HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF
LOUISVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME
SPRING MEADOWS
1869-1969

I Background

For a background it would be difficult to improve upon the following from *A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, setting forth the Work, Opportunities and Needs of this Kentucky Baptist Institution*. Published in connection with the 60th Anniversary and Home Coming Celebration on June 30th, 1929. (page 3):
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The German Baptists in Louisville had become interested in helping orphans as early as 1867 when John Horn had contributed fifty dollars for the assistance of orphans. Rev. Andreas Henrich, the pastor of the German Baptist Church in Louisville at that time, promoted the work and formed the "Bethesda Society" to provide for orphans and neglected children. On October 2, 1871, a residence on Clay Street was opened resulting in the development later of the German Baptist Orphans' Asylum. In November, 1877 a permanent building was provided near Cave Hill. A picture of this home appears in the Baptist Argus, February 6, 1902, (page 10). In July 1916 the Home was transferred to St. Joseph, Michigan. The building is now the Eastern Star Home, located at the end of a narrow street called Eastern Star Drive, opposite 922 Cherokee Drive. (These Glorious Years: The Centenary History of German Baptists of North America, 1843-1943, pages 170-173; Ramaker, Albert John, The German Baptists in North America, pages 110-112.)
II ORGANIZATION-1869

To Walnut Street Baptist Church must go the praise and glory for the origin of the idea and for the organization and promotion of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home. This church has sponsored and developed institutions and churches affecting Louisville, the state of Kentucky, the nation and the world.

To George Claude Lorimer (1838-1904) pastor of the above church (1862-1868) in this critical period of our nation's history must go the credit for seeing the need and putting the responsibility upon the hearts of the right persons to carry the project through. Dr. Lorimer was later pastor of churches in Albany, New York, Boston, Chicago, and New York City.

To Miss Mary A. Hollingsworth must go the credit for developing the idea into actuality and for serving as the first superintendent of the Home. She was a native of Todd County, Kentucky. (F. M. Masters, A History of Baptists in Kentucky, page 363, The Orphans' Friend, Thanksgiving Supplement, 1891, page 1). On July 6, 1869, she was chosen to be the first superintendent. She served the home for 36 years, having to retire because of ill health in March, 1905. She lived six years longer, with relatives, and died at the home of a niece in Howell, Indiana, on Monday, January 16, 1911. Her funeral was conducted at the Home and burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery. She was a member of Broadway Baptist Church at the time of her death. (Western Recorder, January 19, 1911, page 9; Minutes of Long Run Association, 1911, page 13).

At this point (March, 1869) other Baptist Churches in Louisville began to work with Walnut Street toward founding a home. Rev. W. C. Van Meter came from New York City to Louisville and delivered three lectures in Walnut Street Church urging the immediate establishment of the home. His subject was "Fifteen Years' Work in Howard's Mission, at Five Points, New York City." He came at the invitation of W. R. Weller, a cousin, who paid his expenses. Eleven hundred dollars in cash and seven hundred dollars in pledges were realized. This money was held in trust for the building fund by the Walnut Street Church until a charter was granted to the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home. ("History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, gathered from the Records", by E. D. Orborne (a Director), in The Orphans' Friend, Thanksgiving Supplement, 1891, page 1.)
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"On June 21, 1869 the ladies of the different Baptist Churches in the City met to formulate plans for definite work. The name chosen for the organization was "The Society of the Baptist Home for Helpless Children". This Society had also hoped to start a day nursery but the other part of the work grew too fast to admit the additional effort.

"Art. 8 of the first Constitution reads: "This Society shall hold itself ready to transfer its work entirely into the hands of the Baptist brethren of this city whenever these shall have organised for the establishment of a permanent Home."

"The Ladies' Board of this Society was a strong representative body, and they lost no time in arranging to go on with the work. On the memorable day of June 30, 1869 "The Home for Helpless Children" was opened at 828 W. Walnut Street, Louisville. Mr. W. L. Weller agreed to stand good for the rent for one year - the money that had been raised for the Permanent Home not being available for anything else. The three little children who were the first occupants of this Home were installed amid joy and thanksgiving. Mrs. M. J. Brown, mother of Mrs. Lizzie H. Woodbury, of Walnut Street Baptist Church, volunteered as a work of love, to care for the children till the proper person could take permanent charge.

"On July 6, 1869, God sent the woman He had chosen for the work. The Society had centered upon her, and Dr. Lorimer had singled her out, but through it all there was the divine leading. She was in truth, a worker of God's own choosing, and many have arisen to bless the mission and name of Mary Hollingsworth." (From A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home... 1929, page 4.)
III EVENTS OF 1870

A charter for the Home was received on January 29, 1870; the incorporators were: Joseph D. Allen, Arthur Peter, William B. Caldwell, G. W. Burton, W. H. Yeager, William H. Dix, H. G. Phillips, Theodore Harris, William L. Weller and J. Lawrence Smith. Most of the men named here were members of Walnut Street Church, but Theodore Harris, a banker, and Dr. G. W. Burton, medical missionary to China, were members of the Chestnut Street Church (Weaver Memorial). The first Board of Managers was composed of J. D. Allen, W. B. Caldwell, Arthur Peter, G. W. Burton, W. H. Yeager, W. H. Dix, H. G. Phillips, Theodore Harris and J. Lawrence Smith. The Lady Board of Managers consisted of the following: Mrs. E. A. Allen, Mrs. Margaret Mauzy, Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Helen R. Daives, Mrs. S. J. Evans, Mrs. J. D. Allen, Mrs. Mary Higgert, Mrs. H. G. Phillips, Mrs. W. L. Weller, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. G. W. Burton, Mrs. Toyon, Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Arthur Peter. (A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home...1929, p. 4; Kimbrough, B. T., The History of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1949, p. 102.

Tribute is due one of the very interesting personalities of Walnut Street Church. In the 1830's and 1840's there grew up in Louisville a young woman by the name of Sarah Julia Guthrie. She was one of three daughters of James Guthrie (1782-1869), Secretary of the Treasury under President Franklin Pierce, President of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and United States Senator from Kentucky. Sarah Julia Guthrie became a Christian and was baptized into the fellowship of Walnut Street Baptist Church, June 7, 1851. On June 21, 1852, she was married to J. Lawrence Smith, a teacher in The School of Medicine at the University of Louisville. The couple never had any children. The two other Guthrie daughters became Mrs. John Caperton and Mrs. Wm. B. Caldwell. Sarah Julia Caperton (May 1, 1861 - June 2, 1878, named for her aunt); and Mary Elisabeth Caperton (April 12, 1859 - October 11, 1888) were born to her sister Mrs. John (Mary E.) Caperton (January 6, 1823 - April 23, 1901). William Beverly Caldwell, Jr. (August 10, 1851 - September 30, 1880) and Lawrence Smith Caldwell (August 18, 1857 - January 19, 1880), were born to Mrs. William B. (Ann Augusta) Caldwell (January 14, 1825 - January 8, 1872). Of these children two lived to be 29 years old, one 22, another 17. Only one of them ever married. When the last one of these four nephews and nieces died, in 1888, Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith announced to John A. Broadus (October, 1888) that she planned to give $50,000.00 to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for the erection of a library building as a memorial to them. (Review and Expositor, 1960, Vol. 57, page 228).

Prior to the gift referred to above, Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith made extensive gifts to the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home. Early in 1870 a lot 200 feet square at First Street and St. Catherine was given by Mrs. Smith to be the permanent building site of the Home. Also she made a gift of $5,000.00. Then Mrs. Smith, with her two sisters, Mrs. John Caperton and Mrs. Wm. B. Caldwell, contributed some valuable real estate and an additional $10,000.00 in cash.

"The other $10,000.00 to complete the $20,000.00 necessary to the construction of the building was mainly raised by Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith and Mrs. Arthur Peter." (A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home...1929, page 4)
EVENTS OF 1870 (Continued)

Ground breaking exercises for the first building were held at First and St. Catherine (1022 South First Street on the West side of First Street, North of St. Catherine) on March 21, 1870. "Mrs. Margaret Mauzey, eighty years old, but one of the best workers of the Society, lifted the first spade full of earth". "She was followed by Mrs. Arthur Peter, Mrs. Helen Dawes, Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. Mary Biggert, Mrs. G. C. Creighton and several other members of the Ladies Board". (The Orphans' Friend, vol. 38, 1909, p. 235). "The religious services were conducted by Dr. A. T. Spalding, Dr. S. L. Helm and Dr. J. M. Weaver - the short historical address being given by Dr. J. Lawrence Smith". (The Orphans' Friend, v. 38, 1909, p. 235).

Construction seems to have started immediately and good progress was made so that the first wing of the Home was completed by December 19, 1870 and dedicated, "and in the midst of the dedication service a beautiful rain bow spanned the sunlit sky, seeming to be the happy promise of God's protecting care for the Home". (A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans Home, 1929, p. 4). "Dr. J. M. Weaver read the scriptures, Dr. S. L. Helm offered prayer, Dr. J. Lawrence Smith gave the historical sketch and Dr. A. T. Spalding made the address". (The Orphans' Friend, v. 38, 1909, p. 235).

"The building looked very handsome to the happy family that took possession of it. It was well built, and everything had been done to make it worthy. Even the timber and flooring had been selected and put up for seasoning before ground was broken for the building... Miss Hollingsworth was proud and happy, and for those who had worked so long the day was set down in letters of Gold... Everything went well with the Home; and as the years went on its friends looked out for its needs". (The Orphans' Friend, v. 38, 1909, p. 235).
IV. EVENTS OF 1871, 1872, AND 1873

"On January 20, 1871, the church (Walnut Street) held the election for its members of the Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home. The old members consisting of J. Lawrence Smith, Arthur Peter, W. B. Caldwell, W. H. Dix, W. L. Weller and two new ones, James Callahan and Daniel G. Parr, were elected." (Kimbrough, B. T., The History of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1949, p. 104).

The first issue of The Orphans' Friend was published on January 1, 1872, with Miss Mary Hollingsworth and Miss E. J. Robertson as "Editors". Two purposes of the paper were to furnish information to persons interested in the Home and to enlist support for the Home from out over the state. As of January 1, 1872, there were 48 children being cared for in the Home.

"In 1872 Dr. Wm. M. Pratt took up the question of a library for the Home. He collected enough money at the General Association to buy 150 volumes, and the Broadway Baptist Church gave a $300 book case. In 1873 the Young Ladies Society of Walnut Street, organized by Mrs. Sallie Neill Roach, fitted up the library." (The Orphans' Friend, v. 38, 1909, p. 235).

In 1873 the Young Ladies Society of Broadway, organized by Mrs. M. E. Hagan, arranged for a better equipped infirmary. (The Orphans' Friend, v. 38, 1909, p. 235).

"In 1873 the work of the home was broadened by the thorough canvas of Professor J. W. Rust among the Baptists of the State. The aims of the Home were explained, and committees appointed to look after the work in the churches. Great interest was awakened, and with the help that began to come in from all quarters, a greater number of children came, too, to share in the advantages of the Home." (The Orphans' Friend, v. 38, 1909, p. 235, 236).

It was noted that in March of 1869 the work was broadened to include other churches than Walnut Street in Louisville. Now the interest became state wide. Dr. J. W. Rust was an owner of the Western Recorder for a few years prior to 1871. In 1871 he became
EVENTS OF 1871, 1872, and 1873 (Continued)

financial agent for the Home. A year later he became principal of Bethel Female College at Hopkinsville. (Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists, p. 1178).

Dr. George C. Lorimer was the pastor of Walnut Street Church during the early planning for the home, up to his resignation March 20, 1868. Dr. A. T. Spalding came as pastor of the church in September, 1868. He immediately became actively involved in the interests of the Home, up until October, 1871. He was succeeded by Dr. M. B. Wharton in April, 1872 and he served until February, 1875.
Up to this point much use has been made of the article entitled "Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home and Its Beginnings, Recollections of the Secretary of the old Walnut Street Aid Society", by Mrs. Lizzie H. Woodbury, in The Orphans' Friend, 1909, vol. 38 (pages 232-252). From 1874 until 1909 it seems that the best method of presenting a historical sketch of the Home is to reproduce that article in sections and to add headings and comments.

Plans For Further Building—The Central Wing

In 1874 it was apparent that before long there would be need to put up the central wing of the building. On March 4 of the same year Charlie Crewdson, of Auburn, gave a dollar to start the building fund. Miss Hollingsworth made a strong appeal to the Baptists of Kentucky, and in 1875, sent flower seeds to all the children in the State who would work for the new building.

Deeper Meaning of the Purpose of the Home

It had begun to be well understood what the Home was doing for the children sheltered there. And it was not done for them alone—but for the countless numbers whom they have been going out to help. Only the Book of Life will register the great roll-call of those who have been lifted and redeemed by the work of the Home.

An incident connected with the early history of the Home will speak for many others. One cold winter night, Mr. Jordan Giles, a great worker for the orphans, met on his way out to the Home, a little, crying, ragged girl. She was barefoot, and Mr. Giles, who had a business engagement at the Home, picked her up, and wrapping her in his overcoat, carried her with him. Subsequent investigation showed that the little thing had no one to care for her. Her mother had died several days before, and the woman who had her was glad to get rid of her. She became an inmate of the Home and the years brought her to a beautiful and gracious womanhood. Through Mr. Giles' aid she became a good musician, and finally went South to teach...
Deeper Meaning...

music. She married there, and at a convention became attracted to one of the speakers who was strangely like her mother. While he had been speaking, he was looking, too, at the young woman, who reminded him of his sister. When they met, after the meeting, they found they were indeed uncle and niece.

The fortunes of the war had separated the family, and it is pleasant to add, that in the restoration of the family relations, the young woman found that she had also come into a comfortable fortune. In the letter that she wrote at once to Miss Hollingsworth, she said: "Under God I owe all that I am to you and Mr. Giles and that blessed Orphans' Home."

This is only a single story out of many, for hundreds of men and women in happy homes to-day owe all that they are to the far-reaching work of our Orphans' Home.

Financing, Constructing and Dedicating the Central Wing

It was a long time before the hope of having the new building became a reality. There was a constantly increasing number of orphans, and the managers saw that all money not given for the endowment fund must be invested so as to bring in a steady income. But on February 28, 1891, Capt. Wm. F. Norton, who felt that the building must go up, brought the matter to an issue. He had investigated the probable cost, and gave $5,000 for himself and his mother, on condition that the additional necessary $22,000 was raised. This was throwing down the gauntlet to the Baptists of Kentucky—and they responded as a man. Conditions were so satisfactory that the corner stone of the new building was laid October 13, 1891.

It was a very joyous occasion. The scripture was read by Rev. F. D. Hale, and there were five addresses: Historical sketch, Dr. H. A. Tupper; "Religion in the Home," Dr. J. M. Weaver; "Congratulations," Dr. J. William Jones; "Why Should We Care For The Home?" Dr. John A. Broadus; "Good Results of the Home," Dr. A. T. Robertson, who also took up a collection of $800 for the building fund. The depositing of the box of relics, laying of the corner stone, and prayer by Dr. J. M. Weaver, who had made the dedication prayer at the opening of the Home in 1889.

The finished central wing was dedicated October 2, 1892. Dr. A. T. Spald-
FINANCING...

In delivering the Historical address, told the story of his plea for the orphans before the Association at Walnut Street. He had said that he could bring in thirty-five convincing arguments for the Home in five minutes—and he brought them—thirty-five orphans—arguments indeed, that won their way to every heart.

Dr. Spalding was followed by Dr. E. C. Dargan, who made a fine address, and took up a collection of $900. The dedication prayer was made by Dr. John A. Broadus.

Pictures of the Home in The Orphans’ Friend up through December 15, 1892 show only one "wing", three stories, at a street intersection (St. Catherine St.) to the left, or on the south. The building faced First Street, on the west side. As of January 15, 1893 the pictures show an additional, larger central wing, to the north, with passage ways for all three floors. A "north wing" was never added.

Silver Anniversary Celebrated, 1894

The silver anniversary was celebrated October 2, 1894—unavoidably a little later in the year than really due. Dr. J. M. Weaver made the opening prayer; Dr. John A. Broadus read the 37th psalm, the one read at the first opening; and Dr. J. B. Marvin made the address of welcome; Dr. T. T. Eaton gave the Historical sketch and introduced Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer, who in that long ago had made the first plea for our orphans, and who had come from Boston to speak on this great occasion. His subject was: "Memories of the Past and Deeds of the Future." After his address, both he and Dr. Eaton made eloquent appeals on behalf of the Home. They received money and pledges amounting to $4,500—$600 of it for current expenses.

Great preparations had been made for this anniversary. A reception had been arranged for by the ladies of the different Baptist churches, and the Home had been handsomely decorated by Mrs. T. J. Osborne, Miss Hattie Mullins, and Mrs. B. M. Sherrill. Among other things, the "Memorial quilt," which had brought in $5,000, was on exhibition. The new building contained twenty-seven large rooms, with dining room and chapel, each 45 by 25 feet in size. The rooms were named for different individuals, societies and churches that had paid for the furnishing, and, in many cases, for future care.
RED-LETTER DAY.

The Baptist Orphans Home has had happy occasions on Thanksgiving, New Years, etc., but never did it have the second of October, its twenty-ninth anniversary. Everything—the weather, the new, fine addresses, the music—inspired to make it a success. The exercises were held in the large yard, and it made it delightful. Benches and benches were placed out there for the accomodating people, and yet the crowd was so great the friends had to stand.

The program consisted of the Ladies' and Gentleman's Orphans, the Weller, and the ministrations were all the children, singing faces, for such as whom the large twenty-five years ago.

