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#### ... EDITORIAL

O. E. BRYAN ..... Editor

#### BAPTIST CO-OPERATION IN THE SOUTH

O. E. Bryan.

(Paper read before the Baptist State Secretaries of the South at New Orleans, February 18, 1919.)

Baptists are generally agreed that each church, organized after the New Testament is free and independent. Such churches are the only institutions in this world with divine authority. The local churches are, therefore, the courts of highest appeal in Baptist denominational affairs. These churches, as such, cannot delegate any of their divine authority. They can not merge themselves into general bodies. Messengers to general bodies do not take with them any church authority. They meet in these conventions simply as individuals, supposedly representing the sentiment of the churches sending them. All Baptist bodies apart from the churches are purely advisory. They have no authority to make laws for the churches, and no power to enforce laws if they were made.

So far as authority is concerned, nothing that a convention does is binding on the churches. The strongest force in the hands of a general body is the power to suggest, to advise, to persuade or to appeal. Since there is no power to compel, there must be confidence to win and spirit to inspire. Earnest appeals to the hearts and consciences of individual Baptists are the strongest force in the hands of a convention. All true service comes in response to the claims of our Lord upon the hearts of regenerated individuals. The New Testament teaches, however, the necessity for local churches combining their efforts in missions and benevolence. Churches should not be isolated. Self-centered churches are doomed. church has the responsibility of the entire

commission. The churches and conventions are bound by the principle of unification.

#### Unification.

The relation of the State Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention is, therefore, a relation of UNIFICATION. This does not mean union in the sense of a federal head with power to legislate and enforce legislation. It means the voluntary co-operation of independent and free bodies or individuals in a mutual and equitable undertak-The Allies were not united, but they were unified. This principle helped to win the World War. Each nation retained its liberty and independence, yet joined in a common cause for the good of all. The strings of a piano are unified; they are not united. If they were all twisted into one big string, there could be no real music. Each individual string retains its individuality, but is harmonized with the other strings so as to avoid discord. This makes concord and harmony possible. Baptist bodies are unified, not united. Each convention is free and is bound by the acts of no other body. Baptists are unified around the cross of Jesus Christ. They have a common purpose. They have in common one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism. They all have the same Holy Scriptures, the same Holy Spirit and the same Great Commission. All true Baptists have a common experience of grace. While Baptists can not bring to any convention delegated church authority, they do bring their regenerated hearts, their religious liberty, their Christian democracy and their common sense. Thus ,with a common faith and a common commission, it is not hard to unify around the cross of Christ for world conquest.

#### Concentration.

The relation of the State Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention is a relation of CONCENTRATION. We do not mean the centralization of ecclesiastical power in the hands of a few to control the many. We mean the concentration of democratic power. True democracy lets all say what shall be done and chooses servants out of the co-operating brotherhood to do the will of all. In this way our boards and secretaries are the servants of the conventions. These have no ecclesiastical power. When the majority of the Baptists, co-operating, desire a change in servants, the change will be made. In this way democracy is concentrated into effective and efficient execution.

At the mouth of the Brazos there is a great The lens in that light-house light-house. cost eight thousand dollars. It is composed of hundreds of individual prisms so adjusted that they all concentrate their refracted light in a common focus. A powerful lamp throws its light upon these prisms. This unified lens and the great lamp both revolve in the center of the light-house. In the wall of the light-house are fixed, in glass windows at the point of focus, large bull's eyes at ten different points of the compass. As this lamp and lens revolve they throw the light upon the bull's eyes. The result is a flash of light at each of the above mentioned points of the compass each ten seconds. This flash of light can be seen tewenty-five miles out at sea.

The voluntary, unified, concentrated efforts of individual Baptists, and the programs of our several conventions should be so adjusted and applied that each interest fostered by our denomination should have due and equitable support in a regular and systematic way. No interest or program should be neglected or overworked. Our aim should be every Baptist giving on every Sunday to every interest fostered by the denomination. This is the ideal method. We have not yet reached the perfect ideal, but this is no excuse for relaxing. We will never be perfect in this world ,yet our ideals should be perfect. If Baptists are wise they will unify their interests and concentrate their efforts in working out a great harmonious world program. The world will never see the full light of truth until Baptists unify and concentrate along the lines of the Great Commission.

