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THE "50 THOUSAND CLUB" JOIN TODAY

(STATE MISSION EXPANSION)

In an article released in last month's INFORMER the purpose and plan of the "50 Thousand Club" were fully explained. By now hundreds of our churches and thousands of our members are acquainted with the idea. Here are some practical things that can be done to help this much needed program of State Mission Expansion succeed:

1. Churches, Church Auxiliaries, Association, Woman's Auxiliaries, Conventions, and District Conventions could send a contribution for the "50 Thousand Club to the Board of Missions Meeting on December 17.
2. Pastors, whom we are asking to develop "50 Thousand Clubs" in all the churches could write: Baptist Headquarters, Post Office Box 287, Raleigh, N. C., for "50 Thousand Club" display pamphlets, and "50 Thousand Club" envelopes, and give members of each church an opportunity to contribute a membership fee of one dollar (\$1.00) or more and become a member of the "50 Thousand Club."
3. Special "50 Thousand Club" days could be planned in the churches, and the state office will cooperate by sending representatives upon the request of the churches.

NEWS—NOTES

East Cedar Grove Association

—The East Cedar Grove Sunday School Convention has approved a blue print of a religious education building, it was recently announced by Moderator G. W. Thomas of the Association. According to the announcement, the structure when erected will provide class room space for seasonal institutes, Bible Vacation Schools, and general courses in the line of religion. The building will be constructed of fire-proof material and will include a large auditorium, basement and dining room in addition to class rooms. A lot of 125 acres of land located mid-way on the highway between Durham and Oxford has already been purchased.

A two weeks' Leadership Training Institute was recently conducted at the *First Calvary Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va.* The theme of the study conference was "The Church Training for Evangelism." The Rev. C. E. Griffin, pastor, presided over special sessions which presented specialists in the field of Church training and administration.

The Rev. James A. Everett, pastor of the St. Paul Baptist Church of Gastonia, was among speakers for installment services of the Rev. J. R. Stanford, newly elected pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Atlantic City, N. J.

"I have long thought that man is at his finest at Christmas-time. If I am to be long remembered by those I love, I would have them think of me as I was at Christmas." Edgar A. Guest.

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Editorial Comments

Yuletide Greetings to All

To the host of readers of the BAPTIST INFORMER we extend hearty and cordial wishes for the Yuletide Season. We wish for everyone of you the joy which comes to those who have found the real Santa Claus and accepted his way of life.

We are grateful for the kind and generous support you have given us for the past twelve months, and we anxiously look forward to another year of devoted service.—O. L. H.

Make Christmas Real

Millions of professed Christian people in a supposedly Christian land will celebrate Christmas again this year as if the whole business of the event was a joke. Since the first Christmas over 1900 years ago, the human race by its pagan practices has demonstrated that to it Christmas is only a joke—not a reality.

The gospel of love and peace, the proclamation of a brotherhood that did not distinguish between races and colors, the assurance that the meek would inherit the earth have all been rejected by the human race; and in as much as it has rejected His thesis, Christ has been rejected.

Even during the season when the birthday of the Christ is observed, the reality of Christmas is not evident according to the practices. Disgracefully, the Christian Church itself, has so streamlined the holy season, that the Prince of Peace and His truths and the spirit of Christian giving have been made secondary. A large number of Church people look upon the day as a time to hold a drinking bout, a big feast, a time to receive gifts in proportion to what they have given. The fact that it is the birthday of the Son of God who gave His all, is apparently ignored.

In a world of strife, hate, exploitation, greed and uncertainty; in a world where Christ has been rejected, we would call upon Christian people during the forthcoming Christmas season to make Christmas real by accepting the new way of righteousness, love, meekness and unselfish sharing that the New King offered.

Make Christmas real!

Share Your Blessings

In cooperation with Church World Service, Inc., the official agency of the Protestant Churches of North America for overseas relief, the state council of Churches has employed the Rev. Archie R. Martin as field representative for North Carolina. Mr. Martin will organize local communities for the purpose of collecting material aid—such as shoes, clothing, bedding, and canned foods as milk, meat, and fish for overseas shipment.

According to authentic reports, "twenty million men, women and children have died in two provinces of China because of inadequate food, shelter and medicine. There are 1,400,000 individuals in displaced camps in Germany today. Clothing needs will reach an all-time peak this winter due to practically no production of textile mills in Europe during the last five years. Many persons wear only what Americans have sent. In Austria a pair of shoes costs \$50.00. In Athens a common work shirt costs \$9.00. The average working man makes \$1.00 per day."

With the disbandment of the UNRRA and the growing need for additional support, the situation in Europe and Asia becomes very grave. It is hoped that Christian people in North Carolina will cooperate with the state council and other agencies and share their blessings with the starving people in the east and west.

"Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. . . ."

Rejects Christian Declaration

Much concern and discussion have resulted from the recent stand and reversal that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention (White) took on the issue of segregation of races in the Church at its 116th Annual Session in Asheville.

On the first of the three-day meeting, the convention without opposition approved a report from its committee on Social Service and Civic Righteousness which among other things made the following *Christian* declaration:

"If there is an equality of all men by virtue of their relationship to an impartial Creator, and an equality of all believers who share in the re-

demption of Christ, such equalities must be respected in the body of Christ which is the Church. Therefore, segregation of believers holding to the same tenets of faith because of color or social status into racial or class Churches is a denial of the New Testament affirmation of the equality of all believers at the foot of the Cross, and alien to the Spirit of Christ, the head of the Church."

Reaction began to set in after the body had taken the unprecedented action, and a group of the messengers decided that the convention went too far. After a spirited debate at the final session, the organization by a vote of 250 to 158 deleted the racial segregation declaration leaving out the basic assertion.

In rescinding the Christian declaration, the body of professed Christians rejected one of the basic proclamation of Christianity. Christ proclaimed a brotherhood that did not distinguish between races and colors. He prayed that all might be one.

