem, Tuesday morning, November 11, at 10 o'clock, with President Casper C. Warren of Charlotte in the chair and Rommie Pierce of Wingate directing the music. It was a good day for Baptists, many people said, for it was raining outside in torrents. However, because of the rain, it seemed that the crowd was assembling rather slowly, the auditorium being about half full at the beginning of the session. Mr. Pierce announced Wesley's great hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," and those assembled, as others were coming in, sang heartily as only a great crowd of Baptists can sing. The general theme for the Convention was "By My Spirit" (Zechariah 4:6). In keeping with this theme, Harry D. Wood, Jr., read Joel 2:28-32, and led the Convention in prayer.

This was said by many to have been one of the "tamest" conventions in many years, for there were no controversial matters or great issues about which the messengers got excited or divided. There may have been some great issues over which the Convention should have become more excited, but in any case we trust that the Holy Spirit guided in the deliberations and that the good done will show in the churches of the State for a long time to come. The Convention was characterized by encouraging reports and by outstanding speeches by such men as Drs. M. T. Rankin, Roland Q. Leavell, R. G. Lee, W. Marshall Craig, and former Governor J. M. Broughton. The hearts of the people were stirred and lifted to new heights of consecration in the concluding address by Dr. Craig Thursday at noon on the subject, "Powerful Witnesses." In many ways the most interesting and effective program during the Convention was the attractive and interesting presentation of the big cause of State Missions through pictures and speeches on Tuesday night.

Chairman W. R. Grigg of the Committee on Enrollment reported 610 messengers at the beginning of the first session, but the final report at the end of the Convention showed that 1,336 messengers and 316 visitors had registered, a total of 1,651. However, it is interesting to note that there are 598,349 Baptist church members in North Carolina

who did not have the opportunity of attending the Convention. To those who were absent, in particular, we extend greetings and the hope that we may be able to give in an interesting and helpful way some of the main features of the Convention.

Pastors Are Recognized; Gavel is Presented to Convention

CHAIRMAN Julian S. Hopkins presented the report on Order of Business, which was adopted. Associational Field Worker Walter L. Warford called to the front for recognition pastors of Winston-Salem and of the Pilot Mountain Association. Secretary M. A. Huggins introduced the 27 new pastors present who had come into the State since the last meeting of the Convention. Also, seven visitors from other states were introduced.

An interesting and unusual feature was the presentation to the Convention of a gavel to be used by the president. This gavel was made from wood cut from the home farm of Matthew T. Yates, the pioneer missionary, who was ordained and sent out as a missionary to China a hundred years ago. A similar gavel had been presented already to the president of the Baptist World Alliance. Another will be presented to the president of the Southern Baptist Convention and still another to President Truman for use by speakers in the House of Representatives. The wood was gathered and the gavels made under the direction of Mr. P. A. Carter, who is now 92 years old and yet alert and vigorous and interested in the Baptist cause everywhere.

Chairman H. G. Hammett of the Committee on Committees read the names of the committees on Place and Preacher, Resolutions, and the Committee to Report on the General Board's Report.

Sunday School Report is Followed by Convention Sermon

ZENO WALL, North Carolina member of the Sunday School Board, came to the platform to preside and introduced Dr. J. O. Williams of Nashville, Tenn., who gave an address on the work of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Williams based his message on three desires of Paul after his conversion on the road to Damascus: to know Christ, to be like Christ, and to make Christ known to

others. Dr. Williams declared that these desires of Paul are also the supreme desires of the Sunday School Board. He said that his desire and that of the Board is to love and serve every Southern Baptist church member and then through these to have a great part in presenting Christ to all the world.

Next, Clyde E. Baucom, president of the General Board, presided and presented Secretary M. A. Huggins, who in turn presented the Advance Report of the General Board, which consisted of a pamphlet of 88 pages. Copies of this report were distributed to the entire congregation. Mr. Huggins called attention to some of the main features in the progress of our work during the year and read the 13 recommendations of the Board. Grover Jones presented a resolution authorizing the Board to lease property at Chapel Hill for a Baptist Student Center, and this resolution also called for the appointment of a Committee of Seven to consider the purchase of this property for \$35,000 within the next twelve months. Also, R. A. Ellis presented a resolution authorizing the General Board to purchase the Baptist Book Store property in Charlotte for \$95,000. Both of these resolutions were adopted by the Convention at a later session.

At this point the congregation was asked to stand in honor of some of the older and well-known leaders of the Convention who were not able to be present, among them being Drs. Hight C. Moore, B. W. Spilman, L. R. Pruette, Charles E. Maddy, Walter N. Johnson, W. R. Cullom, and R. L. Moore. These brethren were greatly missed as well as others who might be mentioned. At a later point in the Convention, all persons who had attended the Convention 50 years or more ago were asked to stand. Among those having this distinction were W. F. Doughton of Laurel Springs and Mrs. J. T. Davis and Mrs. J. D. Roddick of Winston-Salem.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Suttle of Shelby on the subject "The Lifted Vision," Psalm 121:1, "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Brother Suttle's message was unique and truly uplifting. President Warren introduced him as being "God's man for God's message." The main point made was that "a lifted vision leads to lifted hands in service." Brother Suttle has been a pastor for

58 years and at the present time is pastor of four churches in the neighborhood of Shelby. He is now the new president of the Baptist State Convention. Immediately preceding the sermon, R. E. Brickhouse read Psalm 121 and Sankey L. Blanton led in prayer. At the close the benediction was pronounced by Zeno Wall of Shelby.

Social Service and Civic Righteousness

THE TUESDAY afternoon session, presided over by Vice-President F. Orion Nixon, was opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Tom M. Freeman of Burlington. R. K. Redwine, chairman of the Committee to Nominate Members of the Boards, gave notice of a proposal to make a change in the Constitution, stating "any member of a board who has not served more than one year of an unexpired term is eligible to succeed himself." This proposal was adopted by the Convention at a later session.

Zeno Wall, president of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage, presided and presented General Superintendent I. G. Greer. Dr. Greer read parts of the Orphanage report, indicating progress made in taking care of 700 children during the year. He indicated heavy loss in the death of Treasurer R. D. Covington and Farm Manager C. C. McKoin, but stated that these positions have been filled by J. D. Fraley and Paul Keyes, respectively. Also, Pastor J. A. Neilson has been succeeded by J. O. Walton. It will bring joy to thousands of North Carolina Baptists to know that John Arch McMillan, who has been incapacitated because of illness for several months, was able to be at the Convention and is taking up his work again as editor of *Charity and Children*.

The Orphanage "exhibit" consisted of four young people: John Brennager, who sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus"; Hilda Smith and Ethel Bell, who gave interesting talks on life at the Orphanage and what it has meant to them in terms of training, health, and happiness; and Paul Smith, who sang "The Holy City" and "The Ninety and Nine."

The report of the Committee on Social Service and Civic Righteousness was made by Phil L. Elliott of Boiling Springs. He did not have time to read quite all of it, but

it was adopted in full by the Convention without discussion. Since this report was published in full in the *RECORDER* October 1, we will not take the space to discuss it further here except to say it dealt very vigorously with our teacher problem, the liquor traffic, economic and race problems, unchristian attitudes in industrial relations, home relationships, recreation and leisure time, and waging peace. We would suggest that the reader preserve this October 1 copy of the *RECORDER* for reference and study in these important matters.

A male quartet from Wake Forest College, directed by Prof. Thane MacDonald and consisting of Kenneth Wilson, Tommy Stapleton, Jason Ross, and Carlyle Morris, sang four special numbers, the last one being written by Prof. MacDonald himself.

Woman's Missionary Union

THE LAST FEATURE of the afternoon session was presided over by Mrs. Foy J. Farmer, president of the State W. M. U., who introduced the speaker, Dr. M. T. Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., who spoke on the subject, "Big Enough for a World."

Dr. Rankin declared that it was difficult to make a program big enough for a world and yet small enough to come within the resources of Southern Baptists. The world is becoming alarmingly small and yet it is a vast world. Out of a total population of 2,000,000,000 people there are 1,300,000,000 not connected with Christianity in any way. We must not only have money but be big of soul to meet the great needs of the world. Southern Baptists are assisting Baptist churches in twenty-five centers around the world in carrying on Christian missions. All types of Christian work are done through these churches just as it is in America. The life-lines for Foreign Missions are the Co-operative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Dr. Rankin urged the importance of enlarging our budget and our program. Under our present budget and schedule only 350 new missionaries can be added within the next five years. The crying need is for many more workers than that. The speaker concluded by saying, "William

Carey's little cobbler's shop had world significance because a man worked there who had a world in his heart."

The afternoon session was closed with prayer by Miss Ruth Provence, executive secretary of the State W.M.U.

State Missions and Co-operative Program

THE TUESDAY EVENING session was called to order by President C. C. Warren at 7:30 o'clock. Scripture reading and prayer was by R. Talmage Smith of Henderson. H. G. Hammett, chairman of the Committee on Committees, announced the membership of several committees, the names of whom appear at the end of this report. Yancey C. Elliott read a resolution directing the Convention to appoint a committee of seven which is to undertake to raise the \$35,000 needed to purchase property in Chapel Hill to be used for a Baptist Student Center. Also, the resolution concerning the purchase of the Baptist Book Store Building in Charlotte was read. Both of these resolutions were passed.

L. J. Morriss of Raleigh gave a brief report and discussion for the Special and Advisory Committee on Radio. A motion was passed authorizing the Convention to appoint a radio committee to work with the Department of Radio and Publicity on this matter.

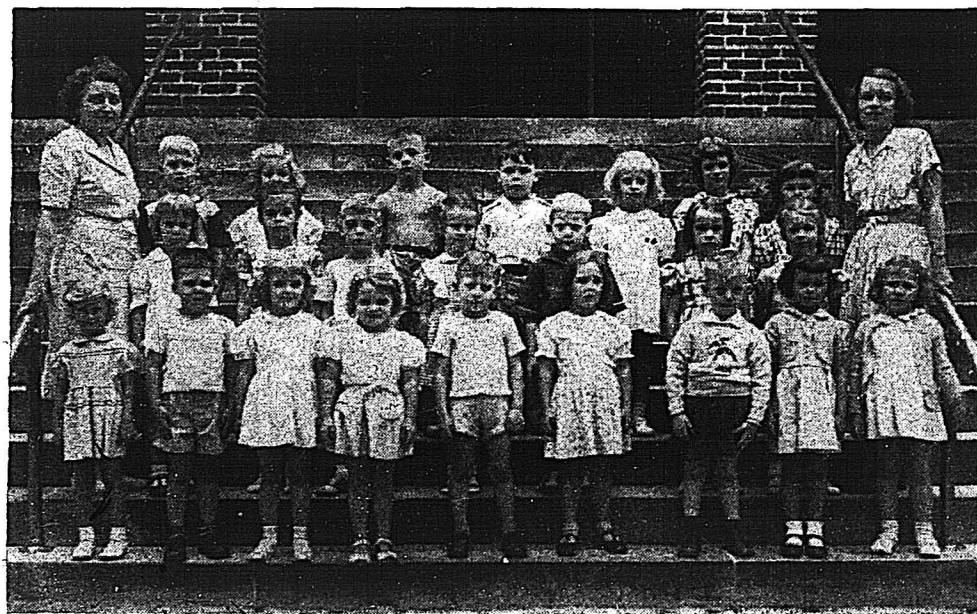
Miss Mary Lou Rainey of High Point College sang beautifully, "He Shall Feed His Flock."

