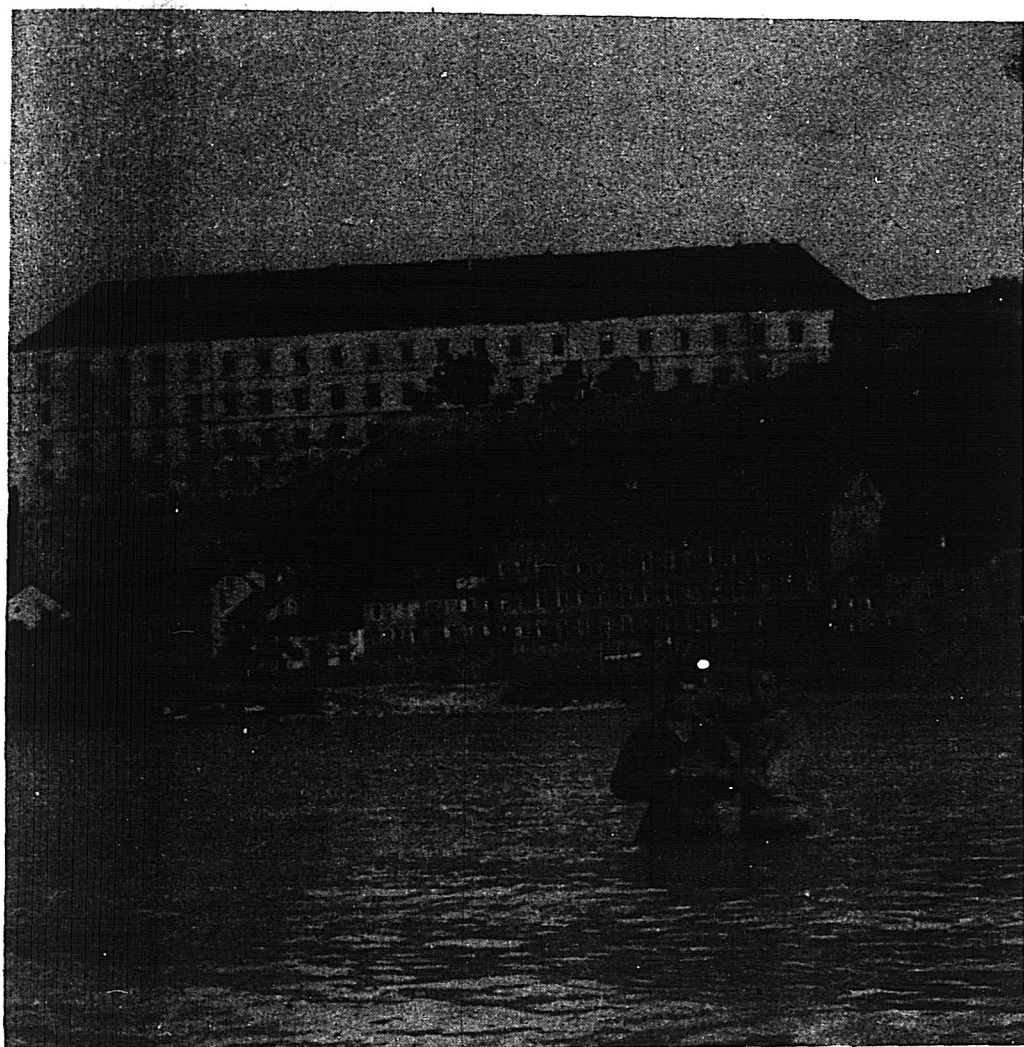


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Private First Class Bernice G. Thomas of Siler City, N. C., will be able some day to tell his grandchildren how he was baptized in the waters of the Blue Danube River. In a ceremony believed to be one of the first of its kind in Central Europe, Captain Charles C. Prince, Special Chaplain of the 65th Infantry Division, recently baptized by immersion in the Danube River Pfc. Thomas, a member of this Division's 365 Medical Battalion.

Pfc. Thomas had requested performance of the ceremony upon his arrival with the 65th Division in France, but cold weather and unfavorable circumstances prevented fulfillment of his desire until the 65th located in Linz, Austria, where Captain Prince administered the rite.

Chaplain Prince, promoted to his present rank on June 1, entered the service in May, 1944, from Lewiston, N. C., where he held pastorates in the Baptist church there and also at Kelford, N. C. Prior to that he held pastorates at the Bostick Baptist Church, Bostick, N. C., and the Biltmore Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. He is an A.B. graduate of Furman University, 1930, and attended Southwestern Seminary, 1933-35.

His wife, Mrs. Evelyn Huggins Prince, and three children, Catherine, Louanna Ray and Charles C., Jr., reside in Lewiston, N. C.

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REV. W. R. MARSH went into a needy section of the Beulah Association and helped build up and organize the Lamberth Hill Church five years ago. The church now has 49 members and is making a fine contribution to the life of the community.

CARL SANDBURG is coming to North Carolina, we learn from an Associated Press dispatch. The famous biographer and poet has purchased Connemara, a Flat Rock estate near Hendersonville, and soon will become a resident of North Carolina.

The 67-year-old snow-thatched author who spent 11 years writing a definitive work on Lincoln will close his Lake Michigan home and move to Flat Rock with his wife, three daughters and two grandchildren.

IN THE SEPTEMBER 27 issue of *The Baptist Courier* there appears a very striking picture of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Duncan of Gaffney, South Carolina, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 25, 1945. The writer had the privilege of being the pastor of these good friends some years ago. Mr. Duncan is one of the most active laymen in South Carolina and has been very prominent in Sunday school work for many years. We extend hearty congratulations to these good friends across the line in South Carolina.

THE NATIONAL Woman's Christian Temperance Union is making a fight against the drinking of alcoholic beverages on trains and airliners. In their appeal these women say that travel is both difficult and dangerous today because of drinking conditions on trains. This effort of the W.C.T.U. should be commended by all of us, for drinking is undoubtedly contributing a great deal today to the danger of travel. There should certainly be no drinking in connection with flying, and with the rapid increase in automobile travel, the hazards on the road these days are only a little short of alarming. Now is the time when all law enforcement officers should be wide awake and alert to protect the public from drunken drivers.

WE SHOULD LIKE to call special attention to the fact that at the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, in the goal set for the various states for 1946 for reaching \$6,000,000 for south-wide causes, North Carolina was assigned the largest amount among the states. The goal for North Carolina was set at \$714,600 or 11.91 per cent of the total amount for the entire South. Texas came second with an apportionment of \$706,200 or 11.77 per cent. We would not have other states do less, but we are proud of the fact that North Carolina takes the leadership in generous giving to the Co-operative Program. We congratulate Secretary M. A. Huggins and the leaders in our churches for the good record which we are making, and we hope that we may continue to make such progress in all of our work.

A VERY INTERESTING news note in the field of big business is to the effect that

Henry Ford II, son of the late Edsel Ford, has been made president of the Ford Motor Company. Young Henry, 28, succeeds the elder Henry Ford, who is now 82 years of age. The magazine, *Time*, makes the following interesting comment: "Actually, the change was more in title than in fact. The Master of the Rouge at 82 will still keep his fingers on the controls of his company as an 'adviser.' He showed no signs of retiring: despite a spell of sickness, which laid him flat on his back three weeks ago, he was once more dog-trotting through his plants last week, keeping a sharp blue eye on everything." Regardless of what his faults may be, and no doubt he has several, it must be said that Henry Ford I is a remarkable old man—or perhaps we should say "young man!"

ACCORDING to Religious News Service, the German Confessional Synod of Berlin, at its first meeting since the end of the war in Europe, criticized the "betrayal" of the German Evangelical Church through "blindness and deafness" during the rise of Nazi totalitarianism.

"Preachers and church members who in this struggle were silent must face the fact that their refusal to speak is now their condemnation," the Synod asserted.

Also it is reported that Adolf Hitler's supermen are turning to religion, seeking consolation and aid in their desperation and disappointment. It is said that imprisoned Nazis attend divine services by the thousand. We are glad to hear good news of penitence and revival among the German people, and we hope that it is sincere and real. We in America must be on our guard against an attitude of pride and self-righteousness as we view world need following the war. But even in our most charitable judgments toward the German people, we still feel that they have many sins to repent of and that they should renounce the atrocities of the Nazi regime.

WE LEARN from Religious News Service that the names of more than 700 candidates for the Baptist ministry have been listed in a registry established less than a year ago by the Northern Baptist Convention to provide counsel and encouragement to all young people headed toward this career.

Candidates include high school, college, and seminary students, and young adults in business who still look toward the possibility of training for the Christian ministry.

From time to time, members of the committee send personal letters to the candidates, offering encouragement and information of general interest. The young people, in turn, are urged to write letters of inquiry on aspects of the Christian ministry that seem problematic as they approach their chosen career.

The committee has been especially active in establishing and maintaining contacts with candidates for the Baptist ministry who have been serving in the armed forces.

WILL H. HAYS, so-called Czar of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc., has been succeeded by Eric

Johnston, the popular and able president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. It is said that the movie people disliked Mr. Hays "because he administered the motion picture code with *prima inflexibility*." We do not know the merits of the case, but we have the impression that Mr. Hays asserted a helpful influence on the movie industry, although there was and is much more to do toward cleaning up and improving the current pictures. We do not know what the attitude and influence of Mr. Johnston will be toward the releasing of cleaner and better pictures, but we hope he will make good progress in that direction. The movies are here to stay. They are attended by millions of people every week, and they exert a powerful influence on the people of our day. Everything possible should be done to give us better pictures.

ON SEPTEMBER 30 the writer had the privilege of visiting Berry's Grove Church, in the Beulah Association, at which place the regular fifth Sunday meeting of a field of three churches was held—Antioch, Berry's Grove, and Mt. Harmony. R. W. Hovis is pastor of this field, which has been organized since last June. The house was packed, with probably 400 in attendance, and dinner was served on the grounds at noon.

The editor of the *Recorder* spoke at the morning service and in the afternoon there was special music and congregational singing, with discussions of reports and plans for each of the churches. It was very encouraging to see the progress being made by these churches. Here is a striking demonstration of what can be accomplished when country churches form a field and locate a pastor in their midst. If this practice were followed generally among the country churches of North Carolina, undoubtedly the work of these churches would be greatly improved. Here is one important contribution to the solution of our country church problem:

A STRIKING illustration of faithfulness and service is found in the life story of a good woman who died recently in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her name was Jenny Watts, a school teacher, who many years ago, as a member of the Wesley Methodist Church of Minneapolis, accepted the chairmanship of a committee to care for the hymn books of the church. Week after week she inspected these books, seeing to it that all were in good condition. Her recent death disclosed that out of slender earnings she had set aside \$700 for investment to continue her devoted service. The story of this faithful woman is found in a recent issue of the *Christian Advocate*, Chicago.

Hear no ill of a friend, nor speak any of an enemy.—*Ex.*

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IT TAKES every member of the family to make the Christian home, including the tiniest baby; because all share together inevitably whether they like it or not. But each one wants to share and help in every way he can. There is something to learn from both Mary and Martha, for both had good

The Give-and-Take of a Christian Home

qualities. But in each case there was neglect or over-emphasis. There should be common sense and balance in our relationships and work. Someone has said that he would like to have Martha before dinner and Mary after dinner! The happy combination would be to sit at Jesus' feet and hear the word, and also be cumbered with serving, but not too much. The happy home requires devotion to Jesus and his teaching and also cheerful industry. According to the children's story, she who loved mother best was the one who gladly helped her the whole day long, and not the one who went away and forgot nor the one who fussed and fretted all day.

