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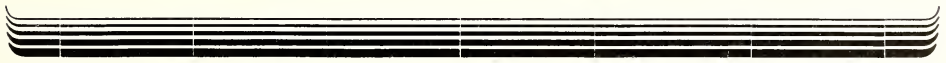
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CORRECTIONS

IN OUR ANNUAL REPORT, THE CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS LISTED BELOW WERE GIVEN CREDIT FOR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

Friendship Baptist, Hickory, N. C.....	\$260.00
Moore's Grove, Gold Hill Association.....
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Webb, First Baptist, Gold Hill Association.....
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BUT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN:

Friendship Baptist, Hickory, N. C.....	\$350.00
Moore's Grove, Gold Hill Association.....	5.00
New Vernon, Gold Hill Association.....	5.00
New Zion, Gold Hill Association.....	5.00
Webb, First Baptist, Gold Hill Association.....	5.00
Oak Grove, Gold Hill Association.....	5.00
Gold Hill Association.....	28.00
Gold Hill Baptist Church.....	10.00
Mill Neck, Como.....	126.00
Cedar Grove Association.....	150.00

We are very sorry this error occurred because we are happy to give all churches full credit for the amount received through our office.

O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. F. M. Boley, president of the Louisiana Missionary Baptist Convention, announces that plans have been worked out for a special celebration that will mark 75 years of organized Baptist life in the State of Louisiana in the fields of Missions and Christian Education. The session will be known as the Diamond Jubilee Convention, and has been scheduled for November 22-24, at the Union Baptist Church, Jennings, La.

The Rev. David Thomas, who recently returned to Liberia, Africa, has been employed as instructor in the Liberia College. Young Thomas is the son of Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas, and the late Dr. W. H. Thomas, former superintendent of the Lott Carey Mission field in Liberia.

The forty-fifth School of Methods of the Sunday School Congress of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., will be held at the Munger Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, June 8-12, it was announced this month by the Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, secretary of the Congress.

A spirit of unity characterized the 77th annual session of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, held recently at the Atkinson Chapel Baptist Church, near Goldsboro. Sermons and addresses were delivered by the Revs. O. L. Sherrill, A. T. Evans, A. L. Morgan, R. W. Sykes, C. C. Crawford, J. S. Lyons, W. C. Cotton, W. E. Battle, Mrs. C. A. Boney and Mrs. Nora R. Daniels. The Rev. J. C. Bowden is moderator of the Association.

Reversed

At the Lott Carey Convention in Columbus, Ohio, a certain groom from Raleigh lost his wife. In Gastonia during the General Baptist State Convention, the bride lost the groom and became desperately excited.

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The 81st Annual Session

Amidst a peaceful, yet democratic atmosphere, the eighty-first annual session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., was held in the Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, November 2-4 with approximately 800 messengers and visitors present.

Led by Pastor C. S. Hall, the members of the Friendship Church and the people of Gaston County cordially entertained the convention in excellent fashion.

The convention opened Tuesday night, November 2nd, with the theme address on "The Church Teaching and Practicing Christian Stewardship," by Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill. The keynote speech was followed by a local program of welcome, with greetings from Moderator Taylor of the Gaston County Baptist Association (white); the Rev. T. R. Hampton of the Baptist Alliance of the county; Nathaniel Barber of the local Business Association; Dr. W. Percy Carter, local physician; Mrs. I. W. Wilkins of the Friendship Church; the Rev. L. C. Siler of the Methodist Alliance, and Mrs. Maude Jeffers, public school teacher. Dr. J. H. Moore, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, responded to the greetings of welcome on behalf of visiting messengers.

With great enthusiasm, inspirational sermons were preached throughout the session. It was made evident in the opening sermon Tuesday evening by the Rev. M. W. Morgan of Goldsboro, that preaching would be a "major" at the session.

A sermon on "Turning the Cake," by President Robert P. Daniel of Shaw University, Wednesday evening aroused the convention spiritually and a spiritual atmosphere was maintained until the following night. If there had been a segment of the convention that was not stirred after Dr. Daniels' great message, that section certainly would have been moved after dynamic sermons by Dr. W. M. Warner of Danville, Va., moderator of the Cedar Grove Association; the Rev. C. W. Anderson, pastor of the United Institutional Church, Greensboro; the Rev. C. E. Griffin, former executive secretary, and currently, pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; the Rev.

H. H. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Concord, and the Rev. C. R. Edwards, pastor of the Spring Garden Baptist Church of Washington, and senior student in the Shaw School of Religion.

Most of the speakers who were requested to lecture to the session, ended up zealously preaching. Such was certainly the case with the Rev. J. B. Humphrey of Charlotte, the Rev. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, the Rev. A. Jackson Ryans of Charlotte, Dr. J. C. Melton of Greensboro (who introduced a panel on Baptist Beliefs and Practices), and the Rev. C. E. McLester of Durham.

Along with the preaching, the singing was spiritual. The opening night of the convention, the Rev. J. W. "Father" Jones of Raleigh, and the Rev. Grant of Asheville, together, almost "broke up" the meeting. The Rev. K. O. P. Goodwin of Winston-Salem, was supervisor of devotional music.

Devotional leaders, who produced a worshipful spirit before each session, were: the Reverends S. R. Johnson, Salisbury; A. G. Thompson, Lumberton; G. B. Gilchrist, Laurinburg; W. H. Marble, Whitakers; J. E. McGrier, Warrenton; J. R. Manley, Chapel Hill, and D. J. Marrow, Henderson.