One of the most attractive and important features of the entire Convention was the report on State Missions, introduced by Secretary M. A. Huggins and presided over by Field Secretary Earle Bradley. The program was produced by Fon H. Scofield, Jr., secretary of Visual Education, Radio, and Publicity. Slides were used to illustrate the reports. Miss Bertha White operated the projector. The house was crowded to the doors with people for this evening service, and everyone gave rapt attention to the unfolding of this important story of the program for trying to make North Carolina Christian.

We do not have space to give what the various speakers said, but we give below the list of topics and names so that you may see the wide scope of State Missions: Pastoral Assistance, Purchase of Lots, and New Churches, by R. L. Hughes; Sunday Schools, Mrs. Myra Motley; Training Union, Harvey Gibson; Student Union, James Ray; Evangelism, J. C. Canipe; Sanatorium Chaplain, Wilbur Hunneycutt; Allied Church League, L. A. Martin; Indian Work, Harvey Brewington; Co-operative Work With Negro Convention, Earle Bradley; Summer Student Work, G. W. Bullard; Baptist Book Stores, Raleigh, Miss Mary Ayscue and Charlotte, Miss Evelyn Hampton; Pastors' Schools, J. C. Pipes; Fruitland Institute, B. G. Henry; Summer Assemblies, E. L. Spivey; Associational Missionaries, G. W. Bullard.

The program lasted more than an hour, but it was not long enough. There were yet many other things which could have been said. The great hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," sung by the congregation at this time, was very appropriate.

E. L. Spivey presided while the subject of the Co-operative Program was discussed. Hoyt Blackwell spoke on "The What and How of It." He emphasized that individual churches working alone couldn't do this work of State Missions, for instance. Through the Co-operative Program we work together to



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carry out the commission of our Lord at home and abroad.

Charles E. Parker was to have spoken on "The Support of It Through Tithes and offerings," but the program was now running behind time and the hour was so late that Brother Parker stated that he thought too much of the big subject which he had to try to speak upon it at that time. It was to be regretted that he could not speak, but no doubt the messengers commended him for his good sense in letting the session be concluded as soon as possible.

Seminaries, Biblical Recorder, Election of Officers

THE WEDNESDAY morning session began at 9:30 with Scripture reading and prayer by Woodrow W. Hill of Albemarle.

W. Perry Crouch made a motion that a committee of three be appointed to get an appropriate gift for General Secretary M. A. Huggins in recognition of his fifteen years' service in his present position. The committee named consisted of Perry Crouch, Clyde Baucom, and B. E. Morris. A free-will offering was taken for this purpose.

E. N. Gardner presented a resolution from the Tar River Association asking the Sunday School Board to restore the quarterly temperance lesson to the Sunday school literature.

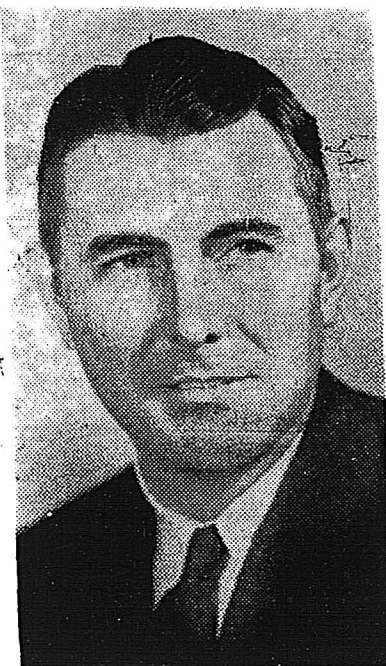
The next subject on the program was seminaries. President Warren introduced the speaker, President Roland Q. Leavell of the New Orleans Theological Seminary. After recognizing the representatives from the other two universities, Dr. Barry from Southwestern and Dr. H. C. Goerner of the Southern Seminary, Dr. Leavell spoke on the activities and needs of the three seminaries. All three seminaries have large enrollments but are in need of more buildings and equipment and larger faculties. The speaker declared, "Surely today is the day to preach Christ, and we need to train preachers and teachers to teach the Bible and preach the gospel around the world."

Vice-Chairman Wilson Woodcock of the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder presented the report of the paper. The report showed a circulation of 44,083 and total receipts and balance for the year of \$75,133.61. Recommendations were that the Convention go on record as favoring the Every-Family Plan for subscriptions and that pastors and church leaders be urged to support this plan for putting the paper in every Baptist home in North Carolina; also, that the General Board be authorized to extend necessary aid to the RECORDER to keep the subscription rate low and yet produce the best possible paper. Editor L. L. Carpenter was presented and made brief remarks on the paper and the service which it should render.

A motion was made by C. B. Deane that this year's annual of the Convention be dedicated to Dr. Carl M. Townsend and Senator Josiah W. Bailey. The late Dr. Townsend was chairman of the RECORDER Board for several years, and Senator Bailey was formerly editor of the paper for twelve years.

T. S. Johnson of Raleigh gave the report on the Baptist Foundation. Funds invested at present amount to \$214,975 and yield a very good income for Baptist causes and institutions. The work should be emphasized much more than it is at present. J. D. Wilkins is chairman of the Board and R. D. Beam, secretary.

NEW PASTOR AT KANNAPOLIS



REV. DOUGLAS M. BRANCH became pastor of the First Church, Kannapolis, on November 10, going to the work after a pastorate of a little more than two years in Scotland Neck. He is living at 312 West Avenue at present, and that will be his address until the completion of the new pastor's home on Williams Street.

Miss Lucille Riner of Richmond, Va., who had been educational director in the Scotland Neck Church since last June, has gone to Kannapolis to serve in the same capacity. She is a graduate of the W.M.U. Training School.

The next order of business was the election of the officers of the Convention. The Convention seemed to be in a good mood for voting, for several men were nominated for president and for the three vice-presidents. A motion was made that the vote be taken by standing. It took more than the time available for counting the votes and announcing the results, and so the election of statistical secretary and general secretary had to be postponed until the evening session.

For president the following were nominated: John W. Suttle of Shelby, F. Orion Mixon of Raleigh, Julian S. Hopkins of High Point, and Ralph A. Herring of Winston-Salem. John W. Suttle received the majority of the votes and so was declared elected. Then a motion was passed making the election unanimous. F. Orion Mixon was elected first vice-president; M. L. Banister, second vice-president; and W. C. Reed, third vice-president. Charles B. Deane of Rockingham was re-elected recording secretary by acclamation.

Special music was furnished by a choral group from Meredith College. The group presented three beautiful numbers.

"Triumphing by the Holy Spirit"

AT THIS POINT in the program President Warren introduced the main guest speaker for the Convention, Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the big Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Lee is well known

throughout the South and great numbers of people hear him with eagerness and delight. At the beginning of his address the big First Church auditorium was crowded to the doors with many people standing at the back and around the sides. The auditorium seats about 1,600 people.

It is difficult to describe Dr. Lee or to report the kind of message which he brings. For one thing, his speeches are long. He spoke for approximately one hour and ten minutes. He says that he pays no attention to a watch but says, "I preach until I run down." He has some of the characteristics of the late Billy Sunday. He has a rapid flow of words. He is witty and dramatic. He preaches what is called the old-fashioned gospel and he does it with vigor and force, and yet he seems to be entertaining the people part of the time with what might be called light comedy. He holds the rapt attention of his congregation and stirs them deeply for devotion to Christ and his gospel.

In keeping with the general theme of the Convention Dr. Lee spoke on the subject, "Triumphing by the Holy Spirit." His two texts were "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, sayeth the Lord," and "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

It is difficult to report this long and interesting address, but we do list below some of the main points which he made:

(1) "You cannot have a golden age with men of lead." Without the Holy Spirit, we are utter failures. (2) The Holy Spirit is not an energy, a force; he is a person. (3) The Holy Spirit is the gift of God. We can be triumphant at all times because man is the organ through which the Holy Spirit works, if only man will yield himself. We grieve the Holy Spirit by withholding ourselves from God's will, by living lives of selfishness. Selfishness is the apostasy of being, the insanity of existence, the abnormality of life. (4) We are able to triumph over the unregenerate heart by the work of the Holy Spirit. The natural man can never see the things of God and the Spirit. (5) By the Holy Spirit we triumph over sin. (6) The Holy Spirit gives us the assurance of salvation. "If you are once born from above, you will never be unborn from below." (7) We conquer the works of the flesh by the Holy Spirit, and thus bear the fruit of the spirit. (8) The Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus, pointing us to him from the immaculate conception to the ascension. (9) The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayer life, making intercession for us. "When we depend upon money, we get what money can do; when we depend upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we depend upon culture and education, we get what they can do; but when we depend upon prayer, we get what God can do." "In prayer people change their natural strength for the supernatural strength of God." (10) The Holy Spirit guides and directs us in our work, gives us power. "To live with God, no time is lost; to talk with God, no breath is lost; to walk with God, no strength is lost."

Christian Education to the Front

THE WEDNESDAY afternoon session began with Scripture reading and prayer by J. Clarence Jones of Newell. The entire afternoon session was devoted to Christian education on the college level. The first report was on the Convention's Plan for

Wake Forest College. Horace Eason of Shelby, director of the campaign to raise \$1,500,000 through the churches, was the first speaker. In his report he stated that 61 out of 68 associations are now organized or in process of being organized. Five hundred and nine churches in 40 associations have underwritten a total of \$1,116,281.64. Money is scheduled to begin coming in to Secretary-Treasurer M. A. Huggins in November. However, a few churches have already sent in \$20,000.

In regard to the program for relocating Wake Forest College, Mr. Eason pointed out that our opportunity has arrived; that this program is the will of God as shown by the responsiveness of the churches, the spirit of the people, and the leadership of God; that we should pray for it; that each person

should identify himself and his church with this program; and that each should go back home and ask bigger things of God and of his church.