In reversing its stand, eliminating the declaration: "Therefore, segregation of believers holding to the same tenets of faith because of color or social status into racial or class Churches is a denial of the New Testament affirmation of the equality of all believers at the foot of the Cross, and alien to the spirit of Christ, the head of the Church," the 116 year old Convention demonstrated to a world of racial strife that it is not ready to even put on paper its faith in the reality of the proclamation of Jesus on brotherhood. Such action lends support to Bilbo and the doctrine of White Supremacy. Certainly, it does not lend support to the Gospel of Christ.

CHRIST and CHRISTMAS

THOMAS KILGORE

December 25th is rapidly approaching, and the Christians over the world are thinking in terms of this date as their one thousand nine hundred and forty-sixth celebration of the birth of Christ. According to Mould, in his book, *Essentials of Bible History*, the date of the birth of Christ cannot be determined precisely. His statement is as follows:

"Jesus was born while Herod the Great was king. Herod died in March or April, 4 B.C. Some time prior to his death he had ordered the murder of the boy infants of Bethlehem who were 'two years old and under.' This age limit obviously was intended to make sure that Jesus would not be overlooked in the slaughter, and implies that Jesus was in his second year at the time. This intimates 6 or 5 B.C. as the date of Jesus' birth.

". . . Luke 2:1-4 dates the birth of Jesus 'when Quirinius was governor of Syria,' which was 6-9 A.D. There is some evidence that Quirinius at an

earlier date was in service under the legate of Syria, though exactly when is problematic; 3-2 B.C. has generally been regarded as the date, though more recent research tends to push the date back to 11-8 B.C. At that time Quirinius may have been dispatched to conduct a census in Judea, though there is no evidence of any such census having taken place before 6 A.D.

"Again, Luke 3:1, 23 has Jesus 'about thirty years of age' in the 'fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar,' which was 28 or 29 A.D. This would place the birth of Jesus in 1 B.C. This would be three or four years after the death of Herod the Great, but it should be observed that Luke has no information about the wise men from the east or the slaughter of the Bethlehem infants.

"Again, John 2:20 associates a certain incident in the public career of Jesus with the 46th year of the reconstruction of the temple, which would be 26 or 47 A.D., for the work was begun under Herod the Great in 20-19 B.C. John 8:57 cites the remark, 'Thou art not yet fifty years old,' i.e., between forty and fifty. This would push the date of Jesus' birth back to 15 B.C.

"The date of Jesus' birth cannot therefore be determined precisely, but all things considered, 6 B.C. is the most probable. Nor can the particular day of the year on which Jesus was born be determined, for there is not the slightest evidence in the gospels. The early church celebrated the event on January 6th, the date of the Epiphany of Dionysus, which date is still celebrated by the Armenian church as the birthday of Christ. The celebration of December 25th began in the fourth century A.D. December 25th was chosen for the following reason. It was at that time (fourth century) believed that the universe was originally created at the time of the spring equinox, reckoned as March 25th in the Julian calendar. By similar reasoning it was held that the inception of the new creation in Christ must have been on the same day of the year, which would bring his birth nine months later, at the time of the winter solstice, December 25th. No doubt this date commended itself to many Christians who had been converted from the cult of Mithra, in which cult December 25th was celebrated as the birthday of the *Sol Invictus*."

By 1946, December 25th has become a fixity. The date is commonly accepted by all Christians and many non-Christians throughout the world. Since this is true, the question then arises, "How shall we celebrate Christmas?"

Our Christmas seasons as a rule are celebrated with an exchange of gifts among friends (usually with the idea of getting in value what we give), parties, elaborate dinners, the imbibing of intoxicants, church Christmas trees, and a few specially prepared church services. How many of these things are really Christian, and how many can

Christians continue to perpetuate, are the real questions.

The matter of gifts given at Christmas times is in most instances not Christ-like. Christ gave all he had for those who had nothing to give Him. How much do we as individuals and churches think of poor and needy people in our community, of Foreign Missions, of the program of Christian Education, of Orphans at Christmas time? If we are to remain Christians our gifts must be made like Christ made His.

Elaborate dinners, parties, and the imbibing of strong drinks are annual temptations to many Christian people. We too often turn an occasion of solemnity and peace into a festival of riotousness and hilarity. To maintain the dignity and sacredness of this holy day, Christians must become more sincere about its celebration. A well planned church service should be the paramount celebration in every community.

The commercial world has set our pattern for Christmas. It has taken the pagan ideas; such as: bright lights, trees, Santa Claus, etc.; and has led us away from the deep meaning of the season. The simplicity and lowliness of the birth of Christ are not compatible with the billions of dollars we spend each year at Christmas time for new clothes, new household fixtures, new cars, etc. This fact is all the more alarming when we compare the amount spent for ourselves at this time with the little given for others, through the channels of benevolence, foreign missions and Christian education.

Christmas 1946 could be made more Christian among North Carolina Baptists, if every church would decide to follow the following simple rules:

1. Stop teaching selfishness by enticing children to come to Sunday School with the expectation of getting a gift at Christmas time.

2. Use some of the money spent for the exchange of gifts among Sunday School pupils to help some needy people in the community.

3. Send some money for Foreign Missions to your state office to help children in other parts of the world who have never known what Christmas is.

4. Remember orphan children at Christmas time who have no parents to provide for them.

5. Give to your state program and to the fostering of Christian Education.

The latter three of the above five suggestions could be made a reality if each church in the state would send a Special Unified Program *Christmas Offering* and Special Oxford Orphanage Offering to the Baptist Headquarters during the month of December. Little or much, it would be a step toward making our Christmas *more* Christian.

Let's put CHRIST in our 1946 CHRISTMAS.

Baptists, State and National

C. F. GRAVES

Director Leon C. Riddick released a very stimulating readable "wake up" article in the INFORMER recently. He advised Negroes to wake up and activate themselves against the injustices of racial discrimination and unequalled civil practices, among several other unfair deals that Negroes suffer. The writer warmed up to his subject and appeared to be clear in his findings.