The exercises were begun by a letter from Mrs. Weaver. This was followed by Scripture by Dr. J. A. Bronson, the same one read at the opening on this occasion. Dr. J. B. Marvin made the welcome address, which was greatly enjoyed by the vast crowd, full of pungent truths, and bring recognition of all who had worked for the home. He even told Aunt Caroline and Uncle Sam, of the past, and who he would advise to their children as sister and brother, legal of God, "who said," he said, "had found the state. She had been able to strike open, and money come forth. She was the Liz Saney to the Mississippi, this to Tennessee, in the interest of. She has been the only agent of the Home who has conducted its affairs admirably. She was the most remarkable woman, for she stood in the house looking glass. And I may say, the first looking glass in the house was of reservation, and was original given by Mr. John to his wife. Miss Hollingsworth getting things started that she was for her trunk. Mr. Spalding, somewhat disarranged, jested with her, and he had never had a mirror. That evening, and on the following morning, Mr. John Hegans sent his the best, both of which are yet to be five years of use in the home. The exhibition the first rocking in the home.

"Home Divine," by Mrs. Nettie and Mr. C. H. Dobrman, a short history of the home. The home was first started in a house on Walnut Street; how the Dr. Lawrence Smith and his house is a new known as the old building, how the handsome new and the home was in full view, and to see how the work had grown, so much as to require the large house now known as the Louisville Baptist Orphans Home. He spoke of the singular fact that there had been but one tenant, one president of the Ladies' Board, and, quite important, but one cook. There have been but three presidents of the Gentleman's Board, and, all of them physicians. Dr. J. Lawrence Smith and Dr. Caldwell, who had "gone before." Twenty-five years hence he hoped that Miss Mary would be present to witness the golden anniversary.

Dr. Eaton's address was brief and to the point as is everything he says. He introduced Dr. Lorimer, the orator of the occasion, by saying that his name came from laurens, a lass or a spun, and if you wanted to make things go, just get Dr. Lorimer after them.

Every one of that vast throng of people listened, spell-bound, to the able address of the great Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer. Many in the audience knew him years ago, when he was pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, and his familiar voice was caught troup of happy recollections well to them. But even those who now listen to him for the first time, is drawn toward him.

His subject was, "Memories of the Past and Needs of the Future." He went back to the time, just after the close of the war, when so many children were left helpless and homeless, and how they had to be placed in Catholic institutions. He said he was grateful to think they had a place to go, but that it was not right for us, Protestants, to impose our children on them. It was in no spirit of narrowness that made him want to have a home of our own for them, but was a matter of simple justice. Then by the aid and prayers of the good sisters of Walnut Street Baptist Church, the work of beginning such a home was begun.

Bro. Weller, that devoted friend of the orphans, volunteered to pay a year's rent. And, God bless him, he has never wavered in his friendship for the home in all this quarter of a century. Not long after that Dr. Lorimer moved from Louisville, but still retained his deep interest in the work and helped it by correspondence. He received a letter from dear old Aunt Peggy Mauze asking advice as to the matron to be selected. He immediately suggested "Miss Mary," and at this point in his address he paid her one of the most glowing tributes ever given a woman, and at which she blushed as a girl.

He said he believed God had laid his shining finger on her to do this noble work, and that she had done it well.

After mentioning many who had helped the home in various ways, he said that we must not deal alone with memories. There is a work to be done now and for the future. Such a home as this needs an endowment fund. He then made an appeal, assisted by Dr. Eaton, and was rewarded by $5,000—$5,000 for the endowment and $600 for current expenses.

His address was replete with beautiful illustrations, and was a masterpiece.

After the collection, little Miss Emma Barnes sang sweetly, "When the Roses Come Again." Dr. Marvin then announced that the house was thrown open for everyone; that there were no last-strings, and everybody was welcome to every part of the house; and that refreshments would be served to all.

People eagerly availed themselves of the opportunity, and went through the building and partook of the lunch, which was both substantial and refreshing. It consisted of delicious coffee and sandwiches. The ladies of the different churches had it in charge, and about a thousand people were served.

The reception lasted from three o'clock until ten at night, and the house presented a beautiful scene, people moving through the house and enjoying seeing the building and the children. The orchestra played the sweetest music and added greatly to the pleasure of everybody. As soon as the musicians would stop to rest, people would begin to ask, "Where is the music?" Two of the Gentleman's Board kindly paid for it.

At night the house was brilliantly lighted, and friends went in and out in a constant stream.

In the chapel young Mr. Robert Allen, one of our former boys, made a beautiful talk. He is going to Georgetown College this year to enter the ministry.

Twenty-five children who once lived under the friendly roof of the Louisville Baptist Orphans Home, but who are now happily situated in homes of their own or of their adopted families, came to the anniversary services.

The silver anniversary was a time of reunion for many people and of happiness for all. A feeling of goodwill prevailed, and it was with a pardonable pride that the Baptists looked upon their "Orphans' Home." It was a feeling of deep gratitude, too, that thrilled the hearts of the Christian people who gathered there to think how much good the home had done—saved nine hundred children from want and distress.

It seems that the good Heavenly Father has given his benediction upon this home. We believe that he has, and pray the Baptists of Kentucky may continue to love and cherish and support this loved object.

JESSIE DONENHEY MILLER.

NOTES ABOUT THE ANNIVERSARY.

Three thousand people called during the afternoon and evening and one thousand took refreshments.

We are indebted to the daily papers for their nice notices.

The decoring was kindly done by Miss Hattie Mullins, Mrs. T. D. Osborne, and Mrs. Sherrill.

The memorial quilt, which brought five thousand dollars several years ago, was looked at with a great deal of interest.

We are grateful to our friends, the United States Baking Company, for a barrel of delicious sweetcakes for the children; to Mr. Merhoff, who has been our milkman for twenty-five years, for two gallons of the richest cream; to the Pictet Ice Company for one thousand pounds of ice; and to many friends for flowers.

Mrs. B. M. Sherrill gave a silver dollar for each of her children. The absent ones told her to be sure to give a dollar for them, too.

Read the sketch of Dr. Lorimer. His has been an interesting career.
Officers of the Home—Only Three Presidents

Dr. J. Lawrence Smith

The Home has been very fortunate in its officers. There have been three Presidents of the Board of Managers. The first, Dr. J. Lawrence Smith, was a scientist of international reputation. He was a member of the greatest scholarly organizations in Europe, and a corresponding member of the Institute of France. But Kentucky Baptists love to think of him as a friend to the orphans. He was a noble giver. He and his wife gave over $80,000 to the foundation and support of the Home. Dr. Smith died in 1883.

William B. Caldwell

His successor, Dr. William B. Caldwell, was a man of rare influence in his church and community. He had been, from the first, identified with the work of the Home, and he was a great power in upbuilding its interests. He and his wife—a sister of Mrs. J. Lawrence Smith—were royal givers and they will always live in the loving, earnest work they did for the Home. Dr. Caldwell died in 1892.

Dr. J. B. Marvin

The third President, Dr. J. B. Marvin, who had been Second Vice-President, brought to the office, what he had long before given to the Home—the wisdom of a physician and the heart of a Christian gentleman. Working first with Dr. Cox, then as physician-in-charge, Dr. Marvin has given the Home many years of earnest service and devotion. In September, 1884, he became a member of the Board of Managers, and now, having long ago reached his silver anniversary as physician, he is nearing the shining milestone as a member of the Board. It is worth a life time of work to be so beloved as Dr. Marvin is by the little children of the Home. There is no sight more tender and beautiful than the good physician with one little one in his arms, and a rosy group clinging lovingly round his knees. And it is Dr. Marvin that looks, too, after things great and small that affect the well-being of the Home. He is never too busy to spare time for its work—never too weary to answer its calls for help. He and his wife—a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Norton, Sr., are workers together for the best interests of the Home.
Financial Support, Norton Endowment

Speaking of the needs of the Home, it should be said here that there have been times, and that recently, when friends who have been in close touch with the Home have had to stretch forth a helping hand to provide emergency supplies for the children's comfort.

When the Baptists of Kentucky really understand the condition of the Orphans' Home, they will see to it that these little children shall always have an abundance of food and clothing. There is a beautiful Home here, and it is well furnished. But to care for a hundred children with their helpers and teachers, takes a much more generous support than is being given. The Home property includes six or seven houses that are under rent—but sometimes these houses are vacant, and they are always to be kept in repair—which reduces the income. There is the endowment left by Capt. W. F. Norton. It was a princely gift and the crowning one of many from the same giver. It all belongs to the orphans, but it is an endowment—and nothing but the interest can be used. Thus far, about $150,000 of the money has come in, and has been added to the other endowment fund, making in all, about $175,000. The rest of Capt. Norton's gift—some thousands of acres of land—is scattered through the Western States; and, till this is sold, which is being done as rapidly as possible, it is, of course, an expense.

Mr. Frank Miller, the banker, a member of the Board of Managers, looks after the endowment fund. It is invested in nothing but the safest possible bonds, but they bear an average interest of only four per cent. A calculation readily shows us that the income for the year is only $7,000, and as the expense of the Home averages $18,000, it is easy to see that the Baptists of Kentucky must give over $10,000 a year in order to care for these orphans that the Lord has given into their keeping.
Orthodox or Offbeat, County Court
File of Wills Makes Lively Reading

By FRED MINSHALL
Courier-Journal & Times Staff Writer

Perhaps the most colorful will ever probated in Jefferson County Court was drawn up by a man who loved parties but didn't care for Louisville very much.

In the will, probated in 1903, William F. Norton said that if he should die in Louisville—"in which dead town I have been buried alive for so many years"—he wanted his friends to accompany his body to Cincinnati aboard a Pullman car stocked with fine food and drink.

There, his body was to be cremated as a band played for his friends outside the cemetery.

The somewhat unorthodox funeral was not carried out, not because of any court action but because Norton died in California. Most of his $1 million estate went to the Louisville Baptist Orphans Home.

A number of unusual wills—including some scrawled on wallpaper, calling cards and sample ballots—have been probated in County Court over the years.

But a number of others—including wills that would seem to be perfectly valid to the untrained eye—have run into trouble in the courts.

County Judge Pro Temp Allen Schmitt, who hears most probate petitions here, says that a person who draws up a "homemade" will might get it fouled up by failing to sign it, or not having it witnessed properly or forgetting to appoint an executor.

Matt O'Doherty, a Louisville lawyer and circuit judge who died in 1928, thought he knew the requirement of a sound will.

He often said he could break any will that had been written and contemporaries reported he was as knowledgeable about making a will as breaking one.

Yet his own will was not carried out as written.

The will provided that a third of his $4 million estate go to his wife. About $155,000 would go to other heirs. The remainder would go to the Roman Catholic bishop for education of priests and to two Catholic institutions, the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

The church's share after legacies and various costs would have come to $2 million.

Some of the heirs contested the will in Circuit Court.

The suit was settled by compromise in 1930 when the bishop agreed to pay the heirs $725,000 in addition to the $155,000 some of them got under the will. The settlement left the will intact but some heirs who had not been made beneficiaries under the will got part of the estate. On the other hand, if the suit had been tried and the will invalidated, the church and its institutions would have received nothing.

The O'Doherty case is an example of only one of the uncertainties that beset a will in the courts. Most wills pass the legal tests, but about one in 40 are rejected outright or changed substantially by compromise.

A will's first test comes in the probate division of County Court. Here the will is measured against the requirements set down in the state statutes before being approved and recorded.

Statutes vary from state to state. In Kentucky, one must have a sound mind and be 18 years old before he can make a will. The will must be signed. If the will is not in the maker's own hand-

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Miss Hollingsworth Retires after 36 years of Service to the Home

In March, 1905, Miss Hollingsworth gave up her great work at the Home for causes which every one learned with sorrow. The following extract is from Dr. J. B. Marvin's article published at the time in The Orphans' Friend, Argus and Western Recorder: "Our dearly beloved Superintendent, Miss Mary A. Hollingsworth, owing to the infirmities of age, and a cataract in her eye necessitating two operations (and she will have to return to the infirmary for a third operation) has been forced to relinquish all active work at the Home. The Board of Managers has granted Miss Hollingsworth an indefinite leave of absence on full salary. We sincerely hope that by rest and change her health may be restored and her life prolonged. We cheerfully bear witness to the great and noble work she accomplished for the orphans in the State during the past thirty-six years. Miss Mary E. Abercrombie, the Secretary and Assistant Superintendent, has been appointed acting Superintendent by the Board, and the general management of the Home will devolve upon her."

Miss Mary E. Abercrombie Succeeds Miss Hollingsworth as Superintendent

Miss Abercrombie—"Miss Abby," as the children lovingly call her—had thought of work in the missionary field, but she was called into the Home to help Miss Hollingsworth. Happy call—for it was God's call, too. It gave the Baptists a capable, earnest worker, whose wise, intelligent management has done a great deal for the Home. It would be an interesting thing for every Baptist in the State to come to Louisville and go through the Home and see how wisely and carefully it is managed. Everything in the house from garret to cellar is kept fresh and clean, and when you see the children all neat, bright and happy, you feel that they are in a Home, not a mere Orphan Asylum. Miss Abercrombie tends everything towards making the children self-respecting and self-supporting. Both boys and girls have been taught to bottom chairs, and the girls are being taught everything that a good
Miss Mary E. Abercrombie...

A housekeeper ought to know. The older girls get breakfast, and make every bit of the delicious brown and white bread that is eaten in the Home. When the tables are spread it is a family of beautifully behaved children that gather around. And they have every comfort that it is in the power of the management to provide. The city people do the best they can to furnish these tables—but it is from the country that must naturally come the greater part of the fruits and vegetables necessary for the health and comfort of the children.

The girls who help in the work of the Home study under a teacher in the building, but most of the children go to the city schools. The little tots are taught by Miss Mattie Sacrey, one of the finest kindergarteners in the city. She has done a wonderful work for our children, and they show that they are very happy in it.

The Orphans' Friend

Every Baptist in Kentucky will want to help the Home, and one of the best ways to do it, is to take The Orphans' Friend. This paper was established in 1872, Mr. Jordan Giles, of Walnut Street, defraying the expense for the first 2,000 copies. In last April (1908), Mr. Thomas Osborne, who has been on the Board of Managers twenty-one years, and has done a great deal for the paper, took it in hand with a view to making it pay. As President of the Board of Charities, and worker in many kindred lines, he was thoroughly conversant with newspaper methods, and felt sure that the paper could be made a success. He changed the form of the issue, and secured terms from the publisher that will reduce the expense one-half. Miss Mary E. Abercrombie is the editor, and Rev. S. C. Humphreys is the field agent to push the paper. If every Baptist family in Kentucky will take it, it will do wonderful work for the orphans. It is worth reading. Give it a place in your heart and home. It will keep you in touch with all you will need to know about our Orphans' Home.
Officers of the Home, Superintendent, Physician, Field Agent, Teachers

The present officers of the Home are:

- Miss Mary E. Abercrombie, Superintendent.
- J. B. Martin, M. D., Physician.
- Rev. L. S. Sanders, Field Agent.

Looking back over the years we find many names of distinguished physicians, who, like our present physician, gave their services as a labor of love. Among these were: Dr. G. W. Burton, Dr. G. H. Cox, Dr. Blue and Dr. Wm. Cheatham. The present surgeon is Dr. J. M. Ray, and the surgeon is Dr. Aj. Morgan Vance—both of them holding the highest place in their profession. The dental work of the Home is done free of charge at the Dental College.

Among the teachers and helpers in the Home have been: Miss Lou Brooks, Miss Eliza Robertson, Miss Smallwood, Miss R. Logsdon, Miss Sue Allen, Miss Alford, Miss H. Mullins, Misses Hallie and Ada Coombs, Mrs. Lizzie McLain, Miss Nave, Miss Lucie Yager, Miss Mary Scottow, Miss Fisher, Miss Pullerton, Miss Rees and Miss Mattie Sacrey.

Miss Eliza Robertson, one of the early teachers, helped also to edit The Orphans' Friend. She made an unusual record in the Home for her great services. Her work for the orphans turned her thoughts to missionary effort, and after earnest preparation, she decided upon Jerusalem as a field, and spent the rest of her life in teaching the Mohammedan women. She died October 14, 1894. She had been very successful, and her grave outside of Jerusalem is kept beautiful by those whose lives she so brightened and blessed.

Pastors of Walnut Street, Dr. George C. Lorimer and Dr. A. T. Spalding

Many great and glorious workers have been connected with the history of our Orphans' Home. First in time and place was Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer. It was his heart that conceived the great idea of the Orphans' Home, his wisdom and sympathy that made it a reality. As an actor he was converted at old Walnut Street. He lived to be pastor of the church, and afterwards became one of the most famous preachers in the world.
Pastors of Walnut Street...

But he never did anything greater than to plan for our Orphans' Home, and advise the selection of its two Superintendents.

Dr. Lorimer left the carrying out of the plans for the Home to his successor, Dr. A. T. Spalding, and never did a great work fall into abler hands. Dr. Spalding was in entire sympathy with the movement, and with his vigorous alert mind, he was able, more than any one else, to give direction to the working methods of the Home. He met the problems and difficulties of the work with ability and judgment, and the Board of Managers of the "Home for Helpless Children," as well as the succeeding Orphans' Home Board, found perhaps their strongest helper and adviser in Dr. A. T. Spalding.

Pastors of churches other than Walnut Street, Dr. J.M. Weaver of Chestnut Street, Louisville and Dr. Wm. M. Pratt of Shelbyville and Lexington.