Former Governor J. Melville Broughton was then presented. He discussed the Wake Forest Program from the beginning of the Reynolds offer to the present day. He then emphasized what was expected of North Carolina Baptists from a financial standpoint. Said Governor Broughton: "There are entirely too many Baptists in North Carolina today who consider this thing already achieved. That is the one great danger of this undertaking as I see it. We are a long way from achievement yet." He concluded, however, by saying that he had no fear but that the goal will be attained and surpassed.

Chairman Ralph A. Herring of Winston-Salem presented the report of the committee on the disposition of the Wake Forest College property. His report summarized the various proposals which have been made and then at the end explained the attitude and work of the Southern Baptist Convention committee which was appointed last spring to study the advisability of establishing a seminary in this southeastern section of its territory. This Southern committee was invited to meet with the State Committee of 15 at a session to be held at Wake Forest. Such a meeting was held at Wake Forest September 18 of this year. The concluding part of the report reads as follows: "Present at this gathering were Dr. John Buchanan, president, and Dr. Wade Bryant of the Southern Committee, Dr. Duke McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, and others. Discussion centered almost exclusively upon offering the Wake Forest site to Southern Baptists for a theological seminary. While no commitments were made by our visitors from the Southern Convention, their response was such that your committee concluded its meeting with the following unanimous recommendations:

First, that the Wake Forest College property located at Wake Forest, N. C., be offered to the Southern Baptist Convention for a future site for a Seminary, subject to such financial terms as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Conventions.

Second, that this committee be continued, or another appointed, to carry into effect the instructions of the Convention."

The recommendation of the committee was adopted and the present Committee of 15 was continued, with Dr. F. Orion Mixon replacing the late Dr. Carl M. Townsend. The committee was instructed to carry into effect this matter of a Seminary, if possible.

Council on Christian Education Reports

THE REPORT of the Council on Christian Education was made by Chairman C. Sylvester Green. He presented the presidents of our six colleges. All of them were seated on the platform with the exception of President C. C. Burris of Wingate, who was absent from the Convention because of illness.

After this, Dr. Green presented the main speaker for the occasion, Fred B. Helms of Charlotte, who gave a very able address on Christian Education, emphasizing the importance of thinking of Christian education as extending all the way from the days of infancy in the home through college and university. For instance, Mr. Helms said: "The subject of Christian education has been too long confined to the work of denominational colleges. A sound axiom for any convention interested in Christian education is that there can be no Christian education on the university level unless there has been sound religious education from the days of infancy on through high school."

On this particular afternoon the Convention adjourned at four o'clock, earlier than usual, in order to give the messengers an opportunity to visit the proposed sites of Wake Forest College and the Medical School. The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and the leaders of the local Baptist churches planned a very interesting trip for the visitors. These two beautiful sites are the Graylyn estate and Reynolda, on the outskirts of Winston-Salem. We shall not

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attempt to describe these sites in this report since we have had descriptions and pictures in the RECORDER heretofore, and probably most of our readers are familiar with the general situation.

Secretary Huggins Honored

THE WEDNESDAY evening session opened at 7:30 with Scripture reading and prayer by John L. Coley of Raleigh. The report of the Trustees of the Convention, F. H. Brooks, R. L. McMillan and P. H. Wilson, was presented and adopted, the main feature of which was a resolution passed by the Trustees May 1, 1947, authorizing the general secretary to proceed with the purchase of the Alford property, located at 119 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, and to finance the purchase through a loan in an amount not to exceed \$72,000.

The report of the Historical Commission, G. W. Paschal, chairman, was adopted. The report stated that there had been progress in building up the North Carolina Baptist Historical Collection in the library of Wake Forest College. Also, "There has been no publication of a major Baptist historical work during the year, but several are in preparation and nearing completion."

The special order for the completion of the election of officers was taken up at this time. General Secretary and Treasurer M. A. Huggins was unanimously re-elected to begin his sixteenth year. Also L. L. Morgan was re-elected as statistical secretary.

Chairman Richard E. Hardaway of Greenville presented the report of the Committee on Place and Preacher, which was adopted. The Convention will meet in November, 1948, in the First Church, Charlotte. The preacher of the annual sermon will be Dr. E. V. Hudson, Cramerton; alternate, C. C. Holland, Statesville.

In the report of the Music Committee, Rommie Pierce of Wingate was commended for his work as director of music, along with all others who assisted him.

Chairman L. L. Carpenter presented the report of the Committee on Publicity, commending especially Fon H. Scofield, Jr., Mrs. Scofield, and Mrs. Gerald Bridges for the excellent work which they did in reporting sessions of the Convention for the benefit of State papers, the press associations, and Radio Station WSJS, Winston-Salem.

By special order of the Convention a committee of three, consisting of W. Perry Crouch, B. E. Morris, and Clyde E. Baucom, had purchased some gifts for General Secretary M. A. Huggins in recognition of his fifteen years' service in his present position. All three members of the committee made very appropriate remarks in appreciation of the able and faithful service of Mr. Huggins. Then Mr. Crouch, in behalf of the Convention, presented to Mr. Huggins a Lord Elgin watch and gold arm band, a camera and case, a light meter and case, also some money for purchasing a traveling bag. Then Mr. Crouch spoke in appreciation of Mr. Huggins in the following words: "For five years it was my privilege as secretary of the Department of Christian Education in the churches to be closely associated with M. A. Huggins, for the past fifteen years our beloved and efficient general secretary of North Carolina Baptists. In addition to these five years of comradeship in the general work, I have worked with him through various committees, the General Board, and other

associations in connection with our Lord's work. Through all of these associations I have had a growing affection and admiration for this tireless, efficient, dynamic Christian personality who has so completely given himself to the work of our Lord as carried on by North Carolina Baptists. These fifteen years have been marked by a major depression, a great world war and all of the uncertainties and changes that go with such calamities. Nevertheless, through all of these problems, M. A. Huggins has been the courageous leader that kept North Carolina Baptists moving forward. Tonight, Mr. Huggins, all of North Carolina Baptists are grateful for this courageous leadership, and pledge you our wholehearted support as you begin your sixteenth year as our general secretary."

In acknowledging these beautiful gifts and the words of appreciation which had been spoken, Secretary Huggins said, "I am almost always ready to talk, but I am so deeply stirred and moved by your expression of love that I find it difficult to say a word. I am grateful beyond any words that are in my power to utter. I must say to you that one thing I thank God for every day I live is for the privilege of a great task. There are other things I am grateful for, but I cannot see how any man would want any greater task than working for Christ and for you North Carolina Baptists. . . . For this expression of your love and understanding, will you please accept our deep gratitude. I say 'our' because I know Mrs. Huggins is just as grateful as I am. It's always

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'we' and 'our' in every undertaking. When I am driving over the state from one end to the other, at twelve or one o'clock at night, I know that she is there at home holding the lines. . . . We have had great tasks together; there are greater tasks ahead."

Special music was furnished by the Wingate College Choir, directed by Rommie Pierce.

Foreign Missions and "Christ Above All"

Robert L. Humber, presiding, presented Baine Harris of Richmond, Virginia, who made a talk on the American Bible Society, stressing the urgent need for Bibles throughout the world and pleading for larger support of the Bible Society.

Ralph A. Herring presided during the Foreign Mission hour. Several foreign missionaries present were recognized. Dr. Herring called attention to the mission magazine, *The Commission*, and also urged support of the world relief program. Mrs. Mary Mills Dyer, a returned missionary from Japan, sang a solo, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin."

Bela Udvarnoki, president of our Baptist Seminary in Budapest, Hungary, was introduced and made an impressive and moving missionary address. He spoke of the Apostle Paul's great concern for the world, and stressed that so we would be concerned today.

We give below a summary of Professor Udvarnoki's address:

Baptist work in Europe has suffered great losses during the war, but in spite of all the adversities the spirit of the Baptist people remains unbroken. Their spirit is in-

domitable. Difficulties facing our Baptist work: (1) The struggle against the state church system, the means by which the state leadership gets hold of the soul of a man before he is born, deciding his religion without his will or his consent. It is the sacred duty of evangelical people like the Baptists to light the torch again, that Europe may be Christian. (2) Poverty of the people. Need better equipment in the way of buildings, means of transportation, clothing and food. In spite of these difficulties, our Baptist people are not unhappy. Material losses have been replaced by spiritual gains. "The Lord gave; the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." If the Christians of America will be true to Christ and obey the call, then the first century miracle will happen again. Our strength is in Christ Jesus our Lord, the Prince of Peace. Let him be the Ruler of the world!

Clyde E. Baucum suggested that a free-will offering be taken for the purchase of motor bikes for Baptist preachers in Hungary. The offering which was taken amounted to \$616.73.

The hour was now getting late, but Dr. R. G. Lee was presented and brought a powerful message to a packed house on the subject, "Christ Above All." His text was John 3:31, "He that cometh from above is above all." The speaker declared that Jesus Christ is above all: (1) As to his source—he is from God; (2) in his relationship to creation—all things made by him and without him nothing was made; (3) in the way he came into the world—through the Virgin Birth; (4) as to his revelation of God—he revealed the Father; (5) in his supernatural power; (6) in his sacrifice—"He paid it all"; (7) in his relation to death—death could not hold him; (8) in the way he is coming back to this earth—he is coming again, and then there will be war no more.

Dr. Lee closed his masterful message with the questions: "Where do you put Jesus? Where do you place him in your will, in your mind, in your body, and in your money? Do you place him first?"

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Scripture reading and prayer by Raymond C. Lanier, of Rocky Mount.

William J. Conrad, Jr., president of the trustees, presented the report of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and introduced the speakers. Miss Pauline Watts, a senior in the School of Nursing, spoke on the religious atmosphere and helpful activities in the school. Clarence Clark told of the religious emphasis and high standard scientific training in the Medical School. Everett Barnard spoke on the department of religion at the Hospital, which is headed by Dr. William K. McGee and Chaplain Richard Young. Bible study is provided for the nurses, spiritual ministry for the patients, and a special course in ministry to the sick, for pastors. Dr. George T. Harrell, Jr., speaking on the future of the Medical School, indicated the high standards maintained, and the confidence in the school expressed by such medical schools as the one in Harvard University.

Dr. Wm. Harrison Williams presented the report of the Committee on the General Board's Report. The report of the General Board was adopted in full with the exception of two minor changes in phraseology for the sake of clarity. As we have indicated above, this report makes up a printed pamphlet of 88 pages which had been presented to the Convention at its first session Tuesday morning.

This report of the General Board indicates that the Baptists of the State have passed through a year of magnificent opportunities. The total gifts brought into the churches of the State during the year will amount to about \$12,500,000. Of this amount about \$10,000,000 will remain in the churches for their own use, leaving about \$2,500,000 for the use of the State and Southern Conventions. It is suggested that the over-all goal for State and Southwide objects in 1948 be set at \$2,500,000 and that the goal for undesignated Co-operative Program funds be set at \$1,500,000.