Was it Henry Drummond who said that the careful and thoughtful reading of First Corinthians 13 every day for a month would transform a man's life? Whether he said this or not, suppose you try it and see what happens. Your time and effort will not be in vain, but will contribute to better thinking and living. Drummond called Christian love "the greatest thing in the world," and rightly so. There are various kinds of love, from the lowest to the highest. Christian love means unselfish good will and concern for people, and this expressed in kindness and helpfulness. "Love suffereth long, and is kind. . . . Love never faileth." Where there is genuine love and good will, there is peace, joy, undying influence and power.

James McKee Adams

THE SUDDEN DEATH of Dr. J. McKee Adams, professor of Biblical Introduction in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Ky., September 17, was a great shock not only to his friends in Kentucky and in North Carolina, where he grew up as a boy, but to friends throughout the country, for he was well known to Baptists because of his twenty-four years in the Seminary and his outstanding contribution to the study of the Bible and Bible lands. Dr. Adams was a native of Raleigh and a member of the Tabernacle Church in his youth. He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was the author of several books dealing especially with Bible lands, and he spent much time in conducting tours to Palestine and in archeological study in that part of the world. Dr. Adams is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucy Adams, who is a daughter of the late Rev. W. W. Oliver; two daughters and a son; two sisters—Mrs. T. A. Little of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Ben F. Ellis of Raleigh—and a brother, William H. Adams of Raleigh. Funeral services were conducted from the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., by Pastor Charles A. Maddry, and the body was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Dr. Adams was greatly beloved by his students and by friends everywhere because of his friendly, cheerful disposition and his

deep consecration. Baptists of North Carolina have a right to be proud of this distinguished son of the State. We hope to publish in the RECORDER before long a sketch and appreciation of his very useful life.

"People Can Be So Good"

THE PATHETIC CONDITION of the three sons of Mrs. Lillie Pinion of Salisbury has skyrocketed almost into first-page news not only in this nation, but also in other parts of the world in recent weeks, and very generous gifts have poured into Salisbury for the support of this needy family. The three sons—Lloyd, 12, Billy, 15, and David, 19—are suffering from an incurable disease called muscular dystrophy. Mrs. Pinion was so overwhelmed by the generosity of people that she said, "People can be so good when they know about things."

This statement of Mrs. Pinion is a compliment to human nature, but it emphasizes also the importance of having information about conditions and needs. It reminds us of the importance of Christian enlightenment and learning, so that we may share in meeting needs and working for a righteous and just social order in the world. Also the progress of the Christian missionary enterprise depends largely upon the extent to which our people know the Gospel message and the lost condition of the world. *The Salisbury Post*, which first gave publicity to Mrs. Pinion's situation, carried a long editorial recently on the subject, "North Carolina Yearns to Look After Her Own." Editor Spencer Murphy not only urged the proper support of the Pinion family, but suggested that North Carolina must provide adequate medical and hospital service for all of our citizens. He hopes that the Pinion story will work marvelous good for the State of North Carolina and her people. In any case, as the people become better informed, their actions will prove whether Mrs. Pinion's words are true or not: "People can be so good when they know about things."

What Is the Distinctive Baptist Witness?

DR. CHARLES W. GILKEY, who has been Dean of the John D. Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago since 1928, had an interesting article in the Baptist historical quarterly, *The Chronicle*, in the July number, on "The Distinctive Baptist Witness." He quotes Dr. R. E. E. Harkness as concluding after a careful view of the historical evidence that the distinctive "principles of the early Baptists" were these four:

- "1. The right of church covenant.
- "2. Salvation by personal faith in Jesus Christ.
- "3. Baptism of adult believers only. Rejection of infant baptism.
- "4. Freedom of conscience. Religious liberty."

After giving certain interpretations of these principles, Dr. Gilkey makes the following worthwhile observation:

"But while present-day Baptists thus have abundant reason to be proud of the distinctive witness of their forebears, they, like all their fellow-Christians, have reason to remember the warning of Jesus against the Pharisaism that complacently thanks God that it is 'not as other men.' From Jesus and from history we Baptists need also to learn the Publican's awareness of our own characteristic sins—leading us, as it led him, to humble confession, repentance, and prayer for forgiveness. Being 'rugged individualists,' we have always been inclined to over-stress the rights and privileges of the rampant individual or group, and to underestimate the obligations we owe to the prior or the larger fellowship. We are always on the point of forgetting that there would be no 'competent individual' to enter into a 'free church covenant,' were it not for the prior fellowship of the family into which he was born, and the common heritage of the Christian faith in which he was reared."

In the concluding paragraphs of his article, Dean Gilkey states that "As we have inherited four fundamental principles which we hold in trust from our early Baptist forebears, so we have four fundamental contributions to make to the ecumenical Christianity of the future, which under God is coming into being before our half-opened eyes."

"1. We must reaffirm the Baptist principle of independence as between church and state; not only against all totalitarianism in the modern world, but against ecclesiastical control in those American cities and regions where the domination of any single

church or creed threatens the freedom of our political and cultural as well as of our spiritual life.

"2. We must reaffirm the Baptist protest against the imposition of binding creeds on the growing minds of men, or on the enlarging purposes of God as He may make them known to us. . . .

"3. We must exemplify in our church life the values and spirit of democracy in religion. . . .

"4. We must witness within ecumenical Christianity to Roger Williams' faith in the possibility of diversity within a larger unity.

. . . We Baptists put our faith and hope for the Christian church of the future, not in required creeds, but in the Holy Spirit as a living bond of Christian fellowship. . . ."

The quotations above give the main points made in this article by Dr. Gilkey, but where possible the reader will find it interesting and worthwhile to read the entire article in *The Chronicle*. We are referring to this article and giving these main points for the sake of keeping constantly before us the fundamental principles for which we stand as Baptists. And in discussing Baptist principles, we need to stay true to history in a well-balanced way and not go off at a tangent over some small detail held by a small group of Baptists and leave the impression that all Baptists have believed and practiced this particular minor point of view. Actually the big principles for which we stand are not narrow in point of view, and they do not lead us to be intolerant toward the main teachings of most evangelical Christians.

This article continues the series on Paul by Dr. Gill, who was for thirty years a Baptist missionary in Europe and is now making his home in Wake Forest. This article, the fourth in the series, pictures Dr. Gill visiting Corinth and Ephesus with Paul. The comments made by Paul on the scenes of his labors will throw new light and meaning on his life and teachings.

The Apostle Paul Returns to Earth

Paul and Church Finances

By Everett Gill, Sr.

WHILE WE WERE still in Corinth. Paul asked: "Did you ever get it clear in your mind why I worked with my hands and supported myself while I was missionary-pastor here? I understand that there are some who say that missionaries and pastors should not be supported by the churches to which they minister because of the fact that I supported myself while here in Corinth. In my Letters I thought I had made this all plain.

"You see, brother, there was a difference, somehow, between the church at Philippi and this one here in Corinth. I loved them both; but I felt the difference. I had no hesitation whatever in accepting the hospitality and support of the Philippian church. What a difference there is," he said with spirit, "between churches and churches in their relations with their pastors! Some, like Philippi, are big-hearted, generous, thoughtful, loving, high-minded and refined in their financial dealings with their pastors. Others 'are not so,' but treat their pastors as if they were just 'hired hands,' and even speak of 'hiring' a pastor for so much. As for me, I wouldn't be a 'hired' servant of any church!

"Well, there was that difference between Philippi and Corinth. Something happened here in Corinth that I need not recount in detail. But I got the idea that some of these Corinthian brethren thought I had come to 'live off of them,' and that I was in the service of Christ for what I could get out of it;

and I vowed I'd never take a lepton from them if I starved! But, I never felt that way about Philippi.

"Now, brother, being preachers of the gospel doesn't mean that we don't have feelings. I admit that I was keenly sensitive about this matter of finances, but I don't admit that my sensitiveness was a sin.

"These brethren here, perhaps, did not know that I came of a well-to-do family. In fact, you might say, my father was a rich man. After putting me through the schools in Tarsus, he sent me abroad to Jerusalem; and all that cost money, even in those days.

"In my home in Tarsus, we never lacked for any reasonable comfort; some would call it luxury. So, these brethren did not know that I gave up all that ease and security for the sake of the gospel. If I had been in religious work for what I could make out of it, I'd never have been a Christian at all, but would have become a Rabbi with a good 'living.'

SO YOU CAN imagine my feelings one day when I heard that some of these Gentile brethren had said something like this, 'Yes, that little old Jew has come down here to live off of us!' When I heard that, I vowed I'd never take the tenth part of a lepton from them, if I died. And I never did. Moreover, I made a record of it. This is what I said in my Second Letter to these brethren, in the 11th main division and 7th sub-division: 'Is it a sin, forsooth, that I

humbled myself that you might be exalted, in preaching the gospel to you free of cost? Other churches I spoiled, and took their wages to do you service. Even when I lacked the actual necessities of life while I was with you, I was a burden to no one; for what I lacked the brothers from Macedonia supplied when they came. So I kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. *As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine shall not be stopped within the boundaries of Greece!* I thought that made it plain." "Yes," he added musingly, "there's a world of difference between 'Macedonia' and 'Greece,' when it comes to pastoral support. That was plain talk, I know, but I meant every word of it; and have never regretted writing it. I felt they needed it.

"But remember, the crux of this whole matter was this: I never did renounce *my right* to a salary from any church or field I was serving. I renounced the salary here at Corinth, it is true; but not *my right* to it. I said plainly that I had just as much right to lead a wife around with me in my missionary work and have a salary as had Brother Peter or the brothers of Jesus; but I renounced both rights for good reasons.

"Yet I have heard that there are those who say I taught just the opposite to what I have said." Then he added gravely:

"*There are some people who are more concerned with making the Scripture prove their contention than they are to learn the truth of Scripture and doing it.*"

In Ephesus

WE CAME to the city of the great Diana. We lingered here more at length than usual. This was the city of Paul's longest ministry—three years.

As he began his usual search for the old sites, he marveled at the immensity of the ruins of the once capital city of Proconsular Asia.

"Ah," he said, "had you seen the Ephesus of my day you never would have imagined that it could come to nought like this! Even after all I have seen on these journeys, I can scarcely realize that this is all that is left of what, speaking as a man, was so beautiful and glorious.

"When I began to speak of the One God here in this city, it seemed that no power could touch the Great Diana, whose image fell from the sky and whose votaries came here by millions from all parts of the Roman world. But all that is left of what was the largest and most beautiful of the Greek temples and one of the Seven Wonders of the world, are those massive columns sprawling there in the dust and this mass of debris."

He sought out and found the site of Aquila's tent factory where he had labored by day and slept by night. It has always seemed that the natural thing would have been for Timothy and the younger missionaries to do the manual work for the support of the missionary party and leave the Apostle free to devote himself to the manifold phases of his spiritual work. But knowing the Apostle's rather unusual ideas about missionary finances, I dared not raise the question. I recalled, however, what he said to the Ephesian elders at Miletus: "These hands," he said (holding them up to view, the calloused places made by pushing the heavy needles through the coarse tent-cloth of black goats' wool probably not having entirely disappeared), "have ministered to my necessities *and to them that were with me.*" He did not mention these things to me, nor did I speak of them. But I thought of them and in my soul revered him for his unselfishness and moral grandeur to which he seemed so oblivious.

HE CONTINUED his search until he found the ruins of "the School of Tyrannus." "Ah," he said, "What good and glorious times we had in that lecture hall! After a day's work in the factory, I would eat my evening meal and make the necessary preparations, and then come here to take part in the meetings which Timothy and Titus and the others had prepared and planned during the day. Then we would sing and read and pray and preach and teach and exhort and discuss with those who lingered, sometimes far into the night. As the months went by the work grew in intensity not only in the city here, but was extended even to the cities and regions round about in the Province."

