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MISSION GIFTS
UP IN NOVEMBER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of November total \$886,699, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced. This brings the total for the year to \$8,989,055, an increase of 7.57 per cent, or \$632,596, over the same period last year.

Designated mission gifts received for the month amounted to \$103,380, which brings the year's total in designated contributions to \$5,575,732. This figure is 17.27 per cent higher than the same period last year.

The Foreign Mission Board received during the month of November through the Advance Program \$477,791 and the Home Board \$159,263 making a total of \$637,055. The first \$160,000 of the Advance Program went to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.

When compared with the same period last year, Florida, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Virginia are the only states not showing an increase in gifts.

COMPARISON 1952 and 1953 RECEIPTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
January-November, 1953

	Cooperative Program 1953	Cooperative Program 1952	Designated 1953	Designated 1952
Specials	3,256.82	2,538.28	10,825.31	10,841.21
Alabama	424,192.49	409,258.70	250,303.91	217,568.65
Alaska	2,641.22	2,019.98	2,597.59	1,528.54
Arizona	25,581.15	19,705.77	22,888.41	12,552.61
Arkansas	326,856.13	307,463.62	127,680.38	104,642.25
California	30,952.68	29,762.17	30,093.34	22,433.54
District of Columbia	29,684.75	26,101.69	27,528.96	20,815.41
Florida	453,729.04	493,398.21	207,335.55	168,739.71
Georgia	595,969.52	535,423.87	381,861.89	333,510.40
Illinois	156,173.30	126,535.53	53,261.81	43,452.60
Kansas	8,710.90	6,241.39	7,246.13	6,219.10
Kentucky	488,377.50	396,979.95	233,736.16	195,473.12
Louisiana	378,546.96	285,543.54	245,118.48	181,351.00
Maryland	81,398.76	64,695.40	5,401.29	3,374.63
Mississippi	417,099.26	358,541.70	231,716.45	209,476.93
Missouri	450,606.17	414,206.46	233,846.02	190,844.28
New Mexico	59,072.68	61,032.91	52,141.13	61,970.56
North Carolina	741,932.07	698,766.90	550,332.20	468,762.99
Oklahoma	576,511.18	491,641.92	223,120.01	201,358.62
Oregon-Washington	5,892.23	3,981.83	6,562.43	4,190.97
South Carolina	812,015.62	717,101.97	317,583.21	275,132.51
Tennessee	709,177.76	788,228.66	230,617.88	195,193.67
Texas	1,608,520.35	1,493,121.79	1,742,557.85	1,481,187.06
Virginia	602,157.15	624,167.22	381,375.85	344,127.39
Totals	8,989,055.69	8,356,459.46	5,575,732.24	4,754,747.75

G. FRANK GARRISON NAMED
TO HOME MISSION BOARD

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--G. Frank Garrison, Atlanta, Ga., layman and business executive, was elected assistant executive secretary of the Baptist Home Mission Board at its annual meeting here recently. He succeeds Courts Redford, new executive secretary of the Board. Dr. Redford assumed his new duties December 4.

Garrison, general insurance executive for the past thirty-one years, is a native of Georgia. He attended Mercer University and Southern Shorthand and Business University, Atlanta.

He served as president of the Atlanta Baptist Association and for a number of years was chairman of the executive committee. He was elected a member of the Home Mission Board in 1931, and served for twelve years as recording secretary. He has served on every committee of the Board and for the past nine years served as president.

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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY
BUSINESS MANAGER DIES

FORT WORTH, Tex.--(BP)--D. A. Thornton, 60, business manager of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., died November 29. He suffered a heart attack.

Thornton became business manager in May, 1951. Prior to that he served as cashier of the Seminary for thirty-two years.

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CONGRESSIONAL ADVICE TO BE
SOUGHT ON LIQUOR QUESTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--(BP)--Assistant Secretary of Defense, John Hannah, disclosed recently that the Defense Department would seek Congressional advice on the question of whether sales of liquor by bottle should be eliminated on military bases.

Hannah made the statement one day after Duke K. McCall, president of the National Temperance League and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, conferred with White House officials regarding military base liquor sales.

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HOME MISSION BOARD
ADOPTS RECORD BUDGET

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--A budget of \$1,970,000, the largest in the history of the Baptist Home Mission Board, was voted at the annual meeting of the Board. The meeting was held at the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Atlanta.

The Board confirmed appointments and made appropriations for the salaries of 1,392 missionaries and workers for a varied mission program to include work in thirty-seven states, Alaska, Panama, Canal-Zone, and Cuba. This is an increase of 115 missionaries over last year.

W. A. Duncan, pastor, First Baptist Church, East Point, Ga., was elected president of the Board. Other officers elected were C. G. Cole, Atlanta, J. Ralph Grant, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., vice-presidents; and Mrs. Ralph B. Smith, Decatur, Ga., recording secretary.

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LET'S PUT CHRIST INTO CHRISTMAS BY: A. C. Miller

The Christian Life Commission joins in this appeal. Liquor is too weak a friend and too formidable a foe to have any part in the observance of heaven's announcement of the birth of the Christ child. The use of liquor in this observance is blasphemy at its worst.

Even industry is finding a better way. A survey of 225 firms in St. Louis employing 57,000 persons revealed that half of those who discontinued Christmas parties did so "because they found it impossible to control the drinking problem." The survey further revealed that those companies which had provided good entertainment, tastefully displayed food and soft drinks were enthusiastic about the effect on employee morale and management--employee relationships.

Let's get into the movement to put Christ back into his birthday party. The liberal use of the stamp shown above on your letters, cards, and packages will help. It is attractively colored in red and black and is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide and 2 inches long. Order direct from the National Temperance League, 131 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. The price is \$1.00 for 200 stamps.