ATLANTA, GA. was swamped with Baptists during the National Convention. Any type of Baptist mentionable was there. Recently I was riding with a top Episcopalian and a Presbyterian friend, to an educational meeting in North Carolina, my Presbyterian Professor said to me upon learning that I was available to give instruction in the Religious Educational field, "I am glad you are going into that field, because Baptists have so much ignorance among them." I replied, "yes we have more ignorance and we have more intelligence, we have more poverty, and we have more wealth, in fact, we have more of everything because we have more of the people." If you who read this were not there but could have been, and seen for yourselves the "acres of Baptists" you would have thought the same as I replied to my associates.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., where Rev. J. F. Wertz has taken the St. Paul Baptist Church, has an overflow audience regularly we were told. Lawyer Bowser and "Zack" Alexander, Jr., Church Clerk, are among the Laymen who seem to give him sympathetic cooperation. They need more room. I was informed officially that they own an ample space on S. McDowell St. where they plan to expand their plant. The Church is fortunate in securing a man of vision and action. I learned from Rev. Powell of *Friendship* of his activities. He is completing a graduate course in Religious Education. He is to be congratulated; where there is no wide contact, there is little opportunity for growth. First Baptist is vacant. This is a historic Church. It brings to mind, A. Shepard, C. C. Somerville, P. S. Lewis, tall men, in our Baptist forest. J. H. Moore achieved much for Charlotte and community. But the most striking feature of my visit was at Ebenezer. My host were C. S. and Mrs. Gill, a delightful and very tender wife, and Church Worker. Mr. Gill is progressive having graduated from our S. S. Congress under Dr. Townsend. This Ebenezer Church over which Dr. H. M. Moore presided for so many years, honored itself by honoring him and his wife in the way which it did on his recent retirement. I am sure it will lengthen and brighten the days of Dr. Moore. He deserves any honor given to him.

Another spectacle on this visit to Charlotte was a parade of Bishop C. M. ("Daddy") Grace and

his followers. The procession was long and colorful. I stood with others on C. S. Gill's Porch for two hours and viewed the magnificent procession with bands playing, floats decorated, Church banners floating, ladies dressed in evening gowns, men in full dress regalia, youth nattily dressed, and marching to the music, while thousands lined the various streets through which the great host moved.

BELVIDERE, N. C., is the seat of the first Quaker Settlement in North Carolina. Here George Fox of England, the Founder, taught his followers the way of life, he made friends with the Perquim tribe of Indians. The County got its name from Belvidere. However, at Riddicks Grove Baptist Church the three Union Meetings of Roanoke Association held their sessions together. Albermarle Moderator A. O. Rogers; Middle Ground, W. H. Davis Moderator; North East Bound, C. L. Griffin, Moderator, Revs. Elijah Griffin, H. L. Mitchell, A. W. Lamb, W. L. Thompson, W. J. Moore, E. S. Parker, Moderator J. E. Tillet, W. H. A. Stallings, J. R. R. McRay, Mrs. S. A. Reid, and W. A. Riddick, were the main speakers. Entertainment by the Church was excellent. Moderator Davis has a thriving Church also at Meltons Grove, Winfall, N. C.

HARRELLSVILLE, N. C., was alive with Baptist people during the Associational week. Bertie and Hertford counties compose this West Roanoke Association. They are compact. The counties are large and the people are prosperous, docile and intelligent. They are very liberal toward Baptist Enterprise. There is able and confidential leadership there. J. L. S. Holloman visits that Association annually. It is his home range. And although he is at Washington, D. C. as pastor of the widely known Second Baptist Church, President of Washington Baptist Seminary, Editor of the Lott Carey Herald, Author, of "Gold Everywhere," and other periodicals, Member of the National Baptist S. S. Congress Faculty, yet "John Lawrence" as they proudly dub him at his early home has never become too proud to be at home with his people.

They admire him. Leaders D. L. Simon, Pres. P. A. Bishop, J. P. Law, who entertained the Association, were scoring heavily. State Convention workers were given ample spaces. G. E. Cheek, W. C. Somerville, Rev. Patterson, and Hart were at their best. Among other home visitors were C. E. Askew of Detroit, and G. C. Lassiter of Franklin, Va. Mrs. Rachel Luton Boyce adds much force to a gathering too.

TARBORO, N. C. The Old Eastern Associations meeting place with Rev. W. H. Owens at Saint Paul Baptist Church found J. A. Nimmo, Moderator, holding firm. The Association has many capable men over their Churches both older and younger men. The Association is large and pros-

perous and liberal. Besides their State work contributions, they foster Religious Educational Institute annually at a central point in their Associational boundary.

From Mrs. Brown

517 W. 144 Street, Apt. 3
New York 31, N. Y.
December 2, 1946

My dear Co-workers and Friends:

I am happy to greet you in the name of Jesus, and to tell you that I am now well and strong. Truly I have been renewed both physically and spiritually. God has wonderfully blessed me.

I know that it was through His providence that you saw that I needed a rest last summer and made it possible for me to come here, so that when my physical strength could hold out no longer, I would be where I could get the best attention and good medical treatment. I have had many spiritual lessons and a greater vision and understanding of God's almighty power working through man, in what man calls Science. Through the many tests and examinations, I have had at the hospital, makes me understand the mind of God working in man. I was somewhat "disappointed" (smile) when I was told that physically, I was in fine condition, but a very, very, tired woman. So instead of the great amount of medicine, I expected I was sent to rest; and rest I have done in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, the knowledge of God's providence and your love and prayers for me.