Then it was that I could not forbear asking a question which had lain long in my mind: "Brother Paul, I have long marveled at your physical powers of endurance. How could you stand up under the bodily strain of working and conversing all day with your fellow workers in the factory, and then preaching and teaching at night, and keep that up for months on end, even for three years? Then, too, when did you find time for those 'house-to-house' visitations? And

when did you find time and quiet to write that First Letter to the Corinthians, with that Poem on Christian Love and the brief treatise on The Resurrection and all the rest? It has always puzzled me."

THE APOSTLE PAUSED a while in deep study, and then replied: "I, too, at times have wondered how I lived through it all. Has it not been the same with all of us that after you have been through some trying experience or performed some hard task, you marveled how you ever did it?"

"Those were indeed strenuous days for me here. I crowded a decade into three years. But you must remember that I aged rapidly.

Later when I spoke of myself as 'Paul the aged,' I was not so old in years as in toils and labors more abundant. I felt that what I had to do I must do quickly. Then, you must not forget that I nearly died in this city. What with physical toll and spiritual strain and enemies like 'wild beasts' who sought my life, I nearly succumbed. I even for a time felt that 'sentence of death' was passed on me." "Yes," he added thoughtfully, "I may have overworked myself. But I remembered what the Lord Jesus had said:

"'Work while it is day, for the night cometh' . . . ; and the words of the preacher which I learned as a boy: 'Whatsoever thy hands find to do, do with thy might.'"

A Church Program for Returning Veterans

By CLAUDE U. BROACH, Pastor,
St. John's Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

THE RETURN of service personnel to civilian life presents a challenge of no small proportions to the churches of America. Will we be able to reach these men for Christ and for the churches?

Much has been said about the religious attitudes of the returning veterans. Much of it has been wishful thinking, without realistic consideration of available facts. Such consideration affords these definite conclusions:

1. Some men will come back stronger in faith than when they left.
2. Some will have lost their faith—particularly with respect to organized religious life and tradition.
3. Some will be virtually unchanged—just about as they were; no better, no worse.
4. All, or almost all, will have a new respect for real religion and the people who really have it.

This last statement is by far the most important of the four. To it should be added the fact that these men will have little respect for petty denominationalism and competitive tactics in religious life. They have knelt in prayer with buddies who asked no questions about what church they belonged to. The important thing was whether they knew how to pray.

These four facts lead to a further observation: our churches must have some definite program for reaching these men as they return. That program must be vigorous, warm-hearted, realistic, and spiritually demanding.

One church appointed a Veterans Service Committee, with a general chairman and an executive committee of four. This committee is at work on four projects, with one member of the executive committee responsible for each, with the help of a sub-committee in each case. The projects are:

1. **ADVISORY.** This committee consists of a banker, a lawyer, and a college professor. They know the G. I. Bill of Rights backward and forward. The chairman is himself a veteran of World War II and he contacts each man as he returns, to explain the church's program. He then calls on the other committees for specific help.

2. **JOBS.** This committee has built up a file on the men in service, in order to help those who need help in finding the kind of job they want and are equipped to handle.

Business men of the church are eager to give preference to these veterans if possible.

3. **ENLISTMENT.** Working on the "buddy" plan, this committee is making a real effort to enlist the veterans in the life of the church. A "buddy" is assigned to each veteran, and is responsible for keeping up with him. The committee informally presents the veterans to the congregation from Sunday to Sunday with the ever-pleasant phrase "promoted to civilian, senior grade!" The enlistment committee works toward total enlistment, trying to find for each man a place of service and a real job to do.

4. **MEMORIAL.** This committee is preparing an appropriate permanent memorial for installation in the church. This will include an appropriate Roll of Honor for the vestibule of the church and a "Book of Remembrance" which will carry a picture and the service record of each man, to be kept in the church library. But the committee's special project is the "living memorial," the nature of which has not been finally decided. Three things are under consideration: a church-owned camp, full support of a missionary couple, or a memorial scholarship fund for seminary training of preachers and missionaries. The last named is most likely to be adopted, with one scholarship for each of the gold stars on our service flag. This fund will serve as a perennial reminder of the price paid for freedom.

The veterans have expressed keen appreciation of the work being done. On the whole, the assimilation is working out well. At least, the church is making a sincere effort to do something more than say, "Hello, we're glad you're home." These men have something to give us. They know what it is to give allegiance to a cause. They can help us find a new quality of allegiance to the kingdom which still remains the "last, best hope of earth" for peace.

New Morgan Hill Church, Buncombe Association, has taken four definite steps forward recently. It has increased financial support so that the pastor can give full time to the church work; it has entered the Ministers' Retirement Plan; changed the call from annual to indefinite; and organized a fully-graded Training Union.

Returning Service Men, Missions, and Boys

ONE OF THE great opportunities facing the church today is the enlisting and utilization of our returning service men. A need in our church long recognized by people interested in the missionary education of boys is a larger number of men counselors for Royal Ambassador Chapters. This opportunity and need dovetails to make a profitable and desirable solution to the situation.

Our returning service men will need places of service in the church for which they are particularly fitted. The outdoor life of a large number of the men and the different branches of service in which they have served, such as aviation, radio, radar, and parachute groups, will qualify them for a perfect score in boy interest. Account after account verifies the fact that our men are coming back with a different feeling toward missions than when they entered the service. Many have seen first-hand what the mission program has accomplished. Thousands are alive today because Christians sent missionaries to evangelize and civilize the islands of the Pacific. These experiences retold in chapter meetings, on hikes, and around the campfire will make missions alive and vital for the boys of your church. Every man who has been across knows, because he has seen with his own eyes what it will take in food,

clothing, building material, medicine, and Christian goodwill to rebuild the world. America must furnish the missionaries as well as material needs. But America will not be willing to do this unless our people have the missionary outlook for the future. These service men will be in a position as no one else will to offset the feeling of hate generated in the thinking of our youth by war propaganda. Think how they can lay a foundation in the minds of our boys for the great missionary challenge ahead.

One generation of boys destroyed the world to its very foundation, another must build it back. The building will be determined by the missionary training of the builders. Royal Ambassador activities in mission programs, Ranking advancement, hikes, summer camping programs, and mission projects will give the training necessary for Christian building. Help these two groups to work hand in hand so it will not be necessary to rebuild again.

Enlist the very best of your returning young men to work with your Royal Ambassadors. Write your state Royal Ambassador leader at state headquarters for information concerning Royal Ambassadors.—J. I. BISHOP, Secretary, Royal Ambassadors, Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Dodd Writes About Raleigh

We in North Carolina will find interesting this quotation from *Church Chimes* of September 15. *Church Chimes* is the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor. Dr. Dodd's comments are dated September 10, at which time he was conducting evangelistic services in the Tabernacle Church, Raleigh, of which Dr. F. O. Mixon is pastor.

"Here in Raleigh, N. C., I feel myself surrounded by the spirits of my ancestors and I find myself in the company of many who have family and friendship connections in Shreveport. Business, education and religion flourish here. Great institutions of learning like Meredith Woman's College, the N. C. State College, Wake Forest, the State University, Duke and others bring 25,000 students within twenty-five miles of Raleigh each year. And there are great churches on every hand. The Tabernacle Baptist Church, where I am preaching, is the largest, with 3,200 members. Reports from Sunday's sermons in several churches in Monday morning's papers indicate that a vigorous, vital, evangelical and evangelistic gospel is being preached. This is especially true of the Baptist churches.

"The sharing of our belief in Christ with others must be of primary concern," said Pastor C. M. Townsend at Hayes-Barton Baptist Church. Pastor L. C. Sheppard at Pullen Memorial Baptist said: "The true Christian possesses a new quality of life." A Methodist pastor said: "It is the duty of the church to present Christ to the people and convince them to make decisions for Christian living." "The Holy One was made sin and bore our sins upon the Cross in a real and spiritual way, and where there is love for Christ, there is a desire to share his suffering that others

may be saved," said the First Baptist pastor, Dr. Broadus E. Jones. An Episcopal minister is reported having said in his Sunday sermon: "The present times challenge us to prove to ourselves the validity of our faith, the authoritativeness of the one we call Master and Lord and the certainty of his power over the hearts and minds of men—the world's most needed power."

"To know that such preaching as this is heard every Lord's Day throughout the land gives high hopes and stout hearts for the future."

The September number of *To-Morrow*, publication of the Allied Church League, honors Dr. Ralph A. Herring, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, in its "Hall of Fame," a feature of each issue.

Items From First Church, Lexington

Last Sunday morning we licensed Bill Everhart to the Gospel ministry. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Everhart of this church. He began his studies for the ministry at the summer term of Mars Hill College back in June. He is back there for the fall term. Bill promises to be very useful in the service of the Lord.

On October 15 Miss Pearl York, now with the First Baptist Church of Scotland Neck, begins work with our church as educational director. Miss York is a graduate of Appalachian State College for Teachers, and received her degree as Master of Religious Education from the W. M. U Training School at Louisville in 1943. After graduation, Miss York worked with a church in St. Joseph, Mo., before going to Scotland Neck. She is a native of Ramseur. We are delighted at the prospect of her coming.

Our fall revival opens October 22 with Rev. Harold W. Seever, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, S. C., the guest preacher. We look for a joyous and fruitful ten days under the leadership of this gifted young minister. Brother Seever is a former member of the Foreign Mission Board and among the most capable and progressive of our pastors.—J. ROY CLIFFORD, Pastor.

He who dares not form an opinion must be a coward; he who will not must be an idler; he who cannot must be a fool.—*Ex.*

Books Received

The following publications, all in paper and priced 25 cents each, have been received from Friendship Press:

A PRIMARY TEACHER'S GUIDE ON "The Church Among Uprooted Americans," for use with FRIENDSHIP MAGIC. By Jeannette Perkins Brown.

Discussion and Program Suggestions for Adult Groups on AFRICA, based primarily on THE CROSS OVER AFRICA (Newell S. Booth). By Margaret Marston Sherman.

A Primary Teacher's Guide on AFRICA for use with MPENGO OF THE CONGO (Grace W. McGavran). By Armilda B. Keiser.

THE CITY CHURCH IN THE WAR EMERGENCY. By H. Paul Douglass.

RURAL AMERICANS ON THE MOVE. By Thomas Alfred Tripp.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM RECEIPTS

January Through September

M. A. HUGGINS, Treasurer

Designated Funds	\$272,128.37
General Funds	641,617.28
	\$913,745.65

Distribution

State Missions—Designations	\$ 19,678.82
State Missions—Miscellaneous Income	10,798.27
State Missions—Share General Fund	70,577.90
Education—Designations	7,280.33
Education—Share General Fund	218,149.86
Hospital—Designations	31,988.02
Hospital—Share General Fund	51,329.40
Ministers' Retirement—Share General Fund	12,832.36
Wake Forest Chapel—Designations	6,106.09
Hundred Thousand Club—Designations	4,188.74
American Bible Society—Designations	4,428.60
Foreign Missions—Designations	86,525.78
Home Missions—Designations	59,033.59
Ministers' Relief—Designations	2,846.32
S. B. T. Seminary Chapel—Designations	4,710.42
Southwestern B. T. Seminary Chapel—Designations	4,320.19
Centennial Thank Offering—Designations	30,273.20
Southwide Objects—Share General Fund	288,727.76

Centennial Thank Offering is distributed to all objects. Southwide Objects—Share General Fund—is distributed to all southwide objects.