Secretary Huggins reported that the final payment had been made for the purchase of both the BIBLICAL RECORDER and the Recorder Building. It is expected that there will be a deficit in State Missions at the end of the year because of unexpected amounts which had to be spent at Fruitland, for the Baptist Book Store in Charlotte, and other projects. The six Baptist colleges of the State will receive from the Convention this year for current support approximately \$340,000. There are now 42 associational missionaries or field workers.

In addition to the financial goals which are indicated above, other recommendations included the following: The undesignated Co-operative Program funds as between State and Southwide objects are to be divided on a 50-50 basis, and the funds for State objects are to be divided as follows: Christian Education (colleges), 30 per cent; State Missions, 13 per cent; Hospital, 7 per cent. The work with our Indian brethren, aid to the Negro Baptist Convention and support of the Allied Church League are continued as heretofore. The purchase of property on Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, for a new headquarters building was approved and also the lease and later purchase of the Baptist Book Store property in Charlotte. The General Board is authorized to lease and operate a summer assembly on the site which has been secured near Fort Fisher. The Board is

authorized and empowered to extend aid to the BIBLICAL RECORDER during 1948 in order to increase the circulation through the Clubs and the Every-Family Plan and also to hold the cost to subscribers as low as possible. The Board is authorized and empowered to continue its study of the prospects of establishing a home for aged people and, if possible, a definite proposal is to be brought to the Convention in its 1948 session.

Yancey C. Elliott made the report for the Committee on Resolutions. T. L. Gardner of Reidsville presented a resolution asking the general secretary to write all North Carolina senators and representatives in Congress urging them to vote for the passage of the Capper bill prohibiting the advertising of beverage alcohol.

R. K. Redwine read the nominations for membership on the boards of the various State institutions and agencies. H. G. Hammett gave the final report for the Committee on Committees. Both of these reports were adopted. At this point the Convention was saddened to hear the announcement of the death of Rev. P. A. Underwood, missionary to the Indians in the Burnt Swamp Association and superintendent of the Indian Orphanage at Pembroke. He had been stricken with heart failure in one of the rooms of the church just before the opening of the morning session of the Convention.

Louis S. Gaines presided and presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board. There are 529 North Carolina pastors participating in the Ministers' Retirement Plan and 230 in the Widows' Supplemental Plan. Orville Groner, treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board of Dallas, Texas, was presented for an address on the work of the Board. He explained how the different plans work and urged the ministers to take advantage of this protection.

Home Mission Opportunities

J. ROY CLIFFORD presided during the discussion on Home Missions and presented R. G. Van Royen of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., who made an address on opportunities and needs in the Home Mission field. There are 702 missionaries working in the home fields. He told especially of interesting work being done among the Indians and Mexicans.

William K. McGee presented the report for the Committee on Memorials, and after a moment of silent prayer, E. N. Johnson led in prayer in memory of those who had died since the last meeting of the Convention.

Campbell College Chorus, directed by Miss Phyllis Thompson, sang two numbers.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to the four Royal Ambassador boys serving as pages during the Convention: Charles McManus, Sanford; Bob Barnette, Hickory; Blair Little, Mills Home, Thomasville; and Louie Lee Patseavouras, Rocky Mount.

President C. C. Warren spoke of the privilege of service and the delightful fellowship during the two years which he had served as president, as he turned three gavels over to the incoming president, J. W. Suttle, of Shelby. Brother Suttle said, "I have no idea in the world what you expect me to do, but I am going to do it." He stated that he had missed only four meetings of the Convention during the last 60 years, and spoke of his many activities today as pastor of four big country churches.

Final Message on "Powerful Witnesses"

DR. W. MARSHALL CRAIG of Dallas, Texas, spoken of by President Warren as one of the best loved pastors who ever served in North Carolina, brought the final message of the Convention at noon Thursday. His subject was "Powerful Witnesses," based on the familiar text, Acts 1:8, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses."

Dr. Craig said that at the close of his earthly ministry Jesus did not talk to his disciples about faith, hope, prayer, or love (though they were close to his heart) but, about power and the great need of power. "We are living in the power age."

"This is a most serious time in history, he said. Satan never attacked harder than he does today. Sin is at work. It is going to take power-full witnesses to go up against the power of Satan."

In answer to the question, "How are we to witness?" the speaker said:

(1) We must witness very seriously, very earnestly. Our greatest peril is a half-hearted effort. "Christ is not valued at all if he is not valued above all."

(2) We must witness powerfully in prayer. There is no substitute for prayer. A church is only as power-full as it is prayer-full. "Waiting times are not wasted times." We do not need less theology, but we need more knee-ology.

(3) We must witness powerfully with our word testimony. Too often ours is a sealed-lip testimony. "Too many Christians think of the gospel as something to go to church to hear, rather than something to go from church to tell." "Christianity is the out-living of the in-living Christ." We need extraordinary Christians for extraordinary times. If you want your neighbor to know what Christ can do for him, then let him see what Christ has done for you. "A Christian is a person who reminds others of Christ."

What does it matter, the speaker asked, if we do not receive the applause of men? It is worth everything just to come at last to be with him and hear him say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

The Convention was lifted to a higher plane of consecration and devotion by this deeply spiritual message of Dr. Craig, and the sermon served as a fitting climax to a Convention characterized by peace, good will, fellowship, and emphasis on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Dr. Craig.

New Pastors Recognized

Robert W. Abrams, West Asheville; W. Brady Archer, Asheville; Jack R. Bagwell, Asheville; R. O. Bennett, Jr., Mayodan; Norman L. Blythe, Rocky Mount; W. G. Bond, Boone; W. E. Coates, Reidsville; W. E. Entekin, Kannapolis; J. R. Featherston, Forest City; Arthur Francis, Nashville; Harold L. Hawkins, Spring Hope; H. B. Huggins, Windsor; L. A. Huneycutt, Salisbury; Wilbur A. Huneycutt, Black Mountain; Kenneth M. Lindner, Fayetteville; Carlton T. Mitchell, Zebulon; H. R. Starling, Roxboro; H. Hansel Stenbridge, Jr., Forest City; Mack M. Summer, Valdese; A. E. Teague, Spring Lake; Geo. E. Williamson, Greensboro; Edgar U. Wilmer, Spencer; Joseph F. Woodson, Aberdeen.

Standing Committees to Report in 1948

Committee to Nominate Members of the General Board, Trustees and Directors of Institutions and Agencies of the Convention: Ralph A. Herring, Chairman, Winston-Salem; Charles A. Maddry, Wilmington; J. Clyde Turner, Greensboro; C. C. Warren, Charlotte; L. L. Hatfield, Hickory; R. N. Simms, Raleigh; O. M. Seigler, Hendersonville; Clyde E. Baucum, Wilson; H. G. Hammett, Durham; E. N. Gardner, Henderson; Carey P. Herring, Fairmont; James B. Turner, Laurinburg; A. B. Wood, Charlotte; W. T. Baucum, Yanceyville; J. W. Suttle, Shelby.

Committee on Social Service and Civic Righteousness: R. M. Lee, Mars Hill, Chairman; R. A. Ellis, Salisbury; T. P. Pruitt, Hickory; T. L. Sasser, Greensboro; Earl C. James, Elkin; M. O. Owens, Jr., Marion; L. V. Coggins, Semora; R. C. Foster, Leaksville; J. M. Hayes, Winston-Salem; A. C. Reid, Wake Forest; M. L. Davis, Beaufort; Gaither Beam, Louisburg; Mrs. J. S. Farmer, Raleigh; J. M. Duncan, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Hubert Boney, Teachey.

Committee to Secure Student Center Property at Chapel Hill: Grover H. Jones, High Point, Chairman; J. D. Wilkins, Greensboro; Maurice Hill, Morganton; Julian Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids; Winfield Blackwell, Winston-Salem; L. G. Greer, Thomasville; J. M. Phipps, Chapel Hill.

Music Committee: Stephen Morrisett, Boiling Springs, Chairman; Rommie Pierce, Wingate; Robert Guy, Ridgecrest; W. Earl Robinson, Saint Pauls; Charles P. Burchette, Bladenboro; A. E. Lynch, Buie's Creek; J. L. Jones, Murfreesboro; Miss Gladys Souther, Mars Hill; F. S. Smith, Raleigh; Grady Miller, Winston-Salem; — Lord, Thomasville.

Committee on Publicity: F. H. Scofield, Jr., Chairman, Wake Forest; L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh; R. E. Price, Rutherfordton; Herbert Peele, Elizabeth City; J. A. McMillan, Thomasville.

Committee on Order of Business: F. O. Mixon, Raleigh, Chairman; W. Perry Crouch, Asheville; J. Samuel Johnson, Durham; Earle J. Rogers, Seaboard; J. Marvin Crowe, Charlotte; S. Lewis Morgan, Dunn; Avery M. Church, Winston-Salem; J. C. Meigs, Polkton; W. Walter Jones, Lenoir.

Historical Commission: George W. Paschal, Chairman, Wake Forest; J. W. Whitely, Albemarle; Mrs. E. T. Crittenden, Wake Forest; Thad F. Deitz, Sylva; L. R. Pruitt, Charlotte; J. L. Jenkins, Boiling Springs; S. L. Morgan, Wake Forest; H. S. Averitt, Fayetteville; L. E. M. Freeman, Raleigh; Miss Flossie Martin, Winston-Salem; Willis G. Briggs, Raleigh; Mrs. J. A. Yarbrough, Charlotte; R. L. Moore, Mars Hill.

Committee on Memorials: E. S. Summers, Concord, Chairman; J. W. Kincheloe, Rocky Mount; Broadus E. Jones, Raleigh; W. H. Davis, Hendersonville; C. C. Burris, Wingate.

Radio Advisory Committee: L. J. Morris, Raleigh, Chairman; A. Hartwell Campbell, Dunn; Gerald C. Primm, Sanford; W. Wilbur Hutchins, High Point; Thane McDonald, Wake Forest.

Trustees, Directors, and Members of the General Board Elected in 1947

Members of General Board: Terms to Expire 1950: H. Fletcher Lambert, Leaksville; W. R. Carr, Mooresville. Terms to Expire 1951: Elbert F. Hardin, Morganton; Charles

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Dr. E. D. Head of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary says: "By all means let us support this campaign for clothes for a million people in word and with abundant gifts."

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary says: "While unhappy Europe freezes and shivers let fortunate Baptists be generous."

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Directors of Baptist Foundation—Terms to Expire 1952: T. S. Johnson, Raleigh; C. E. Hamilton, Winston-Salem; (Dr.) W. C. Bandy, Lincolnton.