#### Co-operation.

The relation of the State Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention is a relation of CO-OPERATION. This means equal operation in a common cause. There can be no real co-operation without conference, mutual consent and equitable adjustment, before a program is projected. Co-operation makes open and frank counsel imperative. It is absolutely necessary for the co-partners operating in an interest to counsel concerning their work. All have a right, an obligation, to speak. Dark-room conferences, by a self-appointed few, are neither democratic nor Baptistic. This is the essence of autocracy. The day when open and frank conference is denied Baptists will be the day when pure democracy will begin to decay. A Baptist will work in almost any kind of denominational harness better than in a blind bridle. He must see what is behind him or he will not pull. Wisdom seeks counsel. Let there be light.

Counsel and co-operation will involve discussion. No true cause will suffer from fair discussion. If a brother has a just cause he is not afraid for others to speak. It is true that sometimes Baptists do abuse their liberty along this line, yet it will be a sad day when this liberty is denied them. Many times open discussion clears the atmosphere and drives away the fog so that the truth may be seen. Lasting co-operation between the State Conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention involves fair counsel and open discussion by equal partners in a common cause.

#### Denominational States' Rights.

We believe that the State Conventions are related to the Southern Baptist Convention in such a co-operative, unified and voluntary way that it would be well for the individuals co-operating in the Southern Baptist Convention to consider well the denominational States' rights of the individuals co-operating in the State Conventions. As free and independent individual Baptists, with no delegated State or church authority, with a common purpose and commission, our fathers met in counsel and organized the Southern Baptist Convention on the idea of the territorial rights of individual Baptists co-operating in denominational affairs. We believe that history justifies the wisdom of this act. When Paul and Barnabas could not agree, they separated, yet they both continued to work for the Master. The Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions are separated today, so far as territory is concerned, mainly by State lines. The work of our Southern Baptist Convention is tabulated

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principally by States. The Southern Baptist Convention makes its appeals to the States and each State is challenged, as such, for its part of the program. This is done for convenience, expediency and efficiency. To annihilate the State idea in the Southern Baptist Convention would mean endless confusion. Certainly no well-informed Baptist should think of the union of Church and State, or delegated church authority, when he sees individuals in the denomination working in State groups. Kind, brotherly regard for the local rights and problems of individual Baptists will avoid the necessity for territorial separation in denominational work.

#### Relation of Advisory Bodies.

Since all Baptist conventions are purely advisory, the relation of a State Convention to the Southern Baptist Convention is the relation of one advisory body to another of the same kind. Each is free and neither is bound by the acts of the other. The Southern Baptist Convention is not a federal body with power to legislate and to enforce legislation. Its power is only suggestive and advisory. Because of strong State feeling on the part of individual Baptists in each Commonwealth it would be wise for our denomination to use this territorial spirit for good. Each State has a spirit all its own. Its people are bound together by ties of blood, of business ,of education, of politics and patriotism. They are inspired by a common history and traditions. Wise denominational leaders will work along the general currents of human life. This does not mean the union of Church and State. It means denominational liberty along State lines. The Scriptures recognize territorial fields. Beginning at Jerusalem, then Judea, Samaria and "the uttermost parts of the earth," was the Apostolic method. These territorial divisions are in keeping with business method and common sense.

Dr. Gambrell says, "You cannot transfer across State lines, in any marked degree, the interest of masses of people, except through State organizations themselves."

This fact makes the State Convention unique in its relation to the denomination.

Dr. Love says, "The love of country is along the cardinal virtues of a citizen.

Therefore, State Missions is the Christian side of one's citizenship."

A Baptist State Convention is co-extensive with the Commonwealth. It has more direct contact with the churches than the Southern Baptist Convention. It has many times more Baptists in its annual meetings from within the State than are ever present at the Southern Baptist Convention from the given State. It has an Executive Board, an open office, a State paper, State schools, State benevolent institutions and State agents for its various interests. Through all of these it touches the hearts of the people. It is closer to the churches than the Southern Baptist Convention. It is unquestionably the most efficient auxiliary of our organized work. The Southern Baptist Convention is limited in direct touch with the churches. It is too far away; it is too large to effectively touch all of the churches. We understand that no State, as such, is represented in the Southern Baptist Convention. We stand there as individual Baptists only. Yet the State idea is so distinct, in our thinking, that it can not be ignored. We could afford to disregard the State idea in co-operation, if the brethren composing the Southern Baptist Convention could forget, for the period of this convention, the States from which they come.

#### Denominational Methods.

Methods that will work fine in one State could not be applied at all in another State. Social, economic, political and religious conditions must be dealt with as they are, not as we would have them. Baptists must ever stand for fixed principles and doctrines, but flexible methods. The Master gave a very dogmatic commission, but left the methods of its execution to the common sense of His people and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. No general convention can evolve methods suitable to all the State Conventions.