Sunday School LESSON

R. PAUL CAUDILL

Making the Home Christian

Sunday School Lesson for October 21

Printed Text: Luke 10, 38-42;

1 Cor. 13:4-13

If we could succeed in making the homes of America Christian, the divorce rate would drop to zero immediately. There is no problem arising in the realm of domestic relations that cannot be solved satisfactorily if the matter be dealt with in the court of love that meets at Jesus' feet. The trouble lies in the fact that too many difficulties are carried to a lawyer's office for solution rather than to the man of God.

In the lesson before us we have as our general theme, "Making the Home Christian," a lesson therefore that ought to appeal to every person in America who is interested in a more wholesome home life.

The First Step

From the visit of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary there emerges a principle which we may well call "the first step" in making the home Christian. The village, not mentioned by Luke, was probably Bethany. Jesus frequently visited in the Bethany home where Martha, Mary, and Lazarus lived together—all of them unmarried.

Of this family Dr. A. T. Robertson has this to say: "The glory of this family is that they provided a home for Jesus during his later Jerusalem ministry. He had withdrawn from Galilee because of the hostility of the populace. It was a time when Jesus said that the foxes had holes and the birds had nests, but the Son of man had not where to lay his head. But there was always one place near Jerusalem, the very seat of the ecclesiastic opposition to Jesus, where he found a welcome. There are always some people who have the courage to take a stand in the open for Jesus and for all that he means for men."

Upon his entering the home, Martha "was cumbered about much serving" while Mary "sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his words." Martha complained to Jesus because of the failure of her sister to share in the preparation of the meal. Martha's gentle rebuke of Jesus is followed by a grave rebuke from him for her failure to appreciate the attitude of Mary and the part she had chosen in his entertainment. In the first place, there was no need of an elaborate meal (as Plummer suggests); there were other things more important. Mary had definitely chosen "the good part." Jesus is not trying so much to make a comparison between the role of the two sisters as he is to stress the fact that Mary's choice is the better.

The word "anxious" implies "division and distraction of mind." At bottom, therefore, Jesus is rebuking Martha for just this quality of temperament. Believers ought always to avoid "division and distraction of mind."

Martha was so concerned and distracted in her efforts to set an elaborate meal that she had little time for the central thing—the presence of Jesus. The first step in the creation of a Christian home lies in fellowship with Jesus Christ, as Saviour and Lord.

Nothing should be permitted to rob us of the constancy of his presence. We must not permit the "enthusiasm of humanity" to be divorced from the love of God.

The Role of Love

The thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians constitutes a commentary or discussion of what is called "a more excellent way" in the last verse of the preceding chapter. In other words, the writer is talking about the Christian way of life in the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. In verses one through three the emphasis is on the necessity for this love way of life. We are told that eloquence of tongue is as but sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. Furthermore, we are told there is utterly no profit for us in any act of almsgiving unless the deed is motivated by love, unless we are prompted by the Christian impulse.

In verses four through seven the writer continues his discussion of the more excellent way by pointing out certain of the characteristics of the love way of life. For instance, love has a tendency to defer its anger—is longsuffering. Love is not jealous; love does not show itself off—is not boastful, a braggart. Love is not puffed up (with anger, conceit, etc.); love does not behave unbecomingly (or even dishonorably). Love seeketh not her own; is not aroused to anger. Love does not put down to its account evil (that is to say, does not place on the credit side of its ledger anything that is of evil character). Moreover, love endures patiently, bearing up under stress and strain, "Believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things"—stands its ground, come what may.

From these graphic words of Paul concerning the role of love in the life of the believer, one can see how important it is for a home to be Christian, for only a Christian home can engage these holy virtues in the administration of the daily routine affairs of home life. The reason so many homes fail in the adjustment of petty differences and in the elimination of minor grievances is because those concerned do not employ the Christian graces and, no doubt, this stems from a graver condition, namely, the lack of salvation.

The Guard Rails of Love

In the closing verses of chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians the writer sets forth in terse outline the permanency of love. Note his words, "Love never faileth: whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away." The figure in the original is even more arresting, for the word translated "faileth" literally means "fall." Love knows no such thing as failure. When love gives its best, so far as its own heart and life is concerned, it wins—in the sight of God. Other

things may be annulled and brought to naught, but not so of love—love never falls.

In verse eleven the author makes a plea for progress in our love way of life. There is the child stage and there is also the state of the full-grown man. Both of them are good and right in themselves; the point is, we should pass from the one to the other with the passing of time. Grown people should not play with sand buckets or spend their time cutting out paper dolls. They should increase in their Christian stature and in their appreciation of things spiritual with each passing day.

Greater than faith, yea, greater than hope, says the Apostle Paul, is "the love," of which he speaks. All of these qualities naturally abide as eternal verities, but love is greater (Greek, *meizon*).

This quality of love, of course, can issue only from a twice-born life. It stems from the God-man relation which is possible only to those who have come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Herein, and here alone, stand the guard rails of the home. Such a home cannot fall.

News Notes

Rev. M. L. Banister, pastor of the First Church, Oxford, is the preacher in revival services at Mars Hill, N. C., October 14-21. Rev. John Link is pastor at Mars Hill.

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Dr. and Mrs. George Green, long-time missionaries in Africa, were guests of the Mars Hill W.M.S. at their September meeting, when Dr. Green brought an inspiring message.

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A Festival of Music was given by the choir of the First Church, North Wilkesboro, on Sunday evening, September 30. Mrs. Andrew Kilby is director of the choir and David E. Browning is pastor of the church.

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The Sunday School Convention of Surry Association met with the First Church, Mount Airy, on Sunday afternoon, September 30. Dr. Ralph Herring of the First Church, Winston-Salem, was the guest speaker.

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Harold Anderson was licensed by the Mars Hill Church on September 2 to preach the Gospel. Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Anderson, is in his senior year at Wake Forest and plans to continue his studies at a theological seminary.

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A recent issue of *The Baptist Visitor*, bulletin of the First Church, St. Pauls, announces that the church membership now stands at 494, just six short of 500. W. Earl Robinson is pastor of this progressive church. Miss Edna Porter, pastor's assistant, is going as a missionary to Africa just as soon as the Foreign Mission Board can arrange for her passports. The St. Pauls Church has been greatly interested in her plans.

Not until human society is organized on the basis of good will and mutual regard will there ever be peace on earth.—*Ex.*

News: PERSONALITIES and EVENTS

RECORDER circulation, October 10—33,930.

The Montgomery Baptist Association will meet in annual one-day session with Troy First Church at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, October 18.

This change of address has been requested: Rev. George A. Roberts from Hillside No. 9, Asheville, N. C., to Route 1, Hendersonville, N. C.

Among recent visitors were A. Lincoln Fulk, pastor of the First Church, Washington, N. C., and Miss Elizabeth Hayworth, recently elected pastor's assistant of the same church.

Harry Y. Gamble, pastor of the First Church, Statesville, will be speaker on the North Carolina Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, October 21. This broadcast is heard from 8:30-9:00 over three radio stations: WPTF, Raleigh; WBT, Charlotte; and WSJS, Winston-Salem. This series of broadcasts began the first Sunday in October, with J. Winston Pearce, pastor of the First Church, Durham, as the first speaker. He was followed the second Sunday in October by Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of the First Church, Lumberton. On the last Sunday in October, the 28th, Dr. Ralph A. Herring of the First Church, Winston-Salem, will be the speaker.

One hundred and twenty-two Protestant churches (one-third of them in the American area) and 52 Catholic churches have opened in Germany, according to word from Major General Floyd L. Parks, commander of the American forces of occupation. Also, and this is indeed heartening, a Jewish Synagogue has opened its doors again in Berlin.—SADIE GRIER GARTH, in *The Charlotte Observer*.

The Randolph Association is to meet with Macedonia Church, four miles from Liberty, October 26-27, it is announced by Moderator R. E. Heath. The announcement made some weeks ago, with the days of the meeting a week earlier, was erroneous.

Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is scheduled to preach in special evangelistic services at the First Church, Charlotte, beginning October 29. Dr. C. C. Warren is pastor of the First Church, Charlotte.

The associational report of the Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, Dr. Marshall L. Mott, pastor, shows an increase over the previous year in membership from 538 to 575; an increase in additions from 50 to 73; in baptisms, from 11 to 21; and in total offerings, an increase from \$28,608.56 to \$38,145.12.

North Carolina, with a total of \$46,078.07, leads all the states in the Southern Baptist Convention in Southwide Funds reported in September to Austin Crouch, executive sec-

retary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. This year the total of Southwide Funds from all the states to date is \$4,416,941.78 as compared to \$3,362,576.91 in a corresponding period during 1944.

The October 5 issue of *The Baptist Visitor* of the First Church, St. Pauls, carries a tribute to Dr. L. J. Moore, who has resigned as superintendent after long and faithful service. For several years his physical strength has been greatly taxed by the heavy load he has carried as the only dentist in the immediate section. For this reason the church has consented to relieve him of the responsibility of the Sunday school, and Mr. Robert S. Sessoms has been elected as superintendent.

The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma has a new editor succeeding Porter Routh, who has begun work as secretary of Survey, Statistics and Information for the Southern Baptist Convention. The new editor is Albert McClellan, and he took over his duties October 1.

Temple Baptist Church, Wilmington, W. J. Stephenson, pastor, has a revival meeting scheduled for October 21-28. The pastor will do the preaching and Rev. Paul McCommon, minister of music and education of the First Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Indiana, will direct the music.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Thomasville was preacher at union services of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Matthews on Sunday evening, September 30. His subject was "The Security of a Christian." Services were held in the Matthews Methodist Church.

Miss Dorothy Shaw of Troy recently began work as educational director at the East Laurinburg Baptist Church. Rev. Cade Deaver, pastor, announces that she will work with the various organizations of the church, especially the young people. One of her first activities will be to take a religious census of the community.

Rev. George A. Roberts, pastor of the Refuge Baptist Church at Dana, has moved into the Dana community. The church is doing good work under his faithful leadership. Mrs. M. M. Marshall writes us. A building fund for the remodeling of the church has been started. The goal is \$10,000. This week a revival meeting is in progress at the church. The pastor is assisted by Rev. Clay R. Barnes in the special services.

Mrs. Ada Lee Andrew Dixon, wife of Rev. L. M. Dixon, pastor of Loray Baptist Church, died at her home in Gastonia recently following a heart attack. Funeral services were held from Loray Church and later a service was held at Brush Creek Church near Siler City where the burial took place. Our sympathy goes to her husband and three daughters: Mrs. M. W. Sessoms of Colerain; Geraldine Dixon, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh; and Rachel Dixon of the home.

Among recent visitors: Dr. Henry Walden, pastor, and John F. Griffin, member, of the Stoney Creek Church, Rocky Mount; Dr. Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., who was conducting revival services at Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh, and his host pastor, Dr. Carl M. Townsend; Rev. J. O. Pruden of Jackson, N. C.; Mrs. J. H. Arnold of New Bethel Church, Route 1, Raleigh; M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort; Dr. Luther B. Grice, Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. H. K. Masteller, pastor of First Church, Asheboro; Pastor R. E. Heath of the Balfour Church; Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Geo. E. Simmons, who is now living with his wife and two daughters in Raleigh and is a member of Hayes-Barton Church. Lt. Col. Simmons is a native of Tennessee and was pastor at Martinsville, Va., before entering the chaplaincy.

Information has just been received that Dr. Edgar Godbold, president of Louisiana Baptist College, Pineville, La., who was elected executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in Nashville, September 20, has declined to accept the position.

Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, Tenn., who has served in that capacity so efficiently for the past eighteen years, will continue in his present position until his successor is elected and is on the field, then as secretary emeritus, acting in an advisory capacity.

In the meantime the committee of ten, headed by President Pat M. Neff, Waco, Texas, which was appointed by the Executive Committee at its June meeting, will continue its search for a suitable successor to Dr. Crouch, and report to the regular meeting of the Executive Committee, December 12-13.—Walter M. Gilmore.

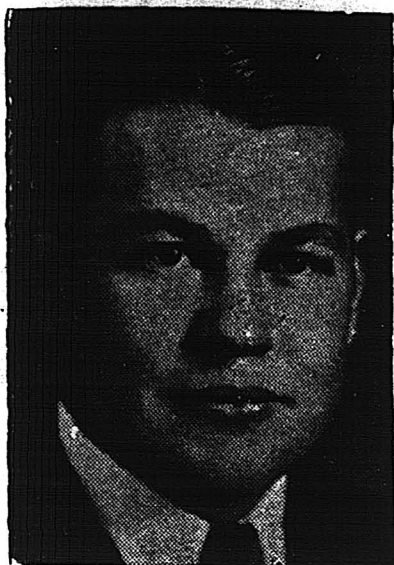
Pastor H. S. Branch writes: "The Alliance Baptist Church, Mt. Zion Association, held a revival the week of September 23 through the 30th. Rev. F. D. Hemphill, of Charlotte was our guest preacher and he brought us very inspirational messages. Although we did not have a great ingathering, we feel the seed has been sown for a real revival.

"The church has recently purchased about two acres of land adjoining the church property and plans to erect a pastor's home in the near future."

Mrs. Oscar Ketchie of Trinity Church, Spencer, sends a correction of an item in our September 26 issue about the financial report of Trinity Church. We stated that the grand total contributed by the church for the year ending June 30, 1945, was \$6,157.34. For some reason the second page of this financial report did not come into our hands. This second page reported a total of \$10,828.71 spent on the church in materials and labor. This, of course, brings the grand total expended during the year to \$16,986.05.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove has resigned as pastor of the Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, Texas, and will become pastor of the Coggin Avenue Church, Brownwood, Texas. He has

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FRANK S. GRONER

led the Columbus Avenue Church for the past eight years and four months. The editor of the *RECORD* was a member of Dr. Hargrove's church while teaching Bible in Baylor University, Waco, and can testify from personal experience that he is a good pastor and preacher. The editor's knowledge of Texas also enables him to state that the Coggin Avenue Church in Brownwood, to which Dr. Hargrove goes as pastor, is a good one.

Religious News Service reports a "United Churches Caravan," which was sponsored by the New Hampshire Council of Churches during the week of September 23, with "The United Churches Face the New World" as the theme of the sessions. There were seven seminars in various parts of the state, and the principal speaker was Methodist Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of Washington, D. C. His topic was "The Church and the New World." A group of specialists in six fields discussed the rural church, youth problems, evangelism, returning service men, religious education, and public health.

Chaplain Waldo D. Early, now stationed in Japan, only recently received the August 22 issue of the *RECORD* that carried the list of churches that gave \$1,000 or more to the Co-operative Program in 1944. He makes the interesting comment that three of the churches he served that year were in the group. (He was pastor in New South River Association.) In each case, these churches gave twice as much or more to outside causes than they did to the pastor's salary. We would guess that few pastors have succeeded in leading their churches so well along this line.

The Jacksonville Baptist Church, L. Grady Burgiss, pastor, was formally dedicated on Sunday morning, September 30. The church bulletin for that day gives the program. Rev. A. T. Howell, who led in the organization of the church in 1890, spoke on "How the Church Was Organized"; and Victor L. Andrews, a former pastor, preached the dedication sermon. The burning of the notes was done by V. L. Andrews, A. G. Walton, Sr.,

Manlye Morton, and Mrs. R. A. Lockamy.

The articles dedicated were: the complete church building and grounds; the pulpit, donated by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Holleman; the communion table, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Murrell, in memory of a deceased son, Zach; other pulpit furniture, purchased by the church; pulpit Bible, donated by Mrs. Tom Henderson; the Christian flag, by Ladies' Sunday School Class; the American flag, by Mrs. Grace Sabiston; and the Service flag, by Gladys Shop.

Pastor John W. Lambert of the First Church, Mount Olive, writes that a splendid meeting has just been closed in his church, in which Rev. S. Lewis Morgan, pastor of the First Church, Dunn, did the preaching and Mr. A. E. Lynch, Buie's Creek, led the singing. Pastor Lambert says the church was uplifted by the ministry of these two fine men. Twenty-two persons united with the church during this period, and ten of this number were adults coming by profession of faith.

Claud Gilstrap, educational director of the First Baptist Church in Waynesville, resigned Sunday, September 30, effective as of October 14. He goes to take up similar work in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Since his coming to Waynesville, the Sunday school made great progress, along with other activities of the church. He has been associational R. A. Counselor and worker throughout the community. The good wishes of the Waynesville congregation go with him as he leaves for his new work.

Dr. T. F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, spoke October 3, to a special chapel convocation of the Wake Forest College student body. He was introduced to the students, faculty and townspeople by Wake Forest Alumnus Carl M. Townsend, pastor of the Hayes-Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Dr. Adams reminded his hearers of their chance "to do the job of remaking the world which my generation didn't do. If you are going to build a better new world, however," he said, "you must have something to build with, to build on." He suggested that we need several things: a belief in God, a belief in prayer, and a belief in a better world that may come into being when we learn to

work together with God.

The service was opened with remarks by the acting college chaplain, Dr. A. S. Gillespie. Dr. Hubert McNeill Potest, head of the college Latin department and long organist at Wake Forest, was at the organ for this special service.

Dr. Harry Ashby Bagby, 81-year-old, retired minister of Chester, S. C., died in Louisville, N. C., October 5 at the home of his brother, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Louisville Baptist Church. Dr. H. A. Bagby had been a Baptist minister for nearly sixty years. A graduate of Bethel College, Ky., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he had held pastorates at Suffolk, Va., Greenwood, S. C., Liberty, Mo., Chester, S. C., Marion, Ala., Pendleton, S. C., and at the Calvary Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. He made his home recently with a son, Mayor E. Booker Bagby, of Chester, S. C.

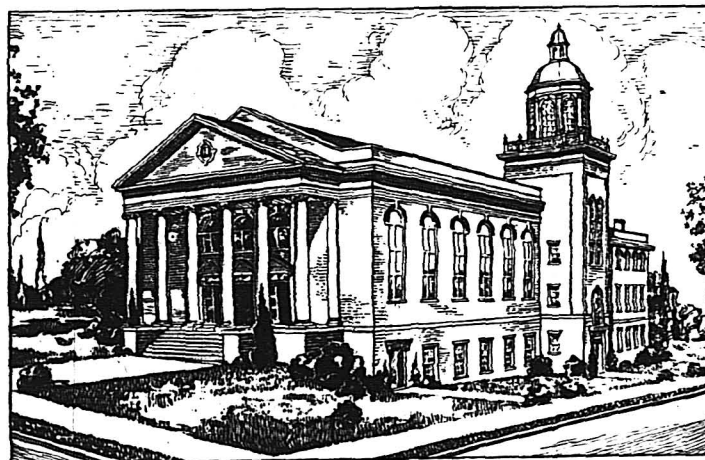
Funeral services were held from the Louisville Baptist Church Saturday morning, October 6, and interment took place in the Bruington Baptist Church Cemetery in King and Queen County, Va., where his wife was buried.

He is survived by two sons and two other brothers besides Dr. A. Paul Bagby of Louisville, to all of whom we extend sympathy.

Last week we reported the accident in which Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Pinnix of Kings Mountain were seriously injured on September 13. Since that time we have heard directly from Mrs. Pinnix. She is feeling much better now and hopes to be out soon. Although Mr. Pinnix suffered a fractured back, he was able to be brought home from the hospital on Sunday, September 30. However, he will have to remain in a cast until November 20 when he will return to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem to have a brace fitted. Mr. and Mrs. Pinnix feel very grateful for the skill of the doctors in our splendid Baptist Hospital.

During Mr. Pinnix' period of convalescence, the church has arranged for Dr. W. A. Ayers of Shelby and Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte to be the principal supplies.

Miss Pearl Franklin of Hickory has been employed by the First Church, Kings Mountain, as promotional secretary and began her work October 1. She is a graduate of Mars Hill and Lenoir-Rhyne colleges.



The First Baptist Church of Wadesboro, shown here, Donald G. Myers, pastor, has made decided progress. A budget of \$15,163 was adopted for the fiscal year and is being subscribed. Of this amount \$3,600 is earmarked for the Co-operative Program. We are glad that the church members are subscribing to the *RECORD* on the Every-Family Plan, and that 212 copies go to Wadesboro every week.

Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, pastor of the First Church, Wilmington, is to be with the Wadesboro church in a series of special services, October 28-November 2.

The HOME CIRCLE

Life's Arithmetic

We have the wisest teacher,
And she has given us this rule
That helps us in our lessons—
You can use it in your school.

Always add a smile or two
When things are going wrong,
Subtract the frowns that try to come
When lessons seem too long.

Then multiply your efforts when
The figures won't come right,
Divide your pleasures, day by day,
With every one in sight.

Now if you always use this rule
You'll have a happy day,
For lessons then are easy,
And the hours fly away.

—M. S. VAN DER VEER, in
Youth's Companion.

Horse Sense

When I was ten or twelve years old, I used to like to ride horseback on Jerry. Jerry was part western mustang, a quick starting, fast running, sure footed little horse. One day I was riding along at a nice gallop. Jerry was running so smoothly he seemed just like an old rocking chair.

All of a sudden he started with a leap that nearly threw me off backwards. He went faster and faster. For a while it was fun. Soon it became fearful. I hollered whoa! I jerked on the reins. Jerry ran wilder and wilder. I ached in every muscle. I begged him to stop. I even prayed for him to stop.

Nearly exhausted, I dropped the reins on his neck and reached for his mane to hold on. But my hands never touched his mane. For when I dropped the reins on his neck, Jerry braced his front feet and skidded to a stop in a cloud of dust.

When I picked myself out of the cloud, I started examining Jerry's lathery, trembling body to see what made him start running so fast. I noticed he was hugging his tail tight. Lifting it, I discovered a crushed bumble bee—right close to the root.

But more interesting than the bumble bee and the fast ride was the fact that Jerry had stopped instantly when I dropped the reins across his neck. That was the way he had been trained. Despite the bumble bee's attack in the rear, Jerry was true to his training.

Recently a business firm sent me a card with a message under the title "Horse Sense." One sentence said, "I think if I worked for a man, I would work for him. I would not work for him part of his time, but all of his time. I would give an undivided service or none."

As I read that I thought of Jerry and his obedient service, even when he did not feel like doing what he was supposed to do.

A person who does what he is expected to do, what he is trained to do, when he is supposed to do it shows horse sense, at least.

Those who don't had better have their ears examined to see if they don't belong in the jackass class.

If the time ever comes again when jobs are scarce, it will be the young people who are trained and who do what is expected of them who will hold their jobs while others are walking the streets without so much as two dimes to clink together.

Don't you suppose God also likes dependable workmen who at least show as much sense as a good horse?

There are three verses in the Bible which first suggested these thoughts I have been bringing to your attention.

"A whip for the horse (that is, a horse that doesn't do what it should), a rod for the fool's back."—Proverbs 26:3.