Today, I am rejoicing in the restoration of my health with gratitude to God, and to you for your kindness to me, for the many lovely letters, cards and tokens sent to me here. But, above all, I am grateful for the fine way you have carried on the work in promoting His Kingdom. From your letters, and letters from officers of our dear old convention, I feel that truly we are "United in Kingdom Building," for "We are labourers together with God: We are God's Husbandry, we are God's building." I Cor. 3:9.

Let us praise God continually as United Servants; praying, thinking, planning and working together, because "United We Grow." We grow in Spirit, we grow in Wisdom and understanding, we grow in Love, we grow in numbers and we grow in financing the Kingdom program.

May I thank you again, one and all for your love and kind thoughts of me. I am happy to say that I will come home the first of January to rejoin you in the great work we are doing in His Vineyard.

With every good wish for your happiness during the Christmas Season, and for your prosperity in the coming year, I am,

Yours in His Service,

MARTHA J. BROWN, *Field-Worker.*

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Auxiliary to the General Baptist
Convention of North Carolina

MRS. VIOLA McMILLAN, *President*

MRS. ELLEN S. ALSTON, *Executive Secretary*

From The Executive Secretary

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ:

I am happy to greet you at the beginning of the Second Quarter in our Conventional year.

The response to the First Quarter letter was most encouraging. We thank the Lord and you for the contributions and pray earnestly that you "continue in the faith."

It is now time to begin making our Second Quarter contributions, that we may keep the work of Missions alive throughout the State; that we may keep up our Loan Fund at Shaw University; that we may give scholarships for needy ones in Africa, and especially that we may pay our returned missionaries from the Foreign Field, Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas and Miss Minnie C. Lyon, who have given their all unselfishly for us. Do you feel the urge to help more than ever?

Some of our Reading Course books are in use for the second conventional year. We are expected to "Study to show ourselves approved workmen" in the Lord's Vineyard. We prayerfully trust that every missionary worker will avail himself of the opportunity to read and review one of these books each month.

Mrs. Brown, our Field Worker, continues to improve. It is our hope that she will soon be back with us. She is asking a continued interest in your prayers for her recovery.

Again, we thank you for your contributions and ever pray that the presence of His love will be with you always.

Yours for Kingdom Growth and Expansion,

ELLEN S. ALSTON,

Executive Secretary.

Junior Inspirational Letter

From the Pen of our State Junior Supervisor

Dear Juniors of North Carolina:

We have now come to the end of the First Quarter with emphasis placed on our Project for 1946-1947, "Returning from Africa." As you see from the thermometer, we have not reached our quota for the First Quarter. Knowing your interest and your fine cooperation in the past, I have confidence that you are going to redouble your efforts so that by the end of the Second Quarter you will have reached the stated quota.

December is a good time to review the aims of the year. You will find these in the back of your ACTIVITY CALENDAR. It is a good time, also, to strengthen our trust in the living God, to keep

FINANCIAL GOAL FOR 1947—\$3,000.00

T H E J U N I O R S N E E D Y O U R H E L P ! !	\$3,000.00 (GOAL)
	Fourth Quarter
	\$2,250.00
	Third Quarter
	\$1,500.00
	Second Quarter
	\$750.00
	First Quarter



Watch the Thermometer Go Up Each Quarter
WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!!! AND YOU!!!

our feet fixed firmly upon His eternal truth and to help us to be loyal to Christ at all times.

Wouldn't it be a glorious climax for the year if every Junior would win one lost soul to Christ? Let us make the coming Christmas season a time of rededication of our lives to our Heavenly Father.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you my heartiest wishes for a Happy Christmas Season.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs.) J. E. MCGRIER.

Junior Supervisor

From Our Mailbag

Dear Mrs. Alston:

In our One-Day Missionary Conference which met in Greensboro, on October 20, we decided that since we had been organized for ten years, that we would send a special Thanksgiving offering to celebrate our ten years of service. This offering is to help in an African scholarship. So enclosed you will find a money order for \$14.26.

