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MANAGERS, LIBRARIANS
MEET IN NASHVILLE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Managers of forty-four Southern Baptist book stores met in Nashville, March 23-27, for their annual conference.

The conference was a review and consideration of the whole book store program as it relates itself to denominational life.

The meeting was under the direction of Harold E. Ingraham, business manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and John H. Williams, director of the Book Store Department.

Featured on the program were Wallace S. Clark, director of management research, General Shoe Corporation, Nashville; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board; Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary; Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary of education and promotion; and Dr. William J. Fallis, book editor for Broadman Press.

Owned and operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, these stores comprise the largest denominationally-owned group of retail book and church supplies distributors in the world. The stores are located in strategic centers throughout twenty-two states from Baltimore, Md., and Miami, Fla., on the east coast to Portland, Ore., and Huntington Park, Calif., on the west.

Nineteen church library consultants representing as many states met March 23-27. They were under the leadership of Miss Florida Waite, Convention-wide leader for church librarians.

These librarians work directly with churches in the advancement of good reading. They reported 5,000 church libraries and a record of one a day for very day since November, 1952. An outstanding accomplishment was the result of the campaign for establishing rural and small church libraries, which began in February, 1952.

Monday evening, March 23, there was a joint meeting of the two groups in

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the chapel of the Sunday School Board with J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Information, Survey, and Statistics of the board, as the inspirational speaker.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY
HOST TO SOUTHWIDE CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Southwide Conference of Baptist Theological Students held its eighth annual session, March 25-26, at the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn.

There were approximately one hundred delegates representing sixteen Baptist colleges and seminaries from ten states in the southern region of the United States.

The program included a forum, "Admission of Other Races to Baptist Colleges," led by Dr. Melvin Watson, director, School of Religion, Morehouse College, and Dr. J. W. Marshall, president, Wayland College; "Faith in Action Project" led by students; a forum, "Baptist Cooperation in BSU Work," led by Rogers M. Smith, Southern Baptist BSU secretary for Tenn., and S. E. Grinstead, National Baptist BSU secretary for Tenn. Other highlights were a forum, "Baptist Cooperation Between Sunday School Boards," led by Dr. A. M. Townsend, secretary, Sunday School Board, National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention; and the main address, "The Influence of the Baptist World Alliance on Inter-Baptist Cooperation in the United States," by Robert S. Denny, director of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Victor T. Glass, acting dean, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., was elected chairman of the steering committee for the next year. This committee is responsible for the promotion of the conference among member schools and the planning of the program for the following year. Joe M. Conley, superintendent of Baptist Fellowship Center, Louisville, Ky., is the executive secretary of the conference.

The conference was organized at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1946 by students and representatives from Baptist schools. Composed of Negro and white Baptists, it has for its purpose "the promotion of Christian fellowship, the study of mutual problems relative to the work of the kingdom, and the planning of co-operative efforts of all Baptists for the extension of the gospel."

The conference will meet at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., March 24-25, 1954.

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