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Thank God for Fools

Thank God for fools—for men who dare to dream

Beyond the lean horizon of their days;

Men not too timid to pursue the gleam

To unguessed lands of wonder and amaze.

Thank God for fools! The trails that ring the world

Are dark with blood and sweat where they have passed.

There are the flags of every crag unfurled;

Theirs—ashes and oblivion at last.

Thank God for fools—abused, of low estate

We rear our temples on the stones they laid.

Ours is the prize their tired souls might not wait;

Theirs—the requiem of the unafraid!

—Selected.



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ANNOUNCING

January 29-30 — New Hope Baptist Association. "Ministers and Deacons' Union," at Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, 6 miles from Chapel Hill, the Rev. T. A. Grady, pastor. The Rev. C. L. Lassiter is moderator of the Union, and the Rev. H. H. Harris is secretary.

January 29-30 — Union meeting of the Zion Association at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. The Rev. J. C. Ellerbe is moderator and G. W. Baucom is corresponding secretary.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY MATERIALS

Busy ministers and teachers may find help in preparing their sermons and lessons for Race Relations Sunday, February 13, 1949, in materials available from the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Box 1208, Raleigh, N. C. It will be sent free upon request.

The mimeographed sheets contain suggested scriptures, quotations, comments, and illustrations appropriate for the occasion. It is hoped that Christian leaders will be aided in their efforts to promote brotherhood by having this material at hand.

NEWS NOTE

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Cooper of Hamlet were hosts to the ministers and their wives at their home recently honoring the Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Posey prior to their departure for Asheville. Among guests were: the Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Johns, Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Wertz, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bethea, the Rev. S. F. Forte, Alexander Harrington, the Rev. William Briley, the Rev. and Mrs. G. F. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Malley of Laurinburg, and Miss Addie Bowden of Candor.

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IMPORTANT BULLETIN

To: All Baptist Churches of North Carolina

From: Administrative Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Subject: \$50,000 Campaign for Baptist Headquarters
in connection with "ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY"
in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 1-5, 1949

This memorandum of information is sent by the Administrative Committee in support of the appeals which you may be receiving from the president of the General Baptist State Convention, and the presidents of the Auxiliaries of the Convention. Each church is free to work out a plan whereby a large contribution will be sent on the **Building Project**.

The proposal of President Bishop is that each church should have a committee of 5, with the pastor as ex-officio member of the committee to see that all groups in the church are reached and make a contribution to this campaign. This committee of five would have on it a person representing the Church, the Women's Missionary Society, the Sunday School, the B. T. U., and the Laymen's League. If you do not have these groups organized in your church, you may still have someone representing each phase of the denominational program.

This is a **special campaign** to raise \$50,000.00 on the Baptist Headquarters Building, and should not be confused with the regular donation which is expected from your church under the Unified Program supporting State Missions, Lott Carey Convention, and Shaw University.

Please understand that your church will receive credit for all monies sent up during the year for special Headquarters Building Fund, and for regular objectives under the Unified Program.

Also we should like to make clear that if your church sends up money for this special project as part of the plans promoted by the Auxiliary Conventions, this will count in the total amount which your church has sent, provided that credit is given this church in the report of the convention.

Please send to Rev. O. L. Sherrill, the names and addresses of the committee of five appointed by your church to work on this project.

Because of the time limit, and the need of getting organized at once, we are asking the pastor and officers of your church to see that this committee is appointed without waiting for a church meeting.

Appreciating your cooperation, we are

Very truly yours,

Administrative Committee:

P. A. Bishop, President

E. M. Butler, Secretary

O. S. Bullock L. W. Wertz

A. S. Croom R. P. Daniel

O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary

Regularity Important

One of the most important aspects of financing denominational cooperative programs is the phase of securing funds regularly from the contributing groups.

Especially, is this true in financing the work carried on by North Carolina Baptist through a cooperative program. For instance, during the month of December, there were only 104 churches that sent in monthly gifts for the program. The amount received during the month was not sufficient to take care of the normal operation of the work; consequently leaving a monthly deficit.

In most of the 850 churches that support the unified program, mission offerings are received at each service. During certain periods of the year, the offerings for missions fall below that at other times, even in most of our larger churches. This drop in collection accounts for at least some of the irregularity in reporting gifts.

Although there may be a decrease in the mission offering at certain intervals, reports on what has been collected should not be held back. Regardless of the amount (unless quarterly group reports are made), a report of mission money should be made monthly to the State Headquarters. The cooperative program of the Convention cannot be administered effectively unless there is greater regularity.

It is hoped that the contributing groups of the Convention will, along with striving for larger mission offerings, also endeavor to report their offerings more regularly. This is very important during this period of the year.

Strategy of Missions

K. PAUL YPHANTIS

Paul the Apostle was by far the greatest missionary of the Christian Church. He was a man of a world-wide vision. "That I may present every man perfect in the sight of God" was his burning ambition. It was the love of God in full in him embracing the whole world for Christ.

But his was the vision of a practical man. He would not throw his hands up in despair before the immensity of the task but fall back on the infinite resources of God—particularly on His wisdom. He concluded that the world could be best reached with the Gospel in his day if he followed a certain strategy in his plans of evangelization.

Athens, the seat of learning, and Rome, the center of power, became his immediate objective. If only the Gospel could be established there to prove to the whole world its superiority and super-excellency over all else, then half the battle would be won. Furthermore, he would recruit the sal-

vaged material there to reach into every part of the Empire with an even louder cry: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, unto every one that believeth."

The wisdom of such strategy is fully attested by the results which followed. Soon, from a provincial sect, Christianity becomes a universal faith and force, transforming the entire course of history. Paul was a Christian strategist. He was actuated by divine wisdom.

As Europe Goes

Who could deny today the fact that as Europe goes so will the world? Our statesmen of the democracies fully appreciate this fact. That is why under the Marshall Plan ultimately seventeen billion dollars must be sent for the economic restoration of Europe, for if Europe (what is left this side of the iron curtain) is not set on her feet and does not become a self-supporting family of nations, then most assuredly she will fall a victim to the godless menace from the East. Let those who are interested in missions make no mistake about this: if Europe goes to Communism, then the rest of the Old World will go; and if they go that way, then, sooner or later, we here in America will be forced to recall all of our missionaries from abroad. Already missionaries from North China are being hurriedly taken out!

