

March 30, 1957

Nashville, Tennessee---Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds reaching the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office here have exceeded those of any other year previously. Last year's final amount, not reported until April 30, was \$4,508,063, while the total for 1957 so far is \$4,528,454, with one month remaining until final reports are in.

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Little Rock, Arkansas---B. H. Duncan, retired editor of the Arkansas Baptist, Southern Baptist weekly paper of that state, died March 19. Hospitalized since December with leukemia, Duncan had been throughout his illness an inspiration to many.

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Nashville, Tennessee---Southern Baptists will seek for more than 30,000 young people to dedicate themselves to life service in church-related vocations during worship services June 16. The Sunday has been set aside as "Church-Related Vocations Day."

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Atlanta, Georgia----The Southern Baptist Committee on Baptist Film reports that it has been unable to "work out a practical plan by which" major Baptist groups in America can finance a film on some distinctive Baptist belief. The committee requests the 1957 session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting May 28-31, to discharge it.

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Chicago, Illinois---Southern Baptist hospital administrators agreed here recently to seek changes in the present Hill-Burton Act under which the federal government makes grants for hospital construction, so that denominational hospitals can no longer receive outright grants. At the same time, the hospital association will seek action by Congress to provide that federal money may be loaned to denominational hospitals for improvements.

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Louisville, Kentucky---Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have voted to name the school's library in honor of James Pettigru Boyce, founder and first president of the seminary.

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Dallas, Texas---The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will begin construction soon on a new building here. Final plans are expected sometime in April.

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Nashville, Tennessee---The Southern Baptist Advisory Council on Work with Negroes has elected Clifton J. Allen as its chairman. Allen, editorial secretary with the Baptist Sunday School Board here, succeeds T. B. Maston, professor of social ethics at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

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Nashville, Tennessee---The 1957 Southern Baptist Convention session at Chicago will be asked to drop the matter of considering a new name for the Baptist Sunday School Board here. The request comes from the committee formed to consider a new name and the Sunday School Board itself.

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