The highlight of the convention came Wednesday morning when the president gave his annual address. In his message he recommended an "All Baptist Conclave" with all of the auxiliaries and churches uniting, for the summer of 1949; and at which time the ground for the new headquarters would be broken. (The State Baptist mammoth meeting has been set for August 1-5, in the huge Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. The debt on the property has already been cleared, and plans will be made in a special one-day session of the Board of Missions, December 7, to raise \$50,000.00 by August 1 for the building).

Special features of the session included Laymen's Hour, with W. H. Quarles, Raleigh, president of the Laymen's League; H. C. Gore, Burlington; C. F. Graves, Elizabeth City; and Leslie McClellon, Winston-Salem, as speakers; and brief discussions on "the Baptist Church and Evan-

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Annual Address of President P. A. Bishop

Mr. President, Fellow Baptists, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We come to you today in our 81st annual session upon the invitation of the pastor and members of Friendship Baptist Church, and the associate members and friends of this city. We

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gelism" by the Rev. G. W. Todd, Goldsboro; "The Baptist Church and Tithing" by the Rev. T. C. Graham, Durham; and "The Baptist Church and Education" by the Rev. C. A. Chick of Fayetteville.

The messengers also heard special addresses on Foreign Missions as sponsored by the Lott Carey Convention, U. S. A., by the Rev. Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey body; and on church and community projects by T. Jeffers of Gastonia, and Dr. J. Henry Carpenter of the Protestant Council of Churches and Mission Federation.

The Executive Secretary reported receipts of \$122,530.08 for the year through the cooperative program. An additional \$10,000.00 was received during the session, \$1,000.00 of which was presented by the Woman's Convention.

OFFICERS

Dr. P. A. Bishop, Rich Square, was reelected president of the convention for the seventh consecutive year.

Other officers (all reelected) are: Dr. W. H. Davidson, Charlotte, first vice-president; the Rev. D. C. Gore, Whiteville, second vice-president; the Rev. J. A. Nimmo, Greenville, third vice-president. Other officers are: the Rev. W. M. Wyatt, Salisbury, recording secretary; Dr. B. K. Mason, Charlotte, assistant recording secretary; the Rev. D. L. Simon, Powellsville, treasurer; and the Rev. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary.

Elected to the executive committee of the organization were: Dr. O. S. Bullock, Raleigh, chairman; the Rev. R. W. Underwood, Rocky Mount; Dr. J. T. Hairston, Greensboro; Mrs. Viola McMillan, Tarboro; the Rev. R. M. Pitts, Winston-Salem; the Rev. J. F. Wertz, Charlotte; Dr. W. M. Warner, Danville, Va.; Dr. T. H. Dwelle, Fayetteville; the Rev. J. R. R. McRay, Elizabeth City; E. M. Butler, Wilmington; the Rev. W. L. Mason, Rocky Mount; Dr. R. P. Daniel, Raleigh; the Rev. David R. Hedgley, Winston-Salem; J. T. Hawkins, Durham; the Rev. R. Irving Boone, Wilmington; the Rev. R. J. Davidson, Charlotte; Mrs. Ellen S. Alston, Raleigh; Dr. J. McNewkirk, Rosehill; the Rev. H. H. Hart, Durham; Dr. G. W. Watkins, Raleigh, and the Rev. J. W. White, Asheville.

appreciate your hearty invitation and the strenuous efforts you have made to entertain us and we trust that you will be inspired to greater heights in kingdom building before we leave here.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is the largest and most progressive organization among Negroes in this state. We are proud of our past record and look forward with great zeal toward our future achievements. The half has not been told as to what we can do as a united body, working together to accomplish our definite aim for Christian uplift.

We are very grateful to Almighty God for the privilege of coming together face to face again in another annual meeting. But it is joy mingled with sorrow when we think that many of our comrades have gone to their final reward since our last annual session. The committee on obituary has already given due respect to them. Let us pray God's richest benediction upon their families.

We come together today in the midst of a world of confusion. Four years have elapsed since the closing of the world's greatest struggle, "World War Two" and we are further from peace than we were when the war began. We are living in a world of hatred and discontent. A world that has confused us to the extent that our greatest statesmen have not been able to present a solution for peaceful living. To my mind race relations are more strained than at any time since the hanging of John Brown.

We must admit that there are many problems that confront us but, to my mind, the social problem is the most serious one. All social problems grow out of the problem of the adjustment of man to his universe and the universe to man. The maladjustment in the relationships gives us all our social problems: disease, poverty, family disorganizations, race and group conflicts, crime, mental defects and disease, individual failures and the breakdown of our social institutions.

The social problem among Negroes is like an iceberg; only a small amount is visible to the human eye, the bulk is submerged. The least ripple upon the water of human surface brings the bulk of the problem from the submerged places to the top. Any reasonable minded person with good common sense knows that the Negro is entitled to all that is included in the Civil Rights program of the Democratic party, the Republican party and the Progressive party, but to speak of these rights among some people brings the submerged iceberg to the surface. The test

of democracy is not whether the majority prevails but whether the minority is tolerated. Whether it is to our advantage or disadvantage, we as ministers must stop catering to the whims of other people and face this problem squarely by informing our people that they are entitled to these rights and that we must continue our fight unitedly together until they are achieved.

In order to make for a sound solution to our social problem, several factors must be followed: Adequate housing conditions, advantages in education, more hospital and health facilities, equal opportunities in voting, equal opportunity in jobs with equal pay, equal rights under the protection of the law and equal rights to live and enjoy life's privileges. Every human being is entitled to these factors and as ministers and leaders of the Negro race in North Carolina, the responsibility rests upon our shoulders to encourage, instruct and lead our people in the effort to obtain them.

