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**Baptist After Baptist  
Heads Hospital Group**

CINCINNATI (BP)--Robert Guy, administrator of Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, was installed as president of the American Protestant Hospital Association at the association's annual meeting here.

As president, Guy succeeds Herbert L. Dobbs, administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. Both are Southern Baptist hospitals.

Hospital administrators, chaplains, and denominational leaders representing more than 500 Protestant hospitals throughout the country attended the meeting.

Several Southern Baptist hospital groups met while their staff were in Cincinnati for the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Raymond C. Wilson of New Orleans was named president-elect of the Baptist Hospital Association, made up of administrative staff members of Southern Baptist-related hospitals.

Wilson is administrator of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, one of two hospitals operated directly by the Southern Baptist Convention.

As president-elect, Wilson will step into the presidency in 1964. Homer D. Coggins, administrator, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., is this year's president.

T. Sloane Guy Jr. of New Orleans was reelected secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Hospital Association. Guy is executive secretary of Southern Baptist Hospitals, an agency of the SBC.

E. A. Verdery, chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, assumed presidency of the chaplains' section of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Verdery is also head of the hospital's department of clinical pastoral education.

For 12 years, Verdery has been at Georgia Baptist Hospital. He is a past president of the Southwide Baptist Hospital Chaplains Association.

Charles McKnight, chaplain, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, became 1963 president of the Southwide chaplains association. Harry McCartney, chaplain, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, was reelected secretary.

O. L. DeLozier, assistant chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, was elected vice-president. Fred Bell, chaplain, Midstate Baptist Hospital, Nashville, was named president-elect. He will move into the president's chair next February.

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**Associational Leaders  
Ask For Correlation**

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PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. (BP)--Give us a five-year schedule of Southern Baptist Convention meetings, superintendents of missions for Baptist associations of churches asked here.

Reduce the number of associational meetings. Streamline communications. Use existing denominational organizations without adding more. Find a "less confusing and burdensome approach" to our responsibilities, they requested.

If SBC agencies will follow this, they continued, there will be a better correlation of work between the agencies and the more than 1100 associations around the country.

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The plea came at a national conference on associational missions. It was held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly here. Present were 642 agency and associational leaders.

Those attending termed their talks with one another "satisfying." Most of the time was spent in 16 study groups. Here the groups took a look at how association work is carried on. They planned techniques.

A summary statement from the groups repeatedly mentioned the need for correlation. But the agencies of the SBC were also praised for steps they have already taken in this direction.

The Convention's Home Mission Board sponsored the meeting. Other agencies cooperated in the venture. The associational leaders had a chance to discuss their work. They all viewed the role of the association in denominational life and its tie-ins with other denominational units.

The associational workers asked to be called "association superintendents of missions."

Study group reports went into some detail in many areas. For example, one diagrammed association committees and groups. It indicated 125 to 175 officers would be needed to staff them.

Agencies were even asked to consider "finding ways and means of accomplishing some of their work without meetings."

The format of the week's meeting was so popular the mission leaders asked their states to adopt the study groups to involve all workers in planning and evaluation.

The mission leaders, recognizing the need of the churches to associate, affirmed the association as existing "for fellowship, cooperation, and service; and that one of its major tasks is missions." The other major tasks mentioned were evangelism and education.

"Our objectives should be to meet the needs of churches rather than the mere promotion of programs," the summary statement read. "No program or meeting should ever become an end within itself, but should contribute definitely to some expressed need."

However, the superintendents of missions also had some words for themselves.

They were asked to engage in "deeper Bible study to identify the biblical basis for the work"; to find a sociological understanding of the community, to state clearly obtainable objectives. They were asked to engage in long-range planning with priorities of events, emphases, and programs; to make a broader use of the leadership potential, and to take advantage of opportunities for self-improvement.

Wendell Belew of Atlanta, secretary of the associational missions department of the Home Mission Board, said of the meeting, "As modern missions was born in an association meeting in England in 1792 when William Carey spoke and moved that group to action, it is hoped that from this meeting of associations superintendents of missions in 1963, associations will be inspired to activate the greatest mission effort the world has ever seen."

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Alaska Executive  
Secretary Resigns

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FAIRBANKS, Alaska (BP)--L. A. Watson of Anchorage has resigned as executive secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention, a position he has held since 1956. Health was given as the reason for his resignation.

Watson made the announcement at the semiannual meeting of the convention's board in Fairbanks. He asked that the resignation be effective no later than June 1.

Aubrey Short, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Spenard, was named chairman of a committee to select a successor to Watson.

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Watson, a native of Waldron, Ark., was appointed as superintendent of missions for Alaska by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1956. That same year he was also made executive secretary; he held both positions until last year, when he dropped the superintendent of missions position.