Dr. J. M. Weaver has been an earnest friend of the Home from the beginning, and he has taken part in all its historical exercises. He has served all the years on the Board of Managers, and, holding the oldest among the Louisville pastorates, he has made more appeals for the Home, at our associations, than any other worker. When the rented house on Walnut Street was opened for the first three orphans, Dr. Weaver made the dedication prayer. One who was there said, "The heavens were opened at that prayer—we all knew that God had come down to abide in our Home."

Dr. Wm. M. Pratt was a strong and efficient worker for the Home. Serving on the Board of Managers, and then as Secretary for the Board, he was able to know just what was needed in the house. And if there was a need, Dr. Pratt did not know what it was to give up, till he saw the trouble relieved. He wanted the children to have the advantage of books and secured a library. And the same insistence ran through all his life with the many special things he did for the welfare and improvement of the Home.
Dr. John A. Broadus Deserves Special Mention

Another great worker was Dr. John A. Broadus, whose eloquent voice and pen were always at the service of the Home. When an argument was to be put forward or an appeal made for the orphans, no other speaker could ever touch men's hearts as could this far-famed master of "The School of the Prophets."

Another Pastor of Walnut Street, Dr. T. T. Eaton

Dr. T. T. Eaton was one of the Home's best friends. He stood for its greatest welfare and advancement, and his convincing eloquence secured the most remarkable collections ever known in its history. Dr. Marvin said of him, that he was more regular in his attendance at the meetings than any other minister that ever sat in the Board. During the twenty years that Dr. Eaton was editor of the Recorder, he placed his wide influence and power at the service of the Home.

Seminary Professors and Pastors Support the Home

Though the names of Dr. James P. Boyce, Dr. Basil Manly, Dr. William Whitsett, Dr. Edwin Dargan, Dr. Franklin Kerfoot, Dr. Riggan, Dr. John Sampey, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, Dr. P. T. Hale, Dr. W. O. Carver, Dr. W. P. Harvey, Dr. J. N. Prestridge, Dr. J. G. Bow, Dr. Calvin M. Thompson, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Dr. H. A. Porter, Dr. L. Doolan, Dr. W. W. Landrum, Dr. E. S. Alderman, Dr. J. S. Detweiller, Rev. L. W. Smith, Dr. M. P. Hunt, Rev. E. J. Vick, Dr. W. C. Jones, Rev. S. J. Cannon, Rev. Geo. H. Crutcher and Dr. Byron De Ment, do not, with the exception of once, for one of them, appear in the printed program of the institution, they were, and are the earnest friends of the Home, as all great souls must be. They were, and are frequent visitors, and their work and prayers are written on the living pages of the children's hearts.

Besides these special workers the Home has had the earnest interest and help of all the wide brotherhood of the Kentucky Baptist ministry. The famous workers of the Seminary, the heads of the colleges, the pastors of the great churches, and the workers in outlying districts are all united in their devotion and loyalty to the Home.
Laymen, Wm. L. Weller and John Weller,

Give Support to Home

And, besides the ministr’y, there have been other friends and workers, whose record shall never grow dim. The two devoted brothers—Mr. Wm. L. and Captain John Weller—were among the first helpers of the Home. It was Mr. Wm. L. Weller who paid the year’s rent for the first house that was opened as an Orphans’ Home. He never grew weary of caring for the work. His name on the dining room door at the Home tells the story of what he did for the orphans—he was always the bountiful provider.

His brother, Captain John Weller, third Vice-President of the Board, was one of Miss Hollingsworth’s chief advisers. His time was never his own when the orphans needed it. The two brothers were always at the Home on Sunday afternoons, and both they and their families were best friends to all the little people there.

A Noted Incident Involving Dr.

Arthur Peter

Another great worker for the Home was Dr. Arthur Peter. In many ways Dr. Peter was one of the most remarkable men of his day. Dr. Boyce and Dr. Brodus both thought that there was only one equal to Dr. Peter, and that was his devoted and gifted wife, Mrs. Virginia Cary Peter. When Dr. Boyce was soliciting for the Seminary, Dr. Peter gave the first $5,000. Dr. Boyce acknowledged the gift with the characteristic exclamation: “Thou art Peter, and upon this $5,000 I will build my Seminary.” The Orphans’ Home found Dr. Peter’s generosity increased many fold. He and his wife not only gave money, but they did more, they gave themselves to the loving service of the Home. Dr. Peter was there every Sunday; and every Christmas and Thanksgiving morning Mrs. Peter came with presents and good things for every child in the Home. This custom has been kept up by Mrs. Peter’s grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is a beautiful custom—one which keeps the love of the orphan children ever fragrant before the shrine of Mrs. Peter’s memory. Mrs. Peter was the first President of the Ladies’ Board—an office which she held till her death in 1902. She was an inspiring leader, and the members of the Board paid her the unusual honor of electing her “Perpetual President.”
Contributions of the Norton Family

No story of the Home would be complete without grateful mention of the two brothers—Mr. Geo. Norton and Mr. William Norton—the latter, the first Vice-President of the Board. Their families represent the largest gifts to the Home, and their great business talents and personal efforts were freely used in its advancement and services. Mrs. William Norton, Mrs. Geo. Norton and her daughters and son—Mr. Geo. Norton, Jr.—have all been earnest workers for the cause, and it was Captain Wm. F. Norton's legacy that gave the Home the greater part of its endowment.

Dr. G. W. Burton, First Physician,

and other Incorporators.

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Dr. G. W. Burton was one of the incorporators of the Home, and also its first physician. He did a great deal for the Home—a work in which he was ably seconded by his wife, and followed by his son. Mrs. Burton worked many years on the Ladies' Board, and Mr. Hardy Burton has been a great help on the Gentlemen's Board, in the generous use of his special business skill to secure financial advantages for the Home.

Mr. Theodore Harris is a friend whose gifts to the Home and all other Baptist institutions have been royal. He was one of the incorporators of the Home, and he has, during the forty years of its existence, cared for it with a love and generosity that have been unceasing.

Mr. Wm. H. Dix, Mr. H. G. Phillips and Mr. W. H. Yeager, all incorporators of the Home, were active helpers in the cause. Representative men and Christian gentlemen, they were among the workers who established the success of the Home.

Another incorporator of the Home, and the first treasurer of the Board, was the genial J. D. Allen. He never forgot the orphans, and his large means were always at their service. During the early years of the Home it was always Mr. Allen who gave the coal. The firm of Platt & Allen often furnished the shoes for all the children.
The Woodruff Family

Mr. A. S. Woodruff was the first secretary of the Board of Managers. He was an able worker for the Home, and always a welcome visitor there. His son, Mr. Ed. N. Woodruff, was also secretary for the Board, and an earnest worker for the orphans.

Contributions of the McFerran Family

Two of the earliest and most generous givers to the Home were Mr. James C. and Mr. John B. McFerran. Miss Hollingsworth went once in a time of great need, to ask Mr. James McFerran for aid. His answer was: "Well, a hundred dollars is more than you asked for, and this check will cover it." Thinking it the amount he mentioned, she took it, without looking at it, and went right down to have it cashed. The man had looked at her queerly when she asked that it should be in "tens," but he kept on counting out money till she thought he was losing his mind, and asked how many "tens" he intended to give her for a "hundred." He sat once held the check up, and she saw that it was for a Thousand Dollars! And that was only one of the many times that Mr. James C. McFerran has given royally to the orphans. Mr. John B. McFerran has been equally generous. An earnest worker in all that he does, he has, through all the years, given bountifully of his time and means to our Orphan's Home.

A Number of Individual Laymen

Mr. Hiram-Smith was a notable worker for the Home. He was deeply interested in the children, and was always providing for their wants. Whatever else he gave, and it was much, he always sent them, each year, a check for $100.

One of the strong friends of the Home was Mr. Wm. Harrison, as Superintendent of Old Walnut Street Sunday School, he encouraged the children to form the "George Loring" and the "T. T. Eaton Band" both devoted to the support of the Orphans. The contributions were small, but they were steady, and in this way, the children for a number of years, reached a collection of over a hundred dollars. Mr. James G. Caldwell, Fourth Vice-President of the Board of Managers, has been, like the other members of his family, a notable worker and giver. His knowledge of affairs and his experience have
enabled him to do a great deal for the interests of the Home.

Captain D. G. Parr, the Fifth Vice-President of the Board, was deeply interested in the work of the Home. He was a steady helper of the cause, and left some property to the Home.

Mr. T. B. Duncan was for years one of the most earnest and efficient members of the Board of Managers. His business judgment and experience were always in demand; and in every important work he was one of those selected to carry it through. A man of rare sweetness and strength of nature, he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He was a great worker, and was one of the most generous supporters of the Home.

Mr. W. H. Newman has been one of the best friends and most liberal supporters of the Home. He has provided for the wants and comforts of the children in the most generous and kindly manner. All the little children in the Home know Mr. Newman and love him—and well they may—for he is, in a special sense—their dearest friend. There is something beautiful and touching in the work which thus gathers the hearts and the smiles of the little children. It has been a work of love with Mr. Newman for all the years.

Mr. T. J. Humphreys reaches this year, his silver anniversary as secretary and treasurer of the Board of Managers. He has always been a welcome visitor at the Home, and he is in close touch with all its wants and needs. It has been a long chronicle that has turned to history in his hands, and he has been an earnest worker through all the changes from long ago till the present. There is no other friend of the Home that knows its story better than does Mr. Humphreys, and no other more identified with its interests and progress.

Mr. L. L. Parks was for years a member of the Board of Managers. He was deeply interested in the success of the Home, and did a great deal of active work in building up the cause.
Frank Miller and the Endowment Fund

Mr. Frank Miller, one of the ablest members of the Board, looks after the Endowment Fund, and watches the great interests of the Home from the viewpoint of the careful financier. This fund is not subject to the alluring schemes of speculation. There are no investments save in the safest and best secured bonds. The Endowment Fund is invested and protected so as to be perfectly secure.

Members of the Board of Managers

Mr. Karl Grahn has been one of the truest and closest friends of the Home. He has been on the Board a long time and has done a great deal for the financial needs of the cause. But he has done more than that; for he has interested himself in the comfort and happiness of the children. He comes often, and his visits to the Home are always seasons of delight to the little ones.

Dr. R. W. Taylor is a man of firm convictions and principles, and he is an able, earnest worker for the Home. He has rendered many years of faithful service, and as a member of the Board of Managers has always stood for everything that made for the prosperity and advancement of the cause.

Mr. Sam Tinsley is a strong worker for the Home, and he feels that every one should be trained to do something for the orphans. As Superintendent of the Walnut Street Sunday School, he is using the dear little people of the Home in educating his school to take an interest in the orphans. It would be a hard heart indeed that could see these children every Sunday without yearning to do something for them.

Mr. Wm. Moses, Jr., is a member of the Board of Managers, and has given much care and time to looking after the interests of the Home. He has been one of its wisest helpers and friends, and has always been an eloquent advocate of its claims upon our loyalty and service. With him, the cause of the orphans is always first.

Mr. Elijah Basye the present Vice-president of the Board has been one of its ablest officers. He is a valuable friend of the Home, as well as one of the most faithful supporters it has ever had.

Mr. Trevor Whayne is another of the active members of the Board. Energetic and able, he has given himself earnestly to the cause, and is doing a fine work for the Home.
Men Who Have Worked for the Home

Among other men who have worked for the Home have been Mr. Francis Hegan, Dr. P. G. Kelsey and Mr. Jordan Giles who labored together to help the children in its early days of the Home; H. G. Phelps, and Zach Phelps, who, as a boy gave literary entertainments for the benefit of the Home; Spencer Long, John Long, W. G. Hall, T. N. Swann, Matthew Neill, M. Sherrill, B. M. Sherrill, A. D. Miles, Junius Caldwell, J. G. Mathers, Wm. Moses, Sr., W. P. Clancy, Junius Caldwell, Jr., Col. Andrew Cowan, Wm. Jarvis, L. P. Garrett, T. Speiden, George Weller, Joe O'Neal, Horatio Bright, M. Cary Peter, R. A. Peter, R. Moses, W. H. Madlack, Chas. Gheens, Dr. J. A. Ireland, C. L. Woodbury, John Weller, Jr., P. P. Huston, P. Speiden, J. T. Johnson, W. D. Major, Dr. R. L. Ireland, Dr. J. H. Baldwin, O. Farmer, Dr. Bruce Lentz, Mr. J. Dawes, A. Render, G. Hays, E. C. Farmer, Scott Duncan, John Lea, John Carter, Mr. Parker Harrison, R. C. Bowden. These men and their wives, and thousands of good Baptists all over our State have given substantial help to our Orphans' Home.

Women Who Have Wrought Nobly

The history of the Home has been jeweled with the names of the good women who have wrought nobly in its service. Mrs. Arthur Peter has been mentioned as the first President of the Ladies Board. She was succeeded in 1892 by the Vice-President, by Mrs. T. B. Duncan, a woman of wise counsel and rare loveliness of character. She has been very acceptable to the Board and has presided with great dignity and grace. She has taken up the work with ease and ability; and is especially beloved by every one in the Home.

Mrs. Helena Russell Dawes. A Picture


The recent death, Jan. 24, 1909, of Mrs. Helena Russell Dawes, has taken from the Ladies Board their oldest and most honored member. She represented those who founded the Home in 1869, and for nearly forty years she has been a blessing to those who worked with her on the Board, as well as to the Home itself. Only those who knew her can understand what her life has been to the work. Her love and faithfulness have been impressed upon the entire history of the Home.
Women Who Were Officers and Workers

Other earnest workers were the Vice-Presidents of the Ladies Board—Mrs. A. E. Tryon, Mrs. G. C. Creighton, Mrs. J. M. Delph, Mrs. E. Stratton, Mrs. B. F. Guthrie, Mrs. J. Caldwell, Mrs. T. B. Duncan, and Mrs. Jas. Hedges. Also Secretaries of the Ladies Board—Miss Mary Hegan, Miss Bell McDougal, Miss Lizzie Pratt, Mrs. Sallie Neill Roach, Mrs. Sam Russell, Miss Lizzie Boyce, Mrs. E. Rice, Mrs. H. S. Roberts, Mrs. G. P. Comer, and Mrs. C. L. Woodbury.

Mrs. Jennie Dehoney Mills, the charming story writer of the Orphans' Friend, began her work when she was a child. Her beautiful stories make much of the attraction of the paper. Her sister, Mrs. Karl Grahn, has the same exquisite gift for story-telling, a talent which is repeated in the daughters of both sisters. All of them work for the paper.

One worker whom the children remember gratefully was Mrs. Ida Guthrie Marshall. She left $1,000, the interest of which was to be used each Thanksgiving and Christmas to buy ice cream for the Home.

Among the women, not on the Board, who have done work for the Home are Mrs. Francis Hegan, Mrs. John Caperton, Mrs. M. Kalbfus, Mrs. W. Platt, Mrs. Hiram Smith, Mrs. God Davis, Mrs. M. J. Brown, Mrs. D. McMullen, Mrs. Matthew Neill, Mrs. Wm. Moses, Mrs. C. T. Dearing, Mrs. A. D. Miles, Mrs. Alethea Shryock, Mrs. J. S. Barlow, Mrs. J. C. McFerran, Mrs. W. Jarvis, Mrs. Poiner, Mrs. L. L. McKnight, Mrs. T. Swann, Mrs. J. S. Phelps, Mrs. J. J. McComb, Mrs. William Harrison, Mrs. Theodore Harris, Mrs. Richard Cox, Mrs. Chas. Geens, Mrs. Thomas D. Osborne, Mrs. Theodore Spie den, Mrs. Seay, Mrs. G. Hull, Mrs. Loughridge, Mrs. W. C. Hall, Mrs. L. G. Ronald, Misses Jennie and Fannie Moses, Mrs. Horatio Bright, Mrs. A. E. Caldwell Norton, Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. Mary McFerran Clancy, Mrs. Mary Caldwell Johnson, Mrs. John Coleman, Misses Lucy and Mattie Norton, Miss Agnes Osborne, Mrs. Press Davis Peck, Mrs. Parker Harrison, Mrs. Kate Hegan Miller, Mrs. Laura Pratt Doll, Mrs. Philip P. Huston, Mrs. R. L. Ireland, Mrs. Elijah Basye, Mrs. Clara L. Boswell, Mrs. Julia Poiner Glover, Mrs. Margaret Netherland, Mrs. C. B. Morsey, Mrs. Mary Newman Clark, Mrs. Lilla Miles Sherrill, Mrs. Linna Foote Woller, Miss Minnie Alford, Misses Lulie and Amelia Delph, Mrs. Lizzie Dehoney Grahn, Mrs. Lon Render, Mrs. C. M. Thompson, Mrs. Chad. Taylor, Misses Sue, Louise and Lizzie Allen, Mrs. Jennie Dehoney Mills, Mrs. Minnie Norton Caldwell, Mrs. W. D. Major, Mrs. Ed. Converse, Mrs. W. Gray, Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, Mrs. J. Coleman, Mrs. R. C. Bowden and numberless others.
The following are lists of officers and members of the Orphans' Home Boards from 1869 to the present time—followed by a list of the officers of the "Home for Helpless Children," which was the name of our Home before the granting of the charter.

Presidents of Gentlemen's Board were:
1. Dr. J. Lawrence Smith; 2. Dr. W. B. Caldwell; 3. Dr. J. B. Marvin.


Treasurers, 1. Mr. J. D. Allen; 2. Mr. T. J. Humphreys.