Trustees of the Baptist Hospital—Term to Expire 1948: W. J. Stephenson, Wilmington. Term to Expire 1950: T. W. Fryer, New Bern. Terms to Expire 1951: Homer Andrews, Burlington; J. G. Raby, Tarboro; Oscar Creech, Ahoskie; J. Roy Clifford, Lexington; D. R. Perry, Durham; E. B. Denny, Raleigh.

Trustees of the Baptist Orphanage of N. C.—Terms to Expire 1951: Miss Addie Mae Cook, Murphy; Mrs. Bess D. Scott, Charlotte; Mrs. L. C. Holloway, Elkin; Edwin Lanier, Chapel Hill; John M. Elliott, Edenton.

Directors of Biblical Recorder—Term to Expire 1949: Lowell F. Sodeman, Clinton. Terms to Expire 1951: Eugene Olive, Wake Forest; J. M. Hayes, Winston-Salem; L. L. Hatfield, Hickory; T. L. Cashwell, Gastonia.

Trustees of Campbell College—Terms to Expire 1951: John T. Coley, Rocky Mount; J. H. Highsmith, Raleigh; B. F. McLeod, Buie's Creek; Harry Carter, Greensboro; Percy H. Wilson, Raleigh.

Trustees of Gardner-Webb College—Term to Expire 1950: Mrs. O. Max Gardner, Shelby. Terms to Expire 1951: Claude Henson, Belmont; J. G. Vann, Raleigh; Horace Hammett, Durham; Ed Harrell, Newton; S. L. Lamm, Bryson City; Fred Caldwell, Maiden; James Potter, Statesville.

Trustees of Mars Hill College—Terms to Expire 1951: R. O. Huffman, Morganton; Mrs. C. M. Palmer, Albemarle; A. W. Whitehurst, Marshall; J. E. Gibson, High Point; C. G. Mumford, Raleigh; Mrs. George Pen-

nell, Asheville.

Trustees of Meredith College—Term to Expire 1950: Robert L. Humber, Greenville. Terms to Expire 1951: Rufus Hunter, Raleigh; J. M. Kesler, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Cooper E. Taylor, Raleigh; T. P. Pruitt, Hickory; Howard J. Ford, Elkin; H. Pat Taylor, Wadesboro.

Trustees of Wake Forest College—Term to Expire 1950: S. A. Burts, Gastonia. Terms to Expire 1951: L. R. Varner, Lumberton; J. M. Broughton, Raleigh; E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville; J. J. Tarlton, Rutherfordton; Charles H. Jenkins, Aulander; John H. Vernon, Burlington; Peyton Ivey, Murphy; W. D. Poe, Oxford; O. J. Sikes, Albemarle.

Council on Christian Education—Terms to Expire 1951: Winfield Blackwell, Winston-Salem; Lloyd Griffin, Raleigh.

Trustees, Chowan College—Terms Expiring 1948: M. W. Grissom, Shiloh; Mrs. Grady Bridges, Conway. Term Expiring 1949: W. T. Love, Elizabeth City. Term Expiring 1950: Hugh Lee, Ahoskie. Terms Expiring 1951: C. W. Duling, Hertford; R. N. Carroll, Edenton; G. M. Singletary, Elizabeth City; G. B. Story, Murfreesboro; Mrs. T. J. Ben-thall, Murfreesboro; H. D. Raynor, Powells-ville.

Correspondence

RETIRED PASTOR KEEPS BUSY

TO THE EDITOR:

A year has passed since I retired from the pastorate, so I am writing just a note to all of my North Carolina friends to tell them a few of my experiences and the reactions which I have felt.

First, I have held a few evangelistic meetings, the results of which were the adding of 175 people to the churches in which I preached. Second, I have supplied the pulpits of the First Church of New Bern, First Church of Kinston, Memorial and Emmanuel of Greenville, First Presbyterian and Eighth Street Christian of Greenville and the following village churches: Fort Barnwell, Spring Garden, Belhaven, and La Grange, all of North Carolina. All of these churches have pastors except La Grange and Belhaven, N. C.

If any North Carolina pastor is interested in making a change of pastorate, please write me and I will open the way for you to visit Belhaven or La Grange.

Love and best wishes to all the Brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

H. FREDERICK JONES.

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REVIVAL MEETINGS

Southside Church, High Point, W. H. Barker, pastor; S. D. Baker of Southside Church, Thomasville, visiting preacher; 21 professions of faith.

Oakhurst Church, Charlotte, Homer O. Baker, pastor; Barron E. Honeycutt, who entered the ministry from Oakhurst Church and graduated from Wake Forest College last year and is now pastor of Peach Tree Church near Spring Hope, guest minister; 31 additions to the church, 26 of them by profession of faith and baptism; 40 additions during a period of four weeks; membership of church, 274; contributions to missions and benevolences last year, \$1,400.



Ruth Elliott demonstrates use of the 5-gallon collection can, available from Relief Centers at New Windsor, Md., and Nappanee, Ind. The church-operated soap plant at Nappanee converts collected grease into soap for the relief of destitute families across the world.

First Church, High Point, W. Wilbur Hutchins, pastor; Dr. Fred F. Brown of Knoxville, Tenn., evangelistic preacher.

Caraleigh Church, Raleigh, L. Bland Taylor, pastor; J. E. Shockley of Bruington, Va., guest preacher; 21 professions of faith, all adults and among them five husbands and wives; 64 received into the church during the six months' pastorate of Mr. Taylor. "Mr. Shockley's deep spiritual life and gospel messages meant much to the life of the community," says Mr. Taylor.

QUESTIONS THIS WEEK

1. Who is the new president of the Baptist State Convention?

2. Where will the Convention meet in 1948?

3. Name at least three speakers who were on the program of the Convention at Winston-Salem.

4. Who was honored by gifts during the meeting? How many years has he served in his present position?

5. How much money came into treasuries of North Carolina Baptist churches during the past Convention year?

6. What part of this was used by the churches locally, and what part went to state and southwide causes?

7. What percentage of the Co-operative Program is kept for work in North Carolina, and what percentage goes for Foreign and Home Missions, and for other southwide causes?

8. Who was president of the Baptist State Convention during the two years just past?

9. Can you name the four Royal Ambassadors who served as pages?

10. Who writes the exposition of the Sunday school lesson published in the RECORDER each week?

PROFESSOR: Now, who can describe a caterpillar?

FRESHMAN: I can, Teacher. An upholstered worm.—*Ex.*

The best way to lick a bad habit is never to start it.—*Ex.*

Grease for Peace

Waste fats of all kinds are needed to make soap for devastated countries overseas. In almost none of these is soap available to the average home. The reason—with starvation threatening, every drop of fat that can be used for food is eaten. Consequently, there is nothing left to save for soap. That means that thousands of families must live without adequate bathing, bringing to them disease, vermin and filth. They must wash what worn clothing they have without soap. Clothing lasts longer when it is kept clean. But these people who have only a minimum of clothing, if that much, must wear only half-cleaned garments because they have no soap.

One American who visited Bremen on a cattle-boat was astounded to discover how much soap meant to people. He had given a bar to a woman and she fell on her knees to kiss his hands. It was that great a gift.

Another story tells of a group of Italian ministers who received a package from America. They opened it and almost reverently passed around for all to touch and smell a small bar of scented soap. They had not seen soap for three years, they said.

A visitor to Poland observed that even people who worked in offices had hands as black as if they had been working with grease. There was not enough soap to wash even the dust of an office off, and in time, their hands became stained black.

An ENRRA estimate states that 90,000 tons of soap are needed annually to relieve this shortage. Answering a part of that need, church people last December set up a factory in Nappanee, Indiana, to make soap for relief only. At full production that plant can turn out 200 tons of soap a year, 6,000 bars a day for 6,000 families abroad. With donated fats, soap costs 3c a pound to make; with purchased fats, 19c. The factory cannot continue at top production unless a large percentage of its raw material is given.

From Nappanee or the Center at New Windsor, Maryland, are available 5-gallon collection cans for saving waste fats in home kitchens, churches, hotels and restaurants. One pound of grease given makes one pound of soap. The collection cans may be had without charge and should be returned full to the Center from which the can came. (It doesn't matter if the grease is rancid; they can still make good soap out of it.)

"But you guaranteed that this watch would last me a lifetime."

"I know, but you didn't look very healthy the day you bought it."—*Ex.*

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WIFE: I think married men should wear something to show they're married.

HUSBAND: I do—this shiny suit.—*Copied.*

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HIM: Do you know Boo?

HER: Boo who?

HIM: Well, if you're going to cry about it, I won't tell you.—*Clipped.*

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YOUNG MOTHER: My son always has his shirt tail flapping, and your four sons are dressed so neatly with their shirts tucked in. How do you do it?

NEIGHBOR: Oh, it's really very simple. I just take all their shirts and sew an edging of lace around the bottom.—*Copied.*

Woman's Missionary UNION

MISS RUTH PROVENCE, Executive Secretary

MRS. FOY J. FARMER, President
MISS ORA ALFORD, Treasurer
MISS HILDA MAYO, Young People's Secretary
MRS. JOHN WACASTER, Representative
B. W. JACKSON, R. A. Secretary

Let Us Give

The goal of the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is \$1,100,000. *Let us give!*

The "two means of enlarging our long-range program of world missions," says Dr. Rankin, are the Co-operative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. These must advance together. *Let us give!*

"For many years the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has provided the funds for practically all buildings and equipment of our Board in all foreign fields. Homes for missionaries, school plants, seminary and training school buildings, hospital plants, and their equipment have come largely from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering." *Let us give!*

Salaries of 125 missionaries come from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. *Let us give!*

Training Schools for young women in China, Hawaii, Hungary, Rumania, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, and Japan will receive aid through this offering. *Let us give!*

Other schools in China, Japan, Nigeria, Italy, Mexico, and Brazil will receive sorely needed funds if we are faithful. *Let us give!*

Publications and literature in Africa, River Plate, Chile, Japan, Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Italy, Spain, Mexico, and China will be strengthened through our offerings. *Let us give!*

W.M.U. work in 14 countries will be aided by funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. *Let us give!*

Hospitals in China, medical work in Nigeria and Chile, will be forwarded. *Let us give!*

Churches in Palestine, China, Italy, Hawaii, Mexico, Chile, Brazil, and Argentina will receive funds. *Let us give!*

A special appropriation of \$50,000 will go to Japan; one of \$10,000 to Palestine. *Let us give!*

And so on and on grows our Christmas list. Just how long it will become, how far-reaching in its service, will depend upon how large you and I, and others like us, make our individual gifts. Will you covenant with your own heart to make this a real "Christmas for Christ?"

In gratitude for God's greatest Gift, in acknowledgment of our world responsibility as Christians—

LET US GIVE!

(If you have not already done so, order immediately from the State W.M.U. Office a sufficient supply of Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes for all of your members.)