Europe's Basic Need

No amount of material help alone will meet the present needs of Europe. Dollars and cents and such will never suffice to solve the underlying problems of the people there. The souls of millions in Europe today are empty and destitute because for many generations and even centuries they have been deprived of the Bread of Life, of the preaching of the Gospel in its cleansing, forgiving and reconciling aspects. The hierarchy of the existing bodies has failed to lead man into a vital relationship with God through His blessed crucified Son. The tragedy of Europe lies in this, that for a long time many of the nations of Europe have sought to live "by bread alone" or by substitutes. This has led to the judgments of today and to the hopelessness of tomorrow.

"We have learned in bitter and tragic experience," said a Christian leader recently, "that the character of the common life of a people rests upon what is in their hearts and what is in the spirit of a people. That is what matters." Europe today is lost not only materially but also spiritually! Europe stands today as one of the most destitute mission fields in the world. To seek to make Europe safe for democracy we must seek to bring to them, first of all, the liberation and the redemption which come only through the dying of Christ on Calvary's tree.

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AS A LAYMAN SEES IT—

The Total Personality of The Master

By O. A. DUPREE

The old adage that "Fools rush in where Angels dare to tread" is a good example of this adventure. The reader might say that the subject of this article is too heavy for a mere layman. At the beginning of this writing, the writer agrees with my reader and he can be easily classified as a fool to venture something that is too heavy for his little mind to comprehend or explain.

However, I have given this matter some thought and I wish to say now that the ideas expressed in this column this month may add up to some of the reasons for the ideas expressed in the past articles. Maybe I am all wet with respect to the ideas that are here expressed, but I believe in them and I believe them to be right. In other words, I have criticised many of us for making Christianity complacent, cheap, small, listless. Our Christianity is not vibrant, courageous. It has a weak backbone, it doesn't stand up long enough. It weakens under a little pressure. It flees when the devil sticks out its ugly neck. It succumbs from the poisonous germ of Satan due to the lack of the serum of salvation. It is lukewarm, it is sickly.

This brand of Christianity most of us possess gets a few of us to prayer meeting, a few to Sunday School and a few more to the regular church services, a very small number to the BTU. If it rains a little, we will not go to those mentioned. This is about as far as we go in our Christian way of life and then we are through. Consequently, the homicide rate is advancing by the hour. Divorce rate is moving on up the scale, delinquency

STRATEGY OF MISSIONS

(Continued from page 4)

The great challenge of history is thrust upon God's children today from every part of Europe to go over and lead them back to the Fountain-head of Life, Peace and Power. But it finds the Church of the Redeemed fast asleep! This is the greatest tragedy of all.

How many church leaders brush aside the call from over there by the careless statement, "We already have so much on hand we cannot afford to spread out thin." They turn a deaf ear because there is no vision, because there is a dearth of the love of God in their hearts! Do we really have too much on hand? Have we exhausted all of God's resources? If so, then the Master would not have told us, "They need not go hungry. Give ye them to eat." The strategy of the entire missionary world today demands it! We cannot afford to do otherwise! —"The Great Evangel."

is on the rampage, disease due to loose living, is scourging the land and we Christians are sitting by singing, "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow."

Before we suggest what can be done, let us take a glance at some of the aspects of the life of Jesus and see if there is a way out. Rather may we say, see if we are justified in our criticisms. The writer is now reading a very interesting book on "The Manhood of the Master" by Harry Emerson Fosdick (Grosset and Dunlap, New York, Retail Price—\$.75.) in which he presents the total personality of Jesus. This apparently is an old book, but if the reader wishes a more recent discussion of Fosdick on the subject, he might consult the Christmas issue of Life magazine about four years ago and there is a lengthy article by him of the "Personality of Jesus." Where he attempts to present the total personality of Jesus. After these two reading experiences coupled with other experiences, the writer concludes that for the most part we narrow Jesus down to our little selves, we make Him too small, we make Him too weak to tackle the many problems of the day. In many cases we see just one little aspect of the Master and we run off and establish churches and organize a group of narrow minded people who are more a detriment to Christ's program than an asset; many of us become victims of a lot of this phoney doctrine and we leave the Baptist church and join up with all kinds of ideologies and say that we have just gotten right. The writer is begging for the consideration of a Universal Christ who is interested in a universal brotherhood.

Christianity Needs Heroism.—Emerson describes a hero as one who, "taking both reputation and life in his hand, will, with perfect urbanity, dare the gibbet and the mob, by the absolute truth of his speech and rectitude of his behavior." The Master had this sort of heroism. He was a hero from the early part of ministry to the end. Then he admonished us, "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." Fosdick says, "From the first, the nature of His message and the method of His work outraged the orthodox and pious people of His generation. He had to keep His soul free from all fear of mortal clay, or He never could have continued His mission. He preached a gospel that to the Jews seemed revolutionary. When the people heard Him speak they cried, 'what is this? a new teaching!' As they watched His marvelous ministry to folks of all castes, they said, 'we never saw it on this fashion.'" So novel, so uncomfortably revolutionary were the nature and method of Jesus' mission that the question 'why?' followed him like His own shadow; 'why

do ye eat and drink with the publicans'? Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders? He was a disturbing personality to the religious leaders of His people."

Christianity Needs Courage.—A possible reason why our Christianity is so spineless may be our interpretation and misunderstanding of the crucifixion episode. If we were to merely observe this phase of Christ's personality without associating it with the total life of Jesus, we may reach a very narrow conclusion. During the episode, we see Him giving over to the mob, with power to destroy it. We see Him, Not saying a word in the face of "CRUCIFY HIM." We see Him kneeling under the Cross as they whipped Him. We must realize here that for His own body and when it came to himself, He allowed himself to be Crucified for our sake, but when any man infringed upon the cause for which He represented, He defended it to the last inch. Then He tells us, "That whosoever shall save his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." We want to see Him also as he went into the Temple and ran out the money changers and gamblers who were using the House of Prayer for a Den of Thieves. Let us also see Him as He stood in the market places and in the streets and boldly said that "Unless your religion exceeds that of the Pharisees you shall no wise enter the kingdom of heaven." May we see Him too as he told an outstanding Jewish Judge, without mincing words, "Ye MUST be born again." Finally, let us see Him as "he stedfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem" in the face of peril and danger. Knowing of the mountain opposition in front of him and against the advice of those close to Him, He WENT TO JERUSALEM.