I am not criticizing the way anyone chooses to deliver his sermon, but Brethren, the time is here when our people need more knowledge and less shouting; more training and less hollering; more dignity and less foolishness; more education and less ignorance; more self-denial for Christian education and missions and less selfishness. It is the duty of the minister to see to it that our people get this type of leadership.

It has been said that the Negro church is the clearing house for all race activities and endeavors. The social problem of our group is bound up with the vital and significant factors with which the churches must deal, whether one wishes to or not. This vitally concerns the future as well as the present effectiveness of the church. So with courage, let us face these problems and see what the church can do about them. The minister should understand the problems of our group better than any other worker and should be able to do more to assist in making adjustments to the type of world in which we must live.

The Baptist program of North Carolina is designed to assist in adequately solving this problem. For the past few years we have gone on the offensive with our program. Through cooperation with Shaw University we are conducting Ministers' Institutes throughout the state endeavoring to strengthen and train the ministry. Shaw University is our main base in North Carolina for religious training. It does not take a prophet to see that our ministerial training must be improved if we hope to improve the constituency of our church. Since it is impossible for all the ministers to attend the University, our program is designed to take the program to the ministers. This plan also includes the Sunday School and B.T.U. Institutes, the Woman's Convention Train-

ing Institute. I beg you to line up with all of these departments of training.

Let us rededicate ourselves this year to the promotion of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention; Foreign Missions, State Missions, Shaw University and the Oxford Orphanage. We cannot do less for either and must do more for each.

STATE MISSIONS

We now come to the core of our convention objectives. Without State Missions, the other objectives of our convention could barely exist. The stronger the base, the more effective work can be done. Our state missionary program includes maintaining our state officary so that it can properly function. This includes the salaries of all of our employes and state workers, making public our receipts and expenditures, training and encouraging our ministers to support our major objectives, rebuilding waste places and cultivating neglected fields. To meet adequately these demands we must have a strong state mission program.

The General Baptist Convention of North Carolina is the representative head of Negro Baptists of this state. Indifference cannot change this fact.

The question of properly supporting the home base is the most serious proposition confronting this convention. Our past history proves that with a weak General Convention, Christian education and foreign mission suffer. The General Convention is the dynamo that runs our entire machinery. As I have often said, it is the cow that gives the milk to all other agencies, and when by our negligence and inadequate support to build a strong and united General Convention, you clip the jugular vein of our Baptist forces, you leave the objects of our convention bleeding to death.

I keenly recognize the responsibility of your chosen head to bring before you year-after-year the progress achieved during the past year, and call attention to the defects in our organization that operate to retard our progress and suggest remedies. This is not always a pleasant task. For in attempting to correct defects one is likely to find himself compelled to oppose some pet scheme or grounded custom, of persons whose policies must be condemned in order for the work to move forward.

When we closed our last General Convention session in Goldsboro, and the last audit of our books from October 1, 1947, to November 1, 1947, our total liabilities was \$18,685.92. At the last meeting of our Administrative committee, October 18, 1948, we had paid \$11,084.18 on these obligations and reduced our total debt to \$7,601.74. At the same time we have paid all salaries and

current expenses of our Convention up to our last meeting.

Your Administrative Committee and Executive Secretary have worked harmoniously together the past year. Brethren, I am frank enough to say, had we created the Administrative Committee years ago, our convention would be in a much finer shape.

We have reduced our Secretarial force and thus made our operating expenses far below the previous year.

We sold one automobile, and have reduced the traveling expenses to one half of what it was previously.

I believe the Administrative Committee and Executive Secretary have done everything in their power to carry out your wishes last year in reducing our overhead expenses.

Today our Convention is in healthy condition. Our assets are \$21,318.78. Our total liabilities, \$7,601.74. We are worth today \$13,866.16.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Foreign Missions is one of our constitutional objectives. Under the leadership of Dr. W. C. Somerville, as Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Convention, we have built a fine church and program in Haiti, which is now serving the people in that section of the world to a good and useful purpose.

The Lott Carey Convention is now turning its attention to the development of Africa. A new building program has been launched. I am calling upon the Baptists of North Carolina to continue their loyalty to the Lott Carey Convention and for the pressing need of funds to carry out our building program. I urge you to do more financially for Foreign Missions than ever before.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTIONS

The Baptists of North Carolina have pledged themselves to cooperate with the National Baptist Convention, uncooperated and the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated. Our representatives to these National bodies will give us details from their annual meeting.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE

During this year the Orphanage lost the boys' dormitory by fire. We are now planning to erect a new building on the campus at Oxford at a cost of \$113,000. I am urging you to increase your support for this project. Mr. T. A. Hamme, the present Superintendent, is doing a commendable job at Oxford.

SHAW UNIVERSITY

The Baptists of North Carolina look to Shaw for guidance and leadership. We send our children there because we believe that they are being

trained religiously. No race can survive without Christian education. The trained individual who thinks like Christ is the governing power of the universe and because of the unique position Shaw University holds among us, we are forced and must make it a strong and better Shaw. The capable President, Dr. R. P. Daniel, is sparing no time in planning a greater Christian Institution for the Baptists of North Carolina. I reservedly beg you to give him your hearty support in this endeavor.

I have already mentioned the work that is being done at Shaw; however, I think it is very important to call your attention to a few of our achievements.

We were able, this year, to dedicate a church on Shaw Campus; you played a great part in its erection. Shaw University is the only Negro Baptist College that has a regular church building on its campus. The idea is to train our students in regular church activities.

We also have erected a gymnasium on Shaw Campus and made purchases of other property for the expansion of the work carried on at Shaw.