"Behold we put bits in the horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn about their whole body."—James 3:3.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God."—II Timothy 2:15.—JOHN EDWIN PRICE, in *Church Management.*

THE WAY TO LAUGHTERTOWN

Would ye learn the road to Laughtertown,
O ye who have lost the way?
Would ye have young heart though your
hair be gray?

Go learn from a little child each day.
Go serve his wants and play his play,
And catch the lilt of his laughter gay,
And follow his dancing feet as they stray;
For he knows the road to Laughtertown,
O ye who have lost the way.

—KATHERINE D. BLAKE.

A FEW STRAY IDEAS

It's pretty hard to take a vacation from doing nothing.

A boom is hard on a bum. It doesn't give him an excuse for being a bum.

A friend is a person who knocks before he enters, not after he has taken his departure.

One advantage in this day of short manpower is that there are not enough cooks left to spoil the broth.

To insure permanent peace, let us agree not to have another war until this one is paid for.

One way to avoid the disadvantages of old age is to ignore the safety rules.—*Religious Telescope.*

STRENGTH

We never have more than we can bear. The present hour we are always able to endure. As our day, so is our strength. If the trials of many years were gathered into one, they would overwhelm us, therefore, in pity to our little strength. He sends first one, and then another, then removes both, and lays on a third, heavier, perhaps, than either; but all is so wisely measured to our strength that the bruised reed is never broken. We do not enough look at our trials in this continuous and successive view. Each one is sent to teach us something, and altogether they have a lesson which is beyond the power of any to teach alone.—H. E. MANNING.

Spice Box

A boy who swims may say he's swum, but milk is skimmed and seldom skum, and nails you trim, they are not trum.

When words you speak, these words are spoken, but a nose is tweaked and can't be twoken, and what you seek is seldom soken.

If we forget, then we've forgotten, but things we wet are never wotten, and houses let cannot be lotten.

The goods one sells are always sold, but fears dispelled are not dispold, nor what you smell is never smold.

When young, a top you oft saw spun, but did you see a grin e'er grun, or a potato nearly skun?—*Tit-Bits.*

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Brown always did possess a soft heart. This is how he wrote: "Dear Mrs. Harrison: Your husband cannot come home today, because his bathing suit was washed away. P.S.—Your husband was inside it."—*Ex.*

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When a little Southern lad returned from Sunday school one afternoon, he heard his parents discussing the boll weevil with a caller.

"It isn't right to be afraid of 'em," he put in.

"What do you mean, dear?" his mother asked.

"Why, my teacher says we must fear no weevil."—*Exchange.*

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They tell of a strange case in a small Missouri town. A man complained of pains in his heel. His physician removed his teeth, but the pains continued. They removed his tonsils, and still the pains remained. As a final resort they removed his shoe, and the X-ray revealed a long-embedded needle in his heel.—*Copied.*

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A motorist who was touring in Ireland one day met a native who was driving a donkey and cart. Thinking he would like to have a little fun at the Irishman's expense, he began:

"What is the difference, Pat, between your turnout and mine?"

"Oh, not a great dale," promptly replied Pat. "Shure, the donkey's in the shafts in the wan, and on the sate in the other."—*Clipped.*

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DRIVING INSTRUCTOR: In case of emergency, the first thing you want to do is to put on the brake.

MAID: Why I thought it came with the car.—*Clipped.*

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PATIENT (to his roommate about to be discharged): Have a good time and take care of yourself.

ROOMMATE: Now make up your mind; which do you want me to do?—*Ex.*

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"I saw you the other day at the corner of Market and Main winking at the girls."

"I wasn't winking. That's a windy corner. Something got in my eye."

"She got in your car, too."

Woman's Missionary UNION

MRS. J. S. FARMER, Acting Executive Secretary

MRS. J. CLYDE TURNER, Acting President
MISS ORA ALFORD, Treasurer
MISS KATHRYN ABEE, Young People's Secretary
MISS RUTH KELLER, Field Worker

Reports and Reminders

We are well along in the last quarter. Is your society as well along in reaching annual goals?

The Divisional Meetings are in the immediate future. Each superintendent is arranging for a full helpful day. Dr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Maddry, Dr. Frank Lide, and Miss Olive Lawton are the missionary speakers for these meetings.

We are anticipating with keen interest the meeting of the Council in Raleigh on October 30-31. Please be much in prayer for this important meeting, that all the discussions and decisions will be in accord with God's will.

There are excellent reports concerning mission study classes. Mrs. Huggins recently taught a class in Stewardship in the Little River Association. There was an attendance

of one hundred and twenty-five. "One class each quarter" is a growingly popular slogan.

Miss Abree is busy visiting the Ann Haseltine and Grace McBride Y. W. A's. She reports splendid work being done on the college campuses.

The treasurer's office is piled high with the third quarter's reports. Some will be disappointed that reports reaching the office after the fifth of the month are too late, but the books must close by the night of the fifth of the month following the close of the quarter.

Some reports came with no name, no post office, no way of identification. Please see that your report is filled out in full. We anticipate a splendid total for the State Mission Offering, and we can scarcely wait till Miss Alford can get all the figures added up!—F. J. F.

Thanks for Heck Memorial Gift

Belo Horizonte Brazil,
Rua Plombagina 250,

October 1st, '45.

MY DEAR MRS. FARMER AND NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS:

What rejoicing when your letter came Saturday announcing the gift from the Heck Memorial Offering to our Baptist Orphanage in this state. D. Hulda had just left when the letter reached me, and left discouraged. The rainy season begins soon and some repairs on the buildings there had to be made to give the children a place to play in the rainy season, for it would be very difficult for her to have them penned up in the dormitory the three months of rain. Our Committee of the Home will meet this week and decide on the greatest necessities and later I will write you exactly how the money was spent. This gift does not touch my hands at all, rather is passed from the Mission to our treasurer in this state, Mr. J. R. Allen, and will be administered according to the decision of our Orphan Home committee which has on it three members of the state board. The receipt for the money will be sent from our State Baptist Board when the transference of the gift is made to our mission up there.

On September 7th the Orphanage celebrated its birthday. A great deal is made of birthdays in Brazil, whether it is a birthday of an individual or institution. A special car on the train was provided, and a special bus. At least a hundred people went from our four Baptist churches here in Belo Horizonte. The children under the direction of the school teacher had prepared a good program, and then the churches here had a program. It was a very happy day, and many presents had been given by individuals and churches in the state. How I love those boys and girls out there. They are like boys and girls in any country, with their pranks and

faults. D. Hulda, the mother, insists on their eating everything that comes to the table and keeps a splendid garden. The interior folks here are not much accustomed to eating vegetables, so she works to correct this. There is a vegetable that is very bitter (gelo), small, round balls that are cooked as potatoes. When she called to one very small boy to eat his, the reply was: "Ruy says for me to put them in my pocket as he does." She called Ruy to her and found his pocket stuffed with this vegetable. Of course he was put in the corner while the others finished their meal. They are very affectionate, and I have a good time when I can go out there.

The Orphanage is a small farm with enough land for pasture, orchard and garden. D. Hulda is to plant very soon about an acre in bananas. Oranges and bananas are the cheapest and best fruits, though Brazil has an immense variety of fruits. A member of the church went out there recently to plant grapes. Abacate is a wonderful fruit, very nutritious and tasty. Mamao is a fruit that looks like a cantaloupe, but has its own taste. It grows quickly and abundantly.

Some seven of our children have been converted this year. D. Hulda is a fine Christian and felt called of God to offer herself for the Orphanage. She is a very industrious person, and a good manager. In one town where she went to live, she left later with a church organized, self-supporting, with its own building. It was mostly her victory—due to her efforts.

Mrs. Farmer, please thank the Y. W. A's and Sunbeams for their interest in our children here. I shall always think of them in connection with the Orphan's Home, and be thankful for this manifestation of their love for Brazilian children. How I wish each one who contributed to this gift might see the

lovely, fine boys and girls that are out there. There is a school adjoining the two dormitories and every child within the age to study has regular class work. The churches of Belo Horizonte send some one each Sunday for the Sunday school. Family worship is held daily. Our sincere gratitude to the young people of North Carolina. Kindest regards to Miss Currin and the other friends of Recorder Building. It was indeed a privilege to know them all during the furlough year. Affectionate good wishes to Miss Abree. How thankful I am for contact with the wonderful folks of North Carolina. When anything special comes out in the Recorder, it would be a favor to have the paper sent to me. You will remember our work in your prayers, dear Mrs. Farmer. Brazil never had more open doors for the gospel. The friendship between our countries has opened the door wider for the gospel. My State (Minas) is as large as Texas and has nine million people who await the good tidings. Belo Horizonte is a beautiful city with over 200,000 people and we are hardly touching the fringe of things even though we do try so in his strength. My little church has seven Sunday schools in different places in the city, in the leper's colony and factory districts . . . but oh, the multitudes never reached! How I long for us to have more power in order to see more souls saved! You will pray often for us, I know. How thankful we are for your loving interest in conditions everywhere.

With sincerest gratitude to you, to Miss Currin, Abree and all who made this gift possible.—ROSALEE MILLS APPLEBY.

Dr. C. B. Peacock has resigned the pastorate of Castalia Church, Tar River Association, and has moved to Whitakers, N. C., to take up work as pastor of four churches, two of them rural. Mrs. L. D. Draper of the Castalia Church writes that Dr. Peacock did a great work for the Master while at Castalia. Members of Castalia Church feel that his place cannot be filled, but they rejoice with him in his broader field of work and feel that he will do great things through Christ.

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Dr. A. R. Gallimore, long-time missionary to China living in Wake Forest during his enforced furlough from China, spoke recently to a convocation of the student body of Wake Forest College, of which he is an alumnus.

"With the perfection of atomic disintegration, the whole of humanity stands aghast to see what will happen with it to the future of the world," said Dr. Gallimore. "Truly this is a great age. This student generation in America has the last chance to redeem society."

Calling attention to the college motto "Pro humanitate"—in behalf of the human race—he said: "We have no frontiers, but we do have horizons. . . . The doctrine of the second mile—we need to practice it."

Christian Education

IN THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mecklenburg Bible Clinic

During the week of October 21-26 our workers will assist the churches of Charlotte and the Mecklenburg Association in a Better Bible Teaching Clinic at the First Baptist Church, Charlotte.

Dr. G. S. Dobbins of Louisville, Ky., will lead the general conference each evening and speak each morning from ten to eleven o'clock on the subject, "The Pastor and His Teachers."

For the evening Department Conferences we will have the following leaders:

Cradle Roll—Mrs. L. R. O'Brian, Wake

Forest.

Beginner—Mrs. C. R. Hinton, Albemarle.

Primary—Mrs. C. D. Bain, Dunn.

Junior—Mrs. Lillian Rice, Nashville.

Intermediate—Mrs. Clyde Baucom, Wilson.

Young People—Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh.

Adult—Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh.

Extension—Mrs. Myra S. Motley, Raleigh.

Records—Mr. L. L. Morgan, Raleigh.

Last year the attendance at the Mecklenburg averaged more than six hundred. We hope to go above that this year.

IS YOUR CHURCH PLANNING TO BUILD?

If we are to increase the enrollment in our Sunday schools in North Carolina during the next five years we will have to provide more space. The type of buildings we erect will largely determine the kind of work we do. Our Architectural Department at Nashville will co-operate with us as far as possible in working out proper plans. However, there are so many calls now that it is impossible to get to every church as soon as the calls come in. Please keep on calling on us, but be patient. Find out what you need and let that determine what you build. It does not pay to get in too big a hurry.