Denominational progress must keep step with world progress in sane and righteous business methods. For many years some Baptists have emphasized three fundamental principles, UNIFICATION, BUDGET and EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS. The World War was won on these principles. This does not argue that the world adopted our

principles, but it does prove that some Baptists are in the front ranks of progress and civilization. Certainly fair play, equitable adjustment and Christian fellowship in denominational affairs will grant the individual Baptists, co-operating in each State, their local rights. They have the right, we believe, to make their own Budget and to collect the same without interference, so long as they are co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention in all of its world undertakings.

#### Rights of Southern Baptist Convention.

By virtue of territorial relations, the Southern Baptist Convention also has some very sacred denominational rights. Southern Baptists should ever stand as a unit in denominational affairs. The Southern Baptist Convention is the logical point of denominational contact in the South. The solution of our State and Southern problems is in free and fraternal conferences between the different boards. These boards should work along the lines of equity, fraternity and unification. The local churches are the only institutions with divine authority. They have the right to open or to close their doors to one or all of the outside agencies. This principle will ever automatically regulate the lop-sidedness of our boards, however large or small, when conference, counsel and discussion have cleared the way. The majority of Baptists can be trusted to stand for the right. The spirit of Abraham in his dealings with Lot should be the spirit of Southern Baptists today. "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee: and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen; for we are brethren.." And again the spirit of Ruth in her relation to Naomi, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me." This is the co-operation to which Baptist pastors, laymen churches are invited throughout the South. The church unit is commissioned with the greatest responsibility in Baptist denominational affairs. Co-operation is Baptistic and

safe. This principle is not only right, but essential to our Lord's work.

#### A Call to Action.

In this new day, when so much is expected of us, and when enlargement is imperative, and when problems are multiplied, let us regard the rights of all and trample on the rights of none as we move forward in a great world program. Baptist fiber must be woven into the fabric of world reconstruction. Baptist leaven must leaven the whole world lump with true democracy. Baptist spirit and doctrine must purify the new social order. Let us unify our interests, concentrate our efforts and co-operate in our movements as we take the world for Christ.

# HONORING THE LORD WITH MATERIAL THINGS.

#### Wm. M. Stallings.

In Proverbs 3:9 we are admonished to "honor the Lord with our substance and with the first-fruits of all our increase." This is stewardship and tithing. Our "substance" is our estate or capital stock; the "firstfruits," our income. We are to honor the Lord with both. Our estate is to be held in trust for God and apart or all surrendered to Him when He calls for it. Many stewards of the Lord ought to give a large part of their estates as well as "the first-fruits of their increase" for Kingdom work. Conscientiously giving "the first-fruits" is no excuse for not honoring the Lord with our "substance" when the work of our Lord demands more.

- I. Why shall I thus honor God?
- 1. Because He commands it. I have no right to ignore it and make it a dead-letter in my life. It is on a par with all the other commandments of God.
- 2. Because God gives the power to get wealth and He can take away that power any moment. (Deut. 8:16-18.) Men are often removed from their stewardship because they refuse to honor the Lord as here commanded. Sometimes He removes the man from his estate and sometimes He takes the estate away from the man. Give God a square deal.
- 3. Because all I am and all I have is the Lord's. Paul says, "Whose I am and whom I serve." "Ye are not your own: ye are bought with a price." What right has a

man to think he has given himself to God unless he has given all? God claims all. "The beasts of the field, the fowls of the air, "the silver and the gold are all His." "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," and I am just His tenant to occupy till He calls me to account.

4. Because it will save a man from coveteousness which is idolatry." Recognition of stewardship and reguler, conscientious giving will keep a man from becoming a mere "money-making machine." A pastor called upon one of his members for a noble cause. He was somewhat irritable and said, "Will these calls never cease?" The pastor quietly asked, "Do you really want them to cease?" The man looked up and said, "No, pastor, I don't; for if they did, I would soon be too penurious to live."

II. God is often dishonored by the material things.

- 1. Money is often used to the physical, intellectual and moral injury of the individual and community. God is dishonored when money is used to gratify unholy appetites, to feed vanity and pride and excite the envy of others. "Wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread; and your labor for that which satisfieth not?"
- 2. Hoarded money dishonors God. That hoarded money has the curse of God on it can be demonstrated by the history of many such estates. God says, "Lay not up treasures upon earth," and he who ignores this command invokes God's displeasure and "pierces himself through with many sorrows." In spite of all God's warning, many a man proceeds to build himself into "a tomb of gold."

"Gold, gold, gold,
Hard and yellow, bright and cold,
Loved by the young, pursued by the old,
To the very verge of the church-yard mould."
III. How God is honored.