Our enrollment of students is greater than our accommodations; therefore, as Baptists, we must increase our support in order to house our sons and daughters.

The President of Shaw is the most outstanding College President in this country. We are fortunate to retain his services and are happy to follow his leadership.

We cannot afford to go backward; therefore, let us heartily rededicate ourselves to Shaw University and its expansion program.

OUR STATE AUXILIARIES

We are proud of the unity that exists among the auxiliaries of this convention. Never before have the Baptists of North Carolina been so united. The Woman's Convention, headed by Mrs. Viola McMillian as President and Mrs. Ella Alston as Executive Secretary, has lined up with us wholeheartedly.

The State Sunday School Convention, under the leadership of Prof. E. M. Butler as President, and the B.T.U. Convention, headed by Mr. J. T. Hawkins, worked with our General Convention as a unit. It is a fine thing to have at the head of our conventions people who are able to work as a unit.

Recently, we organized the Baptist Laymen's Movement with Mr. W. H. Quarles as President and Prof. C. F. Graves Chairman of the Executive Committee. We feel that the laymen of our churches should take a more active part in the development of our church program in carrying out the principles of this convention. I call upon you to give the Laymen's League your untiring support.

SUPPLY STORE

The desperate need of the supply store is cooperation of our pastors and churches. Mr. Otis L. Hairston, manager of our Supply Store, and Editor of the Baptist Informer, needs your support. Every Baptist Church in North Carolina should order supplies from our supply store. Every Baptist minister should buy whatever books he needs, that can be bought, through the supply store. When you do this as a unit we are building for ourselves.

THE EVANGELISTIC BOARD

Our church is an evangelistic church. The great command is to make disciples of all nations. To make sure that this phase of our church work is not neglected, we appoint an Evangelistic Board of our convention to specialize in evangelistic work. I am sure that under the leadership of Rev. H. H. Hart, Chairman, they have made remarkable progress in winning souls. The annual report will be made to you by its President in detail.

BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS

As you know, we purchased a piece of property in Raleigh for \$14,396.24, for the purpose of erecting a new Baptist Headquarters. We have just about paid for this property. We owe only \$3,225.51 on this property. At the close of this Convention we hope to cancel this note.

The Baptists of North Carolina have done a remarkable job in supporting its objectives, but the time has come for us to own something for ourselves. Therefore, we have decided to erect a new Headquarters, where we can put our Book Store on the first floor and have adequate space to operate other businesses for the promotion of our convention. Brethren, I want it definitely understood, that in carrying out this new project, it is not our intention to reduce our support of our objectives, but to increase our support. We can easily raise \$50,000 this year for the Baptist Headquarters and at the same time do more for our objectives.

I cannot close without mentioning the very fine job that has been done this year by our field workers. In the west, beyond Charlotte, Dr. Davis and Brother Wertz have done the most outstanding job that has ever been done in the history of this convention in that area. Reverends A. B. Johnson, P. H. Johnson, R. I. Boone, T. C. Graham, R. M. Pitts, J. W. White, T. H. Dwelle, R. W. Underwood, O. S. Bullock, J. H. Moore, W. H. Fuller, D. A. Hedgley, J. M. Burchette, E. L. Brodie and Mr. O. L. Hairston and others have kept the fire burning through the "One Day Sessions" in other areas of the State. These workers should be continued and additional workers in other areas should be appointed to arouse the ministers and

churches throughout North Carolina to a sense of their duty.

We have about 700 Baptist churches in North Carolina that do not support anything. And about 400 ministers that hardly know that the convention exists. These ministers and churches, I believe, are honest and doing as far as they know. They need information. No one or two Field Men can find them. They should be aroused by men and women who live in those areas. Just to go to an Association and make a speech is not getting us far. We need and must have personal contact with these dormant churches and ministers until they are aroused to the sense of their duty.

I Submit the Following Proposals for Enactment:

In order to broaden our work and put this convention more fully in the hands of the people, I propose:

First, That the administrative committee be continued.

Second, That Field Workers will be selected from every section of North Carolina and that the Executive Committee will nominate these workers, for appointment at a general board meeting in December.

Third, It was the custom of this convention to come together every five years in a conclave. During the war, this idea was suspended; therefore, I am proposing that we come together in Raleigh, North Carolina, with all our auxiliaries during the month of August, 1949, as a united convention. At the same time, break the grounds for the new Baptist Headquarters and climax our drive for \$50,000 for its erection.

Fourth, That a special committee be appointed to work with the Executive Secretary in formulating plans for our special drive.

Fifth, My attention has been called to a very serious situation that is existing among the churches of our convention. That is, that ushers of our churches are organizing themselves into independent bodies other than that of our churches and conventions. If we need another organization to broaden the work of these zealous Brothers and Sisters of our Church, I believe the General Baptist State Convention is large enough for that organization, whatever it may be called, to operate within the bounds of our church. Therefore, I am proposing that a special committee be appointed by this convention to organize the ushers of our churches as a convention and as an auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and discourage all groups who are working in our churches, belonging to other independent bodies.

I propose that this Convention will give the necessary amount for the legal representation fee in the National Baptist Convention of America, and the National Baptist Convention, Inc. in order

that this Convention will have its proper standard in such Convention, and the President of this Convention, or his proxy, will be authorized Chairman to call the state representatives together or to carry out any other duties as may be required of the Convention.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Executive Committee, Administrative Committee, the Board of Missions, the Executive Secretary and all of our official staff and you Brothers and Sisters for your hearty support and cooperation during the past year. I come to you today to tell you, frankly, your convention is in a fine shape and we have a glorious future before us. Let us go forward, working together as one body in Christ, developing the program of this convention to meet the needs for a better and more peaceful solution among ourselves and all people who believe in bringing the kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven.