NEWS NOTES

The *Journal Patriot* of North Wilkesboro in a recent issue reports that Rev. S. I. Watts, a well known Baptist minister in the Boomer community near North Wilkesboro, baptized members of three generations in a baptismal service for the New Davis Memorial Church not long ago. The three generations were a grandfather, father and five grandchildren, as follows: Lee Harris; his son, Willie Harris; son-in-law, Dock Wood; and five grandchildren.

Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager of the North Carolina State Fair, has projected a plan for the fair to change from an annual six-day farm exhibit and show to a \$3,000,000 State exposition operating every week in the year, embracing all phases of North Carolina governmental, agricultural, and industrial activity, and honoring veterans of the two World Wars. Dr. Dorton is now on leave as State director of the War Manpower Commission.

Dr. Dorton pointed out that fair managers have found it "wasteful and extremely inefficient" for fair grounds to stand idle 51 weeks in the year. He would like to plan the Permanent Exposition as a one-stop tour of the various places of interest in the State. The State Board of Agriculture has formally approved the plan.

The First Church of Hendersonville recently launched a campaign for \$150,000 for the erection of a new church home. Roy H. Martin is chairman of the soliciting committee, and Dr. J. G. Bennett is chairman of the building committee. Preliminary sketches from the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have been in hand for some time and Architect Erle G. Stillwell is preparing plans for the plant. Dr. O. M. Seigler is pastor of the church.

Dr. M. T. Plyler and Dr. A. M. Plyler, twin brothers, have resigned as co-editors of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* after serving more than 25 years in this capacity. Dr. H. C. Sprinkle, Jr., has been elected as editor, and he will take up his new duties as soon as he gets his release as an Army chaplain. Here's a hope that the Plyler brothers will enjoy a well-earned rest from the responsibilities of editorship and a wish for the success of the new editor as he assumes his duties.

Rev. Wayne Oates of Durham, N. C., has been employed as Chaplain of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital. Mr. Oates is a graduate of Wake Forest College, had a year's graduate work in Duke University, and has had some special training from the National Council for Clinical Training of Theological Students. He was former educational director in Watts Street Church, Durham; and while doing his undergraduate work in the Southern Seminary, he was pastor of the church in Union City, Kentucky.

Bishop Edwin F. Lee, Director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C., has recently completed an extensive visit to chaplains and service men in the Southwest Pacific Area. His visit, which was made at the invitation of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, took him to the Philippine Islands where he held conferences with chaplains. The Bishop renewed a long friendship with General Douglas MacArthur, and discussed with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and other officers the interests of American

L. L. MORGAN, Sunday School Secretary

R. T. HOWERTON, Jr., Student Union Secretary

HARVEY T. GIBSON, Training Union Secretary

chaplains. Upon the suggestion of Chaplain Ivan L. Bennett, Theater Chaplain, the Bishop flew to Australia on a goodwill mission. Chaplain Bennett, as many of us remember, is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College.

Captain Robert L. Costner, chaplain with the 101st Airborne Division, Artillery, reports to the Home Mission Board that he has organized a class of fifteen men who plan to enter the ministry after the war. He writes, "We meet three times each week for Bible study, to study methods of sermon preparation, gathering of materials, etc., and for instruction in soul-winning. The men are very responsive to my efforts, and, in turn, are very helpful in bringing other men to the other chapel services."

Chaplain Costner's home address is Greensboro, N. C.

Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, is filling a great need among pastorless churches within traveling distance. During the past school year, 446 churches that could not employ full-time, resident pastors found a satisfactory solution in calling student pastors from the Southwestern Seminary. Last year 316 students filled regular week-end preaching appointments in full-time, half-time, and quarter-time churches, as far away as 350 miles from Fort Worth. Churches not only in Texas were served, but also regular trips were made to Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The serving of churches at such long distances away is possible because the students spend only four days a week in school. Student preachers may spend Saturday, Sunday, and Monday on their church fields if they desire.

At the request of the First and Lakewood Baptist churches of Durham, Franklin W. Young and L. Elbert Wethington were approved for the gospel ministry following a dual examination held in the study of the First Church on Monday, October 1.

The presbytery consisted of J. Winston Pearce, Trela D. Collins, Owen F. Herring, J. Samuel Johnson, C. N. Royal and Charles F. Hudson. Charles F. Hudson was chosen chairman and J. Winston Pearce was designated clerk.

Brother Young is a graduate of Dartmouth College and has completed his residence work and thesis for the Ph.D. degree at Duke University. He is associate professor in the Department of Bible in the Duke Divinity School.

Brother Wethington is a second-year student at Duke Divinity School and a graduate of Wake Forest College. Both candidates for ordination gave excellent accounts of their requirements for the ministry and were unanimously approved for ordination.

Wethington will be formally ordained at the Lakewood Church, Sunday, October 14. Young will receive the full rites of ordination at the First Church, Sunday, October 28.

"This is No Place for a Man Like You"

By MILLARD A. JENKENS

I found him in a saloon, where I had gone to invite the bartenders to the revival meeting services then going on in our church. After speaking with the two young men behind the bar, an old man, shabbily clothed and bearing the marks of a life of dissipation, caught my attention.

"Howdy," I said, and took him by the hand, telling him my name and who I was. I want you to come to our meeting tonight. Lots of us will be glad to shake your hand and give you a warm welcome."

"My name's Summey." Giving me a tug at the sleeve and a nod of the head toward the door, he added: "Come, this is no place for a man like you."

"Where men are lost in sin is always the place for me, no matter where it is," I replied.

Halfway down the block he stopped. Staring me in the face, he said, "I'll not come to our meeting tonight; I'm going to hell tonight." And taking from his pocket a quantity of poison, he continued, "And this is what I'm going to do it with."

"What do you want to do that for?" I asked.

"Because," said he, "I'm old and alone and haven't a friend in all the world. My wife was my friend and put up with my drinking, but two years ago she died. I'm an old soldier and I'm going over at midnight to the monument where the marble soldier stands, take this poison and lie down on the grass and die."

"Would you do that if you knew you had a friend, one you could rely on?" I asked. He replied that if he knew he had such a friend he believed he could not want to die. "Now," said I, "look me in the eyes and see if you can believe me when I tell you I will be that friend."

He looked me through. Then his lips trembled and tears came in his old eyes.

"Yes, I can believe you."

"Then give me the poison." He handed me enough morphine to kill a mule. I asked him if he would do what I would request of him, and he said he would. I gave him a note to the Salvation Army in-

structing them to give him the best bed they had, and the best supper and a good breakfast, and I would pay the bill. I told him to ring my doorbell at nine next morning.

On the minute he was there. I instructed him in the way of salvation, and after we had prayed I witnessed his conversion. Down at the morning service he joyfully made his public confession of Christ. I sent him to a sanitarium for treatment, for his body was sick from the poison of alcohol.

Three months later at nine o'clock one morning my doorbell rang and there stood a neatly dressed and groomed man.

"Come in," I said. "Be seated. What can I do for you?"

"I don't believe you recognize me," he answered.

"No, not quite," I rejoined, "but I know I have seen you before."

"Yes, the first time down in that saloon," said he.

"And this is old Summey!" I exclaimed.

"No," said he. "This is new Summey. Old Summey died right here in this room three months ago. When you found me in that saloon, I was like the man Jesus found among the tombs. Now you see me like that man after he had been saved, sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in my right mind."

A few years later the dear old man was run down by an automobile and died in a Christian hospital. After long hours he became conscious, and looking around at the neat room, the pretty flowers, and the beautiful white-uniformed nurse, a smile broke over his face; and then—a look of disappointment; and he began to cry.

"What is troubling you, Grandpa?" asked the nurse.

"I thought I was in heaven and that you were an angel," he said. "Oh, do I have to go back to the old hard world?"

He didn't, for that night the Father called him, and he went home.

Yes, that saloon was the place for a man like me. Wherever men sin, suffer, and die is the place to be found by all who have been saved and would lead others to the Saviour.

College, which will portray the highlights in the one hundred years of Limestone history will be presented in the auditorium at 7:30 in the evening.

The Centennial Convocation on Tuesday will begin with an academic procession at 10:30 a. m. and will be followed by the presentation of delegates and an address by President MacCracken of Vassar College in the Curtis Auditorium.

Following the convocation the college will be hostess at the Centennial Luncheon honoring official delegates and the faculty and trustees of the college. Dr. Montague McMillan, general chairman of the Centennial Program, will preside. President Francis P. Gaines will be the luncheon speaker. Remarks and announcements will be made by Major H. C. Moore, chairman of the board of trustees, and by President R. C. Granberry of Limestone College.

The Centennial Commemoration will officially end with the luncheon.—J. F. BOZARD, Dean.

SET BIBLE READING CAMPAIGN ON WORLD-WIDE BASIS

The American Bible Society's second annual Bible Reading Campaign from Thanksgiving to Christmas will be conducted on a worldwide instead of a national basis this year, with Sunday, December 9, designated as "Universal Bible Sunday."

Dr. J. Chapman Bradley, who has served as executive director of the Society's War Emergency and Postwar Rehabilitation Fund, and who was recently appointed to the permanent secretarial staff, will direct the Bible Reading Program.

With Dr. Bradley's appointment, "use" of the Scriptures is being added to the three traditional functions of the Bible Society—translation, publication, and distribution. Since 1816, the Society has been instrumental in supplying the Bible in whole or in part in 1068 languages and dialects.

For the 34 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas, 34 Bible passages have been chosen through a canvass of men and women in the armed forces for whom the Scriptures have attained deep significance, and these passages will be read daily by those who participate in the campaign.

About 30,000,000 bookmarks listing the daily reading passages will be distributed in churches, hospitals, military and naval stations, in pay envelopes, on store counters, by house-to-house visitations, and from neighbor to neighbor. Special V Mail forms on which the passages are listed will be forwarded to service men and women overseas.

In addition, special posters, church calendars, forms and brochures will be distributed to churches.

Purpose of the campaign, according to Dr. Bradley, is "to enlist men and women the world over in daily Bible reading to forge a spiritual bond between nations in the rebuilding of a new and better world community in which peace based on mutual understanding can be made secure."

Men of the new Baptist church in Raleigh, Forest Hills, have organized a class named the "Men's Fellowship Bible Class." J. R. Rogers has been named as president for the coming year; Eric Jones, vice-president; and Gordon Ellington, secretary.

Limestone Will Observe Centennial

Alumnae of Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C., and delegates from colleges and universities of the South are receiving invitations to attend the three-day Centennial Commemoration Program of Limestone College on November 4 through November 6.

Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, president of Colgate-Rochester Seminary, will deliver the centennial sermon on Sunday afternoon, November 4, at 3 o'clock, in the Curtis Auditorium. At 7:30 in the evening a service of music will be presented by the music faculty and the choirs of the college.