Yours very truly,

MRS. W. F. ELLIOTT,

Secretary

Financial Statement Through November 30, 1946

SENIORS

Sales for Manuals, and Junior Calendars.....	\$ 11.50
Woman's Auxiliary, Bear Creek Association, Mrs. Nona Daniels	82.00
Mass Meeting, New Hanover Co., Mrs. Irene Maides.....	5.50
West Bladen County Union, Mrs. Rosa B. Prudie.....	5.50
Senior and Junior, Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. A. Barden.....	39.00
Activity Calendar Sales, Mrs. Ethel Hunter.....	8.75
Woman's Auxiliary, St. John Association, Mrs. Sallie M. McNeill.....	25.00
Olive Branch Circle, Wake Forest, N. C., Mrs. Ellen Powell	3.00
Missionary Manual Sales, Mrs. Ellen Powell.....	2.50
Manual Sales, Mrs. Julia Reed.....	1.00
Wake Missionary Union, General Baptist Convention.....	5.00
Pleasant Grove Missionary Circle, General Baptist Convention.	5.00
Mt. Vernon Baptist Circle, Nash County, Mrs. Annie Stokes...	1.00
Union Hill Circle, Nash County, Mrs. Fannie E. Harrison.....	3.00
East Cedar Grove Association, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	15.00
Creedmore Baptist Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	1.00
Mt. Calvary Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	4.00
Cedar Grove Missionary Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	2.00
Red Mountain Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	2.00
Mt. Level Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	2.00
Lawson Chapel Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	2.00
New Hope Circle, Granville County, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	5.00
Missionary Training (Personal), Mrs. Fannie E. Harrison.....	10.00
Sales, Missionary Manuals, Mrs. Fannie E. Harrison.....	5.00
Martin Street Baptist Circle, Mrs. C. C. Clark.....	3.00
Missionary Manual Sales, Mrs. Fannie E. Harrison.....	5.00
Tar River Union, Mrs. Sudie M. Wood.....	6.00
The Mud Creek Association, Mrs. W. S. Gibson.....	12.59
Rock Spring Baptist Circle, Mrs. Lillie Smith.....	1.00
Edmonson County Missionary Union, Mrs. Della Saunders.....	25.00
Shiloh Baptist Circle, Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. Sadie Johnson.	3.00
Gilford County Union, Mrs. Emily Camon.....	3.00
East Street Baptist Circle, Mrs. Lillie B. Green.....	1.50
Missionary Manual Sales, Dr. J. T. Hairston.....	1.50
First Baptist Circle, Fayetteville, N. C., Mrs. Sarah Moore.....	10.00
African Missionary Circle, Mrs. Bertha Smith.....	3.00
Long Union of Churches, Durham, Mrs. W. E. Barnett.....	4.00
Wake and Chatham Union, Mrs. Julia Mills.....	10.00
Hong Circle, Mrs. Ola Eaton.....	1.00
County Missionary Circle, Raleigh, Mrs. Harriet Smith.....	2.00
Edmonson Grove Circle, Mrs. Lucie E. Evans.....	20.00
Catawba, Caldwell, Burke and McDowell, Mrs. Lottie A. Barbour.....	12.00
Woman's Quarter Union, French Board Association, Asheville, Mrs. Barnett.....	3.00
Mrs. Connie Talley (Personal).....	5.00
First Baptist Mission Circle, Warsaw, Mrs. A. P. Middleton.....	2.00
Ebenezer Baptist Circle, Durham, Mrs. E. Alexander.....	2.00
Pee Dee Union Baptist Association, Mrs. M. B. Boyd.....	25.00
Mrs. Amanda K. Alston (Personal).....	1.00
Balance on Missionary Manuals, Mrs. Julia Reed.....	.30
Henderson Grove Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	5.00
Oak Grove Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	1.00
Siloam Circle, Mrs. Ludie B. Green.....	1.50
City Missionary Union, Rocky Mt., Mrs. Rebecca Martin.....	1.00
Community Baptist Circle, Durham, Mrs. Mary Speight.....	1.00
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, Mrs. Lucy Foreman.....	10.00
First Baptist Circle, Oxford, Mrs. Lucinda Poole.....	5.00
Adoram Senior Circle, Wallace, Mrs. Irene D. Powers.....	4.00
Missionary Manual (Personal), Mrs. A. H. Pittman.....	.25
Missionary Manual Sales, Mrs. Lula Garrett.....	5.00
St. James Missionary Circle, Rocky Mt., Mrs. Rebecca Martin	30.25
Manuals for Missionary Workers, Mrs. Rebecca Martin.....	5.00
Missionary Manual Sales, Mrs. Mollie Chavis.....	5.00
Davie County Union, Mrs. Lula Gosby.....	1.50
South Granville Union, Mrs. Mattie Leace.....	13.50
Goldstone City Missionary Union, Mrs. C. A. Boney.....	5.00
Mrs. L. L. Foster.....	.45
District 4, One Day Conference, Mrs. W. F. Elliott.....	14.25
Extranges Grove Church, Shelby, Lucretia Davis.....	10.00
For Books, Mrs. Donnie Thompson.....	5.00
Friendship Circle, Mrs. Donnie Thompson.....	5.00
Person County Union, Longhurst, Mrs. Donnie Outlaw.....	20.00
Antioch Church, Goldsboro, Mrs. C. S. Dixon.....	3.00
St. John Baptist Circle, Red Oak, Mrs. L. B. Hilliard.....	2.00
Mt. Zion Church, Mrs. M. J. Allen.....	5.00
Jackson and Swain County Union, Mrs. Annie M. Whittenburg	5.00
High Spring Baptist Circle, Mrs. Ethel Bryson.....	7.00
Galilee Circle, Mrs. Tena Solomon.....	1.00
Davidson County Union, Mrs. S. Z. Smith.....	1.00
Mt. Bright Circle, 2 Hillsboro, Mrs. Henretta Wells.....	3.00
Roseville Circle, Mrs. Cornelia A. Fennell.....	12.00
Ward Chapel, Mrs. Lucille Devarn.....	1.50
Hayes Chapel, Mrs. Mary A. Boykin.....	6.00
Royal Chapel, Mrs. Nellie Coe.....	5.00
Kearthen Chapel, Minnie Fennell, Kerr.....	9.00
Mrs. Maggie Mills (Personal), Watha.....	1.00
Stedman, Mrs. R. J. Comarick.....	1.00
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The terrible thing is not the possibility of death but the possibility that one's life may be thrown away by the folly or ill-timing of one's leaders. In this day, folly in education, folly in politics, is the seed of death—death of millions, death of nations.

The terrible danger of our time consists in the fact that ours is a cutflower civilization. Beautiful as cut flowers may be, they will eventually die because they are severed from their sustaining roots. We are trying to maintain the dignity of the individual apart from the deep faith that every man is made in God's image and is therefore precious in God's eye.—D. Elton Trueblood.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Moderators' Conference and Annual Board of Missions Meeting

The annual meeting of the Moderators of our 55 Associations, and the annual meeting of the Board of Missions will be held in Baptist Headquarters and Leonard Chapel, December 16 and 17. Shaw University and the General Baptist State Convention will serve jointly as host to these two very important gatherings. The Moderators' Conference will be held on the 16th with one session at 2 p.m., and one at 7 p.m. The Board of Missions will meet on the 17th at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting of the Moderators this year marks the second time that such a conference has been held. The conference last year, which was attended by 38 representatives of our 55 Associations did a good job in laying the ground work and outlining the plans of our 1945-46 conventional program, which according to our records was the most successful year in the history of the Convention. It is hoped that each Moderator or a representative from each Association will be present for this most important conference on the 16th.

Our annual Board of Missions meeting is an important event on our Conventional Calendar. Many of the important issues of the Convention are put into operation through this meeting. At the coming meeting on December 17, many vital matters will be discussed, and the proposed operation of our total program for 1946-47 will be outlined. It is hoped that every member of the board will be present and on time. The session will begin at

10:30 a.m., and will close with dinner in Shaw University dining room at 2 p.m.