Humbly submitted,

P. A. BISHOP.

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Post Office Box 287
Raleigh, N. C.

I recommend the following budget:

Shaw University	\$35,000.00
Foreign Missions	20,000.00
Oxford Orphanage	5,000.00
State Missions	30,000.00
Baptist Headquarters	50,000.00
Supply Store	20,000.00
Woman's Home & Foreign	
Mission Convention	30,000.00
	\$190,000.00

Expression of Appreciation From Executive Secretary

Dear Co-workers:

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for making the 81st Annual Session of the General Baptist Convention a success.

The spirit of earnestness, goodwill and co-operation was certainly gratifying.

The challenging messages of Christian Stewardship which were delivered gave us reasons to feel that the delegates present were inspired to the extent that they are going to carry out a very fine program of Kingdom Building in their churches this year.

As we go forward, we are conscious of the fact that there shall be many responsibilities, but with faith in God and you, we shall come out victoriously.

I humbly beg you to double your contributions for Shaw, Foreign Missions, State Missions and Oxford Orphanage this year.

O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary.

AS A LAYMAN SEES IT

Religious Emphasis in the Public Schools

I am sure I am safe in saying that religion in the public schools have been a controversial issue since the advent of modern education in our country. I also believe that I am safe in saying that very few of us as church workers really know the basic issues involved. As I see it there are two main issues that make the matter of religion in the public schools a "boogaboo." The first is the strong belief that the church and state should be separate. The union of church and state had its "hay day" in Europe during the rise of the Catholic church when the pope controlled the state. If the king failed to dance to the tune of the pope, he was excommunicated, or the state or district over which a certain ruler or king ruled was cursed by the pope if he did not fall in line with the wishes of the Catholic hierarchy. In England King Henry VIII, who wanted to marry as often as he wished, split with the church and the reverse was evidence. In that case the state ruled the church. It was evident then that a union of church did not prove successful or beneficial for the state nor the church.

The second basic issue is that of indoctrination. It is a known fact that our populace is made up of many religious sects. Many of these sects are bitter towards each other in matters of certain doctrines or beliefs that draw large lines between denominations. Even among Baptists there are several distinct and opposing sects. We have in this state strong forces of the Missionary Baptist groups, Freewill Baptists, Primitive Baptists, all with lines of demarcation that throw them in three separate camps.

In thinking of a program of religious emphasis in the public schools, we must be cognizant of the basic controversial issues that are as old as the hills and I candidly believe they are here to stay. Many staunch church workers and leaders are impatient with those who are running the public schools merely because in many cases they do not fully understand the basic issues involved.

However, I am in accord with many of our church leaders and workers who disagree with many of our school folks who make no effort at all to see that religion in some form is taught in the public school. Many of our school folks are not interested in the promotion of the Kingdom of Christ no place and therefore they cannot be expected to promote it in the schools. The basic controversial issues mentioned above are merely something to hide behind and to cover up their inability to think out a program that will not only meet the needs of the whole child, but one

that will be satisfactory to all religious sects that may be found in any community. One of the philosophical trends in modern education today is that of educating the whole child. The health educator is crying aloud to educate the whole child healthfully. Therefore, we school folks are seeking means and ways of improving programs of health instruction, health services and healthful environments. The mental hygienist is pleading to us school folks to educate the whole child mentally. Therefore, we administer mental tests to discover his mental needs, we make psychological studies to meet the child's psychological needs, we seek psychiatric aid to help solve his mental problems. The physical educator demands that we educate the whole child physically. They tell us that Uncle Sam is rejecting too many of our youth for armed services and therefore the schools are falling down. We then begin to set up physical education programs that will help prepare the child for our Uncle Samuel. But how about our religious educator who is crying equally as loud that we educate the whole child religiously? What are we school folks doing about that? Are we making any effort to educate the whole child spiritually? Or do we believe that the child has a spiritual part?

The public school child is starving to death for the lack of religious training. It seems strange but it is true that while people are doing more to meet the needs of their children spiritually than we are in the public schools. Some plans have been worked out in many white schools in the state for a religious director in the public schools paid by all the religious sects in the community. It seems to me that of all the people on the face of the earth, the Negro of America needs to stay in touch with the Almighty God. All people need to stay in touch with God, but the American Negro with his condition of oppression and suppression should never spurn the only HOPE OF THE RACE—GOD. The average Negro teacher is a part of a family with deep religious convictions, but he has permitted our educational theorists to lure him away from his God. We have finally come to the place that when authorities tell us not to teach religion in any form, we refuse to give battle, we succumb to the desires of paganistic educational leaders with no convictions of our own, and with no argument whatsoever. How, then, can we educate the whole child spiritually in the public school?

I think I have an answer to that question. First the educational leader MUST have a deep religious conviction. He must believe with all his heart that Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. That makes Christ the authority. That places the leader on the right road in the start. Then he must pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to give him courage and fortitude to stand up

against any opposition. He may not meet with opposition. Authority may become allied with him in promoting such a great cause. Some of the things that I am sure no authorities would oppose are: religious chapel programs planned by the students under the guidance of a skillful teacher. Religious instructions in the homeroom. Faculty meetings planned by the principal that will give in-service training to teachers who may not know so much about the program; since it is one of the duties of the principals to give in-service to his teachers. I don't think many authorities would object to a well-planned Religious Emphasis Week. This week can be carried out in so many different ways, and since we have in our schools, American Education Week, Negro History Week, Brotherhood Week, etc., why not a Religious Emphasis Week?