MISS CHRISTIAN TO RETURN FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

Last week Miss Mary Christian, Field Representative for Southern Woman's Missionary Union, was in our state for a series of engagements in the interest of Business Woman's Circles and Federations. We are happy that she will return for December 1-5 and speak at ten different centers in con-

nection with the observance of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The schedule for the week's itinerary is as follows:

December 1: Morganton First Church, 3:00 p. m.; Hickory First Church, 7:30 p. m.

December 2: Statesville First Church, 3:00 p. m.; Salisbury First Church, 7:30 p. m.

December 3: Asheboro Street Church, Greensboro, 3:00 p. m.; Thomasville First Church, 7:30 p. m.

December 4: Burlington First Church, 3:30 p. m.; Temple Church, Durham, 7:30 p. m.

December 5: Dunn First Church, 3:00 p. m.; Goldsboro First Church, 7:30 p. m.

Invitations to attend these special services have been issued by the hostess societies to neighboring societies, and it is hoped that as many as possible from the surrounding territories will be present. The women in these areas will want to have their own local gatherings the other days of the week, making the entire week as effective as possible. The coming together to hear Miss Christian will increase the impact of this Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The Executive Secretary plans to take this itinerary with Miss Christian.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Y.W.A. CITATION

We will go on with the Y.W.A. Fortieth Anniversary plans through 1948, giving citations to each Y.W.A. girl who:

F Helped organize and foster a new Young Woman's Auxiliary for four months.
O Taught a week of mission study or assisted in the teaching thereof.
R Made definite effort to win souls to Christ.
T Was responsible for the presentation of a missionary play.
Y Secured at least four new subscriptions to our magazine, "The Window of Y.W.A."

If any girl in your Y.W.A. is qualified for a citation, please let us know at once and we will send the citation with suggestions for the awarding of it. We hope a large number of N. C. girls will continue to commemorate our fortieth year by working toward this anniversary citation award.

More information on this may be secured from our office.

CHRISTMAS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Have you wondered what you are going to give that son, daughter or young friend for Christmas? We are suggesting magazines. Why not give that Sunbeam or Girls' Auxiliary member a year's subscription to "World Comrades"? That boy of Royal Ambassador age will welcome his individual monthly copy of "Ambassador Life," and the young girl of seventeen to twenty-five will have a deep appreciation for her magazine, "The Window of Y.W.A." The price of each of these magazines is \$1.00 for the

year. Send your subscription to 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Ala. "Young people who read know; when they know they grow, glow and go."

Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s

The fall has brought opportunity for your Young People's Secretary to visit some of our Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Young Woman's Auxiliaries. Mrs. Roy Starmer, missionary to Roumania, was the missionary guest on some of the campuses, and Miss Vivian Nowell, missionary to Nigeria, visited others. On each campus we found a most cordial welcome extended by the entire student body. Individual conferences were held with officers and committee chairmen of the Y.W.A. and the visiting missionary spoke to the student body during chapel periods. Each of us enjoyed the informal contacts with the students and faculty.

To date seven campuses have been visited. Our deepest appreciation goes to the presidents of these Ann Hasseltine and Grace McBride Y.W.A.'s, as they lead the girls of their college or hospital into a year of activity that would bring a greater knowledge of our missionary program and a deeper love of others around the world. Presidents of Y.W.A.'s that have been visited are:

Baptist Hospital—Violet Rodgers.
Appalachian State Teachers College—Ann Ferguson.
Mars Hill—Patsy Ashurst.
Meredith—Emma McPherson.
Wake Forest—Miriam Smith.
Campbell—Doris Melvin.
Woman's College of U.N.C.—Betty Sue Tilley

News Notes

New officers of the Raleigh Baptist Pastors' Conference are: Ryburn T. Stancil, president; Chas. McConnell, vice-president; L. Bun Olive, secretary-treasurer.

Seven Queens were crowned in a Coronation Service in the Loray Baptist Church, Gastonia, Sunday night, November 9. There were five Maidens, three Ladies-in-Waiting, and two Princesses.

Mrs. L. M. Jenkins is the leader of Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary. She was assisted in the service by Mrs. H. F. Hogue, leader of Junior Girls' Auxiliary, and Mrs. H. W. Baucum, Young People's leader of Buncombe Association.

The following girls received awards for the Forward Steps: Queens—Carolyn Redding, Peggy Bowey, Doris Philbeck, Betty Jo Collins, Rebecca Andrews, Billy Sue Allen, Patsy Godfrey; Princesses—Wadeline Allen, Jean Young; Ladies-in-Waiting—Jeanette Evitt, Sarah Graham, Carolyn Godfrey; Maidens—Martha Robinson, Sarah Hogue, Jane Creasman, Edith Ray, Barbara Snipes.

Next to love quietness.—Proverb.

Christian Education

IN THE CHURCHES

L. L. MORGAN, Sunday School Secretary
HARVEY T. GIBSON, Training Union Secretary
JAMES W. RAY, Student Union Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

November 9, 1947

Charlotte, First	1,491
Main	1,278
Bethel	61
Clarkson Street	34
Homewood	64
Morris Field	54
Winston-Salem, First	1,030
Greensboro, First	1,009
High Point, Green Street	818
High Point, First	715
Charlotte, Allen Street	583
Durham, Bethesda	490

TRAINING UNION

Speaking of Study

An ex-Army captain, who is a comparatively young Christian, is setting what is perhaps a unique record in intensive Training Union study course work. During the past year Mr. LeRoy Rackley of the Pisgah Forest Church in the Transylvania Association has earned the Adult diploma and the administration diploma, and in addition has completed work for all the seals on both diplomas. Several of these awards were earned while he was teaching either in his own or other churches, but most of them were secured under the "home-study" plan.

Mr. Rackley spent twenty years in the United States Army. He was converted in 1946 under the preaching of Dr. Jessie C. Owen and has since been actively engaged in church work in his own church and association. Since joining the church he has been, at various times, Adult Training Union President, Associational Adult Leader, and Associational Sunday School Leader.

Concerning the value of study Mr. Rackley has this to say: "I find the study courses a great help in giving one a clearer insight into the mysteries of the Scriptures. The study course, coupled with the daily Bible reading, is one of the greatest sources of inspiration that I know. I believe that our Training Union study course books will meet the needs and requirements of all who desire to enrich their minds with sound doctrines."

We congratulate Mr. Rackley on his good record and give it to you not only to do him honor but also to offer others an example of what can be done by one who is sincerely interested in growing "in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS' MEETINGS WELL ATTENDED

The annual Associational Training Union Officers' Meetings at the First Church, Raleigh, and the First Church, Morganton, on November 4 and 5, respectively, were attended by 174 leaders. Attending were 23

associational directors, 28 associational missionaries, and 35 pastors. Forty-two associations were represented at the two meetings.

Under the leadership of Leonard Wedel, Dr. Clay I. Hudson, and Maines Rawls, all of the Sunday School Board, and the State Training Union Department, plans were made for launching the 1948 associational program in the December 8 Associational Mass Meetings which are to be held simultaneously throughout North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Associational directors not present at these meetings are urged to contact the State Training Union Department for information about the 1948 program.

MISSIONARY APPOINTEE TO AFRICA



MISS ERNELLE BROOKS

Members of Memorial Baptist Church of Greenville, N. C., feel honored and are rejoicing in the appointment by the Foreign Mission Board of Miss Ernelle Brooks to mission work in Nigeria, Africa.

Both Miss Brooks' educational and religious background well qualify her for the work to which she has been called. In early life she made a profession of her faith in Christ and since that time has been an active worker in her church. She is a graduate of Mary Hill College, East Carolina Teachers' College, and the School of Nursing at Johns Hopkins Hospital. For the past five years she has been with the Public Health Department in Washington, D. C., the last three years of this time being a supervisor.

The first six months in Africa Miss Brooks expects to spend in the Girls' School at Abeokuta. Her work will be in the field of education and nursing.

Miss Brooks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brooks, Sr., who for many years have been, and still are, untiring workers in

Memorial Baptist Church. She is a sister of Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., pastor of Earl Street Baptist Church of Greenville, S. C., who is well known and pleasantly remembered as state secretary of Training Union work in North Carolina.

The Memorial Church is planning a special service in Miss Brooks' honor before she leaves the city and the circles of the W.M.S. are remembering her with love gifts. The best wishes and prayers of her church go with her as she carries the message of Light to the great continent of Africa.—Mrs. W. T. C. BRIGGS.

NEWS ABOUT MINISTERS

H. B. Jones, who had been pastor of the Boger City Baptist Church, South Fork Association, since 1927, preached his farewell sermon November 9, having served the church 20 years. He felt that the work was growing too heavy for him. W. C. McAllister, a devoted member of the church, wrote a letter in tribute to Mr. Jones. He states that when Mr. Jones came as pastor, the struggling little church had only 81 members and could pay only a small pastor's salary. Under the pastor's leadership new Sunday school rooms were added; then, in 1935, the frame building was burned. In this crisis the pastor showed remarkable determination in leading the people to erect a beautiful new brick church building. Today the membership is 349 and the property is valued at \$30,000. The congregation feels a sense of deep gratitude for the work of Mr. Jones and of his wife, who died two years ago.

Morris Baker, well known minister in Lincoln County, is to succeed H. B. Jones as pastor of Boger City Church, South Fork Association.

Woodrow W. Hill is new pastor of West Albemarle Church, succeeding C. R. Hinton, who accepted a pastorate in Greenville, S. C. Mr. Hill came to Albemarle from the First Baptist Church of Liberty, N. C.

Latt Beshears has accepted the pastorate of East Hickory Church, South Fork Association, and his new address is Golf Street, Hickory, N. C.

LAYMEN DID THE WHOLE JOB

By LAWSON H. COOKE

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal is the only denominational periodical published exclusively for the men of our churches. For this reason we endeavor to keep it masculine in its content and appeal.

The January, February, March number of the Journal is really something new under the sun. At least it is unique in the field of denominational journalism. Every word of this number, from cover to cover, was written by Southern Baptist laymen, and it was printed in the shop of a Baptist layman. It is a one hundred per cent layman production. And it has been exceedingly well done.

We doubt that such a publication has ever before appeared in the long list of religious periodicals.

Sunday School LESSON

R. PAUL CAUDILL

The Proof of a Christian

Lesson for Sunday, November 30
Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:15-21; 5:10-13; 2 John 4-6a

Luke tells us that the disciples were called Christians "first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26). This is indeed significant. Intended, first, perhaps, as a mark of opprobrium, it definitely set the first disciples apart as genuine followers of Christ.

The term rendered "Christian" is a Latin formation and indicates "either *partisan of Christ* or more exactly *soldier of Christ*" (Souter). In other words, a Christian is a follower of Christ. The early disciples gave themselves so completely to the Jesus way of life that they were given a name that would identify them with their mode of living and with their chief interest in life, namely, Christ and his teachings.