- 1. By recognizing my stewardship and holding and using my estate for Him.
- 2. By putting God first. "The first-fruits are His; "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." My wants must not take God's place. My whims and fancies are not to be humored at the expense of Kingdom work. I can wait for my "auto," but "the King's business requireth haste." All debts are sacred obligations, but the most sacred of all is my debt to God.

If Kentucky Baptists would just follow God's financial plan as outlined in the text of this article, many large givers would be discovered and the list of "tithers" would grow amazingly. Large gifts in Kentucky have been few and far between. Our present program calls for large giving and heroic sacrifice. None should think of giving less than the tenth, many ought to give the fifth, and some ought to give all their income. Not a few ought to give, in addition to the tithes, a large part of their estate. God wants it and the cause needs it. Reader, will you lead off with a large and sacrificial gift?

#### WHAT IS HIGHER EDUCATION WORTH TO ONE WHO DOESN'T GET IT?

By Pastor Jas. R. McKittrick.

Is education a private asset-something owned and possessed solely by the one who has it? This view has been held by many in the past, and doubtless there are still those who see things that way. More than once have I heard an educated man spoken of as one "who doesn't have to dig for his living," as though the object of training were merely to make life easy and lift a man above his fellows. I will not deny that there are individuals who have used their training for purely selfish ends, but even then they cannot keep it all to themselves, and we are coming more and more to see that a person with mind and heart properly educated is a real benefit to society at large.

The ones I am thinking of especially are those who have never been to college. Here is a man who has reached middle life, perhaps, and so far as school training goes, his education is completed. Possibly he did not even have the advantage of a good high school. He may be an old bachelor, but more probably he has a wife, a son and a daughter whose chances have been similar to his. What has the college done for them? What shall it profit them if they spend their sympathy and their means in helping to keep up colleges and academies? I would not be understood as appealing to selfish motives, but let me make a few suggestions.

One of the benefits that come to a man is in the lives of his own children. What man is he who does not feel that his children are, in a real sense, the expression of himself

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#### ... SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT ...

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#### IS YOUR SCHOOL A-1?

#### Those "A-1" Sunday Schools.

Only three to report again this month. We are proud of Cynthiana, Murray and Mayfield, but the other 1,398 in the State we would like to urge to try their best next Brother Superintendent, month. about yours? It never will be "A-1" until you and your pastor start the movement. We are also wondering about those other four who were "A-1" in 1918. Set us another example. There is only one way to reach the Standard, and that is to adopt it, study it, and reach it point by point. We will be glad to send you both the large and wall size and the small size for personal study. Write for them.

#### Organized Class News.

Along with "A-1" Sunday Schools we believe ought to be some "A-1" Classes. So far this year we are glad to report two that have reached this Standard. The "King's Daughters Class," of Winchester, of which Mrs. Brent Haggard is the Teacher, and the Convention Adult Bible Class, of Owensboro, of which Mrs. A. L. Hickerson is the Teacher. The Secretary of the Convention Class of the Third Church, Owensboro, has given us the following information as to how they did it:

"On December 7th the five Adult classes of women of the Third Baptist Church met and consolidated, forming the Convention Bible Class, with the following officers: Mrs. A. L. Hickerson, Teacher; Mrs. Asa Bosley, President; Mrs. J. F. Short, First Vice President; Mrs. Alton Haynes, Second Vice President; Mrs. J. M. Bottorff, Third Vice President; Mrs. W. M. Bowlds, Secretary; Mrs. Marvin Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. J. O. Sourbeer, Reporter.

"The Class was formed into four groups in order to get in personal touch with the members, and Mrs. E. E. Owsley, Mrs. J. N. Forgey, Mrs. J. W. M. Morehead and Mrs. Lee McCorlick were elected as group leaders.

Each group leader was asked to appoint one person on each of the following committees: Enlargement, Mrs. J. T. Short; Fellowship, Mrs. Alton Haynes; Religious, Mrs. J. F. Bottorff; Publicity, Mrs. J. O. Sourbeer, and the group to which they belong will make all reports to them. They in turn report to these chairmen, who will make a general report to the class at each monthly business meeting of the entire class. Class was organized with an enrollment of 63 members, and after the February meeting the enrollment was 132. During the month of December Ninety Dollars was collected for various purposes."

The following classes have just been registered:

Fidelis, of Trenton, Ky., Miss Mary Ware Dickinson, teacher.

Philathea, of Berea, Ky., Mrs. B. P. Allen, teacher.

High Aimers, of West Broadway, Louisville, Mrs. H. C. Hoffeld, teacher.