Secretaries, 1. Mr. A. S. Woodruff; 2. Dr. W. M. Pratt; 3. Mr. R. D. Baker; 4. Mr. Frank Baker; 5. Mr. E. N. Woodruff; 6. Mr. T. J. Humphreys.
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS...


Broadway Church—Women, Mrs. A. S. Woodruff, Mrs. Helen Dawes, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. James Sharrard, Mrs. J. D. Allen, Miss Mary Hegan, Miss L. Pratt, Mrs. S. C. Long, Mrs. W. F. Norton, Mrs. Geo. Norton, Mrs. R. D. Baker, Mrs. Wm. M. Pratt, Mrs. L. D. Jones, Mrs. Sam Russell, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Minnie Caldwell, Mrs. Arthur Peter, Mrs. J. B. Marvin, Mrs. B. B. Doll, Mrs. Frank Kerfoot, Mrs. E. L. Goodwin, Miss Lizzie Kerfoot, Mrs. Y. L. Goodwin, Miss Lizzie Boyce, Mrs. A. V. Goodin, Mrs. A. T. Robertson, Mrs. M. D. Thompson, Mrs. T. J. Humphreys, Mrs. F. H. Goodridge, Mrs. Wendell Allen.

Chestnut_street Church—Women, Mrs. A. L. Harding, Mrs. F. Middleton, Mrs. L. H. Boila, Mrs. Jas. Chilton, Mrs. A. J. Pankey, Mrs. Andrew Broadus, Mrs. G. W. Clarke, Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Mrs. B. C. Weaver, Mrs. W. J. Duncan, Mrs. W. R. Frayne, Mrs. J. M. Morris, Mrs. E. T. Miller, Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Mrs. D. P. York, Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Mrs. Peak, Mrs. S. E. Woody, Mrs. E. M. Swift, Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. B. P. Bagley.

East Church—Women, Mrs. T. B. Duncan, Mrs. Colin Alfriend, Mrs. Pinkney Varble, Mrs. C. T. Dearing, Mrs. E. Stratton, Mrs. A. S. Hughes, Mrs. A. D. Knox.

Parkland Church—Women, Mrs. J. M. Paul, Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Southgate Church—Women, Mrs. F. B. Fensterer, Mrs. Thad McHugh.
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS (Continued)


Twenty-second and Walnut-street Church—Women, Mrs. Fred Hale, Mrs. Geo. Boswell, Miss Minnie Alford, Miss Nora Davidson, Mrs. R. M. Buckley, Mrs. G. W. Burton, Mrs. H. A. Kuneke, Mrs. H. S. Roberts, Mrs. Mary Coder, Mrs. G. P. Comer.

Fourth-avenue Church—Women, Mrs. W. C. Jones, Miss Mary Moses, Mrs. Jas. H. Hodges, Mrs. A. C. Bond, Mrs. J. B. Girdler, Mrs. S. M. Norman.

Highland Church—Women, Mrs. A. Kaye, Mrs. T. B. Duncan.

List of Managers for "Home for Helpless Children."
(First name of Orphans' Home.)

President. Mrs. Arthur Peter.
Vice-Presidents. Mrs. G. C. Creighton, Mrs. A. E. Tryon. Mrs. G. W. Burton, Mrs. L. O. Bennet.
Recording Secretary. Miss Belle McDougal.
Corresponding Secretary. Miss Mary Hegan.
Board of Managers.
Mrs. E. A. Allen. Mrs. Margaret Mauzy.
Mrs. Charles Hall. Mrs. Helen Daves.
Mrs. S. J. Evans. Mrs. J. D. Allen.
Mrs. Mary Biggert. Mrs. H. G. Phillips.
Mrs. W. L. Weller. Mrs. Mary Ward.
Matron. Miss Mary Hollingsworth.
General Treasurer. A. S. Woodruff.
Committee on Wardrobe. Mrs. Woodruff. Mrs. Creighton. Mrs. Evans.
List of Managers for...

Committee on Finance.
Mrs. John Hamilton.
Mrs. Henry Hamilton.
Mrs. W. B. Caldwell.
Mrs. George Norton.
Mrs. W. L. Weller.
W. L. Weller.
J. D. Allen.

Committee on Publication.

Committee on Orphans and Helpless Children.

The history of our Orphans' Home should encourage our people all over the State to renewed efforts for its support and success. The Orphans' Friend will be glad to publish the names of our friends and helpers. We hope to make this a constantly growing list. We have now in the Home 92 children—and it will be interesting to know that in all, the blessed work has furnished the training and maintenance of 1,413 children.

From the names of those who have given generously and constantly to the cause, we have taken the following. These noble givers are giving their best when they give to the Home. Let many join the ranks of these "loyal, enthusiastic workers." They are as follows:

Hopkinsville—Mrs. J. F. Dagg.
Salem Baptist Church, Bethel Association—Mrs. E. H. Garrott and daughters.
List of Managers for ...

- Eminence, Mrs. Eddie Gaines Middleton; Leitchfield, Mrs. Josh Rogers; Newport Baptist Sunday School, Miss Nellie Meyers; Bloomfield, Mrs. Eugenia Hall Poff, Miss Nannie Lawson; Greensburg, Mrs. Mollie Tucker; Simpsonville, Mrs. Mollie George; Elizabethtown, Mrs. Bettie Kurtz; Mayfield, Mrs. Griffith; Providence Baptist Sunday School, Miss Lou Givens; Danville, Mrs. Slaughter; Winchester, Mrs. Ella Hieatt; Fredonia, F. M. McElroy; Upton, J. H. Creal; Barbourville, John H. Davis; Middlesboro, Judge Sampson, W. H. Gayle, Rev. C. M. Reid; Straight Creek, Green Hamlin; Henderson, Rev. Cecil V. Cook; Owensboro, Mrs. W. L. Mills, Miss Clyde Kigel; Allensville, Miss Mattie Trabue; Vine Grove, Mrs. Glovie Vertrees; Falmouth, O. B. Browning, O. B. Gayle; Dayton, Mrs. Spillman; Glencoe, Alfred Arrosmith; Falcon, Rev. L. F. Caudill.

The fortieth anniversary of the Home, now close at hand, June 30, should be made an occasion of a glorious ingathering of gifts to our Home. It is an institution of which our Kentucky Baptists should be prouder of than anything else. Let us all rally to its support.

* LIZZIE H. WOODBURY,
Sec'y Ladies' Board,
Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home.
VI. EVENTS OF 1910 TO 1919, 50th. ANNIVERSARY

In the issue of The Orphans' Friend, for April 15, 1912, there appears another article entitled, "Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home and Its Beginnings", by Mrs. Lizzie H. Woodbury (pages 487-505). There is considerable repetition of materials in the 1909 article, but there is some new materials. Some of that material is reproduced here.

Support for the Home

Mr. Frank Miller, the banker, a member of the Board of Managers, looks after the endowment fund. It is invested in nothing but the safest possible bonds, but they bear an average interest of only four per cent. A calculation readily shows us that the income for the year is only $7,000 and as the expense of the Home averages $18,000, it is easy to see that the Baptists of Kentucky must give over $10,000 a year in order to care for these orphans that the Lord has given into their keeping.

Miss Mary A. Hollingsworth

In March, 1905, Miss Hollingsworth gave up her great work at the Home for causes which every one learned with sorrow. The following extract is from Dr. J. B. Marvin's article published at the time in The Orphans' Friend, Argus and Western Recorder: "Our dearly beloved Superintendent, Miss Mary A. Hollingsworth, owing to the infirmities of age, and a cataract in her eye necessitating two operations (and she will have to return to the infirmary for a third operation) has been forced to relinquish all active work at the Home. The Board of Managers has granted Miss Hollingsworth an indefinite leave of absence on full salary. We sincerely hope that by rest and change her health may be restored and her life prolonged. We cheerfully bear witness to the great and noble work she accomplished for the orphans in the State during the past thirty-six years. Miss Mary E. Abercrombie, the Secretary and Assistant Superintendent, has been appointed acting Superintendent by the Board, and the general management of the Home will devolve upon her."

It was a great trial to Miss Hollingsworth to leave the Home, but she was patient under her affliction; and in the devotion of friends who never forgot her, and the sustaining presence of the divine comforter, she found the blessings of rest and peace.

Her closing years were passed with relatives who cared tenderly for her, and with whom she was very happy. She died, January 16, 1911, at Howell, Indiana, in her 83rd year.

Her funeral services were held January 17, in the Chapel of the Home. She was buried in the Orphans' Home lot in Cave Hill Cemetery, where the Directors of the Home have since erected a beautiful monument to her memory.
For thirty six years "Miss Mary" was the loved and honored
Superintendent of the Orphans' Home. Six years ago she was re-
tired, and since that time has lived with relatives, going home
to glory from the home of a niece at Horwell, Indiana. The body
was brought to Louisville for burial. The funeral taking place,
Tuesday at 3 p.m., from the Orphans' Home, the home she loved
early and served faithfully. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery.

She died Monday, January 16, 1911.

MISS MARY A. HOLLINGSWORTH.

Miss Mary A. Hollingsworth came of
distinguished ancestry. Her forbears went
back through brave soldiers of the Ameri-
can Revolution, to belted Knights who had
carried the cross in the old crusades. But
not one, whether soldier or knight, ever
carried a braver heart than this woman,
whose victory was on a grander field than
theirs.

The Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home,
where Miss Hollingsworth did her great
work, grew out of a movement to care for
children orphaned by the followers of the
Civil War. The Home was born in the
Ladies' Society of Walnut Street Baptist
Church, Louisville, Ky., during the pastor-
ate of Rev. George C. Lorimer.

When plans were being considered as to
the future of the movement, Dr. Lorimer
appointed Miss Hollingsworth Chairman
of the Committee to examine the workings
of the German Protestant Orphans' Home.
He was a Napoleon in his faculty of choos-
ing the very one for the very place that
needed filling. And in this it was another
instance of man's choosing, with God's
shining finger on the mark. Out of all
that number of good women Dr. Lorimer
had selected the one whom God had chosen
for the work—the one whose blessed min-
istry for the Orphans was never to be
forgotten by the Baptists of Kentucky.

On July 6, 1869, Miss Hollingsworth
took charge of the work—which, under the
name, “The Home For Helpless Children”,
was opened at 828 West Walnut street,
Louisville, Ky. The three orphan children
who formed the nucleus of the Home were
installed there amid joy and thanksgiving.
Dr. J. M. Weaver, the eloquent and be-
loved preacher, whose voice and pen have
done so much for the Baptists of Ken-
tucky, made the dedication prayer. Dr.
Weaver has always been a great friend
of the Home, and holding the oldest of
the Louisville pastorates, he has made more
appeals for the orphans at our associa-
tions, than any other worker. One who
was present at the dedication said, “The
heavens were opened at that prayer—we
all knew that God had come down to abide
in our Home.”

The work was begun in a rented house,
but beyond the days of beginnings and
small things, Miss Hollingsworth saw the
substantial walls of a great Orphans'
Home, where, when time should be, hun-
dreds of children should be sheltered and
fitted for the duties of life. She saw them
going out in shining procession to carry
the work of love and rescue into all the
fields of human thought and endeavor.

She worked with her might, and as the
children gathered in, she learned the best
ways of caring for them. She studied the
problems of economy and finance, and
she never faltered in her hope of making
every Baptist in Louisville a supporter of
the Home.

The work grew heavier and the needs
were greater, but not for one instant did
her courage falter. The churches of the
city rose to the emergency of the situa-
tion and Miss Hollingsworth bravely ad-
dressed herself to an appeal to the church-
es of the State. It was a wonderful un-
dertaking, and one which gave her forever the hearts of the Baptists of Kentucky, and they always responded nobly to her call.

Meantime the building, lot and the $20,000 necessary for a building had been secured. The work went on with great enthusiasm, and on the 19th of December, 1870, the first wing of the present Home was dedicated.

Those who attended the impressive dedication exercises can never forget Miss Hollingsworth's gratitude and joy for the glorious work that had been accomplished. But as time went on, she planned for more extended service and larger results. She felt that there was a still greater future for the cause she loved. The work grew under her hands, and she multiplied her efforts constantly to meet the thousand calls that came in from every side.

The flame of enthusiasm and energy had burned very high, and it was no wonder that there came a time when the worker's sorely tired strength gave way under the pressure of illness. It was the time when the plans for the central wing of the building were being made—and all through Kentucky hundreds of letters were being written to enquire as to the needs and progress of the work. No one understood the situation as did Miss Hollingsworth—and in the midst of sickness and pain she wrestled with the problems—insisting on giving to the work the supervision and direction that no one else could supply.

On the boat took it upon himself to say that it was useless to carry those children anywhere with a view of doing anything for them. Miss Hollingsworth was indignant. "You have your own well-bred children," she said to him, "but when these little ones are grown they will stand with yours for breeding, and God willing, for good fortune, too." Her hopes were more than realized. She lived to see all of them adopted into homes where, in position and culture, they easily stood for good fortune with the family of the man who had seen no happy future for them.

Miss Hollingsworth made the Home a blessing to the children sheltered there, and not to them only, but to the countless numbers whom, through all the years, they have been going out to help. Hundreds of men and women in happy homes to-day owe the best that they are to her devoted ministry.

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worth to leave the Home. While she was patient under her affliction, she turned with unutterable yearning to the great work to which she had devoted her life. She realized that she had been called to a wonderful service, and the years, as she looked back, were eloquent with their story of what she had done for the Orphans. Day after day became bright with the precious memories of the past; and in the devotion of friends who never forgot her, and the sustaining presence of the divine Comforter, she found at last the blessings of rest and peace.

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It had been her wish to be buried in the Orphans' Home lot in Cave Hill Cemetery, and the Gentlemen's Board of the Home had written to her some time before her death saying they were anxious that she should be buried from the Home and be with those she so loved there. They assured her of their continued interest and love, and told her they wished to have charge of everything connected with the services. It was a great pleasure for her to realize that they remembered her life work and devotion; and even death was made bright by the thought that at the end she was coming home.

Miss Hollingsworth was buried Jan. 17, from the Chapel of the Home. Many friends, and all the executive officers of the institution were present to offer their last tribute of love and respect. There was beautiful music, and a profusion of flowers—among which were handsome wreaths from both the Gentlemen's and the Ladies' Boards of the Home. The children sang; and, at the close of the exercises, filed slowly by the casket, to look—many of them for the first time—into the face of her whose loving service and strength had been given that they might have a nobler and better place in life.

Miss Hollingsworth's funeral sermon, preached by Dr. Henry Alford Porter, was a beautiful and eloquent tribute to her work. He chose as his text, Ex. 2:9. "Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Dr. Porter told of the divine call to the faithful worker and how, for thirty-six years she had stood at her post to nurse those children for God. He spoke of the wages she had received—in the growth of the work, the love of the children, the sweetness of the service—and the vision of Heaven and Him on whose arm she had leaned in the 'swellings of the Jordan.' He told of the greatness of her service and how it had been multiplied by the hundreds who had gone out from the Home to carry its message of hope and blessing. He spoke tenderly of her unwillingness to give up her work, and of how—in the city of her vision—she has found it still her own. She has never given it up, for in the ministry of rescued lives and the fragrance of immortal deeds, her work still blesses the world.

Before closing his address, Dr. Porter spoke of the devoted worker whom God has called to fill Miss Mary Hollingsworth's place—the other Mary who has brought to the work so earnest a spirit of consecration and service. A woman of rare strength and force of character—Miss Mary Abercrombie has done great things for the Home. Her judgment has secured an able administration of affairs; and her wisdom and tenderness have given her the hearts of the children.

Dr. Porter called upon the Baptists here and throughout the State to hold up her hands, and assist her by every effort in their power to build up the prosperity and welfare of the Home.

At the end of Dr. Porter's address, Dr. A. T. Robertson, long a devoted friend of Miss Hollingsworth, made the closing prayer; after which the services were concluded with burial in the Orphans' Home lot in beautiful Cave Hill.

—Lizzie H. Woodbury.
HER HOME-COMING.

The word "home" is one of the sweetest in the English language and a "home-coming" one of the sweetest experiences, a coming back to familiar scenes and loving hearts. For many, many years Miss Mary Hollingsworth lived in Louisville, and for thirty-six years she lived only for the Louisville Baptist Orphan's Home and the God whose strength it was. On January 16, 1911, her Master called her soul to the Heavenly Home and kind friends sent for her body to be brought back to the Home she had loved so well, that honor, love, and respect might be paid her. Paid? Yes, we say the word thoughtfully, for she earned it all. 

She gave the best in her life to the upbuilding and the advancement of the Orphans' Home. She took charge of it when it was in its infancy, nay at its very birth. She was called upon to take charge of the three or four little children in a rented house. In a short time the work grew so that larger quarters were a necessity and the first wing of our present Home was built. Miss Mary's discerning eye and loving heart saw the need of still larger accommodations for the many little orphans crying for a shelter and a home, and she bent every energy toward securing it.

She started a building-fund "of nickels and dimes and we flooded The Orphans' Friend with articles on that subject. (I, under her direction). It grew wondrously until it was possible to see the way clear for the erection of the new splendid building. Children of all ages, some babies in long clothes, were gathered in. All had a right to a place in this home and if we Baptists did not take them, others whose teachings are quite foreign to ours would. Miss Mary worked through heat and cold, rain and sunshine, hunting up children and placing them, going to associations and making talks and taking collections for them. Her energy never flagged. Her keen business sense proved of great value in the economics of the Home. Her ambition was remarkable. She wanted the best of everything for the children and her work and she was always on the alert for new and progressive ways.