What are the marks of a Christian today? How may we know today that we are saved souls, children of God? John answers the question for us by setting forth in the passages of Scripture before us certain truths or marks of a Christian.

Confession of the Deity of Christ

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God" (1 John 4:15). Here John declares that the confession of the deity of Jesus Christ is to be regarded as a proof of one's salvation. This confession, however, to be clearly understood, must be genuine. It implies "surrender and obedience also, and not mere lip service" (A. T. Robertson). Paul tells us that "no man can say, that Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:3). And again Paul tells us in Romans 10:9-10, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

It is one thing to give lip service unto Christ and another thing to give life service. It is life service that God expects of his children rather than lip service.

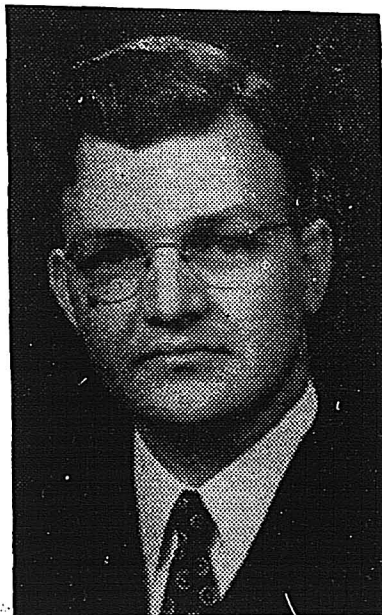
If one's confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God is genuine, then it becomes a definite proof of fellowship with God (see 1 John 1:3f.; 3:24). There are many who would class themselves as Christians, after a fashion, but who would be unwilling to accept the deity of Christ. Such a position is not tenable in the light of the New Testament. John tells us that to deny the Father and the Son is to become an anti-Christ: "This is the anti-christ, even he that denieth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22). John goes on to say: "Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?"

Jesus claimed identity—oneness—with the Father. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." "I and the Father are one."

When a believer is received as a candidate for baptism in a Baptist church and goes down into the waters of testimony, he is say-

ing to the world, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and I have accepted him as my Saviour, Redeemer, and Cleanser from

SECRETARY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST
SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION



DR. HUGH A. BRIMM

At its meeting last May the Southern Baptist Convention made it possible by its enlarged appropriation for the Social Service Commission to establish an office and employ a secretary to take active charge of its work. At the same time the Convention outlined an enlarged program and committed to the Commission the task of planning an educational service in the field of Christian morality in relation to the greater social problems of our land. The Commission is very happy to announce the employment of Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, formerly Professor of Sociology and Christian Ethics at Mercer University.

Dr. Brimm is a native Mississippian. He received his college education at Mississippi College. He graduated at the Southern Baptist Seminary with the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees. His graduate major was in Christian Sociology in which he made a special study of the social problems of the South and the relation of Southern Baptists to those problems. After leaving the Seminary Dr. Brimm was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Quincy, Florida. Later he became professor in Mercer University from which position he comes to his new work. The Commission feels that the Lord has led us to Dr. Brimm. He is peculiarly fitted in education and in spirit for this work and we bespeak for him the sympathy and co-operation of our pastors and churches. Dr. Brimm has already begun his work with temporary headquarters at 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

sin." He is testifying to the world that he believes in the new life that one is able to live here in the flesh through faith in Christ, and in the ultimate consummation of the promises of Christ in the world to come at the resurrection of the dead.

When one, therefore, genuinely accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and makes public that confession to his deity, and yields his life, obediently, unto the doing of his will, he may have assurance within his heart that he is Christian.

A Life of Love

"God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him" (1 John 4:16).

Another mark of the true Christian is found in the life of love which the Christian lives. By "love" we mean that "agape" (love) relationship which exists first between God and man and, subsequently, because of the God-man relationship, between man and man. In other words, love as used here has to do with our relationship toward God and man as inspired by God's love for us.

Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13, discusses this love way of life in great detail. In the opening verses (1-3) he sets forth the necessity for the love way of life. In verses 4 through 7 he defines or characterizes the love way of life. In the closing verses of the chapter he discusses the permanency of the relation. It would be well for those who are interested in more than a superficial study of our topic to turn and read and reread the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. It will shed abundant light upon the thing John has in mind here.

John tells us that "there is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear" (1 John 4:18). As our lives become given over, genuinely, to his love for us and our love for him, fear is turned "out of doors." No room is made for fear in the presence of real love. Finally, John, in the second epistle, goes on to say that genuine love expresses itself in a worthy walk: "And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments."

Genuine Faith

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar" (1 John 5:10).

The word rendered "believe" means to place (repose) one's trust on either God or the Messiah—to rely upon them, to commit one's life unto them (Souter). That is to say, one believes in Christ just as in God the Father and entrusts his destiny to Christ and to God the Father through him for salvation, for wisdom, for guidance in all life's relations.

The believer thus would lean his entire personality upon God in Christ Jesus, trusting confidently in his power, wisdom and goodness.

John tells us in verse 13 (chapter 5) that the epistle was written to the end that the disciple might know that he has "eternal life" and adds "even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God." This, of course, is the starting point in Christianity. One cannot move forward a single step without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**CARILLONIC BELLS GIVEN TO HERTFORD CHURCH IN MEMORY OF
IVIE ALPHONSO WARD, JR.**



Pictured here are members of the Ward family of Hertford.

Front Row: Dr. I. A. Ward; Mrs. Ward; Ivie Alphonso Ward, Jr. (Paratrooper killed in action September 18, 1944, over Germany).

Back Row: Mrs. Ruth Alice Ward Sloop, Mooresville, N. C.; Wm. Jarvis Ward, at home in Hertford; and Marguerite Ward, who will graduate from the Nursing School of Bowman Gray School of Medicine in January, 1948.

The picture was made on front steps of the Ward home in Hertford.

News Notes

Rev. Walton B. Guthrie, missionary in the New South River Association, was a recent visitor. He had come to Raleigh for the annual meeting of Training Union officers held in the First Church. There were 13 in the delegation from the New South River Association.

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Miss Daffie Boone of Asheville has begun work as associational missionary in Haywood County. She succeeds Miss Gretchen Johnson, who resigned a few months ago to enter the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Miss Boone has had considerable experience in work with Baptist churches.

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The Western Roanoke Baptist Union will meet November 28 with Pleasant Hope Church, S. H. Coward, pastor. Among those

who will preach and make addresses during the day are Rev. C. A. Francis, Nashville; Rev. C. E. Baucom, Wilson; Rev. Clarence E. Godwin, Rocky Mount; and Rev. P. C. Harris, Red Oak.

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At the request of Temple Church, Kings Mountain, Woodrow Franklin Monroe was ordained to the full gospel ministry Sunday afternoon, October 26, at Calvary Church, Shelby. Mr. Monroe is a student now at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs. He served overseas during the last war. He was called to the pastorate of Temple Church after the death of Rev. D. F. Putnam.

Those making up the presbytery were the pastor of Calvary Church, H. A. Privette; Boyd Cannon, Elizabeth City; E. M. Smith, Dover Church; J. W. Suttle, Kings Mountain associational moderator; Lawrence Roberts, Kings Mountain associational clerk; W. A. Ayers, Ross Grove Church; Woodrow Harris, Second Church; and Dr. Glenn Farr,

A significant service was held in the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday morning, November 2, when carillon bells given in memory of Ivie Alphonso Ward, Jr., were dedicated. The bells were given by the parents, sisters and brother of the young soldier, who are shown with him in the picture made at the home some time ago.

The presentation was made by Rev. J. T. Byrum, an uncle of the boy, in whose memory the bells were given. Professor Thane McDonald of Wake Forest College played a chimes recital and played accompaniments for the service. Frank Faucette of Raleigh sang a solo, "If With All Your Hearts," from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn.

Dr. Ward, father of I. A. Ward, Jr., is superintendent of the Sunday school of the Hertford Church, and Mrs. Ward is president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Charles W. Duling is pastor of the church.

Booneville, Miss.

Dr. Stephen Morrisett of Gardner-Webb College brought the sermon at the ordination. Rev. Lewis Ludlum, Kings Mountain associational missionary, presented a Bible to Mr. Monroe. Rev. H. A. Privette brought the charge to the candidate, and deacons of Calvary and Temple churches assisted in the laying on of hands.

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Sunday, October 19, 1947, was Homecoming Day at Brookwood Baptist Church, Burlington. Sunday school attendance was 124, and every teacher, assistant teacher and general officer was present. Frank Fagan, Sunday school superintendent, reports that over 200 people gathered for dinner on the grounds.

November 24-28 is Sunday School Study Week at Brookwood. Teachers for the several groups are Miss Hallie Oldham of Hocutt Memorial Church; Miss Leora Melton of Hocutt Memorial; Mrs. Walter M. Williams, Swepsonville; Mrs. Merrill of First Church, Burlington; Pastor Guthrie Colvard; Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Allred of Asheboro Street Church, Greensboro; and Mrs. Julis Thompson, Graham Baptist Church.

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The First Church, Reidsville, had a very successful Youth Revival the week of August 31, even though the church had no pastor at the time. Tommy Stapleton and Elwood Orr, ministerial students at Wake Forest, led the revival. There were 15 conversions, two additions to the church by letter, two dedications to full-time Christian service, and a large number of rededications.

Miss Katherine Roddick, educational director, carried on in a fine way, helping with the various committees which arranged for the special services. A group with an average attendance of about 50 met each morning at 7:45 for prayer, and they met again for prayer from 7:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. Visits were made during the day.

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Oakhurst Church, Charlotte, celebrated its 11th anniversary Sunday, November 7, with services at the regular morning worship hour and a fellowship meal at the church at noon. Rev. Jeta Baker, founder of the church, and now pastor at State Line Church, Gaffney, S. C., preached the anniversary sermon. Dr. L. E. Barton, "Parliamentarian of Southern Baptist Convention," and Pastor L. R. Evans of Central Baptist Church, Charlotte, were among distinguished guests for the noon-day fellowship meal. A women's quartet

from Wingate College furnished music.

During the past year Oakhurst has built a new parsonage at a cost of \$10,500 and spent about \$5,000 on improvements and expansion of the church. The temporary auditorium has been remodeled and the grounds have been improved so that Oakhurst has a beautiful site. Homer O. Baker is pastor.

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Ten-Mile Church, Robeson Association, recently began publishing "The Baptist Beacon" for its members. The mimeographed bulletin, which is edited by Pastor B. M. Glisson, gives the program for morning worship, makes announcements, and gives news of interest to the membership. Report of a recent revival meeting in the church shows that there were 32 additions by baptism, and two by letter.