At 10:30 Monday morning in the Curtis Auditorium Dr. Henry N. MacCracken, president of Vassar College; Dr. Bessie Carter Randolph, president of Hollins College; Dr. Francis P. Gaines, president of Washington and Lee University; and Dr. Annie Juliet Earle, professor at the Oklahoma Baptist

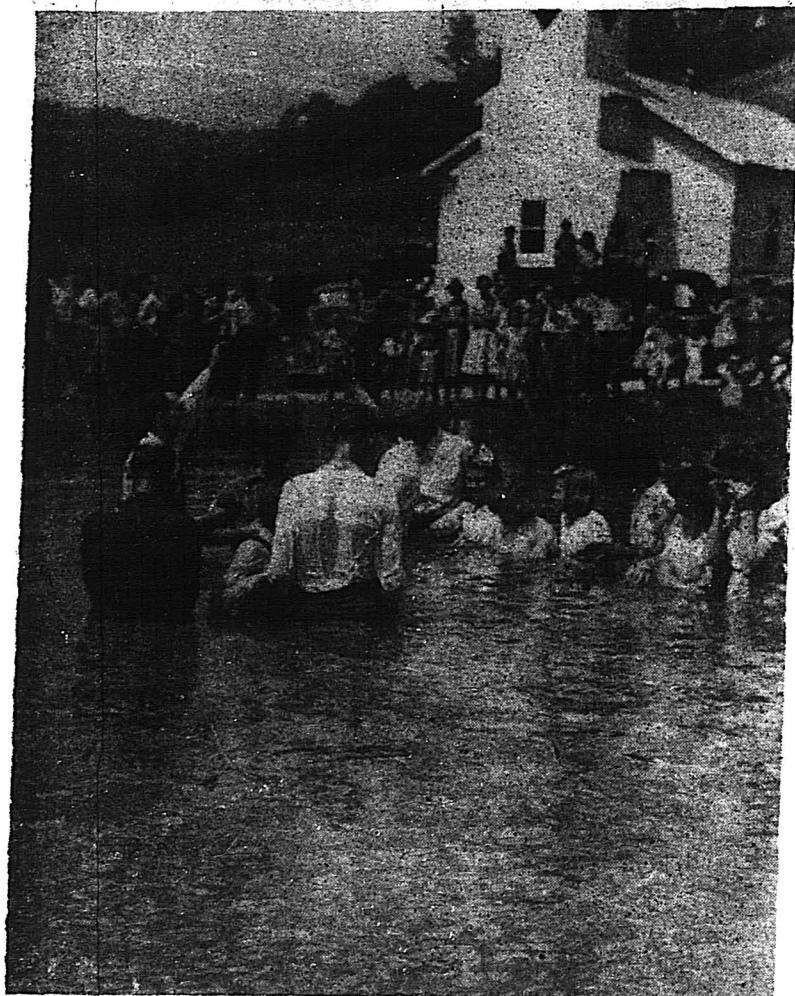
University, will participate in a forum discussion of "The Liberal Arts College."

Following the forum, the college will be hostess at a luncheon for the centennial guests.

On Monday afternoon at 2:30 the alumnae, with special representatives from each extant class, will assemble in the Curtis Auditorium to hear addresses on "The History of Limestone College," by Dr. Annie Juliet Earle, and "The Future of the Woman's College," by Dr. Bessie Carter Randolph. Mrs. Aurelia Lodge Walker, class of 1907 and president of the Alumnae Association, will preside at the Alumnae Session. At 4:30 Monday afternoon the alumnae will hold class reunions in the parlors of the college.

An historical pageant written by Dr. Eunice Ford Stackhouse and directed by Dorothy Richey, director of speech at Limestone

THIRTY BAPTISMS AT PLEASANT VALLEY, FRENCH BROAD ASSOCIATION



A few weeks ago we had a news note about a splendid revival meeting in Pleasant Valley Church, of which J. G. Miller has been pastor since October, 1944. During the recent meeting there were 39 conversions and 41 renewals. The thirty new members pictured above were baptized into the membership of the church at the close of the meeting. Rev. Victor Trivett of Butler, Tennessee, was the evangelist for the revival.

Making a Dry Bible Interesting

By E. A. BRANDON

AS A TEACHER and superintendent of Sunday schools for some time, I am vitally concerned about the lack of interest in church services and Sunday school, and especially in the study of the Bible.

You can find in God's holy Word a remedy for all failures, and every sin. The Bible gives just one drawing card to the unregenerated person. John 12:32 says: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This is God's plan, this is the best plan, and this is the only plan you need. All other plans are your plans, and God did not promise to help you with your plans unless they harmonize with his plans. "He fed the multitude because they were hungry, but he did not feed them to get them to follow him."

In a class of very fine 15-year-old boys, not one had studied the Sunday school lesson. Finally I got this honest confession from them: "The Bible is a dry book, and we cannot understand it."

Let's go back to God's Holy Word for the remedy for this situation. In 2 Corinthians 5:14 we read, "For the love of Christ constraineth us." Now if we are Christians, the love of Christ will constrain us when nothing else will. There is no other constraining power in the Bible, and we need no other. I am speaking from experience when I say

that it will constrain the Christian to read his Bible, and keep the whole six-point record system. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Cor. 5:17.) If he is not a Christian, then he cannot understand his Bible, and it will forever be dry to him unless he becomes a new person, i.e., a consecrated Christian. In 1 Cor. 2:14 we read: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." In Jer. 29:13: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." This is the one and only remedy to win the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ. Plans and programs will not do it unless they are his plans.

There is only one prerequisite for any task by any preacher, superintendent, or teacher. He must study and understand the Bible. God told Ezekiel to eat the roll before he should go before the house of Israel. He faced an impossible task until he had eaten the roll (Ezekiel 3:7-9).

Another passage which emphasizes that thorough study and digestion of the Bible is needed is found in Revelations 10:8-10. The Bible has lessons for us and is interesting to the extent to which we really under-

stand it and enter into the richness of its meaning.

(Mr. Brandon is a member of the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem.)

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

By CHAPLAIN VERNON B. RICHARDSON, USNR

My ship had the distinction of being the first Allied warship to dock in Japan. We were the Flagship of the Emergency Occupation Force.

As the first Protestant chaplain to reach Japan, I had planned services ashore on Japanese soil for Sunday, September 2, 1945, but we departed early that morning to return to the States. However, two other Protestant chaplains had arrived the previous day with a hospital unit and they held the service.

As we moved into the edge of Tokyo Bay on Sunday, August 26, I preached from the text, "We are more than conquerors."

NEWS NOTES

Rev. C. L. Taylor, pastor of the Fairview Baptist Church in Albemarle, resigned his work there, effective the last of October, we learn from J. A. Hopkins of Albemarle. During his pastorate of the Fairview Church much progress was made. Several Sunday school rooms were built; the church was painted; and a walk was laid in front of the church. During this time also the church was dedicated. Some 35 members have joined since January, 1945, and the Sunday school has reached its highest point in attendance since it was organized in 1935.

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The October 7 edition of *The Evangel*, bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, honors Dr. Homer G. Lindsay on the occasion of his fifth anniversary as pastor. The Lindsay family—Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay, Jo Ann and Homer, Jr.—are pictured on the front cover of *The Evangel*. Inside there is a message from the pastor and also messages from various church officials, such as the chairman of deacons, Sunday school superintendent, etc. These messages indicate that the church has made great progress under Dr. Lindsay's leadership.

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It was my happy privilege to be with the White Oak Church, White Oak, N. C., August 19-30, for their revival meeting. We had a good revival, and God blessed our earnest efforts together for his glory. There were several additions to the church. One old man about seventy-five years old was reinstated into the Christian fellowship of the church. It was a great experience for all.

Brother C. S. Smith is pastor of the White Oak Church and two other churches. He has done an excellent work with those churches. Brother Smith is doing one of the finest works of our rural pastors. I desire to commend him publicly for this noble work that he is doing for our Master.—C. M. WARREN, Pastor, Sylva Baptist Church.

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The Shaw's Creek Baptist Church, Carolina Association, in conference Sunday morning, September 23, unanimously called Major T. Gilmer Proctor, Jr., Chaplain Corps, U. S. Army, retired, of Greensboro, N. C., as its first full-time pastor.

Major Proctor, a graduate of Wake Forest College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, had served three years in the European theatre of operations, and two years at Fort Benning, Ga. Previous to his military service he had served as chaplain to a circuit of CCC camps as pastor of the Ridgecrest Baptist Church, and three years as a missionary in the Belgian Congo. Mrs. Proctor is a Training School graduate. They, with their three children, took up their duties on their new field of labor October 10th.

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In the revival held by the First Baptist Church, Leaksville, Rev. Robert C. Foster, pastor, September 17-26, it was my privilege to serve as guest preacher. This fine church gallantly began the meeting amid the heavy storm attending the hurricane on the coast. From this had beginning interest and response rose steadily during the ten-day period.

Thirty additions to the church resulted from the meeting, the great majority of them being by baptism. It was a blessing to me to spend those days as co-laborer with Pastor Foster. He is in his ninth year with the thriving Leaksville Church. This year promises to be the most fruitful thus far. Brother Foster is greatly loved and esteemed by his people and their affection is fully reciprocated. The entire Tri-City area highly regards Mr. Foster.

Particularly encouraging to me was the faithfulness of the deacons, Mr. Harry Fagge, chairman, the choir, and a great company of other church officers. The work of Miss Ruby Ziglar, church secretary, was truly notable. With such leadership, pastoral and lay, it is evident that this historic church is on its way to still larger influence and blessing.

Mrs. Foster, who so ably seconds her husband in his ministry, was my gracious hostess. Sons Robert and David complete the family circle. It was a joy to be in this home.—J. ROY CLIFFORD, Pastor, First Church, Lexington, N. C.

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Chaplain Worth C. Grant, of Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, Oceanside, California, writes that he was very fortunate in being able to attend the recent Prayer Conference for Baptist ministers in Southern California held at Thousand Pines conference grounds in the lovely San Bernardino Mountains. The conference, an annual affair, was attended by more than 200 ministers in the area. The theme for the three days was "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ," and it was developed under several headings such as "A Good Minister—Praying, Preaching, Planning, etc."

Chaplain Grant met a number of Southern Seminary and Southwestern Seminary graduates, among them G. Kearnie Keegan, formerly of Louisiana. He was also glad to meet Dr. Frank Fagerburg of the First Church of Los Angeles, Dr. Berrit of the Bakersfield First Church and state convention president, and the state secretary, Dr. Ralph Jenson. The entire meeting, he says, was most profitable and inspirational.

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The Board of Publication of the Methodist Church, at its annual meeting in Chicago last month, approved a \$1,500,000 expansion program, we note from Religious News Service.

The program includes expansion of the



Chicago Methodist Publishing House, erection of a five-story building in Nashville, purchase of a building in Kansas City, Mo., expansion of the Dallas, Texas, plant, and new presses and equipment for the printing houses in Cincinnati and Nashville.

The report of the denomination's two publishing agents disclosed that for the fiscal year ending May '31, publishing house sales reached an all-time high of \$8,315,232. This sales record is 60 per cent above sales of five years ago when the various publishing interests of Methodism were merged.

The report also revealed that the *Christian Advocate*, official organ of Methodism, now has a circulation of 318,000, largest of

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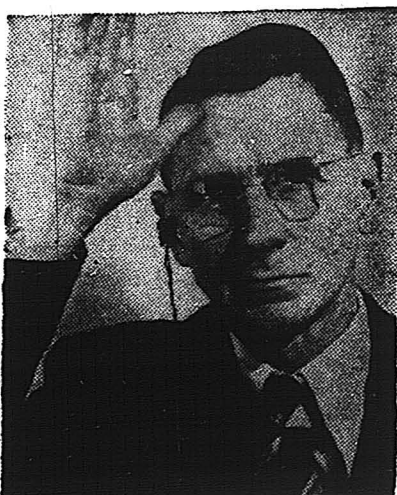
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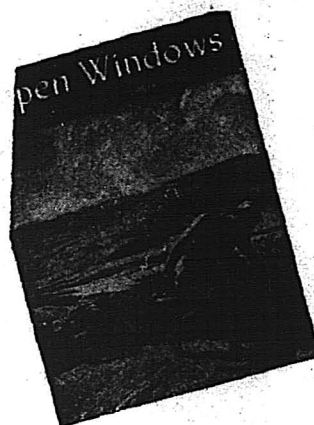
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