#### Just Received.

The Revised Edition of The New Convention Normal Manual has just been received by us and now they are available for everyone. If you have been putting off starting your class until this book was off the press you need not wait longer. We will be glad to tell you of the changes and send you the book. Get them at once.

#### Owensboro Training School.

The week of February 16-21 was most enjoyably spent in Owensboro, where all of the Baptist Churches of the city came together at Walnut Street Church for the Annual City Training School. The opening Mass Meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by 175 people and the entire number enrolled was 377, which exceeds by far any school yet. Five classes were taught; 37 Juniors took the Junior B. Y. P. U. Manual under Rev. Doll, and a more enthusiastic class was never taught. Rev. W. C. Boone taught a class in Senior B. Y. P. U. work, and Dr. W. S. Wiley taught "Winning to Christ." Mrs. Black taught the Elementary work, and the Normal Manual Class can not be excelled anywhere.

Dr. Wiley has given us the following writeup of the Owensboro School:

"The Co-operation.—The churches of the city worked as one, in every way contributing to the success of the School. All the

pastors and superintendents were present all of the time. All meetings, including the prayer meeting, were called off for the week. This kind of working together means success.

"The Attendance.—The attendance reached 377, the largest for the size of the city and number of churches that I have seen in my connection with the work. The attendance was equal to about a hundred on an average from each church.

"The Class Work.—Nearly everybody took the text book work, including many teachers from the public schools. Every Teacher had a good class and was put to it in answering questions asked by interested pupils.

"The Spirit.—I have never seen a more beautiful spirit. Enthusiasm, cordiality and comradeship reigned throughout. The people of all ages moved, mingled and talked in a gladsome strain, and with it all there was deep reverence for the higher things of the Spirit.

"Rev. and Mrs. Black.—Kentucky is to be congratulated on having these two consecrated, efficient young people for their Field Workers in the Sunday School Department. I know them to be the very best. They are of the finest gold. Cultured, spiritual, clean, void of all grating coarseness, but smooth, patient, meek and devoted to the last degree. Do what they say and prosperity is yours."

#### Missionary Day.

A word to the Superintendents about it—please do these ten things:

- 1—Look through the material that you receive.
- 2-Call together Pastor, Officers and Teachers.
  - 3-Do not fail to observe the day.
  - 4-Make definite assignments.
- 5—Fix worthy attendance and collection aims.
  - 6-Display the Loyalty Poster.
  - 7-Give out the Class Pledge Cards.
  - 8-Work out your schedule carefully.
  - 9-Advertise, announce and invite.
  - 10-Order extra supplies if needed.

## Some Questions Answered About Missionary Day.

When? March 30, 1919.

What? Missionary Day is one Sunday each year that is set apart for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God through our Home and Foreign Mission efforts in the Sunday Schools.

Why? Because we have found out that it is the best way to get our young people informed and interested in Missions.

Where? In all our Sunday Schools in Kentucky we should observe it. Write us and we will be glad to send free literature.

Who? Superintendents especially, but if he fails, then let a consecrated worker see that it is observed.

How? Follow the instructions in the large envelope sent to the Superintendent. If he did not get one, let us know. Read the letter from Rev. O. E. Bryan and your Sunday School Secretary about it sent to the Superintendents.

#### Associational Superintendents' Information.

If you have been asked to serve as one of our Associational Superintendents in any Association and if you are not fully acquainted with the plan of work or what is expected, we invite you to correspond with us before either accepting or refusing. Do not let the excuse of time to be devoted to the work discourage you, neither must you think that you need be taken from your local church too much on Sunday, for we do not mean this. Naturally, most of your work must be done over the telephone or through correspondence. If your postage should be too much for you alone to bear we will be glad to help you with it if you will send us the report of actual work done. Ask us any question that is in your mind and we will be glad to try to answer it. as we want to help you as we are asking you to help us. We feel that you are the person for the place and so please do not fail us in this great State-wide plan. One of 900 will mean much to you and us.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION DAY.

Sunday, March 30th, is the day set apart for Home and Foreign Missions in the Sunday Schools of Kentucky. The Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., has mailed programs and posters to all the superintendents within the State. If any brother has failed to receive his program he can secure the same by writing to the State Board office, 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky.

For several years this special day has (Continued on Page 12)

#### ... WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

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#### Our New Sunbeam Leader .