After a remarkably active service of thirty-six years her sight began to fail and in a few years she became blind. Oh! what a cross to bear for one who had been such a worker, so independent! But she bore it uncomplainingly and was brave to the last. If the cup was bitter, she did not say so.

When her eyes and strength began to fail and she had to sever her connection with the Home, it was very hard for her to do so. But soldier as she was, she would send word to her friends that she was as happy as could be. And she had a great deal to comfort her. A loving nephew and niece devoted themselves to making her journey down the hill as easy as possible.

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This niece writes "it was Aunt's last wish that when the Lord took her to Himself, she might sleep near her work, and when I explained that the Board wished it so, it made her very happy. The end was quiet and peaceful and I could almost fancy I could see the light of Heaven on her dear sweet face in death.

The Louisville people certainly were loyal to her and did her due honor there. And all were lovely to us, for indeed we were made to feel it was her home. I never felt more welcome in one of my aunt's real homes than Miss Abercrombie made us feel there. I might write a great deal more of the nice treatment we received, also Aunt Mary's reception on her last "Home-coming," but I will just say God will bless and keep such dear, good people."

I feel justified in taking those extracts from a personal letter to myself, because I feel it only right that the Baptists all over the State, many of them Miss Mary's warm friends, should know how her family appreciate their kindness.

We realize that Miss Mary's work was done, that she had rounded out her life and
Miss Mary Abercrombie

Miss Hollingsworth’s successor, Miss Mary A. Abercrombie, had thought of work in the Missionary Field, but she was called into the Home to help Miss Hollingsworth. Happy call, for it was God’s call too; and it gave the cause a capable earnest worker. Miss Abby, as the children lovingly called her, gave herself unreservedly to the welfare of the Home, and trained the children along lines that would help them in life. Both boys and girls were taught to bottom chairs and the girls were taught everything that a good housekeeper needed to know.

After an active service of nearly seven years, Miss Abercrombie resigned the charge of the Home—October, 1911. She was a woman of rare strength of character, and her administration was marked by measures of lasting value to the Home.

Her resignation left the work in the hands of her assistant, Mrs. M. Rhodes, and other helpers in the Home. They all stood faithful to their trust, and did everything possible for the interest and welfare of the Home.

Long Run Association Minutes, 1919, page 20.

"After an active service of nearly seven years Miss Mary Abercrombie resigned the charge of the Home, October 1911. The question of receiving a new superintendent was considered at some length by the Boards, and they by unanimous action selected Miss Mattie Priest, of Henderson, Kentucky. She accepted the responsibility and took charge of the Home on February 1, 1912."

Miss Mattie Priest

Her sister Miss Nannie Priest, who will be the assistant superintendent, was a teacher in the Henderson Schools for twenty-five years, and later became Church Missionary for the First Baptist Church in Henderson. In the Sunday School of that church, she organized and taught the Baraca Class of over one hundred members. A third sister, Miss Sally Priest, has been known for years to the children of the Home. They have been sending their little missionary offerings to her in Shanghai, China, where for six years she has been principal of the Eliza Yates Memorial School.
MISS MATTIE PRIEST

Our New Superintendent.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to our friends in the State of Kentucky, through the Orphans' Friend, our newly elected Superintendent, Miss Mattie Priest, who comes to us from Henderson, Ky., with sincere and loving commendation from those who have known her since childhood.

Her sister, Miss Nannie Priest, comes also to assist with the work in our Home. All Kentucky Baptists are acquainted with her sister Miss Sallie Priest, who is a Missionary to China, doing a wonderful work in that field.

Miss Mattie Priest is a native Kentuckian, a staunch Baptist, and we feel that the children of our Home are thrice blessed in having two such women at the head of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home. The members of the Board, and the workers in the Home, feel that all the Baptists in Kentucky will join us in a cordial, sincere welcome to our Orphans' Home.

Following is a clipping from the Henderson Gleaner and a letter from the Henderson Anti-Tuberculosis Society which we are pleased to add.

The ladies of the congregation of the First Baptist Church will give in their church parlors a farewell reception Monday evening to Misses Mattie and Nannie Priest, who are leaving next Thursday to make their home in Louisville. Miss Nannie Priest was a teacher for several years in the first grade work of the public school, the most important of all the years in a child's life, and by her uniform kindness, patience and great ability won the love and admiration of both pupil and parent; and it was with regret that they had to give her up for a much needed rest, and to both Misses Mattie and Nannie Priest the best wishes of the entire community go. Miss Mattie, as a most efficient nurse, has endeared herself to every one. How many sick beds have been made comfortable, how many lonely hours cheered and lightened! She has exemplified by her life and work the commands of her Master: "I was naked and ye clothed me, sick and ye visited me," for as tuberculosis nurse for the city she has been called to many sad and stricken households, and they will all rise up and call her "blessed." We congratulate not only the trustees of the Orphans' Home upon their selection, but more the orphans who will be under such wholesome care as well as tender and loving, which is best of all.

Henderson Anti-Tuberculosis Society.


Miss Mattie Priest, Henderson, Ky.,

Dear Miss Priest:

In accepting your resignation as Visiting Nurse, I express the sentiments of this Board when saying that the Association feels keenly the loss of your services, and while we deplore your leaving this work, it is my pleasure to express to you the high esteem in which you are held by the members of this Board, both personally and in recognition of the tact and skill you have displayed in your difficult work.

We cordially commend you to your new Board and congratulate the Baptist Home in securing your valuable services.

With great respect, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Henderson Anti-Tuberculosis Association,

by Jas. E. Rankin, Pres.

Virginia Lockett, Sec.

The following loving tribute comes from one of the older members of their Church in Henderson, Ky.

Vacancies are not necessarily vacuums. Yet I fear we will have to wait long and look far to find persons to fill Misses Mattie and Nannie Priest's niches. They certainly achieve success in anything they attempt. So we congratulate the Home in securing such valuable managers.

Be good to them for they are divinely unselfish. May the influence of their strong characters be perpetuated in those under their control, fitting both for time and eternity. Respectfully,

Lucy F. Cheatham.

The Orphans' Friend, February 15, 1912, pages 456 and 457
Management of the Home

It would be an interesting thing for every Baptist in the State to come to Louisville and go through the Home and see how wisely and carefully it is managed. Everything in the house, from garret to cellar is kept fresh and clean, and when you see the children all neat, bright and happy, you feel that they are in a Home, not a mere Orphan Asylum. The children are helpers in every way in which they can take a part. They are learning to sew and they assist in the work. When the tables are spread it is a family of beautifully behaved children that gather around. And they have every comfort that it is in the power of the management to provide. The city people do the best they can to furnish these tables—but it is from the country that must naturally come the greater part of the fruits and vegetables necessary for the health and comfort of the children.

Education of the Children

All the children of school age in the Home go to the city schools. The little tots are taught by Miss Nannie Priest, one of the finest primary teachers in the State. Miss Priest, besides teaching the Home children from four to six years of age, devotes some time each afternoon to seeing that all children who are in school—study and learn their lessons properly.

Besides this, she keeps in touch with the teachers at school, so that she always knows just what is expected of the children. She also helps with the Orphans' Friend.

Through the efforts of Mrs. A. B. Weaver, chairman of the School Committee of the Ladies Board, school books are furnished to the children, free of charge, by the Board of Education of the Louisville Public Schools. This school year, 1912 and 1913, is the first time such a concession has been made.

It is interesting to know, that all along through the years, specially deserving girls have been helped, by friends and by the generosity of the college authorities to a college education.

At the present time (1912, 1913) the Home has four girls in college, one under President Lowry at "Clinton," two under President Hatton at "Liberty," and one under President Brownell, at "Bethel" These pupils are most kindly cared for, and the Boards of the Home feel under many obligations to the wives of these college presidents for their generous and long guardianship of our girls.

During the past summer, three of these "College" girls took dinner with one of the members of our Ladies' Board. This lady had entertained, among her daughters' friends, the most elegant girls in the city and State—and she said, that in manners and intelligence none of them ever surpassed her three guests from the Orphans' Home.
One of these three has had an eventful life. Stolen from her father's plantation in Louisiana when she was a little child, she was brought to our Orphans' Home about six years ago. Her father who had spent his fortune in the ten years he had been looking for her, finally located her at the Home, and came, in the summer of 1911, to claim his child. He had lost her as a little child, but he had found her a cultured, beautiful girl who was caring for the summer housekeeping at the Home to help pay her way through college. Miss Abercrombie entertained him a couple of days at the Home and he could not sufficiently express to her his gratitude for the care and training of his child. He said over and over again. "O, it is so wonderful. It is all like a beautiful fairy tale!" And so it was; for, as Hans Christian Anderson says: "Life is a fairy tale written by the finger of God."

The father did not take his child; he said he could not take her from where life meant so much to her. But when the college days are over, there will be a glad re-union—for the old home at Roselands will claim again the daughter lost and found—and her dearest memories for all the years will be those of our Orphans' Home.

The Orphans' Friend

Every Baptist in Kentucky will want to help the Home, and one of the best ways to do it, is to take The Orphans' Friend. This paper was established in 1872, Mr. Jordan Giles, of Walnut Street, defraying the expense for the first 5,000 copies. In April 1908, Mr. Thomas Osborne, who has been on the Board of Managers twenty-three years, and has done a great deal for the paper, took it in hand with a view to making it pay. As President of the Board of Charities, and worker in many kindred lines, he was thoroughly conversant with newspaper methods, and felt sure that the paper could be made a success. He changed the form of the issue, and secured terms from the publisher that reduced the expense one-half. Miss Mattie Priest is the editor, and Rev. S. C. Humphreys, the field agent to push the paper. If every Baptist family in Kentucky will take it, it will do a wonderful work for the orphans. It is worth reading. Give it a place in your heart and home. It will keep you in touch with all you will need to know about our Orphans' Home.

The Orphans' Friend, April 15, 1912, pages 494, 495.
Mrs. Lizzie H. Woodbury who has done so much to preserve the history of the Home and who covered events up to within a few weeks of her death, died on May 5, 1912, at the age of 68 years.
Lizzie H. Woodbury, Died May 5, 1912, Age 68

"Mrs. Elizabeth Woodbury. Last Sunday Mrs. Woodbury's jubilee year began as a teacher of the infant class in Walnut Street Church. Preparation had been made in the Sunday School to celebrate the event, but on Friday night she was taken sick and on Sunday she died. No one could have gone home without a sense of personal bereavement in more hearts. Her scholars loved and honored her. She was the best teacher of a primary class ever known in the land according to the verdict of hundreds.

"Some twenty-seven or more years ago this writer visited Louisville and a party of us went to the infant class in Walnut Street Church, being told by Dr. Eaton we could hear the finest teaching we had ever heard. Mrs. Woodbury's teaching was within the comprehension of her youngest scholar and held their attention, and it interested and instructed the visitors. There was one slender little boy who sat in his little chair who soon divided attention with Mrs. Woodbury. Whenever she asked a question at which the others hesitated, he answered it with much clearness and great correctness. At the close we asked her who was that marvelous boy who knew everything so thoroughly. She replied, "Boyce Broadus." He has preceded her to heaven and his welcome will be a delight to her. [Article not signed. J. W. Porter was the editor.] Orphan's Friend, May 12, 1909, page 232-252.

See p. 23 of 1937 ed. of the History of Walnut Street Church. Dr. Lorimer led Mrs. Woodbury to the infant class.

The youngest child of Dr. John A. Broadus, just younger than Ella Broadus Robertson. He was born Nov. 24, 1874 and was 10 or 11 years of age when this observation was made, about 1885. Dr. T.T. Eaton was pastor from 1881 to 1897. See A History of the Broadus Family, p. 204, Boyce Broadus buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.
Field Agents.

The Orphans' Friend, March 15, 1912, has a picture of Rev. S. Sanders, stating that he had "severed his connection with the Home as field agent, which position he had held for the last ten years".

In the Minutes of Long Run Association, 1910, page 28 the following record appears. "The trustees have decided that the children who have been put out in homes shall be visited and have appointed Elder S. C. Humphreys to assist Elder Sanders in this work."

The Orphans' Friend, February 15, 1916, has a picture of William Moses, Field Agent, who started work in January. Reference was made to Rev. Samuel Humphreys who had resigned earlier. The issue of the above paper for March 15, 1917, has a picture of William Moses and a statement of his death on February 19, 1917. He was born on March 14, 1852.

O. M. Huey came into this position in February 1918.

He is well known in the State and needs no introduction. Brother Huey has been pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church of Louisville for the last five years. His church refused to "give him up" but granted him leave of absence. It was a struggle for him to determine what was his "duty" but he came to the conclusion that saving children was a most important field of labor, and has entered into it with his whole heart and soul. His part of the work here will be to visit the homes where children are placed, to have supervision of children already placed, visit the churches throughout the State and solicit funds for the support of the Home. In securing the services of this big hearted, genial, wide awake, popular pastor the Board of Managers have shown their wisdom and knowledge of the best plans for obtaining good results. His coming into the work has given us strength and assurance of God's love and goodness and we are sure will be to His glory and the strengthening of His kingdom.
Interrupting of work of Miss Priest

In the Minutes of Long Run Association, 1914, page 25, his record appears, "Miss Mattie Priest, the consecrated superintendent, sailed with her sister, Miss Sallie Priest, a missionary to China, September 8, 1914. Her accomplished assistant, Miss Carrie Snowden, is now the acting Superintendent."

The minutes of the Association for 1915 (pages 16, 17) indicate that Miss Carrie A. Snowden had been made Superintendent, and then add this statement, "Miss Priest, having found it possible to endure the climatic conditions of China, has returned to the home and is in charge again as superintendent."

Kentucky Baptist Children's Home Organized

The Minutes of Long Run Association for 1916 (page 18) state that the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale had been organized with the support of the General Association of Baptists of Kentucky, and that 97 children were being cared for by the new home.

The Minutes of Long Run Association for 1917 (page 20) has the following statement in the report of Louisville Home:

The removal of the German Orphans' Home from Louisville leaves almost the entire work of caring for Baptist orphans of Louisville to the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, although on the other hand the establishment of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, with which the Louisville Home has the kindest co-operation, has lightened the labor of love. The Louisville Home family is not composed of Louisville children, but almost the reverse, about four-fifths of them coming from different parts of the state.

Marked falling off in contributions above report for 1917 continues as follows:

The Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home is the property of the Baptists of the entire State of Kentucky, not-
withstanding the fact that in its earliest infancy the given name of "Louisville" was bestowed upon it, which of late years seem to be rather misleading and has cut off contributions from some parts of the state. This is to be regretted as the endowment income is not sufficient to care for all expenses. Last year's disbursements of the Home were greater than the receipts.
The responsibility of making it what it should be rests upon the Baptists of the State, just as directly and materially as upon those in closer contact.

The report to Long Run Association for 1919 (page 15) contains the following statement:

Within the past few years the home has suffered greatly by a marked falling off in the contributions that formerly came from individuals and churches out in the state. Unfortunately, the impression has been created in many sections that because the home is located in Louisville and bears the name of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, it is a local institution and so largely endowed as to be independent of outside contributions, but, as a matter of fact, over 80 per cent of the children who have enjoyed the blessings of the home have come from points outside of Louisville and the endowment and contributions together failed to meet the expenses of the home by more than a thousand dollars during the last fiscal year. The total contributions from the entire state outside of Louisville for 1918 amounted to only $1,708, and the contributions from the Louisville churches and friends amounted to only $2,205, making a total of less than $4,000. Surely, in view of all that has been done in the past and that is being done in the present by the noble institution it deserves more liberal treatment than it is receiving.

When the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky met in Louisville, November 14-16, 1916, a Souvenir Booklet of Baptist Churches and Institutions was issued. A full page (page 11) was given to the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home. In addition to facts relative to the Home there were pictures of Miss Mattie Best and of the Home.
Death of Miss Mattie Priest

At the end of this period there occurred the death of Miss Mattie Priest who was the superintendent up to the time of her death. The Minutes of Long Run Association, 1919 carry in the report of the Home the following statement, "The home has suffered a grievous loss in the departure of Miss Mattie Priest, the capable and beloved superintendent, who died on August 25, 1919, after a painful illness borne with beautiful patience."
Miss Mattie Priest

(Picture)

Long Run Association Minute, 1919, (page 42)


This good woman from the beginning of her Christian experience cherished the aim of her master, "not to be ministered unto, but to minister". With a view to becoming a trained nurse, she pursued the prescribed course of study and became connected with a sanatorium, where she served with fidelity and credit. Her character, qualifications and experience led to her election as superintendent of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home on February 1, 1912. During the years of her faithful service in this important post, she met every requirement and discharged every duty with conscientious completeness and devotion. For years to come her spirit will linger as a positive and determining factor in all that concerns the inner management and outer reputation of the home in its beneficient work for those who were so dear to the heart of her Savior and to hers.

(A picture appears here)

She was a member of Broadway Baptist Church. A picture of her appears in Souvenir Booklet of Baptist Churches and Institutions...1916, page 11. Also she appears in The Orphans' Friend, Sept. 15, 1919, p. 13.
The Minutes of Long Run Association, 1919, page 16 indicate that the Home was not included in the $75,000,000 Campaign nor in the State Mission budget.

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A reasonably estimate the Home will receive in time from the Norton Fund $225,000. (Long Run Minutes, 1910 p. 27)

Oscar M. Huey and Mrs. Huey become Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

Reference has already been made to the fact that Oscar M. Huey became Field Agent for the Home in February, 1918. His promotion to Superintendent is announced in an article in The Orphans' Friend, December 15, 1919 (page 180-181).
Events of 1910 to 1919... continued

For many years the "Orphans Friend" has been carrying its messages to those interested in the little orphans who live in the big house at First and St. Catherine Streets, and are cared for by our Kentucky Baptist people.