Each year we have at our school a week of Religious emphasis. I wish I had the space and time to relate in details the program. I only wish I had the space and time to tell of the tremendous success of this program. I will be too glad to give it in detail to any reader who might be interested. From my experience, I have found that religious emphasis week in the schools do several worthwhile things: 1. It creates a warm relationship between the community and the school. The parents actually see that their children are receiving untold benefits and they become so happy until they forget lines of demarcation and controversial issues. 2. It is almost a panacea for discipline. The child acts better when he becomes conscious of right and wrong. You can appeal to him better and he becomes conscious of his better self. This program at our school has made good school citizens out of potential murderers. It has almost closed the "Juke Joints" in our community as far as the school children are concerned. It has aroused them to higher heights and nobler living. 3. The program makes for decent living in the home. The children become conscious of their home environment and they seek to correct the evils that are there.

After a week of religious emphasis, a group of children came to me voluntarily and asked to organize a religious club. This was indeed startling and a happy surprise. I called this group together and they not only organized into a fine club, but set up some objectives of which I will give here: 1. To keep ourselves in touch with God by: a. Developing work projects that lead to Godly living; b. Developing attitudes that lead to good neighborliness; c. Developing a prayer life conducive to abundant living; d. Developing an interest in the Bible through prayerful study. 2. To work in all churches in the community for community betterment. 3. To work together in putting our social life on a higher plane. 4. To develop in

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**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

Once more the world is waiting for Christmas! The air is filled with hopes and plans and dreams. We are all happy, eager and joyful.

Christmas is a wonderful time for Missionary Christians, for Christmas belongs to Christians. It is the birthday of the Great Missionary—Who came and gave His life for us. What more fitting time could there be for us to look back gratefully on the things we have accomplished during the year and plan with hope for another year ahead.

The year ahead should be a fine one for the Baptist women of North Carolina. There is so much to be accomplished and together we can accomplish so much! Team work can achieve great things—especially when we are teaming up to bring His Kingdom on Earth by "Service Through Love." Work and Loyalty and Enthusiasm can produce miracles. So let us be firm in our faith that the year ahead will be a miraculously successful one for our Conventional work.

And now, a Very Merry Christmas to You!

Yours for Greater Service,
ELLEN S. ALSTON,
Executive Secretary.

President's Address of Woman's Auxiliary of Beulah Association

Every year we come together in what we call the Beulah Association to check up on our Missionary work and to see just what our Circles have been doing in this branch of Christian Service and just what else might be done to further our work. Just as a mother uses a measuring stick to see how many inches her child has grown and just like a child smiles with pride when its head reaches many inches higher on the yard stick; so we today separately and together make a self-check to see how much we have grown in Missionary understanding and participation.

Let us reflect for a moment over our missionary work since October, 1947. Let us ask ourselves a few questions on the matter.

Have I learned any more about the missionary work than I knew this time last year?

Did I attend the missionary meetings as much as I could have done?

Have I studied my Bible or read a helpful discussion or anything to improve my Christian life this year?

Did I help as many sick and fallen persons as I was able?

Did I try in any way to help win a soul to Christ?

If in answering these and similar questions we can count more "yes" answers than "no" answers, then we have progressed in 1947 along Missionary lines. If we can truthfully say that these things have been a part of our yearly life, then we belong to the Missionary society.

A Missionary society or circle is vastly different from any other society. It is not a society whose chief interest is some community need. It is not an organization merely to raise money. It is not a group separate from the Church. A Missionary Circle is a group of organized, Christian people whose chief purpose is to help promote world-wide missions. Its aims and ideals are based on Christian living, namely: Bible and mission study, prayer and personal service, enlistment and soul winning, and carrying God's message at home and helping to send it abroad.

If individually, we cannot answer "yes," to these questions, then a link of our circle is weak and we should resolve to do something about it. We should not only make a new resolution but we should pray for a new desire to be aware of our obligations. The poet, Miriam Teichner, has said it for us.

"God, let me be aware.

Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,
Just getting somehow safely through the days,
Not even groping for another hand,
Not even wondering why it all was planned;
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight.
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God, let me be aware.

"God, let me be aware.

Stab my soul fiercely with the other's pain,
Let me walk seeing horror and strain.
Let my hands, groping, find other's hands;
Give me the heart that's divine, that understands.
Give me the courage wounded to fight,
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.
Please keep me eager just to do my share.
God, let me be aware."

When we check up on our group strength, we find that we have progressed this year. There is an advantage in group strength; the strong can help the weak. When taken as a whole group, those who have done much give credit to those who have done little. As we look back on 1947, we are

pleased that our group has increased in numbers. Three (3) new circles have joined us and thus many strong workers have been added to the cause. We have kept our obligations to the State by cooperating with the unified program. We have pledged ourselves to support two (2) children in Africa. We are trying to re-organize according to our State Manual. It only remains now to pull together and put all of our shoulders to the wheel.

There is no need to offer more recommendations; you have already adopted the suggestions made by the Workers' Council and me. It only remains to carry out our plans.

As we start out for another year, let us each resolve to make this our banner year. Our theme from the Convention this year is, "Service Through Love." If we have neglected our work in the past, if we have committed the sin of omission, remember that: if we repent, if we stop doing the same thing over and over; God will forgive us. So let us check up today and start over remembering that:

"Heaven is not reached by a single bound
We build the ladder from which we rise
From the lowly world to the vaulted skies
We mount its summit, round by round."