In Miss Sallie Morton, of Owensboro, we feel confident we have found a young woman of rare charm and capabilities, and to help our readers to an acquaintance with her some extracts are given from her personal letter to Mrs. Bose. In the summer she will give some months to field work, seeking to organize Sunbeam societies, a greatly needed work. Miss Morton writes: "I have been so happy since Sunday, when Mrs. Smith told me of my election-happy in all humility. Happy because I was to work with little children for my Master. Oh, I am so glad to undertake this work, and my earnest prayer is that God will help me, will hold my hand, and the W. M. U. will not have cause to regret their choice. For I pledge myself as Sunbeam Leader to serve my Master to the best of my ability, and to remember always the W. M. U. is trusting me to serve my God through the work with the blessed little ones."

Write to Mrs. Bose if you wish a visit from Miss Morton during the summer. She has promised to help in the Assembly at Russellville and also at Georgetown. All over our State there must be children waiting for some older person to gather them in, and teach them about missions. They are just as willing to serve under the banner of the cross as they were to help on the war in which our country's flag has waved. May the overflowing love and enthusiasm of our new leader arouse many to a sense of their duty towards the children in our own churches and the children in many lands who know not God.

#### Who Will Go?

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., May 15th to 18th. The twenty-five delegates from each State must be appointed by the Central Committee, who seek to apportion them to the five districts in our State as

fairly as possible. Send in your name if you expect to go, remembering that if you are a delegate, you should be in your seat at every business session. Last May it hap. pened that an important question came up for decision, on the last day, and not half of the Kentucky delegation were present to vote, to the dismay of their Vice President and other members of the Central Commit. tee. If you go chiefly to visit friends, or to see the town, do not ask to be a delegate, but come when you can and join the many who help to fill the unreserved seats. The evenings will be free for attending the Southern Baptist Convention. It may be remembered that women are now allowed to be messengers to the Convention, but this is only a permission, not a requirement, and some of us think our own meetings demand our constant attendance and best service. At any rate, that no one can be a delegate to two bodies meeting on the same day and hour is the opinion of the Vice President of Kentucky, who must sign the credential cards for the Woman's Missionary Union.

Young women are especially urged to attend a session of their own during our meeting. Y. W. A.'s, college girls and leaders of young people's societies of all grades are expected to be present. Let us have at least one from each of our five districts. If unable to meet the expense, it will be worth while for the older women of several societies to join in collecting the sum needed. The training of our younger women is an important part of Personal Service.

Headquarters will be Piedmont Hotel.— E. S. B.

#### Wake Up!

Women, here we are less than seven weeks from the close of our books for the convention year, and \$6,611 is still needed by Kentucky W. M. U. for Foreign Missions, and \$8,893 for Home Missions, to even reach the apportionment; and remember that if we do our part of the great God-given program of Two and a Half Million Dollars for Foreign and Home Missions we will have to go far beyond both apportionments. In fact, we need to double both. We must wake up and get busy during these remaining weeks of our convention year if we are to have again the joyful assurance that we have done our part toward the large program.-J. C. B.

#### Who Will Win?

Win what? Win stars for doubling Home and Foreign Mission Apportionments.

We have in the W. M. U. Office a large white card hanging on the wall on which we are recording all societies that agree to double either Home or Foreign Mission apportionment (or both) before the last of April. Opposite the name of the society we place one star for doubling Foreign or Home Mission apportionment and two stars for doubling both. Who will be the first to win the two stars?

#### Banner Societies.

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Hopkinsville First W. M. S. (Bethel Association).

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Association).

#### Stewardship Week.

The W. M. U. joyfully co-operates with the laymen in making April 6th to 13th Stewardship Week. We hope during this week that every society that has not already done so will have an every-member canvass, striving to enlist as many women as possible to sign the Stewardship card. Put the subject of Stewardship on the program of the meetings and arouse the women in the interest of tithing.

#### Expense Fund Behind.

We are behind on the Training School Expense Fund compared with what we needed last year at this time. Now, women, we must not forget this dear child of the Union and let her suffer while we are doing other big things. Get our your apportionment card, Mrs. Treasurer, and see if the Expense Fund for the Training School has been sent in. If not, send as early as possible to the W. M. U. Office, 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville. One hundred and twentysix dollars is still needed for this expense fund and \$36 for our Scholarship fund.

"Publicity will save the case of Christian colleges, as it saved the cause of foreign missions. When the church is educated as to what Christian education does for the individual and can do for the country, the college will enter the land of promise."

"Inasmuch as education and religion culminate in personality, neither reaches its best without the other. Education needs the poise and the dynamic which only religion can give it. Religion needs the refinement and the guidance of education for its best expression."