The issues to be discussed at this meeting are so important

that an invitation has been sent to all pastors of the state to be present. It is desired that each pastor will find it possible to attend.

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Pastor J. C. Graham, and a group of members of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church, near Statesville, Mission Day, September 22, 1946.



Rev. J. C. Graham, pastor Clark's Chapel Baptist Church, near Statesville, and Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland.



Officers and messengers attending the 60th Annual Session of the Yadkin Philadelphia Baptist Association, which met October 10-11, 1946, at Piney Grove Baptist Church, Waxhaw, N. C., Rev. J. A. Little, pastor.

Rev. Boyd Accepts Tennessee Pastorate

Greenville, Tenn.—The Rev. G. Allen Boyd of Wilmington, N. C. has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Friendship Baptist Church, here, it was learned last week.

The Rev. Boyd has pastored at Rose Hill and Pink Hill, N. C. for several years and has served as recording secretary of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Sunday School Convention. He is a member of the Education Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Mr. Boyd is a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Zion Union Meeting Announced

The Union of the Zion Baptist Association will hold its quarterly meeting December 28 and 29 at the White Oak Baptist Church in Morven, it was announced this week by Corresponding Secretary G. W. Baucom.

Reports from delegates to the recent session of the General Baptist State Convention in Charlotte, will be among special features during the session. Sermons will be preached by the Revs. B. A. Allen, J. W. Diggs, and J. A. Little.

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DEPARTMENT OF Christian Education and Training

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From the Director

Dear Co-worker:

The department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention, wishes to use this method to extend thanks and appreciation to the many workers throughout the State who have contributed to the growth and good work of the program of Training.

Christian Training is our greatest non-violent weapon for the elimination of many of the social evils of the world; and we who labor should not get weary in our well doing. Signs of a great awakening in many of our churches and communities are becoming more and more apparent.

As we approach another yuletide season, one that will find the world torn asunder by industrial upheavals, inter-racial and intra-racial strife, hatred, prejudice, unconstitutional legislation, etc. We need to ask ourselves, "where is He that is born King of the Jews?" Men have seen the star, but have not gone into the areas of social relationship to worship Him by practice of His ideals. The evils of the world constitute the swaddling clothes in which the world seeks to wrap up Jesus, and make His teachings of non-effect. Therefore, those of us who have been chosen, called and sent, are challenged to make the teachings of Christ effective within the social group. As we approach this Christmas season the following challenges also merit our consideration:

1. His Government — The prophet Isaiah in speaking con-

cerning the coming of Christ said that "The government shall be upon His shoulder;" Where is the government of the world today? Have not Christians and professed Christian organizations sat supinely by while unrighteous people have put government of the world on the shoulders of men of greed, love of power, military and political strategy. In many of our churches the government therein is according to the wishes of the people and not of Christ. We rebel against the teachings of Jesus when they interfere with the social pattern of the group—even though the pattern is unchristian. The angels are still singing, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come," but the earth has not received her King.

II. His Kingdom Now—Revelations 11:15—"The Kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." The Kingdom of Heaven is a present reality and is not something far removed. The influence of the kingdom is realized only in proportion as men put into daily living the teachings of Jesus. When His kingdom more fully comes in earth among men, the followings will be some of the manifestations of His righteous reign; cessation of racial strife and industrial strife; elimination of segregation and discrimination on the basis of color, creed or nationality; equal opportunities and equal pay for all persons of equal abil-

ities regardless of race; better schools and other public utilities for minority groups; better homes and more good streets in Negro areas, and other poverty stricken areas in many cities; and a general improvement in the total society until this wilderness of worldly sin shall bloom with God's righteousness.

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If you do not have a Baptist Training Union in your church, the General Baptist State Convention through the department of Christian Education, will gladly send a worker, if requested, to assist you in organizing a Training Union. There will be found in the front or back cover of the Quarterlies, guides in conducting the Union.

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81st Anniversary of Shaw, 10th of President Daniel Jointly Observed

The 81st anniversary of the founding of Shaw University was observed November 22 as a large group of local and visiting alumni and friends gathered for the annual exercises. Also observed was the 10th anniversary of the administration of President Robert P. Daniel.

The Founder's Day exercises began at 10:45 o'clock with the ceremony on the campus at the grave of Doctor Henry Martin Tupper, who as a retired Army veteran founded the institution in 1865.

The principal anniversary services were held in Greenleaf Chapel where the annual address was delivered by Dr. G. O. Bullock, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., and chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees. Dr. Bullock urged the need for a "new set of values to create a world at peace. Society," he declared, "asks that the products of our universities shall be not only competent scholars in their special fields, but also truly great men in the field of human relations. The student can no longer afford to leave his classroom ignorant of the condition of his fellowmen," he concluded.

Dr. Daniel, who presided during part I of the exercises, opened the service with quotations from his inaugural address of 10 years ago, made on the occasion of Founder's Day in 1936. The Litany of Commemoration was read by the Rev. Wm. R. Strassner, dean of the School of Religion, and the opening prayer was delivered by the Rev. Vance McIver, pastor of Union Baptist Church, Orange, N. J. The Rev. G. E. Cheek, Alumni secretary, offered the In Memoriam prayer after citing alumni, deceased since the last Founder's Day. President Daniel in the course of the events announced gifts to Shaw University's New Development Program received dur-



SHAW OBSERVES FOUNDER'S DAY—The 81st anniversary of Shaw University was celebrated recently when tribute was paid to Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, retired army veteran, who founded the institution in 1865. In the picture at upper left, Miss Rosetta Abrams, senior student of Cleveland, Ohio, is laying a wreath on the grave of the founder. At right is Dr. G. O. Bullock, pastor of Third Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., as he delivered the Founder's Day address in Greenleaf Chapel. Dr. Bullock is chairman of the Shaw Board of Trustees. In the lower photo, Dr. and Mrs. Robert P. Daniel receive a 12-piece silver dinner set and a five-piece silver service from trustees, faculty, and students in token of President Daniel's 10 years of service at the institution. Dr. L. E. McCauley, Raleigh physician and member of the Board of Trustees, makes the presentation. From left to right are, Dr. McCauley, Mrs. Daniel and President Daniel.

ing the day and amounting to more than \$5,000.00.

