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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD WILL PLAN FOR INCREASED BUDGET

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—The Foreign Mission Board will consider an appropriation of approximately \$3,500,000 for its 1951 budget at the semi-annual meeting of Southwide representatives at Richmond, October 10-11.

Including an additional million dollars provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of the Woman's Missionary Union, the total budget proposed for the year will amount to \$4,500,000, Secretary M. Theron Rankin states.

The appropriations will support a missionary force expected to exceed 800 by the first of next year, and assigned to 28 countries. Ten new missionaries are scheduled for appointment in October, bringing the total for this year to 105, the largest number ever appointed in any one year.

During the last five years the Foreign Mission Board has appointed 372 new missionaries. Within the same five-year period missionaries have been assigned to 14 new countries, including Arabia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Formosa, Gold Coast, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Malaya, Peru, Philippine Islands, Southern Rhodesia, Thailand and Venezuela.

A report will be submitted to the Board by a special commission sent to Nigeria to attend the Centennial last month and to study with the Nigerian Mission and convention problems connected with educational work in Nigeria. Members of the commission are Dr. C. E. Hereford of Corpus Christi, Dr. John H. Buchanan of Birmingham, and Dr. R. Kelly White of West Palm Beach.

Dr. Frank C. Lauback, internationally known leader in literacy campaigns, will speak to representatives of the Board in connection with the emphasis given in several Southern Baptist mission areas to teaching illiterates to read, particularly in Nigeria and parts of South America.

Immediately following the meeting of the Board, Dr. Rankin will leave for Honolulu and then go on to Japan where he will join Dr. Baker James Cauthen who left the states September 22. The two secretaries will attend the annual meeting of the Japan Mission, then go to the Philippine Islands, Indonesia, Thailand, and Hong Kong, where Dr. Cauthen will remain. Dr. Rankin expects to leave Richmond, October 13, and to return to the states about December 1.

BWA PRESIDENT
TO TOUR AMERICA

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will make a three months presidential tour of the United States and Canada next summer. The announcement was made by Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, executive secretary of the Alliance and Dr. Louis D. Newton, vice-president, at the meeting of the BWA Administrative Committee here recently.

The Committee, while in session, voted to endorse the work of Canadian Baptists in establishing a round the world radio station in Bolivia, to study need for a series of special pamphlets printed in different languages explaining the Baptist World Alliance, and to start the BWA Youth News to be edited by Joel Sorenson, world youth secretary.

Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., president of the women of the Alliance, announced the World Day of Prayer for Women to be observed the first Friday in December. This year each country will prepare its own program. Hereafter, there will be a uniform program to be followed by all the countries.

Next meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Administrative Committee will be January 16, 1951. The Executive Committee of the Alliance will meet April 25-26.

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AMERICAN NEGRO SEMINARY
RECEIVES LIBRARY ADDITION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Dr. Ryland Knight, Pulaski, Va., has presented to the American Baptist Theological Seminary seven cartons of books from his personal library. Dr. Knight, at one time pastor of Immanuel Church here, is retiring from the pastorate. He has been a life-time friend of Negro ministerial education. This gift has already been received and added to the seminary library, which now approximates 15,000 volumes. The announcement was made by Dr. L. S. Sedberry, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

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ALABAMA BAPTISTS TO
CELL MISSION FUND

DECATUR, Ala.--(BP)--Alabama Baptist State Convention meets in its annual session at Decatur, Ala., November 14.

The convention does have before it a great program for the incoming year. Its Cooperative Program goal is \$1,000,000. Its goal of \$800,000 last year will be exceeded. It is expected that all over \$800,000 received next year will be designated as capital needs funds to the various agencies of the state.

It also appears that definite work with Negroes will be started under the executive board of the convention.

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ARIZONA BAPTISTS TO
RESTORE MISSION CUT

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona Baptists will return to a 70-30 division of their Cooperative Program receipts next year, if a recommendation of the finance committee is accepted by the convention, announced W. Barry Garrett, editor, Arizona Baptist Beacon. "The past year the convention sent only ten per cent of its mission receipts to Southwide causes, due to the emergency caused by the opening of Grand Canyon College," Garrett said.

Next in importance to the advance planned for state missions, the consideration of Grand Canyon College will be most important to the convention messengers. The college is in its second year of operation with 110 students. Leroy Smith, the new president of Grand Canyon College, will be presented to the convention.

The Baptist General Convention of Arizona will meet with the First Southern Baptist Church of Tucson, October 24-26.

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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
UP 13.13 PER CENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts for the first nine months of 1950 are 13.13 per cent ahead of receipts for the same period last year. Total received this year is \$5,349,525. Total received last year was \$4,728,472. The difference is \$621,052. The announcement was made by the office of Dr. Duke K. McCall, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Total receipts were up 9.45 per cent, from \$7,660,985 to \$8,385,139, an increase of \$674,145. Designated were up 3.52 per cent from \$2,932,512 to \$3,035,614, an increase of \$71,373.

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NEGRO HOSPITAL
NOT YET OPENED

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.--(BP)--The Negro Baptist hospital here will be opened as soon as funds can be raised to install a sprinkler system, X-ray, and equipment for the operating room. Already a total of \$200,000 has been spent to renovate the building for hospital purposes. Southern Baptists contributed \$20,000 to the hospital in 1949.

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