Such fearlessness under such conditions can have but a single end, and to that end the Master went up with utter steadfastness, saying, even when he staggered under the cross, "weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves." The writer believes with all his heart that such courage, such heroism and such fearlessness will permeate our whole lives when we see and feel Christ in His totality. These attributes will express themselves in terms of action, speaking the truth at a time when it is needed even at the expense of our job, yes even life, raging a holy war against powers that are out to enslave people, "for we fight not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

May we conclude this article with a quotation from Fosdick as he relates how the total personality of Jesus found itself into the life of others: "when we consider the courage which the Master's life required, and the way in which he met the

demand without wavering, we are not surprised to catch in Peter, years afterwards, an echo of the same spirit. 'But even if ye suffer for righteousness' sake', says the apostle, 'blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled,' we are acquainted with the familiar petition of the prayer-meeting, asking God for the presence of our lives of those gentle and lovable qualities which shall remind people that we have been with Jesus. Such petition may well be offered, but the characteristics of the disciples which in that first generation most reminded men of Jesus were not the passive but the active virtues, not gentleness but fearlessness.

NOW WHEN THEY BEHELD THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN, THEY TOOK KNOWLEDGE OF THEM, THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS.

Baptist: State and National

By C. F. GRAVES

The Religious Education Training program is gaining converts and sympathizers gradually through the repeated emphasis of all of us State workers in the field and resident. Recently I was in Fayetteville and Rev. Dwelle was conducting one of these Institutes for a church pastored by Rev. B. F. Jordan.

At Norfolk, Va., Rev. C. C. Crawford, Shaw graduate of 1925, was engaged in his first Anniversary celebration of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Through his leadership this church has taken on new life. Crawford had a "hill to climb" at this strategically located church. However, his upright ministerial behavior in dealing with these followers, coupled with living the sermons he preaches has given these people confidence in his leadership. They seemed happy as they recounted the return of former members, the incoming of others, redecoration of the exterior of the church and the painting of the interior, all achieved during this first year of his leadership. He is both a preacher of much ability and force and a confidential leader. The Mt. Carmel membership especially is enthusiastic over him and is giving him support.

Physical improvements are planned by New Bethel Baptist Church members, Rev. S. L. Lawrence, pastor, Hertford, N. C., and at New Piney Grove Baptist Church, Gates, N. C., Rev. Willie Stallings, Elizabeth City, N. C., pastor. The latter church feasted the aged individuals of the area around Gates, N. C., Thanksgiving Day. It was a good project of Brother Stallings. Many were remembered and made to feel happy, because someone cared. This example can be duplicated elsewhere and often by other communities with similar results.

The **W. O. Rogers of Creswell, N. C., Moderator of Albemarle Union**, and pastor of several churches in Roanoke Association and Hyde County Association, has been called to Bagleys Chapel Baptist Church, Winfall, N. C. A very good union this seems to be of people and pastor.

Rev. B. C. Ellis of Elizabeth City, N. C., treasurer of North East Bound Union meeting and pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, Jarvisburg, N. C., has been called to Haven Creek Baptist Church, Manteo, N. C., (on Roanoke Island). This is the mother church of Roanoke Association (83 years in age). Here also is a happy union of pastor and people. A concrete block church beautifully constructed will greet the observers' eye when he visits the Island, which is connected to the mainland to Elizabeth City and the world outside by hard surfaced roads. The church building was begun during the administration of Rev. G. R. Griffin, an excellent young speaker, son of the late G. D. Griffin, of Elizabeth City and first State President under the United States Convention. At Jarvisburg, N. C., Rev. Ellis celebrated his 3rd Anniversary as pastor of Corinth Baptist Church. Rev. J. R. R. McRay preached the sermon from Ephesians, 2:21-22, subject "The Church A Holy Temple." Rev. Spencer Bright, 89 year-old member, told in an interesting manner of the founding of Corinth. Physical improvements consist of an extra room to the rear of the beautifully constructed building located on the highway to Manteo (scene of the famous "Lost Colony" drama). These two churches are served two Sundays each during the month by the Rev. Ellis. This is another good example for other Baptist preachers. There is a strong position taken by some commentators that Negro Baptist preachers have made small progress with the churches, because they visit churches once only during the month, while the membership is left to visitation and possible lethargy and very little real training can be done along any church line in an organic relationship.

The **Pleasant Branch Church at Mamie, N. C.**, Currituck County, has extended the invitation to **E. L. Proctor** of Norfolk, Va., and he is vigorously pushing a program which is meeting with a response. He has begun a fund for assistance to disabled members of his church and we think he is moving ahead.

At **Elizabeth City, J. R. Fleming**, one of the founding members of Corner Stone Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, was laid to rest. He reared a fine pair of children, Dr. Royall B. Fleming, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Mildred Butcher, local public school teacher. Fleming was an active layman in his local church and a responsible citizen in civic and business affairs. He was school principal,

assistant State Normal School principal under the late P. W. Moore, and a retired mail carrier, J. R. R. McRay, pastor, gave the eulogy. M. S. Rudd, pastor of Mt. Lebanon A. M. E. Zion, also eulogized the late leader.