Recognition Service

Dr. J. T. Hairston, Greensboro, chairman of the General Board, General Baptist State Convention, presided as exercise in recognition of the service of Dr. Daniel were held. The record of President Daniel was presented and extolled by Dr. C. C. Spaulding, Durham, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shaw University Board of Trustees. Dr. Spaulding characterized the administration of President Daniel as one of great progress. Dr. P. A. Bishop, president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, bringing greetings from more than a quarter of a million Negro Baptists of the state, declared President Daniel has "wrought a miracle in building morale among students and friends of Shaw. North Carolina has completely about-faced," he said, "and the influence of Shaw University can be felt in every section of the state."

The exercises were followed by a luncheon in honor of President and Mrs. Daniel, held in the University dining hall and attended by trustees, alumni, faculty members and friends. Felicitations from numerous organizations and institutions, were brought by their representatives. Dr. Spaulding presided. A 12-place sterling silver dinner set and a 5-piece silver service, a gift from trustees, faculty, and students was presented President and Mrs. Daniel by Dr. L. E. McCauley, local physician and member of the Board of Trustees. Remarks of appreciation by Dr. Daniel concluded the luncheon program. The administrator praised the loyalty and service of members of the faculty and made presentations to staff members who had been at Shaw University during the 10 year period.

Among those bringing greetings were, Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va., president of the General Alumni Association;



PROSPECTIVE BIBLE TEACHERS—Students of Shaw University learned something of the need for teachers of Bible in North Carolina from Miss Frances E. Query, Consultant on Weekday Religious Education of the N. C. Council of Churches, when she visited the campus recently.

In the picture, above, members of the school's Christian Education Society and their advisors who were enthusiastic about the possibilities, are discussing the work with the visitor. From left to right seated are, Miss Mary Debnam, Mrs. A. Rezelia Armstrong, Miss Query, Misses Gracie McDonald and Eva Merritt. Standing, Mrs. Marcella Ford, advisor; Misses Eva Thomas, Theiphra Harris, Velma Graham, Dorothy Mac Boone, Rosa Lee, Bertha Jane Smith and Dean Wm. R. Strassner of the Shaw University School of Religion.

Mrs. Viola McMillan, president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina; Dr. W. L. Ransome, Richmond, Va., chairman of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; Dean C. D. Halliburton, Raleigh, president of the North Carolina College Conference; the Rev. M. W. Williams, chairman of the Raleigh Citizens Committee; Dr. O. S. Bullock, pastor, First Baptist Church; James T. Taylor, president, North Carolina State Teachers Association, and Lt. Emanuel Kline, New York City. L. R. Best of Wake Forest, and Dr. Nelson Harris, head of the Shaw division of education, were presented as classmates with President Daniel in the Virginia Union class of 1924.

Music at the services and at the luncheon was furnished by the University Choral Society under the direction of Miss Mildred Thornhill.

Men traveled from all parts of the civilized world to the United Nations Conference to talk about making peace. Yet the Great Peacemaker, at whose Birth the very angels had sung, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," was not a delegate.

First Genii: "What are you laughing at?"

Second Genii: "I just locked a woman in a room with 1,000 hats and no mirror!"

—Watchword.

Sgt: "Isn't it about time our baby said 'daddy'?"

Mrs. Sgt.: "Not yet, dear, I'm going to wait till he's stronger before I tell him you're his father."

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First Baptist Miss. Circle No. 1—N. Wilkesboro: Rev. E. L. Long.....	20.00
First Baptist Miss. Circle No. 3—N. Wilkesboro: Rev. E. L. Long.....	2.50
First Baptist W. I. C.—N. Wilkesboro: Rev. E. L. Long.....	2.50
Thankful Baptist—Boomer (Miss. Circle No. 1): Rev. L. J. Carlton.....	1.00
Thankful Baptist—Boomer (Miss. Circle No. 2): Rev. L. J. Carlton.....	10.00
Damascus Baptist—N. Wilkesboro (Miss. Circle No. 1): Rev. R. W. Barber.....	8.00
Damascus Baptist—N. Wilkesboro (Miss. Circle No. 2): Rev. R. W. Barber.....	1.00
Pleasant Hill Mission Circle—N. Wilkesboro: Rev. W. M. Turner.....	15.00
Cedar Grove Usher Board—Supply: Rev. W. Pugh.....	1.00
Mount Zion Baptist—Macon: Rev. J. S. Sprull.....	1.00
Michael Creek Baptist—Oxford: Rev. D. P. Lewis.....	4.00
Mount Hope Baptist—Jackson: Rev. E. P. Battle.....	3.00
Saint Redick Baptist—Belhaven: Rev. T. L. Bynum.....	2.00
Barnes Chapel Baptist—Goldsboro: Rev. D. M. Mitchell.....	5.30
First Baptist—Bowden: Rev. G. W. Moore.....	1.00
Saint John Baptist—Climax: Rev. J. W. Mason.....	5.55
New Zion Baptist—Jonesboro: Rev. J. W. Mason.....	5.40
Mount Zion Baptist—Candor: Rev. T. A. W. Johns.....	2.67
Red Hill Baptist—Bricks: Rev. H. H. Hart.....	3.10
Hecks Grove Baptist—Elberon: Rev. P. G. Davis.....	3.10
Edward Grove Baptist: Rev. C. T. Jones.....	2.42
Edward Grove Sunday School: Rev. C. T. Jones.....	3.10
Mount Pilgrim Baptist—Lake Landing: Rev. J. A. Mackey.....	2.00
First Baptist—Warsaw: Rev. A. G. Boone.....	5.22
Red Level Baptist—Monroe: Rev. W. T. Bailey.....	2.00
Morning Star Baptist—Hickory: Rev. C. R. Harper.....	5.77
Pine Grove Baptist—Macon: Rev. C. C. Staton.....	5.00
Moore's Creek Baptist—Currie: Rev. J. L. Leviston.....	1.30
Mount Calvary Baptist—Shelby: Rev. J. A. White.....	10.69
Blounts Creek Baptist—Wentworth: Rev. S. Stokes.....	10.00
Sycamore Hill Baptist—Greenville: Rev. J. A. Nimmo.....	24.00
Swift Creek Baptist—Whitakers: Rev. C. H. Whitakers.....	1.00
Dickies Grove Baptist—Vance County: Rev. E. L. Brodie.....	5.10
Other Sources.....	934.96
TOTAL.....	\$2,890.10