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A recent picture in the *Raleigh News and Observer* showed members of Benson Grove Baptist Church, Johnston Association, picking cotton to help finance a new church building. They had learned that some farmers would give half their cotton to get it picked, so volunteers from the congregation shouldered sacks and started picking. Those shown picking are Bright Barbour, Mrs. J. W. Waddell, A. Z. Parrish, Mrs. Lula Barbour, Paul Allen and Mrs. A. Z. Parrish.

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Mount Gilead Church, Eastern Association, celebrated homecoming and building fund day on Saturday, November 15. R. F. Marshburn is pastor.

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Caraleigh Church, Raleigh, L. Bland Taylor, pastor, is working on a \$15,000 building project. On Homecoming Day, November 23, it was hoped that \$2,500 of this amount would be raised. The Sunday School Department of the church has an enrollment of 500, and 327 were present on November 9. The Cradle Roll enrollment is 108.

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These changes of address have been requested: Rev. David Lucas from Mars Hill, N. C., to 25 Thurston Street, Greenville, S. C.; Rev. John E. Carter from Hildebran, N. C., to Route 2, Box 64, Granite Falls, N. C.; Rev. W. A. Knight from Mt. Gilead, N. C., to Route 1, Chilhowie, Virginia; Rev. A. C. Armstrong from West Asheville, N. C., to Route 1, Candler, N. C.

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The following churches have subscribed to the *RECORDER* on the Every-Family Plan since October 4: Sunset Forest, Gaston Association, 26 subscriptions; Roberts Chapel, West Chowan, Fletcher Ford, pastor, 57 subscriptions; Wakefield, Raleigh Association, John H. McCrimmon, pastor, 43 subscriptions; Jersey, Liberty Association, C. C. Edinger, pastor, 84 subscriptions; Ivanhoe, Wilmington Association, Harry Moore, pastor, 16 subscriptions; Margarettsville, West Chowan, Earle J. Rogers, pastor, 24 subscriptions; Penderlea, Wilmington Association, A. L. Benton, pastor, 17 subscriptions; Mt. Vernon, Eastern Association, 27 subscriptions; Christian Harbor, West Chowan Association, T. J. Faulk, pastor, 55 subscriptions.

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The Army is requesting approximately 130 additional Reserve Chaplains from Southern Baptists.

Former chaplains desiring the Reserve.

Chaplains Corps should apply directly to the Chief of Chaplains, 4E470 The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

New applicants to the Reserve Chaplains Corps must be between the ages of 24 and 34, college and seminary degrees required. Those interested should apply to the Army Headquarters in their area, and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

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The Navy is requesting 35 additional chaplains from Southern Baptists for immediate service.

Former chaplains or civilian ministers may apply for the Regular Navy.

Age limit for Regular Navy is 35 years, college and seminary degrees required. If interested, write the Navy Procurement Station in your area, and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

The Chaplains Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention desires to maintain its full quota of well-qualified chaplains, in order that we may render a spiritual ministry to those in the Armed Forces.

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An informal reception was held Wednesday evening, November 12, in the Bethlehem Church parsonage, honoring Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Woolweaver, new pastor of Bethlehem and Samaria churches, Raleigh Association. The parsonage has just been completed, and is beautiful in every respect.

Many lovely gifts were presented to the honorees by members and friends of both churches. The Woolweavers have come to this new field from Southside Church in Rocky Mount, and Elm City.

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Pastor Clyde Parham and his good people of the Elk Mountain Church, Bencombe Association, had a happy occasion on Sunday afternoon, November 9, we learn from H. M. Hocutt, associational missionary. At that time the cornerstone for their new brick veneer church building was laid. The building, located on Elk Mountain Road in the edge of Asheville, has an auditorium which will seat about 350. All the work done thus far on the \$15,000 building has been paid for; and the building will continue as money

comes in so that no debt will be contracted. The auditorium will not be used until spring because a heating system is not yet installed.

Mr. Parham, pastor of the church a little more than a year, has lived in the community since early summer and has given full time to the work. He has given much time to the building project and has led, also, in the organization of a fully-graded Training Union. Twelve basement Sunday school rooms will give space for a well-rounded Sunday school and Training Union program when the building is completed.

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First Church, Murphy, J. Alton Morris, pastor, has conducted a very worthwhile Loyalty Campaign for eight weeks during October and November. Miss Mildred Whitfield, missionary for the Western North Carolina Association, writes that all the church members were put to work. The total membership was divided into eight units and then each unit was divided into groups with a captain for every six people. The group captain personally contacted and invited each member of his group to all the different worship services of the church, and checked to find how many in his group were present. It may be that the plan will be used permanently. A calendar was prepared which gave the pastor's topics for the Sunday morning and evening services, and for the prayer service, and which also carried references for daily Bible readings as outlined by the Sunday school and Training Union.

The church at Murphy recently set up the budget for the year. All the members of the budget committee and all the deacons pledged to tithe. The number of those who have pledged to tithe so far is 105.

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W. Lawson Allen is the newly elected Director of Church Activities for the First Church, Winston-Salem, and will begin his work there December 1. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are both natives of western North Carolina, and both are graduates of Western North Carolina Teachers College. Mr. Allen has had public school teaching experience, has studied at the Southern Seminary in Louisville, and has had experience as educational director and director of church activities in a number of churches. He comes to Winston-Salem from a position in the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, S. C.

The Christ of Common Folks

I love the name of Christ the Lord, the Man of Galilee,
Because He came to live and toil among the likes of me.
Let others sing the praises of a mighty King of kings;
I love the Christ of common folks, the Lord of common things.

The beggars and the feeble ones, the poor and sick and blind,
The wayward and the tempted ones, were those He loved to find;
He lived with them to help them like a brother and a friend,
Or like some wandering workman finding things to mend.

I know my Lord is still my kind of folks to this good day,
I know because He never fails to hear me when I pray.
He loves the people that He finds in narrow dingy streets,
And brings a word of comfort to the weary one He meets.

My job is just a poor man's job, my home is just a shack,
But on my humble residence He has never turned His back.
Let others sing their praises to a mighty King of kings;
I love the Chief of common folks, the Lord of common things.

—Selected.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

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A good start is being made on the Southern Baptist goal by November 1 of securing clothing for half a million people. The Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana, reported that for the first twelve days in November a total of more than 125,000 pounds of used clothing, shoes, and bedding had been received. Pastor Manfredi Ronchi of the Italian Baptist Union, Rome, advises that his committee is prepared to receive and distribute relief materials. The offices of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington advise that channels have been opened for shipment of clothing and other supplies to our Baptist representative in Hungary, Rev. Imre Somogyi. Arrangements have been made, also, for shipments into Germany through the Baptist Relief Committee known as Bruderhilfe. A special arrangement through C.R.A.L.O.G., authorized by military authorities in Germany. We are not permitted to make any contact with our fellow Baptists in Yugoslavia and Rumania.

Already we are hearing from a number of churches which have placed *The Commission* in the budget for 1948. We hope that hundreds of Southern Baptist churches will adopt this plan—on the same basis as Sunday school and training union literature. One hundred copies would cost only \$4.50 a month, or \$49.50 for the year. Payments may be made monthly.

Mr. E. P. Buxton, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reports total receipts of \$4,299,018.19 for the first ten months this year; receipts for the corresponding period last year were \$3,694,972.60. The receipts through the Co-operative Program for October were \$336,441.18, compared with \$219,222.83 for October 1946.

Southern Baptist missionaries now in Japan are: Tucker N. Callaway, Alma N. Graves, Floryne T. Miller, Frances Talley, Cecile Lancaster, Dr. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrett, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Medling.

At the November meeting the Foreign Mission Board elected Mr. Buford E. Cockrum, Jr., as building supervisor in Nigeria, a service greatly needed now in the construction of educational buildings in our growing work in Nigeria. He and Mrs. Cockrum, who is an experienced bookkeeper, will go out on contract for a term of at least two years, possibly for a longer time. Although a layman, Mr. Cockrum has been very successful in winning men to Christ. They will go out as soon as transportation is provided.

In response to our latest request for up-to-date information on our work in Nigeria, Dr. George W. Sadler, who has just returned from that mission field, writes: "The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has contributed materially to the unprecedented progress which has been made in Nigeria during these latter years. The three phases of work in which we engage

have reached a point of extensiveness and effectiveness that were undreamed of even a quarter of a century ago. Three new medical centers, two of them manned by doctors, have been opened within the past two years. The same may be said of a new school for girls and a new secondary school. One of the most significant developments is the establishment by the British government of a full-fledged university. The health and growth of the churches is indicated by the presence in Ogbomoso last August of more than 150 pastors who came together for a refresher course. It would be difficult to find in any part of the world a more zealous or a more forward-looking group."

Recent departure to foreign mission fields are: Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kirk from Miami September 5 by air to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. J. J. Cowser from Miami, October 22, by air to Rio de Janeiro. Cecile Lancaster October 23 by boat from Hawaii to Tokyo, accompanied by her mother, Ruth Kersey and Mary Ellen Yancey by boat October 25 from New York to Nigeria. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton E. Harris by boat from New Orleans October 25 to China.

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Why not send a year's subscription to *The Commission* as a Christmas gift?

GLEANNING FOR THE MASTER

By Mrs. J. J. LASSITER

Brookwood Baptist Church, though only organized two years, is proud of the progressive Training Union it sponsors. It might well be called the little church with the big vision!

On Sunday night, October 26, the adult union, with 24 members, gave a very impressive program on soul-winning and state missions, keeping in mind the aim of the lesson: that the members may be led to renew their pledge of personal evangelism and stewardship of possessions that our State may be won to Christ. Inspirational messages were added by localizing the need of mission work in our immediate community. The scripture read (Acts 1:8) gave us these words:

"... And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Then in turn the program leader, Mrs. Charlie Askew, changed the wording but used the same significant message when she read:

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Brookwood, and in all Burlington, and in

Alamance County, and unto the uttermost part of North Carolina."

Meanwhile with the room darkened, a spotlight sought out the picture of a lofty church spire, placed in the center of a huge North Carolina state map. Inscribed over the scene were the words, "Our Judea," while underneath the map, we were challenged by the Master's great commission, "Be ye witnesses." Thus we saw emphasized the importance of laboring together with him in service. Each participant on the program brought out the issue facing us, using the opportunities at hand to win souls for the Master's kingdom. To add a bit of pride for our State, Gail Colvard, daughter of Rev. Guthrie Colvard, pastor of the church, sang three verses of "Carolina." The program closed with the encouraging thought that as we train for church membership, soul-winning, and gleanning for the Master, we must labor if there is to be a victory, for without our faithfulness, the reaping is lacking.

Methodists have provided 100 new suits for Methodist preachers in Germany. New, warm suits were also sent to their wives.—*The Survey Bulletin*.



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