St. Louis, Mo. A son of whom North Carolina Baptists should feel very proud and extend a special invitation to perform some service in our State Program is Thomas E. Huntley, pastor of the large and influential Central Baptist Church in that mid central city. Huntley was reared in Zion Association, Wadesboro, N. C. Rev. Little married his sister. He is a nationally known and loved young man and a leader in every sense, modest, kind, thoughtful, scholarly, and magnetic as a speaker. His church building is of gray stone; large and commodious and suitable for the purposes he makes of it. It is a real institution. His first renovation tipped up \$80,000. His latest and most far reaching project is his "Church on Wheels" a venture with a bus, owned by the church and going into every community in St. Louis with a staff of consecrated teachers who make the rounds from door to door and invite children into the bus school on Sundays. If they desire to visit the church for school, clothing and transportation are given by the church. The bus is modernly equipped with radio, piano, library and other accessories. Children are taught as they are, without being "dressed up" if unable. The bus remains in the community for a given period. A deacon is Superintendent of the "Church on Wheels." Four church workers are employed at the Central Church. His is the first of the kind in the nation. Let us hear Tom Huntley, Morehouse College literary man, but a North Carolina boy. His visit will be an inspiration. He had his 15th Wedding Anniversary December 21st at the Church where the public and his friends honored him highly.

SERMONS IN BRIEF

My first wish is to see the whole world in peace, and the inhabitants of it as one band of brothers, striving who should contribute most to the happiness of mankind.—Washington.

A drop of honey catches more flies than a hog's-head of vinegar.

—Old Proverb.

"God causes the wrath of man to praise him and the tyranny and cruelty of man to serve his divine purpose."

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*

Let me first of all express my deep appreciation for the sustained interest which the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention has in Missions, both Home and Foreign. Last year our offering was a glorious evidence of the sacrificial spirit of our women and a generous evidence of their desire to see our world won for Christ.

As we enter the third (3) quarter of our work for this year, we know that there is yet much more to be done. We have a vast field of Service to be rendered—there are still many unchurched people, there are still many untrained people in our churches who need to be taught the program of the church through Missions. There are still many Missionary Circles in the Church which need revitalizing—The task ahead in **Home Missions** is more vitally important in the ongoing of the Kingdom of God than ever before, and the need for increased giving on the part of our women is also greater.

Financial Campaign Launched By Baptist Women of North Carolina

In a meeting at the Baptist Headquarters, December 7th, the General Baptist State Convention authorized a Financial Campaign to raise fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to build a **NEW BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS**.

A WORTHY PROJECT! It is Praise Worthy even to attempt a great action!

The women accepted one-fifth (1-5) of that amount, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and I firmly believe, we women are going to do it. The Baptist Women of North Carolina are **No Quitters**.

Plans have been set forth for each **COUNTY AND DISTRICT** and by now I hope that every Christian Baptist Woman in North Carolina has been geared to accomplish the task.

CAREY said: "Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God!"

WOMEN LET US WORK TOGETHER—Every Christian Woman working everywhere for the completion of this great task.

REMEMBER!! God employs no hireling;

His work is done by **His Children**.

REMEMINDER!!

There are only two (2) more quarters left in our Conventional year. January is the beginning of the third (3) quarter.

REMEMBER!! To be regular in forwarding your Quarterly Financial Reports. You have done a great work. The reward is to the faithful.

Contributions Received Through Woman's Office DECEMBER, 1948

Mrs. Hattie Jones, Chapel Hill, Helper Subscription.....	\$ 1.00
Friendship Circle, Mrs. Maggie Burney, Southport (Ocean View).....	4.00
Mrs. Etta Griffin, Maxton, Helper Sales.....	1.40
Mount Pleasant Circle, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	20.47
Pleasant Hill Circle, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	15.00
First Baptist Circle, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	15.00
Damascus Circle, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	15.00
Poplar Springs Circle, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	1.00
Mount Valley Circle, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	2.00
Thankful Circle No. 2, Mrs. Bessie Harris, Wilkesboro.....	3.00
Mrs. Julia Reed, Charlotte, Helper Sales.....	3.00
Vance County Union, Mrs. Cora P. Thomas.....	16.45
Mrs. Daisy Durham, Mount Olive, Helper Sales.....	3.50
Mrs. A. C. Matthews, Weidon, Personal Scholarship.....	2.00
Mrs. H. L. Watson—Mrs. Matthews, Personal Scholarship.....	3.00
Missionary Manuals, Lula Garrett, Durham.....	1.00
First Baptist Circle, Mrs. L. A. Bass, Powellsville.....	3.00
Hooks Grove, Mrs. Essie Sampson, Pikesville.....	2.00
Mount Zion Circle, Mrs. Maude Griffin, Polkton.....	2.00
Mrs. C. A. Boney, Goldsboro, Helper Sales.....	3.50
City Missionary Union, Mrs. C. A. Boney, Goldsboro.....	2.55
Antioch Circle, Middle District, Mrs. L. Wilkerson, Goldsboro.....	3.00
Shiloh Circle, Mrs. Sadie Johnson, Greensboro.....	5.00
Union Hill Circle, Mrs. Fannie E. Harrison, Nashville.....	5.20
Getsemane Circle, Mrs. Nancy Chaplin, Charlotte.....	5.00
Helper Sales, Mrs. Eunice L. Kirby, Reddsville.....	2.00
Wake County Union, Mrs. H. Smith Jones, Raleigh.....	20.00
Mrs. H. Smith Jones, Raleigh, Mimeograph Work.....	2.50
White Rock Circle, Mrs. Nora Leathers, Durham.....	1.50
South Main Street Circle, Mrs. Elsie Williams, Lousburg.....	5.00
Nelson Chapel, Mrs. Valaria Davis, Lousburg.....	5.00
St. James Circle No. 1, Mrs. Rebecca Martin, Rocky Mount.....	5.25
Helper Subscription, Mrs. Maggie Willis, Lexington.....	1.00
Mount Pleasant Circle, Winston-Salem, Reverend R. M. Pitts—Gen. Conv.....	2.00
Shiloh Circle, Winston-Salem, Reverend R. M. Pitts, Gen. Conv.....	6.00
Files Chapel, Mrs. Margie Bangser, Lexington.....	3.00
Mount Vernon Senior Circle, Mrs. B. M. Howsrd, Durham.....	10.60
First Baptist Circle, Mrs. Susie Williams, Lousburg.....	2.00
South Granville Union, Mrs. Mollie Peace, Oxford.....	7.40
Lower Sampson County Union, Mrs. Mayde B. Hayes, Kerr.....	44.60
St. James Circle, Mrs. Vara Bryant, Bolivia.....	2.00
Mount Zion Circle, Mrs. Helen K. Davis, Albemarle.....	29.00
Robeson County Union, Mrs. Isbelle Moseley, Lumberton.....	14.00
Institute Work, Mrs. D. C. Gore, Whiteville.....	31.16
Mrs. Pearl D. Swann, Durham, Helper Subscription.....	1.00
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Galilee Baptist Circle, Mrs. Mattie Avery, Smithfield.....	3.66
Castalia Baptist Circle, Mrs. Annie P. Battle, Castalia.....	3.00
Helper Subscription, Mrs. Martha Cobb, High Point.....	15.00
Ocean View Association Institute, Mrs. B. C. Gore—Mrs. H. Long.....	90.00
Macedonia Circle, Supply, Mrs. Josie Davis—Miss Long.....	5.50
Refund Travel to Lewinwood, Miss Hazel Long.....	.55
Helper Subscription First Nazareth Church, Mrs. Annie Duke, Asheville.....	12.00
Helper Sales, Mrs. Annie Duke, Asheville.....	5.90
Helper Subscription, Mrs. Annie Duke, Asheville (Mrs. Lee Miller).....	1.00
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THE CHRISTIAN HOME
ROBERT G. LEE