But never perhaps has an issue of the paper conveyed better news than comes to you now at this Christmas time.

Home should mean happiness to children, and surely the happiest home should be where father and mother and children dwell together in love and glad content.

With nothing but queenly crowns for the noble matrons who have guided the destinies of our Home in past years, it is with profound pleasure that we now present a well ordered family. Our children and Father and Mother Huey, for so it has been since the middle of November, when Rev. O. M. Huey and wife became Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Home.

Rev. Oscar Myrinn Huey was 57 years old May 24, 1919. He was born in Boone County, Ky., near Big Bone Spring, "where all large animals came from," if we are to believe his statement as to the productivity of his native heath. Thirty-four years ago, last March, he became a whole man, by the coming to him, as his life partner, of Miss Katherine Kennedy. This beloved girl lived on an adjoining farm, and has added to the life of her husband the true graces and glories of accomplished Christian womanhood.

Into the home of these two people God sent four boys, Lee Manly, a salesman for a wholesale grocery firm, of Hellena, Ark.; Samuel Loyd, a Lexington, Ky. broker; George Wm., a traveling salesman with headquarters at Louisville, and Edward Oscar, a Campbellsburg merchant. We must also doff our hats to Grandmother and Granddad Huey, for there has come a little granddaugher.

For 30 years Bro. Huey has been in the Baptist ministry, and all his life a resident of his native state. One has only to know him, to understand his heart's love for the pastorate, and the active work of the ministry.

Four years he was pastor at Erlanger, seven years at Carrollton, three years at Stanford, seven years at Somerset, and five years at Crescent Hill Church in Louisville.

He has been blessed of God as pastor-evangelist in winning hundreds to Christ, and has been permitted to baptize more than 5,000 persons.

While serving the denomination in his new capacity, Bro. Huey is anxious to do supply work, as the Lord shall call.

We are glad to feel that our brother and sister are happy in their new work, for they had prayed the Lord to guide them to the place of greatest service and when approached by a representative of our Home relative to becoming its head, in our brother's own words, "There seemed to be no way out" and they "had to accept."

Bro. Huey has not yet fully worked out his plans for the Home's welfare,

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but is determined to make it the “best possible Home.”

Our brother was for five years a member of the Kentucky Baptist State Mission Board, and is greatly pleased at the act of the General Association and State Board in fully relating the Home to the state budget. The city and state can feel sure that in-so-far as the present Superintendent is concerned, the management will not only be Christian in the strictest sense, but Baptist to the most exacting demands.

One hundred and twenty-nine little lives have been touched during the past eleven months and eternity alone can tell the final story of the Baptist touch in our oldest Kentucky Home.

It is now the hope and aim of the management that instead of turning children away, we may be able to care for many more as a result of the help of the State Mission Board, acting under direction of the General Association.

Brother and Sister Huey are eminently fitted by training and experience for their present task, he having been trained in Georgetown College and our Louisville Seminary, while Mrs. Huey was educated in the Covington schools.

For 15 months they were in charge of the Campbellsburg High School, which is a Community School with boarding pupils.

Miss Loula Nunnelley, who has already proved her worth in the Home is retained as Associate Assistant Superintendent.

The Superintendent very heartily expresses his approval of his assistants and declares there can not be found better helpers than are his.

The work of the teachers is of the utmost importance, and we believe Father and Mother Huey will direct and pray that the lessons of the Christ as Savior shall be faithfully taught.

So “happy Christmas” children, parents and all.

Glorious closing of the old and blessed opening of the New Year for our Baptist Brotherhood in old Kentucky.

Pray for your Home in Louisville as well as for the great Home at Lynnland.

H. S. SUMMERS,
For the Home.

The Orphans’ Friend, December 15, 1919, pages 160-161.
The Home Related to the Budget of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky

The above article makes reference to the prospect of a better financial plan for the Home. Following is the report of the action taken by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in its meeting on November 12, 1919 (Proceedings, pages 52-53).

W. M. Seay read the report on the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home and W. D. Nowlin presented the report of the special committee appointed last year. The reports were discussed jointly by J. G. Bow, J. W. Porter, B. T. Kimbrough, W. D. Nowlin and E. J. Weller and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON LOUISVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME.

The Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home has passed through another year of useful history. During the year the consecrated and highly efficient superintendent, Miss Mattie Priest, has passed to her heavenly reward. Verily, her good works do follow her.

Though we lament the passing away of this noble servant of the Lord, we are glad to report that the children of the home have been lovingly cared for since her death by Miss Loula Nunnelley.

The Home cares for the physical welfare of the children entrusted to its charge, providing wholesome food, suitable clothing, medical attention, games and recreation.

The education of the children is carefully looked after. They are sent to the public schools of the city, thus receiving the best instruction afforded by the public school system of the city.

Their spiritual training and instruction is fostered both in the Home and in the Sunday Schools and churches of the city. The pastors and Christian workers among our Baptist people find an easy access to the hearts of these orphans. How gladly do they receive the gospel and confess their Savior! They enter happily and heartily into our church life and form no negligible addition to the working power of the churches.

About four-fifths of the children are from the State outside the city of Louisville. Surely nothing could make a tenderer or more telling appeal to the hearts of our Baptist people than the unfortunate lot and the urgent needs of our orphans.

The endowment of the Home does not pay its operating expenses. Its expenses in excess of revenue from January 1, 1918, to December 31, 1918, are estimated to be $1,081.77. It has always been necessary for the churches to supplement the income of the Home with their yearly gifts.

Number of children in the Home January 1, 1918............. 89
Number received during the year........................... 15
Number readmitted .................................................. 15
Total admitted ......................................................... 33

Total number in the Home........................................ 122
Transferred during the year.................................. 49

Remaining January 1, 1919 ........................................ 73
We, your committee, believe that some plan can be wrought out, and without jeopardizing the endowment fund, by which the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home can secure its share in the 75 Million Campaign. And we earnestly recommend that if this can be done, it be done speedily. Remember Him who said: "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

W. M. SEAY, Chairman,
O. M. HUEY,
C. K. HOAGLAND,
O. O. GREEN,
W. S. COAKLEY,
E. W. DAVIS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS IN KENTUCKY TOUCHING THE RELATIONS OF THE LOUISVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Whereas: the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home is, in effect, a State institution, inasmuch as the great majority of its beneficiaries come from outside the city; and whereas,

It is a Baptist institution, its trustees being limited to members duly elected by Baptist churches of the city, working in cordial cooperation with the General Association; and whereas,

The endowment, though growing, is insufficient to afford the necessary sum for meeting annual expenses and, therefore, appeal must be made for contributions from the churches to meet the necessary deficit.

It is highly desirable that the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home have access to the churches throughout the State through the budget plan of the General Association.

In order to effect this result the undersigned committee makes the following recommendation, due to the fact that, on the best legal advice obtainable, it is not wise at present to change the charter of the Louisville Home, namely, that the General Association assume supervision of the institution in the following way:

1. Let the Louisville Baptist churches entitled to elect trustees submit three names of persons for each trusteeship to the General Association, one of whom shall be elected by that body and enrolled as trustees on behalf of the General Association, and to which body they shall make a full and complete report annually.

2. Then let the General Association put the Louisville Home on the budget for such sum as the Association may direct.

By adopting such a course, in the judgment of your committee, a basis of satisfactory and fraternal cooperation will be established between the churches of Louisville, all of which are loyal to the Association, and the budget system, which is working so successfully in our State.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. NOWLIN,
EDW. C. FARMER,
W. W. LANDRUM,
O. M. HUEY.
VII. EVENTS OF 1920 TO 1929 (60TH ANNIVERSARY)

Presidents of the Board of Managers

The president of the Board of Managers at the beginning of this period was Mr. Frank Miller who has been mentioned earlier because of his care in handling the funds of the Home. A list of the presidents is presented here:

1. Dr. J. Lawrence Smith, 1869-1883 (Walnut Street)
2. Dr. Wm. B. Caldwell, 1883-1892 (Walnut Street)
3. Dr. J.B. Marvin, 1892-1913 (Walnut Street)
4. Mr. Frank Miller, 1913-1925
5. Mr. Junius Caldwell, Jan., 1926-Feb. 13, 1930 (Highland Ch.)

For the last four years of the period Mr. Junius Caldwell was the president. He was a nephew of Dr. J. Lawrence Smith (the first president) and the son of Dr. Wm. B. Caldwell (the second president).

Physicians of the Home

A list of physicians in various relationships to the Home includes the following:

Dr. G.W. Burton (or Burton)
Dr. G.H. Cox
Dr. Blue
Dr. Wm. Cheatham
Dr. J.M. Ray, Occulist
Dr. Ap. Morgan Vance, Surgeon
Dr. J.B. Marvin
Dr. R. Lindsey Ireland
Dr. C.B. Willmott, Specialist in Skin Diseases

It seems that Dr. G.H. Cox was the first "Physician-in-charge". Then Dr. J.B. Marvin came into that position. It is known that he became a member of the Board of Managers in September, 1884. It is stated that he had "the wisdom of a physician and the heart of a Christian gentleman."

Further, it is said of him, "Working first under Dr. Cox, then as Physician-in-charge, Dr. Marvin gave the Home many years of earnest service and devotion. It was worth a life-time of work to be so loved as Dr. Marvin was by the little children of the Home. He was never too busy to spare time for the work—never too weary to answer the calls for help" (A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, 1929, page 7). Dr. Marvin seems to have been the House Physician until his death in 1913.

Dr. R. Lindsey Ireland became associated with Dr. J.B. Marvin, as Physician, in 1905. He worked with Dr. Marvin and upon the death of Dr. Marvin in 1913, Dr. Ireland was elected House Physician and "the health of the whole institution was left in Dr. Ireland's hands and how capably and faithfully he discharged that duty. The number of children kept growing, and in order that his little charges might have the most scientific care possible, yet not burdening any one man with more gratuitous service than he was able to give, Dr. Ireland organized a very efficient staff" (A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, 1929, page 8).

Death of S.C. Humphreys

In the issue of The Orphans' Friend, May 15, 1920, page 75, announcement was made that S.C. Humphreys had died on May 1, 1920. He had served as Field Agent for the Home
from 1910 through 1915.

Value of the Home

It has been pointed out that the South Wing of the building, completed in 1870, cost about $20,000, and that the Central Wing, completed in 1892, cost about $22,000. In the "Report on Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home" in the Minutes of Long Run Association for 1922, page 21, it is stated, "Our property is valued at $100,000." Relative to the amount of property at that time it is stated, "We have only our main building, in which are housed all of the children, and a very small building in which are our heating plant, laundry and printing office."

The size of the building, or floor space, is further revealed in a brief article on page 4 of the issue of The Orphans' Friend for July, 1929, "Our basement is now nice and clean. We spent $30.00 in getting it 'spic and span' for the 60th Anniversary of the Home and it is now in readiness for the reception of canned fruits. Mr. Strange, the Engineer, will be glad to pack barrels of jars for you, and we will send them prepaid if you will fill them." There was a basement as well as the three floors evident in the pictures of the building. This article also reveals a source of foods for the children as is evident in many of the appeals for assistance in caring for the children.

Endowment of the Home

In 1910 the endowment was announced as standing at $175,000. (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1910, page 27)
In 1923 the total is estimated at $287,823.69 (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1923, page 8).

Assistant Superintendent

In the middle of November, 1919, Mrs. O. M. Huey became Assistant Superintendent of the Home at the same time that her husband became Superintendent. How long Mrs. Huey remained at this position is not known (The Orphans' Friend, Dec. 15, 1919, page 180). In the March, 1935, issue of The Orphans' Friend, on page 3, it is stated, "Mrs. Huey, while not having such a large circle of friends, has endeared herself to the employees who served in the Home during the years Mr. and Mrs. Huey lived in the Home, and the children who passed through its doors. Mrs. Huey never had any official connection with the Home, but was always ready to serve where she was needed." Mrs. Jane T. Pierce served in this capacity from July 1, 1928 to May 1, 1929.

Miss Grace Bartlett became Assistant Superintendent on June 1, 1929. In A History of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, 1929, page 7, the following record appears: "Miss Bartlett comes to us from Mason City, Nebraska, by the way of Kansas City, Kansas, where she has just completed a three year course in the Baptist Training School of that city. She is admirably equipped, by training and experience, to carry on the work as Director of the Home in a splendid manner, thus relieving Bro. Huey so that he can attend to the much needed field work for the Home." A picture of Miss Bartlett appears on the front cover of the issue of The Orphans' Friend, July, 1929. A brief article appears
on page 2.

The sixteen page *History* referred to in the paragraph above was published in connection with the 60th Anniversary and Home Coming Celebration on June 30, 1929. An article appears in *The Orphans' Friend*, July, 1929, pages 7 and 8, relative to the celebration of the 60th Anniversary and to the publication and distribution of the booklet.

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Further Historical Materials

The issue of *The Orphans' Friend* for April-May, 1927 (p.5-13) contains the earliest printing of "The History of the Louisville Baptist Orphan's Home", by Grace Lewis Hardaway. This sketch, as printed in the 1929 historical pamphlet is quoted in this present sketch by Leo T. Crisman on pages 2-3. In the 1927 publication there are pictures which do not appear otherwise, especially of Mrs. O.M. Huey, Mrs. C.L. Woodbury, W.L. Weller, Dr. Arthur Peter, Dr. G.W. Benton, first physician, Mrs. Arthur Peter, W.F. Norton, Jr., Capt. J.H. Weller, Miss Mary E. Abercrombie, Mr. Frank Miller, Dr. C.C. English, Dr. R. Lindsey Ireland, Dr. Gaylord Hall, Dr. G.C. Gardner, Dr. Frank Pirkey, Dr. A.C. Kolb, Mrs. Anna James, matron of the Baptist Home for Business Girls, and Miss Grace Lewis Hardaway who was the assistant to Dr. O.M. Huey before the coming of Miss Grace Bartlett.
In the Minutes of Long Run Association for 1930, pages 23 and 24, the record states that the Home had cared for 209 children during the year. In two days in July, a Saturday and Monday, July 26 and 28, they were compelled to refuse admittance to twenty-two children, and an average of six daily for the month of August. This report is very similar to reports made in previous years relative to the inability of the Home to care for the children who needed care. In 1932 it was reported, "There are a few vacancies in the Home for girls under nine years of age and for boys under seven" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1932, page 35). The age span is indicated in a statement in 1938, "Our youngest at the present time is a girl of two years, and our oldest a girl of eighteen years" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1938, page 26).

In the record referred to above, O.M. Huey requested the prayers of the messengers in behalf of Mr. Junius Caldwell, "who is ill at the Baptist Hospital and one who has given so much of his time and his money to the Kentucky Orphans' cause." Mr. Caldwell was a member of Highland Baptist Church and his pastor, D.A. Howard, was called upon to lead in the prayer. Mr. Caldwell resigned as President of the Board in February, 1930 (The Orphans' Friend, March, 1930, page 3). "A word of appreciation" for him appears in The Orphans' Friend, March, 1930,
Mr. Caldwell lived on for about a year, dying in October, 1931. (He was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, October 22, 1931.) In his earlier years he had been connected with the Commercial Bank and Trust Company as Superintendent of the Real Estate Department (Who's Who in Louisville, 1912). Later he was President of his own real estate firm, The Junius Caldwell Company (Caron's Louisville Directory).

F.H. Goodridge, President

"Mr. F.H. Goodridge, of the Broadway Baptist Church, was elected President of the Men's Board of Managers on February 13, 1930. Mr. Goodridge has been a member of the Board for several years, and has been active in the work of the Home. He is a keen business man and will be able to do much for the progress of the institution."

(The Orphans' Friend, March, 1930, page 3). Mr. Goodridge died on October 31, 1936. (See The Orphans' Friend, Nov., 1936, page 3). He was President to February 1935, it seems.

Activities of O.M. Huey

"Mr. Huey has been very busy in the last month visiting the homes in which our children have been placed. He has visited in all of the Louisville and Jefferson County homes, and also New Albany and Jeffersonville, Indiana. With only one or two exceptions these reports have been favorable, and we are highly pleased with them. With the coming of spring and summer Mr. Huey will be busy attending the various associations and carrying on the field work of the Home" (The Orphans' Friend, March, 1930,
page 3).

On the front cover of *The Orphans' Friend*, March, 1935, a picture appears of Rev. and Mrs. O.M. Huey taken on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. On page 3 an article relative to them appears.

**Purpose of the Home**

In an article entitled "Facts Concerning the Baptist Orphans' Home" in *The Orphans' Friend*, August, 1935, page 3, this paragraph appears: "This Home is primarily a child placing institution. We try at all times to place our children in good Christian homes....While we are classed as an 'Institution' we try at all times to make a real home for boys and girls under our care."

**The 1937 Flood**

On Sunday, January 24, 1937, the children (117 of them) had to be vacated from the Home by Greyhound busses to Norton Hall at the Seminary because of the flooding of the Ohio River. On Tuesday, January 26, they were taken by private automobiles to Columbia, Kentucky, where provision was made for them in the High School building until Friday, February 5, when they once again moved, this time to the First Baptist Church. They stayed there for six days and then returned to the Home in Louisville on Thursday, February 11. (See *The Orphans' Friend*, March, 1937, pages 3 and 4.)
Illness of O.M. Huey—Miss Bartlett

The report of the Home to Long Run Association, meeting Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1937, states: "The report would not be complete without a word concerning Brother Huey. Because of the condition of his health it became expedient that he be relieved for the present at least from active work. During the summer Mr. Cecil V. Cook, Jr., has been serving as assistant to Superintendent Huey. Miss Bartlett, the efficient Assistant Superintendent of the Home, underwent a major operation some time ago, but is back at her post and apparently getting along quite well" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1937, page 27).