He also served as editor of the Alaska Baptist Messenger, and for a number of years was secretary of evangelism for the state.

Four years prior to his Alaska work, Watson was superintendent of missions in Colorado Baptist General Convention.

While attending Eastern Oklahoma Teacher's College at Wilburton, and Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, he was pastor of several nearby churches.

Later he was pastor of First Baptist Churches in Stroud and Wagoner, Okla., and Truett Memorial Baptist Church at Long Beach, Calif.

During his pastorate in California, he taught at California Baptist College in Riverside and was vice-president of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

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Baptist Hospital Says  
Satellite Working Fine

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CINCINNATI (BP)--A Baptist hospital which launched a satellite said here it's working fine.

Administrator Wilson Turner of Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, reported the satellite hospital is 12 miles away from the mother institution.

The two successfully operate under one management, he continued. The 100-bed satellite meets the need of patients whose medical condition is not acute.

A station wagon made out as an ambulance shuttles patients between the satellite and the parent hospital, it was reported. The satellite handles minor surgery and does a limited amount of general medical and emergency care.

The main hospital provides major medical attention. The same doctors serve the main hospital and the satellite, he said. As many services have been combined as possible to hold down costs. They include single operation of a laundry, general administrative services and accounting. Separate food service is offered.

This is the only such satellite unit in operation among Southern Baptist Convention-related hospitals.

It and another unique operation in the Southern Baptist hospital family have been widely publicized.

The second project also was reported on here at the meeting of the Baptist Hospital Association.

Robert A. Walker, assistant administrator, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, described the self-care unit this hospital has.

Created in the last two years, the self-care unit represents a much smaller capital investment, according to Walker. The per-bed cost for the self-care unit is \$10,000, compared with \$22,500 for the bed in a major hospital.

The self-care hospital is designed only for patients who can get around on their own. The rates of \$7 to \$12 per day are below the room charges in a main hospital.

There is only one patient in a room. Each room, however, has two beds so that a member of the patient's family may stay with the patient by paying \$5 more per day.

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The self-care unit cares for patients awaiting entry into the main hospital, or who have been treated there but must wait a little longer to be discharged.

The patients in the self-care unit go to the hospital cafeteria to eat. Or, they may order room service. It's estimated the main hospital, treating acute illnesses, needs three employees for each patient admitted. The self-care unit, on the other hand, needs only one employee for every three patients.

The North Carolina hospital is the only Southern Baptist hospital which especially designed a self-care unit, Walker said. Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, has housing facilities adapted to this purpose but not built originally with that in mind.

Both the satellite hospital and the self-care unit were called "coming things" in the future Southern Baptist hospital ministry.

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Ghanaian Student  
Applies At Mercer

(2-22-63)

MACON, Ga. (BP)--A young Ghana ministerial student, won to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries, has applied for admission to Mercer University, Georgia Baptists' senior four-year college here.

If admitted, he will be the first person of his race to enrol in a Georgia Baptist school.

Mercer President Rufus C. Harris would make no comment regarding his application pending a report from a special committee appointed by the Georgia Baptist Convention last November to study the matter of integration of Georgia Baptist institutions.

A special committee from the Mercer trustees is working with the convention committee on the matter.

The Ghana youth, 22 years old, was led to Jesus by Harris Mobley of Savannah, Ga., a 1955 graduate of Mercer now on furlough from missionary service in Ghana. The Ghanaian is a graduate of an English-speaking school with exceptionally high grades. He wants to study for the ministry.

The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Convention weekly newspaper published in Atlanta, announced the application in a news story-editorial calling for his admittance "without any quibbling."

John J. Hurt, editor of the Index, said, "If this young Ghana student qualifies for admission, as every indication promises he will, Mercer University must admit him without any quibbling. We either admit him or we should have the courage to call home all of our missionaries and go out of the business. We either admit him or we are in greater need of missionary preaching than Ghana."

Hurt said, "Mercer University must separate the application of a Ghana student from the issue of admitting Negro students now being considered by a special committee of trustees. They are not one and the same."

He said, "There are some who will insist on merging the issues. There are some who protest and pledge to withhold their support, financial and otherwise. The decision must be confined to what is right. If it is otherwise then be assured others will protest and withhold their dollars."

The Index news-editorial also included a letter from Georgian Russell Hilliard, living in Fort Valley, Ga., while on furlough from missionary work in Spain.

Hilliard wrote: "Is it fair for me to ask: Why in the world did we send a missionary to Ghana to preach the love of God if we didn't expect God to keep his promise and save some soul?...As one of Georgia Baptists' representatives overseas, I appeal for the admission of this young man."

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