Let us try to attend the Missionary Meetings. Resolve not to be a slacker as was pictured to us on yesterday. Make a new resolution to give "Service Through Love" and lend all of our efforts for a unified county and the support of the Unified Baptist plan.

(MRS.) V. T. BISHOP,
President.

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each one of us high character standards. These are some of the objectives and the group is still working on the framing of the organization.

Religion can be taught in our schools without conflicting with controversial issues and without conflicting with sane authorities, but we need educational leaders with a deep religious conviction and a philosophy of educating the whole child.

CBS BIBLE SERIES ANNOUNCED

Leading Bible scholars in America and England will take part in a special four-week series of talks designed to increase the average listener's understanding of the Books of the Bible, on CBS "Church of the Air" beginning Sunday, Nov. 21 (CBS, 10:00-10:30 a.m., EST). The schedule:

Nov. 21—Dr. Solomon Goldman, Rabbi of Congregation Anshe Emet, Chicago, and author of "The Book of Books" Bible series, speaking on "The Prophets of the Old Testament" (from WBBM, Chicago).

Nov. 28—Professor C. H. Dodd, prominent British theologian and faculty member of Cambridge University, England, speaking by transcription from London on "The Philosophy of the Bible."

Dec. 5—Dr. Donald W. Riddle, author of "New Testament Life and Literature," discussing "The Message of the New Testament" (from WBBM, Chicago).

Dec. 12—Dr. Elmer J. F. Arndt, professor of Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., on "The Religion of the New Testament" (from KMOX, St. Louis).

JUST FOR FUN

Little Dorothy, attending church for the first time, was surprised to see people about her suddenly kneel. She asked her mother why and was told, "Hush, they are going to say their prayers."

"With all their clothes on?" asked Dorothy, horrified.—San. Sun.

An old man at an evening function cried quietly while a young woman sang that ballad "My Old Kentucky Home." The hostess tiptoed up to him and asked tenderly, "Pardon me, are you a Kentuckian?"

"No, madam, I'm a musician."
—San. Sun.



Above is the Maiden Chapel Baptist Church, Maiden, of which the Rev. J. C. Brewer is pastor. Pastor Brewer is shown standing directly in front of the door (center). To his right is Deacon C. D. Wilson who has served as chairman of the board during the 19 years the Rev. Brewer has been pastor; and to his left is R. S. Coulter, a young promising deacon.

GROWTH THROUGH TRAINING

By BERNICE REEVES

The Baptist Training Union of the Mt. Pleasant Church observed Promotion Day on the last Sunday afternoon in September.

A program consisting of the following was presented during the General Assembly period:

Prayer by J. M. Grier; scripture by Pastor Oscar Burson; and a symposium, "Growth Through Training," with L. B. Reeves, superintendent, Mrs. Rozella M. Grier, president of Missionary Union; Aaron Grier, deacon, and Training Union Director, Bernice Reeves, participating.

Special recognition was given to Mrs. Hazel Reid, Mrs. Mamie Tribble, Mrs. Lucile Thompson, Mrs. Hazel Crawford, and Mrs. Lola M. Hand, who assumed places of leadership.

The promotion service was in-

tegrated with the preaching service, and the pastor's message was on "The Growing Christian."

Because of the growth a new Junior Union was formed consisting of 12 promotees coming from the Primary Department of the Story Hour.

Mrs. Lucile Thompson was appointed as leader for the new group.

Mrs. Helen Reid was added to the staff of Junior workers.

The work of the Story Hour has become so great until a Director of Story Hour had to be added in the person of Mrs. Hazel Crawford.

A woman was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in a distant city. The postal clerk examined the heavy package carefully and inquired if it contained anything breakable.

"Nothing but the Ten Commandments," was the quick reply.

CHURCHES REPORT SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS

By W. LeROY DAVIS

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Three Baptist churches of this city soared into high financial clouds during the month of October. More or less for construction purposes the three churches realized through special membership efforts a total of \$11,526.11.

The churches rallying in the month ending periods of approximately 60 days each were Shiloh Baptist Church of which Rev. R. M. Pitts is pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. H. W. Wiley, pastor, and Union Baptist Church of which Rev. A. H. McDaniel is the pastor.

Shiloh Church raised \$6,526.11 for the purpose of erecting an educational plant in the rear of the church auditorium at Highland Avenue and East Twelfth Street. The rally came to a close on October 24 in combined efforts of the annual Men's Day and Women's Day groups.

Speakers during the rally occasion were Rev. W. F. Elliott of High Point and Mrs. Laura K. Fox, executive secretary of the Winston-Salem Y.W.C.A. Negro branch. Rev. Elliott was accompanied at 3 p. m. by his parishioners of First Baptist Church in High Point.

Rather than to renovate or build further, the Friendship congregation rallied approximately 60 days in an effort to reduce the church debt on its plant erected in 1940 on North Cherry Street under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Kilgore, now pastoring in New York City. The membership raised upwards of \$3,000.

At Union Baptist Church Rev. McDaniel led his followers in a successful venture in raising in a morning service at the end of October, \$2,000. It is understood that late reports have spiraled that amount to greater heights. The Union Baptist Church on Abattoir Street is planning to

build a new church auditorium fronting Northwest Boulevard and to be annexed to the present auditorium. The present building will eventually be converted into an educational plant. It has been reported, however, that all three churches have been able to add to the amounts raised in October during subsequent services.

BAPTIST SERIES HELD AT SHAW

A three day period of services designed to explain the principles of the Baptist denomination was observed Wednesday through Friday at Shaw University in connection with its annual Baptist Series. The services were directed by Dr. O. T.