Celebration of 70th Anniversary

On June 30, 1939, the Home celebrated its seventieth Anniversary (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1939, page 33).

Statistics Gathered from Long Run Association Minutes and Other Sources

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IX. EVENTS OF 1940 TO 1949 (80TH ANNIVERSARY)

Presidents of the Board of Managers

(Continued from Page 55)

6. F.H. Goodridge, February 13, 1930-February 1935
   (Member of Broadway Church)

7. John S. Long, February 1935-February 1943 (Member
   of Broadway Church)

8. V.V. Cooke, February 1943- (Member of Walnut
   Street Church)

In the *Western Recorder* (February 25, 1943, page 12)
announcement was made that V.V. Cooke had been selected as
President. A further statement appears:

The By-Laws of our Home provide that the President of
the Board shall be selected "from those managers sent
by the church contributing most largely to the corpora-
tion the previous year." Walnut Street has the happy
distinction of being the church that contributed the
largest cash amount....

Home Lived Within Its Income

In the report of the Home to Long Run Association in
1940 (*Minutes of Long Run Association, 1940*, page 32-33) it
is stated, "For the first time in several years, the Home has
lived within its income....The per capita cost for 1939 was
$247.55 as against $211.40 for the previous year."

In 1916 it was reported that "The annual cost is about
$18,000, of which $12,000 comes from the endowments and $6,000
is needed from the churches" (*Minutes of Long Run Association,
1916, page 17); in 1922, "Our income from endowment is about
$16,000 a year, and from the 75 Million Campaign Fund some-
thing like $10,000. The total is inadequate for the upkeep of our buildings and our running expenses...." (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1922, page 21); in 1928, "The per capita cost was $307.39, while the per capita income was only $251.36. The per capita deficit was $56.03. The total income was $35,798.01, while the expenses were $43,777.69, leaving a total deficit of $7,976.68 (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1928, page 26); in 1936 the net income from all sources was $28,935.51 and the total expenses were $29,729.85. The per capita cost was $227.98 (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1936, page 22); in 1939 it was reported "Our operating cost for the year 1937-38 was $30,322.90, which amount is $1,199.94 less than the previous year. We received, from all sources, $26,566.25, which is less by $3,756.65 than our operating cost. Per capita cost for caring for the children was $241.29..." (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1939, page 33).

In 1941 the financial situation was less encouraging. "Last year the operating expenses of the Home were $36,419.52. The income was $29,944.21, thus leaving a deficit of $6,475.31" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1941, page 36). In 1942 the Home "...closed the fiscal year with a small balance."

O.M. Huey, Superintendent

No reference is made to the ill health of Dr. Huey after 1937. Reports to Long Run Association regarding the Home indicate that Dr. Huey was the superintendent up through 1942. In the Western Recorder weekly reports, his name appears
as Superintendent up through April 20, 1944. Frank M. Masters (A History of Baptists in Kentucky, page 574) states "In 1918 Brother Huey was elected Superintendent of the Louisville Orphans' Home and served until 1938, a period of twenty years, when he was retired by the Board of Trustees at the age of seventy-six years on a pension. In 1944, the same Board made him Superintendent Emeritus...." The records of Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, show that on February 7, 1940, both Brother and Mrs. Huey were granted letters to join the Florence Baptist Church. (However, they joined Erlanger Church, rather than Florence.)

In the Western Recorder for February 20, 1941, page 12, it was stated that Dr. Huey was in the Kentucky Baptist Hospital suffering from misplaced vertebrae caused by a fall on ice at his home in Florence more than two weeks earlier. Mrs. Huey was with him at the Hospital and they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary at the Hospital on Tuesday, March 11, 1941 (Western Recorder, March 20, 1941, pages 1, 12, 24).

In the Western Recorder for February 18, 1943, page 13, L.B. Snider stated that Dr. & Mrs. Huey had resided at Florence "for the last three years." L.B. Snider stated further that Dr. Huey had fallen in his back yard on January 29, and that he had broken his hip bone. He was in Booth Memorial Hospital at Covington until March 27 (Western Recorder, April 8, 1943, page 12). Then later he had to return to the Hospital (Western Recorder, May 27, 1943, page 13).
L.B. Snider reported in the *Western Recorder*, July 1, 1943, page 12, "Dr. Huey's condition not improving."

Oscar Myrix Huey was born in Boone County, Kentucky, on May 24, 1862. He received his education at Union, in Boone County, at Georgetown College, and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He married Katie Katherine Kennedy on March 11, 1885, at Big Bone Baptist Church. They were married by James A. Kirtley. He was pastor at Erlanger, Carrollton, Stanford, Somerset, Great Crossings, and Crescent Hill in Louisville. He was pastor at Simpsonville for about a year after leaving Crescent Hill, then camp pastor at Camp Taylor. Late in 1919 he became Superintendent of the Home. After the death of Mrs. Huey at Florence on June 22, 1944, Dr. Huey made his home in Louisville, most of the time at the Bousman Nursing Home, 1460 South Second Street, where he died on October 26, 1950.

Building Repairs Necessary

In 1940 attention was called to an urgent need for money for "repairing the buildings" (*Minutes of Long Run Association, 1940, page 33*). In 1941 the report reads "A considerable part of the deficit was caused by the necessity of having to do some repair work on the buildings. The present building needs to be replaced by a new and more adequate building" (*Minutes of Long Run Association, 1941, page 36*). In 1942 this statement appears, "The present quarters are becoming old and antiquated. That a new building will be necessary before long was re-emphasized in a recent written report made by an
investigation committee from the State Board of Health" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1942, page 19). In 1944 it was announced that "A new Home is planned for the post-war period. The location of this proposed Home is not yet known" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1944, page 25).

Methods of Caring for Children

"This Home has the policy of placing children, when calls come and conditions permit, into Christian homes. To date the Home has placed over 200 children, under eighteen years of age, in such homes. The reports from these are gratifying indeed. For every child the Home receives under two years of age, there are at least twenty-five applications". (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1942, page 19).

"The Home since its beginning has cared for children in the following three ways: in the institution, in adoptive homes, and in apprenticeship homes. An apprenticeship differs from an adoption only in that the child does not inherit property from the foster parents and does not have his name changed. Our babies and younger children whom we place in private homes are always adopted, and our older children are usually apprenticed" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1942, page 25).

Generations of Families Manifest Interest

An article appears in the Western Recorder for December 10, 1942, page 12, relative to continuous annual Thanksgiving visits having been made to the Home by members of the family of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Peter who were two of the founders of
the Home. For thirty-nine years Mr. Harry S. Perkins had been the principal speaker for the Peter-Perkins families on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Perkins' late wife, it was stated, was a granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Peter.

John M. Kirk, of Crescent Hill Church, and members of his family visited the Home regularly over a period of years (Western Recorder, May 20, 1943, page 12).
Late Beloved John M. Kirk, Friend and Benefactor of Homeless Children

May 6 was the birthday of the late beloved John M. Kirk, of Louisville, Ky., one of the best friends our Louisville Home ever had. We are happy to use this anniversary of his birth to give to our friends something of the great service that he during his life rendered to our children. Mr. Kirk passed away on July 24, 1942.

Mr. Kirk's activities in behalf of our children began when he was a young man and continued throughout his long life. As a young man, he began to come to the Home on the second Sunday after noon in each month with his dear friend, Mr. K. B. Grahn, who came regularly to conduct devotional exercises for the children. After the death of Mr. Grahn in 1922, Mrs. Grahn and Mr. Kirk continued the devotional exercises. Mr. Kirk, then, took charge of the exercises and Mrs. Grahn came with him and provided a treat for the children. Mr. and Mrs. Grahn started the treats for the children on each of their monthly visits long before Mr. Grahn's death.

Mr. Kirk took great pride in his devotional exercises. He brought to the Home the best talent that could be found to speak to the children. He often remarked with much gratification that he had brought to the children speakers from nearly all the nations of the world. Many of these speakers he found attending the Southern Baptist Seminary, here in Louisville.

Mr. Kirk loved our children, and he received much joy in serving them. He kept himself informed as to their needs and contributed liberally all through the years to their support. And his interest in the children did not stop when they left the Home. Often he would inquire as to their welfare and would wish to give some financial aid, especially to those who were trying to go further in school.

And our children loved Mr. Kirk and always looked forward to his visits. Perhaps but few of their friends have ever so endeared themselves to them. Mr. Kirk's faithful visits through the years, his good counsel to the children, his earnest prayers for them, and his gracious manner among them, drew the children to him. And this, of course, made it easier for him to accomplish the higher purposes of his visits, that of influencing the children to become Christians and to make good in life.

Our children were grief stricken when Mr. Kirk was taken to the hospital, a short time before his death. They remembered him in their prayers during his illness and often inquired about him. And when he died all of our children knew that they had lost one of their best friends. The good people of Mr. Kirk's church, Crescent Hill, made it possible for the children to attend his funeral.

On Mr. Kirk's birthday (May 6) this year, his family—Mrs. Agnes Kirk, his good wife, now of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and their children—Miss Grace Kirk and Howard Kirk, also of Ft. Lauderdale, Capt. Douglas C. Kirk of the U. S. Navy, Mrs. J. C. Towery of Owensboro, Ky., and Ralph Kirk of Louisville—sent gifts of ice cream and candy to the children. A note written by one of the children stated that the family knew he would rather continued the devotional exercises than in any other. Mr. and Mrs. Grahn came with him and provided a treat for the children. Mr. and Mrs. Grahn started the treats for the children on each of their monthly visits long before Mr. Grahn's death.

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We of the Home are so thankful for the memory of this great and good man, who put his very heart into the work of ministering to the needs of our homeless children. His life was and is an inspiration and a challenge both to the personnel of the Home and to our children to carry on more worthily. His influence will live long among us. And he will live on in the lives of the several thousand homeless children whom he helped in so many ways.

We thank God for giving us Mr. John M. Kirk. And may He raise up many others like him.—L. B. Snider.
Medical Services Provided by Home

A statement of the medical services provided by the Home at this time is explained in the Western Recorder for March 16, 1943, page 13.

MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED CHILDREN

L. B. Snider, Louisville, Ky.

Perhaps few of our people realize the importance of adequate and competent medical services for our children. Nor do many realize how large and varied is the scope of this work. So with the hope of helping our friends better to understand and appreciate this important part of the services rendered to our children, I am hereby giving a brief description of it.

Children Given Thorough Physical Examinations on Entering

Each child coming into our Home must pass through quite a routine of physical examinations before he can be brought into the institution and placed among our other children. The first of these examinations must be given him by a physician in his own community. The results of this examination are written upon the child's application blank and forwarded to the Home. If the examination is favorable the child may be brought on to us.

When the child arrives at the Home he is given a complete physical check-up. The routine he passes through is somewhat as follows: First, upon arriving at the Home he is given a medicated bath and shampoo. Secondly, he is taken to Dr. W. W. Nicholson's office for an examination of his ears, eyes, nose, throat, heart, and lungs. In the third place, he is taken to Louisville-Research Laboratory and given a Blood Wasserman test and a T. B. test. If the Blood Wasserman test is positive, we would be unable, of course, to accept the child into the Home. If the T. B. test is positive the child is taken to the T. B. Clinic for an X-ray of his lungs.

Examinations Reveal Medical Attention Each Child Needs

The examinations will reveal in each case the exact medical attention each child will need in order to build up and maintain his health. Often a child's condition will require frequent check-ups at regular intervals, re-X-rays, etc. All this, one may be sure, requires much time, money and energy.

When a child has run the gauntlet of preadmission physical examinations and is pronounced O. K. he is then placed in the department at the Home to which he belongs. But often after a child has gone through the regular routine of examinations, he must be kept in our Clinic for some time, until various infections, skin irritations, and so on, can be healed. Not until these clear up can we place him among our other children.

Medical Services Provided Children In Home

For those children who have become residents at the Home, a program of medical services is provided. First, our Clinic at the Home is opened twice daily for observation and treatment of all who have any kind of ailments. And the Clinic may be opened at any time, day or night, for the treatment of any child who needs is. Our Clinic is presided over by our very competent practical nurse, Mrs. Eva Beggs. Many minor ailments, such as bad colds, sore throats, cut fingers, skinned knees, etc. are treated daily by Mrs. Beggs. If the ailment is of a serious nature, she, of course, will call the doctor. If a child takes something contagious, or if his condition seems to warrant it, he is kept in the Clinic and treated by the nurse, under the doctor's directions, until he gets well. When a child needs to be taken to a physician's office, or to the hospital, the nurse must arrange for this and take him there. Several times every week, we see Mrs. Beggs taking children out to various specialists or to the hospital.

Gratitude to Louisville Physicians

We are unable to express in words our gratitude to the physicians of the city of Louisville for their great services to our children. All of the physicians, with the exception of one, who wait upon our children, give their valuable services without charge. The Home pays our regular physician, Dr. W. W. Nicholson, a nominal fee. Dr. Nicholson's services are so extensive that we feel it would not be right not to pay him something.
Chart Shows Medical Services Rendered
Children in Last 2 Months

To give our people some idea of the extent of medical service our children require, in a given period, and some information as to who waits upon them, Mrs. Beggs has provided the list or chart given below. These services were rendered within the last two months. Each physician or dentist and the number of children he treated within this period are as follows:

1. Dr. Robert Kelly, Skin Specialist, has treated two children.
2. Dr. H. H. Hagan, Surgeon, has treated two children.
3. Dr. Richard Hudson, Bone Specialist, has treated six children.
4. Dr. A. L. Juers, Ear, Eye, Nose, and Throat Specialist, has treated four children for ears, two for eyes, and has removed six children's tonsils.
5. Dr. W. S. Diller, Dentist, has treated ten children.
6. Dr. W. W. Rivers, Dentist, has treated eleven children, put in 36 fillings.
7. Dr. Charles S. Peary, Dentist, has treated six children.
8. Dr. G. W. Edwards, Dentist, has treated four children.
9. Dr. G. W. Houze, Dentist, has treated ten children.
10. Dr. Elam Harris, Dentist, has treated six children.
11. Dr. F. W. Jordan, Exodontist, has extracted fifteen teeth for five children.
12. Dr. E. C. Hume, Exodontist, has extracted fifteen teeth for nine children.

The above chart shows that eighty-three children were treated within the last two months by twelve different physicians and dentists. During this same period fifty children were kept in our Clinic at the Home for a time and treated by our nurse.

And now may we, in behalf of Kentucky Baptists and others, express our gratitude to Mrs. Beggs, and to each of the other physicians, and dentists, for their gracious services in ministering to the physical needs of our children.

Certainly this is a great and important service to our children. Precedence for this kind of service was made by our Lord Himself. "And Jesus went about . . . healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people" (Matthew 4:23).
Changes in Personnel

"Changes in personnel are seen in the coming of Rev. A.M. Vollmer as superintendent, Miss Virginia R. Fields as assistant superintendent, and Miss Virginia Gregory as social case worker. This grew out of recommendations made by the Child Welfare League of America after an extensive survey" (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1944, page 25).

In the weekly report of the Home in the Western Recorder for April 27, 1944, A.M. Vollmer is listed as the Superintendent of the Home. Miss Grace Bartlett continues to be listed as Assistant Superintendent through June 15, 1944. L.B. Snider became Field Representative, perhaps early in 1938. In the Western Recorder for December 18, 1941, page 8, the following appears, "Rev. Louis B. Snider, who has for four years wrought with signal acceptance as the field representative of the ... Home, is continuing in that service under the appointment of its trustees. Brother Snider was chosen for the service by Dr. Huey and has perpetuated in his work the fine spirit and wise policies of Dr. Huey."

In the Western Recorder for June 14, 1945, page 7, he published a statement announcing his resignation, effective June 1. He planned to enter the School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, on June 11. He stated that he had been with the Home seven years. Both these records seem to point to early 1938 as the date when he came to the Home.

Louis Beckman Snider was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, from Jeffersonville, Indiana, as
a graduate, 1937-38 and 1938-39.

In the *Western Recorder* for August 21, 1947, page 11, the following statement appears, "Rev. Louis B. Snider, formerly Field Representative of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, is now Superintendent of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, Montacello, Arkansas...." In 1967 he lived in New Albany, Indiana.

In the *Western Recorder*, June 15, 1944, page 12, the following statement appears relative to Mrs. Virginia Fields:

ASSUMES NEW DUTIES JUNE 15

Mrs. Virginia Reneau Fields has been elected as Assistant Superintendent of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home to succeed Miss Grace Bartlett, who for fifteen years has served in this capacity and whose resignation becomes effective June 15. Mrs. Fields was born in Greenville, Texas. She attended High School in Hobart and Purcell, Oklahoma. She received her A.B. degree from Central College in Edmond, Oklahoma and did post-graduate work at the University of Texas. She prepared herself to teach and specialized in English, which subject she has taught for fourteen years, seven in an Oklahoma High School and seven in the High School in Dyersburg, Tenn. She was the teacher of a large woman's class in the First Baptist Church of Dyersburg, Tenn., in which church she was an active and valuable member. The Home is most fortunate in securing this cultured and high type Christian woman to serve in this important position in our Home. We welcome her to Kentucky, and to our Baptist fellowship.—A. M. Vollmer.