The home may be made in a tent, a rented house, an apartment, a mansion, a cabin. The home, as one has said, is a fold that shelters the family from the wolves of lust, strife, unbelief—a harbor in which souls anchor and abide secure from the storms of doubt and carnal stress that are without—a fortress from which citadel the armed forces of love, truth, chastity go forth to bless the world—a sanctuary in which faith builds an altar, opens the

door of prayer, and yields life and life's destiny to God. Moreover, a Christian home is an ante-room to heaven where husband and wife "submit themselves one to another in the fear of God," where parents rear their children in God's nurture and admonition, where children obey their parents, where God's Word has a place, where the Sabbath rolls in tender blessing over the threshold—a field where love grows its orchard of most delicious fruits.

The rocking-chair in a Christian nursery is higher than a

throne. It is not too much to say that though George Washington commanded the forces of the United States, Mary Washington commanded George. Chrysostom's mother sharpened his pen for him and kindled unquenchable spiritual fires in his heart. If a man should start out to run seventy years in a straight line, he could not get from under the shadow of his own mantlepiece. If the modern mother throws the cares of her household into the servant's lap and spends the afternoons and

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EXECUTIVES OF NATIONAL BAPTIST OF AMERICA TO MEET

Jacksonville, Fla.—(Special)—Preparations have been completed here in this city for the coming session of the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, that will be held here March 2nd and 3rd in the Second Baptist Church, located on King's Road, of which Rev. K. D. Britt, D.D., is the pastor and host, along with his members and the Baptist pastors not only of the State Convention residing here, but those who are members of the Florida and East Bethany Association. This meeting will bring to Jacksonville leaders from as far west as California northwest as Chicago, Ill., east to New York and throughout the southeast.

Meeting jointly with the parent body will be the president and secretary of the Senior Women's Convention, Mrs. M. A. Fuller of Austin, Texas, and Mrs. Eva B. White of Baltimore, Md., the Junior Women's Convention, Mrs. Hattie L. E. Williams, President, Miss Mora Dailey, of Athens, Texas, secretary; the Brotherhood Union, Mr. Ira Clark of Houston, Texas, President, Mr. I. H. Swaizey of San Antonio, Texas, secretary. The constitution of the National Baptist Convention of America provides that the Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the parent body, with the chairmen and secretaries of the various boards, and the auxiliaries; thus the Home Mission Board is to be represented by Drs. J. H. L. Smith of Chicago, Ill., and I. M. Hendon of Chicago; the Foreign Miss. Bd. will be represented by Drs. J. C. Lott of Austin, Texas, and J. P. Reeder of Columbia, S. C.; the Educational Board by Drs. P. S. Wilkinson of San Antonio, Texas, and H. B. P. Johnson of New Orleans, La.; the B. Y. P. U. Board by Drs. L. W. Mingo, of Cardondale, Ill., and

REGIONAL RURAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

The 1949 regional rural leadership conferences are to be held under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education of the Sunday School Publishing Board and the American Baptist Theological Seminary on the dates indicated in the following places:

Eastern Regional Conference at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, February 23-25, 1949.

Central Regional Conference at Selma University, Selma, Alabama, March 8-10, 1949.

Western Conference at Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, March 15-17, 1949.

The urgent need of churches, particularly Baptist churches, is resident pastors. This subject, "The Resident Pastor in Town and Country Communities," therefore, has been chosen as the theme of the conference. The plan is to have competent persons to speak on various aspects of this subject, and the conference groups will be divided into smaller groups, also for the purpose of studying the following phases of the subject:

(1) The conditions in Town and Country communities to which resident pastors can make contributions. (2) Types of resident pastors needed in the average town and country community. (3) Who should be concerned about a resident pastor in the town and country commu-

W. A. Joshua of Dallas, Texas; the Benevolent Board by Drs. John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., and S. R. Prince of Fort Worth, Texas; the Evangelical Board by Drs. H. H. Robinson of this city and G. A. Long of Detroit, Mich.; the Publishing Board by Drs. J. B. Ridley and Henry A. Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., the Railroad Commission by Drs. J. M. Harvey of Chicago, Ill., and Henry A. Boyd.

nity. (4) The difficulties in securing resident pastors and how may the difficulties be overcome. (5) The advantages of a resident pastor in town and country communities and how may they be realized.

The speakers in the Eastern Conference will be Rev. S. A. Abrams, President of the West Virginia Baptist State Convention, E. Beckley, W. Va., Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President of the Women's Convention of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Washington, D. C., Mr. John W. Mitchell, Field Agent of Agricultural Extension Service, Hampton, Va., Dr. R. P. Daniel, President Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., Rev. Charles H. Brown, Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.

NEWS NOTES

The Rev. **Leon Pridgeon**, pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Lexington, was guest speaker at the recent observance of Homecoming Day at **Antioch Baptist Church** in Goldsboro. Pastor B. L. Rich was in charge of the services, which were climaxed with an effort to raise funds for the redecoration of the interior of the church.