Binkley of the faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Binkley called attention to three danger signals in modern times. He warned against 1. an emptiness of soul, 2. participation in a cult of cruelty one to another, and 3. development of an attitude of distrust. He extolled freedom of conscience as a priceless heritage but reminded his hearers of their personal accountability to God.

In the name of all you hope to know, cling close to what you know already.—Phillips Brooks.

The worst thing about money is that it sometimes costs so much.—Emerson.



"The Hindu, Gandhi, has taught me more of the Spirit of Christ than perhaps any other man."

—E. STANLEY JONES



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IMPORTANT SEMINARS

The Commission on the Minister and His Work of the North Carolina Council of Churches announces a series of seminars for ministers, directors of religious education, social workers, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. secretaries on "Pastoral Counseling and Ministry to the Sick" for this autumn and early winter.



Dr. Russell L. Dicks, who has pioneered in the field of pastoral counselling and ministry to the sick in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, and across the country where he has conducted such seminars in the past, is the leader. He is now Associate Professor of Pastoral Care at Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, N. C. Dr. Hicks is widely known as a counsellor, teacher, hospital chaplain, lecturer and author in this field. He has written a number of books and pamphlets as well as editing a regular section of the "Pulpit Digest" and "The Pastor."

Dean J. H. Satterwhite, of Hood Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, who is chairman of the Commission, listed these

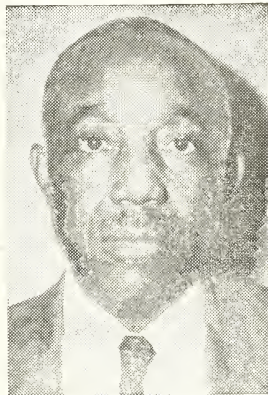
dates and places where the Seminars are to be held: **NOVEMBER 22—DURHAM**, at Trinity Methodist Church with Rev. D. D. Holt and Rev. R. C. Sharpe as contact persons; **DECEMBER 13—FAYETTEVILLE**, at Hay Street Methodist Church, with Rev. A. S. Parker and Dr. E. J. Gregg as co-chairmen; **NOVEMBER 29—ASHEVILLE**, at the Y.M.C.A., with Rev. Clifford H. Peace and Dr. W. Perry Crouch as the contact persons; **JANUARY 10 — GREENSBORO**, at the Y.M.C.A., with Dr. Joseph M. Garrison and Rev. C. W. Anderson as the co-chairmen; **JANUARY 17—GREENVILLE**, at the First Christian Church, with Rev. Ralph R. Johnson and Rev. J. A. Nimmo as the contact persons.

These seminars are being held on Mondays only with a morning session at 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., and an afternoon session from 2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m. There will be ample time for discussion. A registration fee of \$1.00 is being asked in most cities to take care of the honorarium and expenses connected with the program.

All ministers and others interested from all parts of the state are invited to attend the seminar nearest them.

The importance of the work envisioned by the Commission on the Minister and His Work this fall with Dr. Dicks as the leader can be emphasized by a paragraph taken from a recent address on "How to Help People." This excerpt is very revealing.

"The emotional relationship between two people, the one seeking help and the one seeking to help, is all important. You cannot help a person unless he likes you. We see counselors using various methods and achieving the same results; but



FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER — Dr. Dennis Branch, above, an outstanding physician of Newport, Tenn., will deliver the Founder's Day address at Shaw University Friday, November 19. Dr. Branch, a graduate of Shaw and of the institution's Leonard Medical School, was for a long time a resident of Raleigh, N. C., seat of the 83 year old Baptist institution.

all helpful counselors give attention to the emotional relationship, often called rapport. The kind of persons we are is determined by the kind of emotional problems we have and how we handle them. Our intellectual, physical and economic problems are of secondary importance. We are essentially emotional creatures. Our basic behavior, the real reason we act as we do, is emotional. Often we do not understand them ourselves. It is the counselor's job to help us to understand them. Therefore, to be helpful as counselors it is essential and natural that the emotional relationship should be a helpful and healing part of the experience."

We are all missionaries, the sent ones of the King; and not our fields but our faithfulness matters.—George L. McKay.

He: "When does a girl pass the adolescent stage?"

Him: "When her voice changes from no to yes."

**CHRISTMAS RADIO
FEATURES**

Two programs, on Sunday, December 26, will mark the dramatization of Christmas on "The Greatest Story Ever Told," heard Sundays at 6:30 p. m., EST. The December 19 program will be the story of the Nativity, "Unto You This Day," from Luke 2:1-17. It is the story of Joseph's and Mary's arrival in Jerusalem, their search for a place at the Inn, and the birth of Christ in the manger.

On the following Sunday, the program will be "Star of Peace," based on Isaiah 9:6, the story of the Three Wise Men searching for the Christ Child, finding Him, and then being told in a vision to go back to their homes by other routes so that Herod might not find the Saviour.

The December 26 broadcast is especially applicable to the problems of the world today. The search for peace which Balthasar begins, takes him by devious ways to the Prince of Peace. The obstacles he meets on the way; the people who deal with him, and the companions who go along with him, portray a lesson that the world needs badly today.

With a sparkle in his eyes, the young fellow walked into the showroom.

"If I bought this car by installments," he said, pointing to a particularly "sporty" model, "how long would it take me to pay for it?"

"That would depend on how much you could afford each month, sir," replied the salesman, cautiously.

The young man scratched his chin. "Well, I think I could manage three dollars a month."

The salesman's eyes popped. "Three dollars a month!" he gasped. At that rate it would take a hundred years!"

Gazing longingly at the very streamlined model, the young man said:

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—Christian Herald.

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