BARTLETT, Rachel Grace

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JULY 25, 1973

Miss Rachel Grable Bartlett, formerly of 2765 Grinstead Drive, died at 3 a.m. Wednesday at Bethesda Manor Nursing Home.

She was a former city school system employee, retiring as a lunchroom manager in 1959. She had been assistant superintendent at the Baptist Orphans Home (now Spring Meadows at Middle-town, Ky.).

She was a member of Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a foster daughter, Mrs. Ted Dean, and two foster grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, 2428 Frankfort Ave., with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery.
Survey Made by Child Welfare League of America

In the report to Long Run Association in 1943, (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1943, page 26), it was stated that a survey was to be made by the Child Welfare League of America.

In the 1944 report (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1944, page 25) it was stated that changes in personnel grew out of recommendations made by the Child Welfare League of America.

In the Western Recorder for July 15, 1943, page 12, a quotation appears relative to the above organization.

What Is the Child Welfare League of America?

"The Child Welfare League of America is a national federation of child caring agencies and institutions in the United States....Everything that pertains to the welfare of dependent and neglected children is the concern of the League. Its interest, however, extends beyond this into the field of foster care, where no dependency or neglect exists. "In 1920, a group of organizations ambitious for greater success in caring for children deprived of their own protectors undertook to reorganize an existing Bureau for the Exchange of Information Among Child Helping Agencies, established in 1915. The League was organized in 1926, under the laws of the state of New York."

The Board of Managers of the Home invited the League to make a survey of the Home. On May 22, 1943, conferences were held with Mr. Howard W. Hopkirk, Executive Director of the League (Western Recorder, June 3, 1943, page 12). The work of making the survey was done by Mrs. Kate Bullock Helms, a Baptist, who graduated from Coker College, Hartsville, S.C. (a Baptist Girls' School) and whose career as a social worker began at Connie Maxwell Home in South Carolina (Western Recorder, June 24, 1943, page 13 and July 1, 1943, page 12). Claud A. Turpin (A History of the Kentucky Baptist
Board of Child Care, 1962, pages 25-26) sums up the recommendations from the survey:

"...if the present building and equipment cannot be adopted to a different program then the Board should consider ways and means for providing adequate substitute environment for those children who were removed from their homes to the institution. It was recommended that the Board should consider moving to a different location. Also it might be considered in relation to the possibility of combining the work of the two Baptist institutions in order that each agency could serve the Baptist children in need and yet not duplicate the work of the other."

New Development in Child Care Program

Further development is described by Claud A. Turpin (A History of the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care, pages 26-30):

In 1944 a survey was made of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at the request of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky. Among the recommendations made from the study was that the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky sell the present site and buildings and obtain a location near facilities that could be used by a larger group of children.²

As a result of these studies made by the Child Welfare League in 1943 and 1944 the General Association in their meeting in Louisville in 1945 appointed the Children's

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Commission for the purpose of studying the feasibility of co-ordinating our work. The appointment of the Children's Commission inaugurated an era of transition. This period was characterized by changes and developments. It was the prelude of the inauguration of social work which has changed the program of child care from one of long term residence, in which a child was more or less separated and isolated from its family situation, to one of short term care in a total ministry to the child and his family. This program served not only to the maintaining of family ties but also strengthening family situations which brought about a reunion of the family.

In December of 1945 the Executive Committee of the General Association asked the Board of Trustees of Louisville Baptist Orphanage to purchase property at Grayson, Kentucky for the purpose of building a children's home in Eastern Kentucky which would be operated as a part of the Louisville Baptist Orphanage program. In the minutes of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, 1945, it was decided...
that this area was not suitable for the building of a children's home. Other locations in this section of Kentucky were studied. It was decided that it would be more advisable to build a children's home closer to Morehead, Kentucky. One hundred and twenty-five acres of land was purchased two miles north of Morehead and construction of Pine Crest Children's Home was begun in the Spring of 1954. Pine Crest was opened to receive children on January 21, 1957. It was to be operated as a part of the Spring Meadows' program.

Another change was that of the administrative policy. The first proposal coming from the Commission was a discontinuance of operations of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home at its location at First and St. Catherine and also Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale, Kentucky, both institutions merging into a new institution to be located on the outskirts of Louisville at Buechel, Kentucky. This proposal was made to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky meeting in annual session at Pollard Baptist Church in Ashland, Kentucky in 1946. This proposal was overwhelmingly defeated by messengers in attendance. At that time the Children's Commission was further instructed to make a survey looking toward the expansion of the program in the form of additional institutions which represented a swing of the

1 The report of the Children's Commission to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 1946.
pendulum in the opposite direction. This survey revealed that majority opinion favored a consolidation of administrative practices rather than the expansion in terms of additional institutions and also that if additional homes were built they should be an extension of the present homes rather than a new home. There was one exception from Eastern, Kentucky. There was the offer of a piece of property to the General Association to be used for a children’s home in Eastern Kentucky.\footnote{1}

As a result of the study by the Child Welfare League, the Board of Trustees voted to discontinue operations at the location at First and St. Catherine Streets in Louisville and to purchase property on the outskirts of Louisville to build a new cottage-type institution. In 1945, 160 acre building site was purchased at Buechel, Kentucky which was nine miles from down town Louisville. This would enable the institution to have plenty of space on which to build, allow plenty of room for the children to have outside activities, yet at the same time would be close enough to have all the advantages of services of the city of Louisville. Before construction was begun at this location another site became available at Middletown, Kentucky. The Board of Trustees decided that the Middletown location had more to offer for the future expansion

\footnote{1 From interviews with members of the Children’s Commission of 1945.}
of the program. This site was purchased and the Buechel property was later sold. On January 21, 1950 construction had been completed, and the children and staff were moved from First and St. Catherine to the new location of Spring Meadows at Middletown, Kentucky.¹

¹Conference with General Superintendent, Sam Ed Bradley, Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care.

The farm purchased at Buechel, consisting of 160 acres, cost $40,000.00 (Minutes of Long Run Association, 1945, page 46). The name, Spring Meadows, was given this new property, suggested by a spring on the level property. It was also an effort to get away from the word "Orphans", in the older name. In the Western Recorder, March 15, 1943, page 12, an article appears: "A New Name. The Board of Managers of our Home are considering a new name for our institution. We want a name with the words 'Louisville' and 'Orphans' omitted...."

Advertizing Becomes a Greater Factor

Within the first year of the term of V.V. Cooke as President of the Board, the advertizing program was stepped up considerably. In the issue of the Western Recorder for October 7, 1943, pages 12-13, there appeared the first of twelve double page spreads which appeared up to the end of the year, in the interest of the annual Thanksgiving offering.
The first few contain considerable information along with the appeals to give. The slogan, "One Day's Pay" had its origin in this program. The last three ads were devoted to the giving of thanks for an offering which amounted to more than $100,000.00 for the two homes. (Over $153,000.00 according to the Western Recorder, October 4, 1944, pages 12-13).

Mr. V.V. Cooke is due the credit for the new venture in advertising and for directing it. The following more detailed working out of the program appears in the Western Recorder, January 4, 1945, page 19: "Thanks to Mr. Riebel. The material appearing on the two pages made available to our Orphanages during October, November and December stressing the Thanksgiving Offering was prepared and arranged by Mr. Raymond C. Riebel, Advertising Agency in Louisville. Mr. Riebel is an extremely busy man directing the affairs of his business, but he was not too busy to give many hours in the preparation of these ads for which he did not charge the Campaign Committee one cent. While Mr. Riebel is not a Baptist he has the cause of our Home on his heart."

The emphasis on advertising the Thanksgiving Offering has continued up to the present time, with the use also of the slogan, "One Day's Pay", and it has continued to get results.

Celebration of 75th Anniversary

Publication relative to the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Home appears in the Western Recorder beginning with the June 22, 1944 issue, page 12, with a picture of the members of the Board of Managers. The issue
for June 29, page 12, has a historical sketch with pictures of Miss Mary Hollingsworth and of the building at First and St. Catherine. The issue for July 20, page 12, has a picture of W.F. Norton and a tribute to him and to Capt. W.F. Norton, Jr., who is described as the "Home's Largest Benefactor." He is credited with being the major giver to the Norton Endowment which in 1944 amounted to $300,000.00. The issue for August 3, page 12, has a picture of Dr. J. Lawrence Smith, and an Honor Roll of men and women who had given $1,000.00 or more. The issue for August 31, page 12, contains pictures of Dr. W.B. Caldwell and of Dr. J. Lawrence Smith, with a list of all the eight presidents of the Board of Managers. The issue of September 14, page 12, contains pictures of Dr. J.B. Marvin and of Mr. Junius Caldwell with biographical sketches of them. With the issue for October 5, pages 12-13, the double page spreads begin appearing for the Thanksgiving Offering with a larger slogan, "One Day's Pay or More in '44." The results of this latter emphasis were about $175,000.00 for the two homes (Western Recorder, February 8, 1945, page 12). In the Western Recorder, March 22, 1945, a statement or goal contains "Total for both homes for 1944, $153,000.00...and for 1945, $190,000.00." The 1946 offering went over $200,000.00 according to the announcement in the Western Recorder, January 30, 1947, pages 12-13.

A.M. Vollmer Resigns as Superintendent

The last report of the Home with "A.M. Vollmer, Supt." appearing at the head of the page appears in the Western
Recorder for July 4, 1946, page 20. It contains a report to the Board of Managers for the month of May, 1946, emphasizing recommendations made by the survey of September 1943, and in the larger report A.M. Vollmer indicates that by the time the paper reached its readers he would be the Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. It seems that he concluded his work with the Home at the end of June and took up his new duties on July 1 (Western Recorder, July 4, 1946, page 8). He refers to two years and two months as his term of service; probably from May 1, 1944 through June 30, 1946. (See also Minutes of Long Run Association, 1946, page 17)

Albert Martin Vollmer grew up in Louisville. He was a Junior, from Louisville, in Georgetown College during the 1916-17 session. On Oct. 22, 1944, Vollmer stated, at Antiochum Baptist Church, that he graduated from George-town the same year 1927, a year of summer in which he graduated from the Seminary. Western (1944, page 8).

He was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary during the sessions 1922-23 through 1926-27, graduating with the Th.G. degree, May 3, 1927. From 1923 to November 1936 he was Educational Director and Superintendent of the Sunday School of Walnut Street Church, Louisville (Western Recorder, Nov. 22, 1934, page 16). In December of 1934, he went to Dyersburg, Tennessee, as Pastor of the First Baptist Church where he served for nine years and four months, his first and only pastorate. He came to the Home as Superintendent, seemingly, on April 1, 1944 (Western Recorder, April 27, 1944, page 7).

Mrs. Virginia R. Fields, Assistant Superintendent, became acting head of the Home upon the resignation of A.M.
New Plans for New Location

When the decision was made to give up the buildings at First and St. Catherine and to move to the site near Middletown, it gave opportunity to put into effect a method of child care which was not entirely new. In The Orphan's Friend for July 1929, page 4, column 1, the cottage plan was mentioned as a possibility for future development. "We are not yet in position to adopt the cottage plan, but we hope some day in the near future to be able to do this, for as we see it this is the ideal plan." In the Western Recorder for September 6, 1945, page 9, there appears a picture and a floor plan of a cottage with this heading: "One of the Proposed Cottages for the New Louisville Home." Below this, the following appears: "The above is the architect's drawing of one of the proposed new cottages. It is hoped that funds available will enable us to build some six or eight of these cottages. Each cottage will have 15 to 20 children. Experts in children's institutions have endorsed the cottage plan as the best in meeting the needs of children."

Sam Ed Bradley Becomes Field Superintendent

In the Western Recorder for August 14, 1947, on page 13 the following announcement appears:
Fulton Pastor Becomes Field Superintendent of Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home

Louisville, Ky.—V. V. Cooke, President of the Board of Trustees of the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home, has announced that Brother Sam Ed Bradley is resigning his pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Fulton, Ky., to become Field Superintendent of the Louisville Home—a newly created position.

The new Field Superintendent is a native of Van Buren, Arkansas, and was graduated from the Van Buren High School in 1927. He received his B.A. degree from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1931. His first pastorate was the First Baptist Church in Alma, Ark., where he served from 1932 to 1934. In the latter year he came to Louisville to enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received his Th.M. degree in 1937, and remained to do graduate work for the following two years.

In 1939 and 1940 he served as associate pastor at Glasgow, Ky., and was made pastor there the following year. During the period of his pastorate at Glasgow the receipts of the church increased nearly 250%, and many improvements were made on the church building and parsonage. In 1943 the church had the second largest number of additions in its history.

Mr. Bradley left Glasgow in 1945 to become pastor at the First Baptist Church at Fulton where he again effected a substantial increase in receipts. During 1946 his church at Fulton received 134 new members, eighty by baptism.

He has assumed his new duties at the Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home. Mrs. Bradley and their two children accompanied him to Louisville.
Further information in regard to the Home and the new Field Superintendent appears in the Western Recorder for August 21, 1947, page 9:

**OUR FIELD SUPERINTENDENT**

It is with a very great deal of pleasure that we tell you we have a Field Superintendent to represent our Home all over our state, to come to you in your churches and even in your homes to tell you about our children—those we have and those we ought to have—to visit with those children of ours who are living in homes scattered from one end of Kentucky to the other, and to help to form and plan the future of our Home.

It's a big order, but the Reverend Mr. Sam Ed Bradley is a big man—in more ways than one! He can and will fulfill our expectations of him, and he will grow in stature as the months and years go by and this work grows nearer and dearer to his heart.

Mr. Bradley is a native of Arkansas, is a minister of the Gospel, having held pastorates at Glasgow and Fulton in this state, and has rendered valuable service to his denomination in other ways; for example, by membership on the Baptist State Board. He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl.

When he visited the Home the other day for the first time in his new connection with us, Mr. Bradley remarked that for a long time he had had a keen desire to enter institutional work as concerned with children. The field is broad, the need is great, the opportunity for personal growth is not lacking, and the compensations are many indeed. We welcome Brother Bradley, we feel that his coming is part of God's plan for us, and we shall work gladly and whole-heartedly with him.

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"SPRING MEADOWS" IS OUR NEW NAME

We were greatly disappointed that our first choice of lovely names for our new Home at Buechel should have been the choice also of a liquor corporation which has prostituted its originality, freshness, and meaning. But if we couldn't have it, we just couldn't, that was all. So we cast about for something else. Children like a short, easy-to-say, happy and cheerful-sounding name, and we wanted one like that, too. On the new Home site at Buechel is a spring, famous in this section of Kentucky for many years. And right now our farm out there is all meadow, and a part of it will always be meadow. So the two names were combined, presented to our Men's Board, and chosen for our name. We therefore give you Spring Meadows, the home for Kentucky's Baptist children, located near Buechel. The name will become very familiar to you as time goes on, and we want you to begin using it now, so that you will have learned to think of us as "Spring Meadows" long before we are actually out where the spring and meadows are.

The new name does two things for this Home: It eliminates the word "orphans," a misnomer in these days when very few children are orphans by death; and it removes the word "Louisville," another misnomer which through the years has given the impression that we serve only the city of Louisville, when as a matter of fact, we have forty-four Kentucky counties represented among the children who live under our care.

Practically all children's homes throughout the nation are making just such changes as we have made in order to eliminate outgrown parts of their names, so this move is in line with the newer ideas concerning names.

While she was in California Miss Jennie G. Bright visited Sunny Hills, a prominent children's home there. Considering the differences in locale we think our new name is as lovely, fresh, and invigorating as the California one, with the additional value of being very easy to understand when it pronounced. In fact, it will be almost impossible to mispronounce it.
Louisville Home Changes Charter

The above is the heading which appears on page eleven of the Western Recorder for December 4, 1947. The article states:

At the recent meeting of the General Association, the institution formerly known as Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home came under the complete control of the General Association. The resolution came from the trustees of the Home and the State Board and was read by Dr. L.M. Polhill, Louisville.

Under the new arrangement the charter will be written officially and legally to change the name of the institution to Spring Meadows. The trustees hereafter will be elected by the General Association, one from each of the main regions into which the territory of the State is divided, and seven laymen from the Louisville area.

Progress on Buildings at Middletown Site

In June 1948, seventy-six acres of land were purchased on Shelbyville Road, near Middletown, and the name Spring Meadows was given to the property. Later fourteen acres were added, making a total of ninety acres (Masters' A History of Kentucky Baptists, page 564).

Ground breaking services were held on September 26, 1948, and construction began about November 1. Plans were made for completing seven cottages, the administration building with central kitchen and dining hall, and the superintendent's residence. The cost of the property was $800,000.00 and within a year the indebtedness was only $155,000.00 (Masters, page 564-565; Minutes of Long Run Association, 1949, page 29-30; 1950, page 29-30; Minutes of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 1950, page 24.) Plans were made for occupying the new buildings by...
September, 1949, but it was necessary to wait until January, 1950 (Minutes of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, 1949, page 84; Masters, page 564; Western Recorder, May 19, 1949, page 9).
9 x 9 = 81 blacks
all dated 1882 or 1883

Please read the book of Nehemiah, 1881 and 1882
also the other annals they named above.
Miss Lurline Lewis, 74, formerly of 2765 Grinstead Drive, died at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bethesda Manor Nursing Home.

Miss Lewis retired about 1968 as a teacher in Jefferson County.

She was a member of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church and was formerly associated with the Spring Meadows orphanage.

There are no immediate survivors.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Herbert C. Cralle Funeral Home, 2428 Frankfort Ave., with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. The body will be at the funeral home after noon Friday.