The Rev. **Alonzo G. Coley**, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kittrell, began his new duties this month as director of Christian Education and Training of the **General Baptist Convention**.

The second annual observance of Homecoming was held at the **New Liberty Baptist Church, Louisburg**, the first Sunday in December. The Rev. Nileus M. Avery, pastor, preached during the morning service, and the afternoon message was given by the Rev. Z. P. Jenkins, pastor of the Christian Church of Franklinton. More than \$1,000.00 is reported to have been received in gifts during the day.

AWARDED Ph.D.



Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, distinguished clergyman, author, educator and scholar, was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., at the winter commencement exercises held at the institution in December.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, is the first Negro to be awarded the highest degree in Church History from the University.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Fisher received his early education in Chicago, and his college degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta. He later was awarded the B.D. degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, and the A.M. degree from the University of Chicago.

In 1918-19, he was Y.M.C.A. secretary at Camp Sherman in Ohio. He served as pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin, from 1920-1922. During his pastorate in Wisconsin, he served one term as president of the Baptist State Convention.

From 1922-1928, he served as professor of Ecclesiastical History at Virginia Union University. In 1927 he accepted the pastorate of the 16th Street Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., and served until 1933 when he was called to his present pastorate at White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.

N. C. COUNCIL OF CREDIT UNIONS ELECT OFFICERS

In the annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Credit Unions held at Gastonia recently, the report showed that there are 95 credit unions in North Carolina operated by Negroes. These unions have assets totaling nearly one million dollars and do a loan business of upwards of two million dollars annually.

The Excelsior Credit Union of Gastonia was host to the council. The Gastonia unit is the largest credit union in the state operated by Negroes and has accumulated assets of more than \$200,000. Annually it pays dividends of four cents on the dollar.

Officers of the council were elected at the Gastonia meeting. The new official board met in Raleigh December 7, to set up goals and chart the course for 1949. The new staff includes, Rev. G. E. Cheek, Raleigh, President; Rev. W. H. Stallings, Edenton, 1st Vice President; Rev. G. W. Thomas, Roxboro, 2nd Vice President; Rev. A. C. Matthews, Weldon, Secretary; Rev. J. W. Wiley, Bricks, Treasurer; Rev. H. L. Mitchell, Statesville, Chaplain; and W. B. Jamison, Littleton, Parliamentarian.

The Executive group also includes, Rev. J. E. Tillett, Edenton, Chairman; Dr. P. W. Jones, Warrenton; C. W. Foster, Wilson; Rev. C. C. Staton, Weldon; W. A. Holmes, Enfield; S. B. Simmons, Greensboro; R. E. Jones, Greensboro; J. H. Moore, Jr., Charlotte; Nathaniel Barber, Gastonia; Rev. J. A. Nimmo, Greenville; Dr. P. A. Bishop, Rich Square.

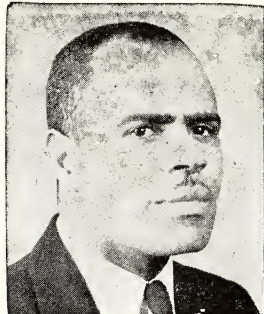
My first wish is to see the whole world in peace, and the inhabitants of it as one band of brothers, striving who should contribute most to the happiness of mankind.—Washington.

CHURCH ON WHEELS

One of the most recent church projects that has attracted national recognition and commendation is the "Church on Wheels."

Recently, the Central Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., pastored by the Rev. T. E. Huntley, native North Carolinian, put a modernly equipped bus, with a radio, piano, library and six trained workers, on the road to reach and teach, if possible, those who are unable, or do not attend church and Sunday School.

The bus school, which is carried into every community in St. Louis, takes children and adults as they are—"dressed up" or "undressed." The bus remains in



THE REV. T. E. HUNTLEY

the community for a given period and then moves on.

The Rev. Mr. Huntley is a native of Wadesboro and is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

Central Baptist is one of the leading churches of America. It has a membership of over 5,000 and a physical plant valued at a quarter million dollars.

"The best homes in every generation are those which cherish religious ideals and put responsibility on growing children."

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN LEADERS ANNOUNCED

A statewide INTERDENOMINATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR LEADERS OF CHILDREN is being planned by the regional denominational leaders of Christian Education in North Carolina to be held on February 25 and 26, 1949, at the First Presbyterian Church, Durham. This workshop is to provide practical training and experience in methods and techniques of creative teaching of children and to give opportunity for sharing ideas across denominational lines. All of those who work or would like to work with children in church schools are invited to attend. Information concerning program and registration can be obtained from either denominational leaders of Christian Education for N. C. or from the office of the North Carolina Council of Churches, Durham.

The Workshop begins on February 25 at 10:00 a. m. and closes at 1:00 p. m., February 26. The delegates to the Workshop will divide into three age groups—Kindergarten, Primary, and Junior to consider how to teach creatively their respective age group. Special attention will be given to the use of music and of recreation in the Church School. An address on the Task of the Church and the Home Teaching Together will be delivered to the whole conference and open to the public on the night of February 25, 1949.

Miss Frances C. Query, Field Representative of the North Carolina Council of Churches with headquarters in Durham, is serving as chairman.

Miss Nezzie Carter, Director of Religious Education of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, Greensboro, and Mrs. H. W. Carlton of the Disciples of

CHRISTIAN PROPOSAL IN CONGRESS

One of the most striking proposals presented to the Eightieth Congress was a Joint Resolution in both Houses of Congress proposing a Christian Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (H. J. Res. 239—S. J. Res. 150).

Many citizens of the United States take it for granted that this is a Christian nation in every necessary way. They are very much surprised to learn that there is no mention of the name of God or Christ or of the Bible in the Constitution of the United States. They have not realized that the Constitution of the United States is a **secular** document, that all the Christian practices of our Government, such as prayer in Congress, the use of the oath, the appointment of chaplains, etc., are supported by tradition only. The recent McCollum decision of the U. S. Supreme Court (forbidding Bible teaching in the public schools of Champaign, Ill.) was in harmony with the United States Constitution, though contrary to the tradition and practice of our public schools, especially in earlier years.