"The real forces in education are persons, even on the intellectual side. The greatest results of education are convictions and ideals. And the supreme persons, convictions and ideals are those of religion, are Christian."—President H. C. King, Personal and Ideal Elements in Education.

Send the name of your B. Y. P. U. President to 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, in order that your Union may receive information regarding the State Convention.

#### B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Kentucky will be held, April 10 to 13, 1919, at Lexington, Ky. We have some splendid talent on our program this year besides some of the best people in our own Unions. Lexington is planning and working for us and we, by all means, should take a large delegation to this Convention.

This is one time in the whole year that all the B. Y. P. U. workers in the State may come together and talk about their successes and failures and help each other to make the B. Y. P. U. work in Kentucky what it should be. Each one in the State should take advantage of this and help make it the biggest convention we have known.

We feel that there is no Union in the State that is too weak to send at least one delegate to Lexington. The inspiration that each delegate receives and carries back to his Union will more than repay that Union for the expense of sending the delegate.

We must ask each Union in the State to send also the small sum of one dollar to the B. Y. P. U. Department, 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville. There are certain expenses that must be paid and one dollar from each Union in Kentucky will pay them. No organization can work without the aid of money and such a large organization as the Kentucky B. Y. P. U. must have a certain amount to use to make the Convention a success. We trust that each

president will see to it that his Union sends this dollar to headquarters as soon as possible.

The programs will be ready for distribution within a short time. It is one of the most interesting programs that we have had. Those of us who enjoyed the one last year at Owensboro will certainly not want to miss this one, while those who missed the privilege will find it better than expected.

The convention this year MUST be a success. It will not be a success unless each person takes an individual interest in it and each Union realizes its part must be done. This convention is for each union in the State and each Union will not receive a blessing unless each one puts something into it. COME and let us help you with your difficulties and let us prosper by your successes.—Florence Washer.

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been emphasized in the South. Last year our receipts for this offering were good. We are asking Kentucky Sunday Schools for \$10,000 special offerings this year. Our program is greatly enlarged and nothing short of heroic effort will bring us victory. Kentucky is being asked for \$100,000 for Home Missions, and \$150,000 for Foreign Missions. This is 10 per cent of the program of the Southern Baptist Convention. We are certainly hoping that each Sunday School in the State will help to make this special day a success. The other States are watching us. Let us pray, day by day, for a great victory for the Master's sake.

All money should be mailed to O. E. Bryan, Cor. Sec., 205 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, Ky. This should be done as early as possible, so that we may determine how much Kentucky Sunday Schools have given. We are anxious for Kentucky to make a good showing. Pastors and superintendents are requested to join us in making this campaign a success in every possible way.—O. E. Bryan.

Hurrah for Lexington! April 10 to 13!

Be sure your Union has a delegate at the State Convention.

This will be the biggest convention we have held. Don't miss it!

# THE VALUE OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

#### E. R. Crow.

What is the value of the denominational school, college or academy? Without pretending to answer fully, we can find a par. tial answer in a comparison of Christian education with the education that is not avowedly Christian. Such a comparison would not be absolutely identical with the comparison of denominational education with public education. While no attempt is made to teach the Bible in the public schools and State colleges, it must be remembered that these schools in a large measure are administered by Christians, and are to that extent Christian. Though no claim is made in behalf of the public school system as a religious institution, nevertheless the example and influence of Christian teachers mean much. In our present state of educational affairs the two agencies—the State and the denomination—are complementary, and the distinction between them is not a hostile distinction.

There is, nevertheless, a distinction. The denominational school alone can teach religion. No other school is likely to have in its organization the motive to place first things first. Twenty centuries after Christ we have a great many schools that, so far as the curriculum goes, are the same as if Christ had never lived. The Christian school distinguishes itself from all others in the definitely religious purpose of its organization.

What is the value of this? The denominational school can teach the virtues and graces of Christ, usefulness, self-sacrifice, justice, mercy, love. It will thus be a most potent agency in furnishing the world with leaders. With the young the aim of life is too often self-satisfaction rather than selfsacrifice. In the denominational school selfsacrifice is presented as the highest good and no student who is brought into contact with Christian teaching can forget this teaching without a struggle. Who will deny that the best education is that which inspires the student to follow the example of the greatest servant. The value to society of Christian education is not that it prepares 1919 -:-

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for life simply but that it prepares for a life of dedication.

We do not need further justification for Christian education. If we did, it could be found in the oft-quoted statistics regarding the number of prominent leaders whose preparation for life was obtained in a Christian school. That a great majority of leaders in America are the product of Christian schools is not an accident. It means that Christian schools not only fit men and women for life, but that in addition to that they teach what to do with life.

