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CONVENTION-WIDE GIFTS UP TEN
PER CENT FOR FIRST QUARTER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Convention-wide gifts are \$195,177, or 10.7 per cent ahead of where they were this time last year, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Designations are up \$22,661, or 1.3 per cent, and the Cooperative Program gifts are up \$171,516, or 5.8 per cent.

Following are the gifts by states, comparing the January-March receipts of 1950 and 1949:

	<u>Cooperative Program 1950</u>	<u>Cooperative Program 1949</u>
Specials.....	1,420.82	1,067.20
Alabama.....	85,310.78	75,602.43
Arizona.....	1,673.57	4,334.55
Arkansas.....	67,879.93	56,134.07
California.....	3,251.95	3,053.41
District of Columbia....	8,607.50	10,726.71
Florida.....	90,892.88	74,315.07
Georgia.....	119,586.37	104,808.36
Illinois.....	26,283.08	23,676.29
Kansas.....	623.44	350.00
Kentucky.....	118,563.86	121,281.49
Louisiana.....	61,863.84	51,558.23
Maryland.....	14,511.23	13,213.39
Mississippi.....	65,612.50	71,953.16
Missouri.....	88,515.88	82,822.76
New Mexico.....	10,700.15	10,679.30
North Carolina.....	152,799.44	138,400.66
Oklahoma.....	84,086.97	74,953.84
Oregon.....	419.63	—
South Carolina.....	154,490.05	147,572.39
Tennessee.....	161,776.17	140,191.82
Texas.....	299,999.99	249,999.99
Virginia.....	149,369.94	139,028.05
TOTAL.....	<u>1,768,239.97</u>	<u>1,595,723.17</u>

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DR. R. C. CAMPBELL WILL
PREACH CONVENTION SERMON

SHELBY, N.C.—(BP)—Dr. R. C. Campbell, recently confined to the hospital for 30 days, will be able to preach the convention sermon at Chicago, according to an announcement made here. Before the convention he will conduct revivals at Durham, Sanford, and Shelby. He will resume his evangelistic and supply work after the convention.

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CONVENTION MESSENGERS URGED, "DON'T
RUSH OFF! STAY FOR FINAL HALLELUJAH"

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.--(BP)--DON'T RUSH OFF! is the plea of Dr. Weldon M. Wilson, general chairman for attendance at the evangelistic service, closing night of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 12. The urgent request addressed to Southern Baptists, came by long distance telephone to Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman of the program committee.

According to Hobbs, the Chicago Stadium has been secured for this service. It will seat 25,000. The program will feature a 1000 voice Negro choir in a thirty minute program followed by sermons from two of America's greatest preachers, Dr. J. H. Jackson, a Chicago Negro pastor, who will speak on "Great God our King," and Dr. Robert G. Lee, who will deliver an evangelistic sermon and conduct the invitation.

Hobbs also said, "Our Chicago brethren are doing their part to provide a maximum crowd for this service. Dr. Wilson is exceedingly anxious that our messengers remain over for the service to insure a capacity attendance. Most of us can leave Chicago after this service Friday night and return home in time for Sunday Services. So, brethren, don't rush off! Stay until the last amen and the final hallelujah, as multitudes of souls are won to Christ in this vital service in this strategic city in the center of our nation and the world."

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BAPTIST PAPER GETS
50-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Baptist and Reflector, Tennessee state paper, has recently received a 50-year subscription, to expire March 15, 2000, according to Fred Noe, business manager, and Dr. O. W. Taylor, editor.

Charles Dady, Dixon, Tenn., not a Baptist, began reading the paper sent to one of the boarders at his house. He liked it and sent the subscription, expecting, he said, to renew at the expiration.

Fred Noe decided to put the \$100 in trust with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Out of the anticipated earnings of \$3.71 a year there will be \$2.00 for the annual subscription, \$1.71 for missions, and at the end of the 50 years they still will have the \$100.

Fred thinks this is a good argument for the paper, missions, Foundation, and more men like Charles Dady.

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1950 HEADQUARTERS HOTEL
LARGEST IN CONVENTION

CHICAGO, Ill.—(BP)—For the first time in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention the headquarters for the annual meeting, May 8-12, will be in the largest hotel in the world and largest city in the Convention—Hotel Stevens in Chicago, Ill. The hotel has 36 floors, 30 above ground and six below. It would take one person eight hours a day for 30 days to visit for five minutes each of the 3000 rooms. There are 40 miles of carpet in the hotel. There are 3000 employees, including 70 telephone operators. A day's menu in the hotel dining room includes a ton of butter, 1000 dozen eggs, ten steers, a ton of pork and fish, 20,000 hot rolls, a ton and a half of potatoes, 25 cases each of oranges, lettuce, celery, and tomatoes, and 35,000 cups of coffee flavored with 300 gallons of cream.

The weather is always cool in Chicago during May and a light top coat needs to be brought by Southern Baptists to the Convention; but if it gets hot, the hotel has an ice plant in the basement which can make 25 tons each day. The 25 elevators, manned by 75 operators, will carry 107,000 people each day during the convention. One giant elevator is 10 feet high, 10 feet wide, and 29½ feet long and can lift ten tons.

The headquarters hotel has its own fire department—the only one of its kind in the world—a seven room medical department, and its laundry can wash 15,000 sheets every day and in one month it will wash 32,500 shirts and 1,200,000 pounds of flat work to keep the linens clean.

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RELIGIOUS DEBATING REVIVED

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Old-time religious debating was revived here for four days when W. T. Russell, a Baptist minister, and Eugene W. Clevenger, a Church of Christ minister, met for a four-day debate. Conducted in a school auditorium, the affair attracted an overflow crowd of 5,000 nightly.

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INVITATIONS NOW!

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Invitations for the 1952 Southern Baptist Convention should be prepared immediately, according to Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee. They should include information on hotels, meeting places, rooms available in homes, exhibit space, and committee and press rooms. Address invitations to Committee on Convention Arrangements, Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville.

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