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Weather Man: "Put down 'rain' for today."

Assistant: "Are you sure, sir?"

Weather Man: "Yes, I lost my umbrella, I'm planning to play golf today, the roof has not been fixed yet, and my wife is giving a lawn party."

Motorist: "Lady, my car just hit your cow. May I replace it?"

Farmer's Wife: "How many quarts of milk do you give?"

—San. Sun.

He: "The bank has returned your check."

She: "Isn't that just wonderful! What shall we buy with it this time?"

A doctor had an urgent call from a man to the effect that his small son had swallowed a fountain pen. "All right," replied the doctor, "I'll come at once. What are you doing in the meantime?" Came the answer: "I'm using a pencil."

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THE MYSTERY OF BETHLEHEM

By SAMUEL M. ZWEMER

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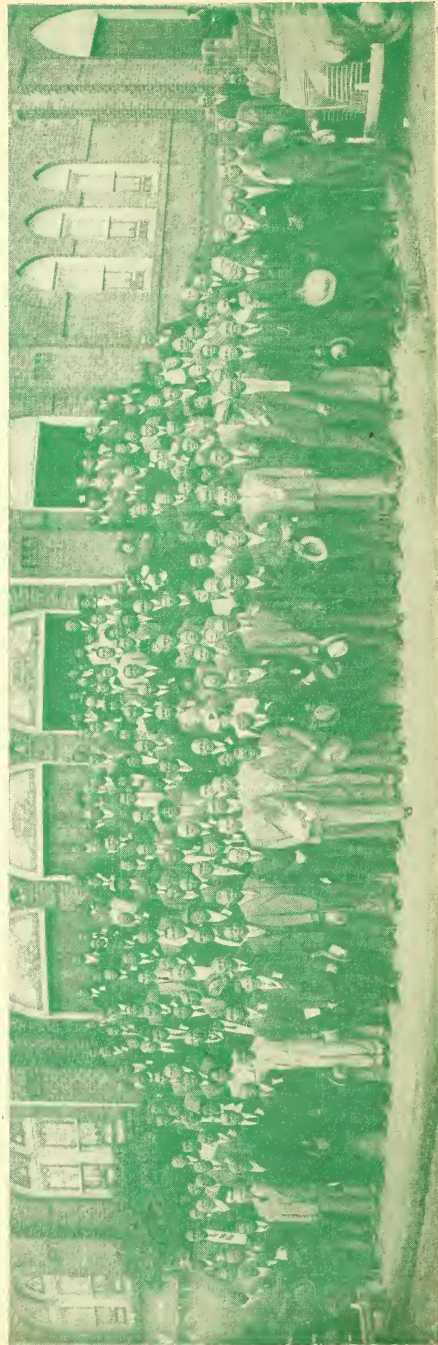
Within the covers of a small pocket Testament is hidden and disclosed the greatest mystery of the ages. The two foci of the great ellipse of Christian teaching are the Incarnation and the Atonement, the manger and the Cross. We can never understand what took place on Calvary or at the empty tomb unless we know *who* it was that was born in Bethlehem nineteen centuries ago.

"At Bethlehem," said Leo the Great, "two natures met together in one Redeemer. Nothing is wanting in either; entire majesty and entire littleness; His the infirmity whose is the power. The self-same Person is both capable and conqueror of death. God knit Himself to manhood in pity and in power; either nature was in the other; and yet neither in the other lost its own property." What a rebuke such a magnificent, ancient theological statement is to the frivolous and superficial words we often use at Advent season when we speak of "a Merry Christmas"!

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us at Bethlehem, and ever since, those who believe that the Word was God have seen this glory, a glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Read against those early chapters in Matthew and Luke and John, and then read Paul's interpretation of them in the first chapter of Colossians. Then your Christmas joy will be deeper and fuller, for great is the mystery of the Incarnation. The central figure in the story of Bethlehem is not Joseph or Mary or the shepherds or the angels or the Magi—but the Holy Child.

God's love manifested at the Advent was dying love, and we lose all the meaning of Christmas if we fail to realize that God so loved us as to send His Son to be our Redeemer on the Cross. The star and the Cross go together. Do not separate them. The Incarnation was in order to redemption. Even aged Simon knew a little of it when after the *Nunc Dimittis* he said to Mary, "A sword shall pierce through thy own soul also." Mary understood the mystery of her Son's birth better at Calvary than at Bethlehem. Our "Merry Christmas" needs that note to make it a holy Christmas. Then we shall have peace in our hearts and good will to men, the peace of God's son, the Prince of Peace.

In a sense never imagined by those who read the Four Gospels, Jesus Christ has become the Saviour of the world. The prophecy of the angels has been fulfilled. The joy has reached to all peoples, and the story of the Nativity can now be read in more than one thousand languages, and yet there are hundreds of tongues that have not yet spoken the message, and those who sit in darkness are still waiting for the light of the star that shone over the manger.



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