The proposed Christian Amendment to our national Constitution is not something

Christ Church, Durham, head the Hospitality Committee.

The co-chairmen of the Registration Committee are Miss Ruth Day, Field Secretary for Christian Education of the Society of Friends, Guilford College, and Mrs. Ellen S. Alston, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

entirely new. When the Constitution was adopted in 1789 attention was called to two great omissions: not enough recognition of personal rights, NO recognition of the RIGHTS OF GOD.

The first omission referred to above was taken care of at the first session of Congress in the adoption of what we call now "The Bill of Rights," Amendments 1-10. The second omission has never been taken care of; hence this proposed Christian Amendment.

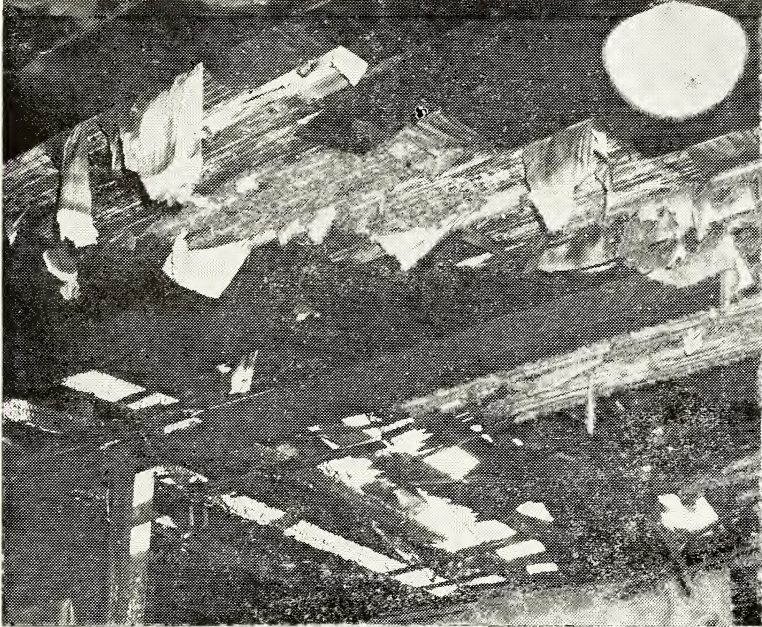
From the time of the adoption of the Constitution there has been a steady witness for the rights of God in our nation. A former President of the United States, John Quincy Adams, who afterward became a member of the House of Representatives, presented a petition for a Christian Amendment in the House of Representatives. President Lincoln read to his Cabinet a paragraph in one of his messages to Congress, proposing a recognition of the Deity in our United States Constitution. There have been eleven proposals presented to Congress as formal Bills for action in the last fifty-four years.

In the meantime the drift in the life of our nation has been definitely toward secularism. Our people in their home life, business life, social life, and even in their church life, are becoming more and more secular—like the Constitution of our nation!

Godless communism is apparently striving for world domination. The godless secularism of the United States is at a distinct disadvantage in its attempt to resist the godless communism which threatens all democracy.

Democracy is the product of Protestant Christianity. The United States as a democracy is endeavoring to continue as a democracy and resist the enemies of democracy while at the same time refusing to acknowledge the GOD "That made" and Who alone can "preserve us a

Fayetteville Street Church At Raleigh Badly Damaged by Fire



The Fayetteville Street Baptist Church of Raleigh, the Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor, was badly damaged by fire Thursday, January 13, as a result of an overheated stove in the basement. The photo above shows a portion of the roof. Damage is estimated at \$20,000.

At present the church is holding services at the Shaw University Greenleaf Chapel.

nation." Many Christian citizens are expressing interest in the effort to give God His Rights in our nation. They recognize at once that this is the right thing to do.

One of the aims of those who are promoting this Christian Amendment is to get information regarding it out to the citizens of our nation. TRACT RACKS such as shown in the illustration have been prepared and will be sent free to those who will put them in public places, such as doctors' offices, railroad stations, hotel lobbies, etc., and keep them supplied with literature. The literature for these racks is also provided free. The address of The Christian Amendment Movement is 914 Clay Street, Topeka, Kansas.

RADIO PROGRAM INCREASES INTEREST IN THE BIBLE

There is no doubt that today there is a general increase in religious interest, as reflected by the increase in religious activity, reading of the Bible, and church attendance. Religious programs on the air have helped a great deal in bringing this about, and one of the most important programs in this respect is "The Greatest Story Ever Told," the dramatic presentation of the teachings of Christ which has been honored as one of the outstanding programs in the history of radio.

Dr. Frederick W. Cropp, secretary of the American Bible Society, pointed to this program as

an outstanding example of what radio can do for religion. Dr. Cropp's society distributes millions of leaflets each year suggesting helpful Bible reading. In the society's work over many years, Dr. Cropp has noticed that today, more than ever before, the Bible is a "living book" which continues to be the "best seller" by all standards.

"The Greatest Story Ever Told," heard over the ABC network Sundays at 6:30 p.m., EST, is probably the first religious radio program which has dramatized the teachings of Christ in a way which makes these teachings reflect the problems of our lives today.

It is the only program on the air which portrays the voice of Christ in actual passages from

the Bible, and its high quality in presentation and strong influence on the listener has brought many of them to read the Bible more often and more carefully. Since this program is broadcast to fifty-eight countries throughout the world, in addition to our own land, its influence is really worldwide.

THINK ON THESE THINGS

When we surrender unchristian attitudes, life works better, works well.—E. Stanley Jones.

The people who influence you are not the people who are always trying to correct you by criticism, but the people who believe in you, who love you and inspire you.—E. Stanley Jones.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

—Emerson.

The principles of Jesus do not enthrone themselves in human society without the assistance of the church.—Charles E. Jefferson.

Men want a cheap Christ, but the price will not come down.—Rutherford.

A new life is the best and most sublime penitence.—Martin Luther.

God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him.—Peter.

"God causes the wrath of man to praise him and the tyranny and cruelty of man to serve his divine purpose."

JUST FOR FUN

"Brother Jones," said the deacon, "are you-all going to donate a small contribution to the fund for fencing in the cemetery?"