The Christian colleges and Christian academies are doing a work of immeasurable value. Their growth in number and power is one of the best indications of the growth of the influence of Christ.. It is cause for rejoicing that the Baptists are beginning to realize the importance of maintaining and supporting their colleges and academies as never before.

#### EACH MUST DO ITS OWN.

A denomination that does not do its own educating work can not prosper. It can not do so even if its sons and daughters are cultured, receiving the educational advantages in the schools of the State and of other denominations.

Much depends on who bestows this boon. A child that can thank his parents for it has in his education not only a worthy preparation for life, but a bond that strengthens what is noblest in the family. This is eminently true as to denominations. A denomination that educated none of its sons and daughters would have difficulty in holding their respect and would certainly lose their devoted loyalty. Consider what it would mean if the leaders of our churches in Kentucky, men and women, owed all educational allegiance and obligation to some other denomination than their own or to the State, what would it mean for our prestige and progress? Even if our people were well educated, yet we could not prosper. A denomination must do its own educating work, not only because it should do its part in the common work of enlightenment, but also its welfare depends on it. And if we must educate, it follows that we should do it well.

Write today for information regarding the B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Lexington, April 10 to 13.

## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

(1) No special railroad rates this year, but Clergy Permits, procurable at \$1 through nearest ticket agent and good anywhere in the United States, entitle to lower rates than usually granted. Everybody entitled to one of these permits and wishing to use it on the convention trip, should make application at once.

(2) The convention meets 10 a m. Wednesday, May 14, in the City Auditorium, Atlanta, about four blocks from the Piedmont Hotel, which will be our headquarters.

(Continued from Page 7) -that through them he is projected into the next generation? In them he lives again. The blessings that come to them he enjoys; the blessings they bring to the world are to be credited, in part, to him. Hence, if he would reap the best results, they must have the best advantages. The man today who would deny to his children the blessing of a liberal education, simply because he missed it, is too rare a specimen and too little of soul to merit any space here. Rather would I think of the one who rejoices in the fact that a better day has dawned, and who sees that in his sons and daughters he is receiving a part of its blessings. Such a one has real cause for gratification-especially if he is helping in every way he can to make this better day possible.

Another means by which the people at large are blessed by higher education is that of the public school. I am not thinking altogether of school-room instruction, for which the teacher is paid. I am thinking, rather, of the general influence of a well-trained teacher. I grant you that there are some college men and women whose presence is not so elevating to a community, but these notorious examples do not disprove the rule. I have known cases where the district school teacher has exerted a marked influence, not only on the children in school, but on the entire community. The quickening of intellectual life, the refinement of social customs, and the general air of Christian culture brought to bear on the homes of a community-these are things whose value cannot be estimated. In our rural schools there is an increasing demand—and rightly so-for men and women of this type. Are these same communities ready to help make possible the thing for which they are asking?

Churches, as well as schools, are today demanding and using trained leaders. I shall not argue the proposition that a pastor of thorough training and refinement will greatly uplift his people. His first work, to be sure, is spiritual nurture and soul winning. but there are side-lines and by-products of untold value that are possible only through training. Then, too, the right kind of training greatly enlarges his power as a king. dom builder. A pastor, well equipped for the Master's service in spiritual things ,and having in addition a cultured intellect, is a tremendous asset to a church and community. In the work of such pastors our people at large are reached and blessed by higher education.

Then there is the matter of our government. None but a trained intellect is able to guide in matters of state. None but a trained heart is fit to lead a great people. It was Moses, expert in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and schooled in the life of the des ert, who became the greatest among leaders and law-givers. It was Israel and all the world who were blessed thereby. It was Washington, Madison, and others of great mind and soul, who won our liberties and wrote into our fundamental law the principles that govern a free people. Need I extend the list? Need I say that today there is greater need than ever for strong-minded, great-hearted, well-trained leadership in our nation? And need I say that a master-hand is at the wheel?

Yes, education is in a large measure universal in its benefits. Not merely the few who get it are the beneficiaries, but society at large. The struggling mind, who by toil and brain-sweat, obtains this training, no doubt enjoys it more, but if his training is of the right kind, he shares his blessing with all the world just as far as his life can make itself felt. "It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." When we come to see it this way-that one mind cannot be truly educated without shedding its light on many of those less favored—then will we realize the vast importance of our Christian schools, and then will we come to them with our hearty sympathy and our loyal support.

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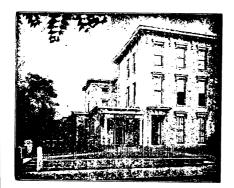
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