"I don't know as I can," replied Brother Jones. "I don't see any use in a fence around a cemetery. Those who are in there can't get out, and those who are out don't want to get in."

A farmer had 20 employes on his farm, and as none of them were as energetic as he thought they should be, so he hit upon a plan which would cure them of their lazy habits.

"Men," he said one morning, "I have a nice easy job for the laziest man on the farm. Will the laziest man step forward?"

Instantly 19 of them stepped forward.

"Why don't you step forward with the rest?" inquired the farmer of the remaining one.

"Too much trouble," came the reply.

—San. Sun.

Customer: "Say, waiter, is this an incubator chicken?"

Waiter: "I don't know, sir. Why?"

Customer: "It must be. No chicken with a mother could have gotten this tough."

A drop of honey catches more flies than a hoghead of vinegar.

—Old Proverb.



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

—E. STANLEY JONES



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nights at clubs, operas, theaters she may clothe her children with satins and laces that would confound a French milliner, but her children are orphans. And there are too many orphans today.

There are evidences that the influence of the home is less strong on the constructive side than in earlier days. The home has experienced difficulty in keeping pace with alternative diversions, in consequence of which the parent-child relationship is threatened. The influence of the home is foundational and primary. The purification and power of our national life is dependent upon the home. The overproduction of spiritual pygmies today is traceable to the absence of great homes. Great homes are necessary to produce great men.

We have education today, but education has not eliminated crime, even though our great educational leaders of the last century promised the abolishment of crime if only we would educate—build schools, support them, and pass compulsory attendance laws for all children. These well-intentioned men said then that in a generation crime would be a thing of the past. We did all this, but crime is still with us. On unimpeachable authority, we have the cost of crime in this country — fifteen billions of dollars—overtopping by some billions a year all the money spent for educational, religious and charitable purposes put together. As Livy said of his day, "Our vices have risen to so great a height that we can endure neither the burden of them nor the sharpness of their remedy."

Lawlessness in the nation gets its start by the fireside. The child that respects not the authority of parents will not respect the authority of God

and "the powers that be" when he comes to manhood. Many children are ruined by the over-indulgence of a pair of easy-going church-complacent parents. God said about Abraham, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Today, parental authority, as some wit has said, has not disappeared, but has only changed hands. Children have taken it over, he says.

L. E. Thomas, boys' secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Memphis, Tennessee, told me of some boys who were caught stealing golf balls at the "Stop and Sock" Golf Club. The fathers and mothers of these boys called Mr. Thomas in to counsel with him as to what to do with these boys. Can you imagine the old-fashioned fathers and mothers of a generation past doing a thing like that? My old father—deacon for forty-two years in a Baptist church—would have done no such absurd thing. Nor my mother. Nor yours. Parents of years gone by would have done a little "socking and stopping" on their own account. I think we need some old-fashioned, Bible-loving, God-fearing, children-bearing and children-ruling fathers and mothers who "command their children after them."

Out of one hundred and twenty ministers who were addressed in a Western state, one hundred said that Christian influence in the home had much to do with their conversion and service in the ministry. A large proportion of young people who recently joined a certain church on profession of faith made claim that the influence of their homes turned them to think on the way of salvation and eternal life. But Tom Paine said, "I was an infidel before I was five years old." And Lord Byron, marvelous poet that he was, debauchee that he was, mistreated by his mother

when he was a crippled child, said, "Untrained in youth my heart to tame, my springs of life were poisoned."

William Lyon Phelps, Bible and English teacher and great Christian, recently said, "I am extremely grateful to my parents for the religious and spiritual training they gave me. Every day of my life I am grateful. I would rather belong to the church than to receive any honor in the world. The hardest task in the world is the bringing up of children, and the chief reason is that example is so much more important than precept." Can parents lie about a child's age and teach it truthfulness? Can parents receive too much change and keep that change and expect the child to be honest? Can parents tell "little white lies" and expect the child to tell the truth? Can parents refuse to pray and expect to have prayerful children? Can parents habitually absent themselves from church and expect their children to love and properly evaluate the church.

Spiritually dark homes make bad boys and turn bad girls into bad women. If doctors were as careless in their practice of medicine as many of us are in our manifestations of a Christ-like spirit in the home, there would be large additions to all our cemeteries. Let us learn first to show piety at home—hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly—all the time.

A man's home is a real fortress in a warring world. But let us not forget that there is a vast difference in a house and a home. A house is built by human hands, but a home is built by human hearts. Only one calamity can ruin a home—the death of love. When love dies, the home is in ruins—and all the material riches, successes, and pleasures of living cannot supply what has been lost.

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The Christian Home

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We need to get back to God's standards for a Christian home as Christ would have us to maintain it. How we need to exalt the sacredness of the marriage tie! How we need to give Christ the throne, not the footstool in our homes! We need Christlike homes where the Bible is read daily, where prayer is made daily, where love is expressed daily, where the whole family attends church together, where conversation about the things of the kingdom of God is a rule rather than an exception, where the family income is tithed and taken to God's house, where God's law of piety and conduct is respected, where parents understand that children do not have to understand all the Bible

to be saved. What child has to know that there are seven colors in every ray of light in order to recognize its mother's face? What child has to know about the laws of gravitation to learn to walk? What child has to know the velocity of sound waves in order to know its father's voice? When will the homes cease to handicap churches by telling children that they are not old enough to trust Christ?

Someday we must leave our earthly homes—for death, whose only palace is a huge sepulcher, whose only pleasure fountains are the falling tears of the world, whose only laughter is a wail, whose only music is a sob of broken hearts, is busy. Someday, if the Lord Jesus lingers longer, you and I will have to stand face to face with the black

door of death and deal with death—the one sanctity that all men respect, the one gesture that melts the hardest, the one awe that appalls the impious, the one stroke of common sense that annihilates our folly, the one preacher of righteousness and justice and nobility whose lips cannot be stilled.

—From The Anchor.

Sam: "My wife is always asking me for money."

Henry: "What does she do with all that money?"

Sam: "I haven't given her any yet."

So the bride's mother wept at the wedding?

Yes, the cops arrested the old man for carrying a gun.

—Ex.