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#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

by Norman W. Cox

Work on the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists continued to progress during 1954, Norman W. Cox, Executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, reported today.

The encyclopedia is scheduled for publication in 1957. Fifty-seven committees have been appointed to work on the project. Members of the committees represent the twenty denominational agencies and twenty-three state conventions co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report on the progress of encyclopedia work was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention, in its annual session. The Historical Commission has the task of co-ordinating the work on the encyclopedia.

Leading scholars and editors of the Convention are at work on the encyclopedia, slated to be published in two volumes. It will present the background, history, organization, message and ministry of Southern Baptists.

Cox has been named managing editor of the encyclopedia and Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, Tenn., is chairman of the editorial committee. Committee members are Robert A. Baker, Fort Worth, Texas; Leo T. Crismon, Louisville, Ky.; John H. Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala.; Mont Egerton, Knoxville, Tenn.; Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn., and Cox.

The Historical Commission secretary also reported on the increased use of the Dargan-Carver Library located in the Baptist Sunday School Board's building at Nashville, Tenn. More than a hundred writers and editors did research work there during 1954.

The library is owned jointly by the Commission and the Baptist Sunday School Board. Scores of professors and students used facilities of the library and others mailed their queries to the librarian.

The Commission, Cox said, is planning to index files of all current Baptist periodicals. The indexing is expected to begin next year. This should enhance the value of the periodicals for research.

Other highlights of the Historical Commission report are:

By the end of the year, the Commission will have 95 per cent of all Southern Baptist newspapers on microfilm, in addition to many other materials.

A booklet telling of the persecutions of Baptists in England and in Colonial America is being well-received. Entitled Dreams, Dungeons, Diadems! it was written by Cox.

The Commission has a plan to foster writing of histories about Baptists. Cox said in the past, Baptist historians have had to work alone in gathering material and in seeking a publisher.

Assets of the Commission increased \$16,579 last year to a total of \$77,860.

Norman W. Cox, executive secretary, Historical Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, was born in Climax, Ga., Oct. 28, 1888. He was educated at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was ordained to the Baptist ministry at Climax in 1910. He is a past president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and belonged to the state executive committees of Baptist conventions in Georgia, Alabama, West Virginia and Mississippi. He was also once on the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention. He was pastor of churches in Georgia, Virginia, Alabama, West Virginia, and Mississippi.

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FOURTH DAY

Southern Baptist Convention . . .

## PROCEEDINGS

May 18 - 21, 1955, Miami, Florida

### Thursday Night

105. Forrest Heeren led the Convention in singing "Standing on the Promises" and "This Is My Story."

106. The Oklahoma Baptist University Choir, led by Warren Angell, sang "Gloria in Excelsis," "Sing and Rejoice," "Ole Moses," and "Sons and Daughters."

107. J. G. Miller (Tenn.) read Isaiah 60:1-6; 19-21 and led in prayer.

108. L. S. Sedberry (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, moved its adoption, and briefly discussed the report. Dr. Sedberry presented the Seminary Quartette for a special number and President Ralph W. Riley, who addressed the Convention.

(Miss) Primrose Funches brought greetings from the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and its president, Joseph H. Jackson. Following another number by the Seminary Quartette, the report was adopted.

109. Secretary Porter Routh presented Albert McClellan, director of publications, and Merrill Moore, secretary of promotion, of the Executive Committee. Dr. Moore presented the Promotion Report of the Executive Committee. This report included the report of the Committee on World Evangelization, H. Guy Moore (Texas), chairman.

110. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 1 (see page 17, *Book of Reports*.)

111. H. Guy Moore (Tex.), Harold Seever (Ala.), R. Paul Caudill (Tenn.), and Leon M. Latimer (S. C.) presented Recommendation No. 2 (see page 17, *Book of Reports*.)

112. Mrs. Gordon Maddry (N. C.), John W. Wood (Va.), and B. J. Martin (Texas), presented Recommendation No. 3 (see page 17, *Book of Reports*.)

113. J. Carroll Chadwick (Texas) presented Recommendation No. 4 (see page 18, *Book of Reports*.)

114. H. G. Adams (S. C.) presented Recommendation No. 5 (see page 5, *Wednesday's Bulletin*.)

115. Norris Palmer (La.), chairman of the Promotion Committee, moved the adoption of the Report on Promotion. After an address by H. Guy Moore (Texas), this motion was passed.

116. On motion of Porter Routh (Tenn.) the entire report of the Executive Committee, including the section on Administration presented Wednesday and the section on Promotion presented at this time, was adopted.

117. Merrill Moore (Tenn.) spoke on Church and Denomination Night and the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Co-operative Program, after which he introduced the new film, *Together We Build*, which was shown.

118. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Glory to His Name."

119. The Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir (Miami) sang "Great Day," "Let Us Break Bread Together," and "Inflamatus" as the introductory feature of the Home Mission Board program.

120. Executive Secretary Courts Redford (Ga.) led in prayer after which he presented G. Frank Garrison (Ga.) assistant secretary, who brought the report of the Home Mission Board, which was adopted.

121. Missionaries of the Home Mission Board, former executive secretary J. B. Lawrence (Ga.), and W. A. Duncan (Ga.), president of the Board, were presented.

122. With Hugh R. Bumpas (Okla.) vice-president of the Board, presiding the following program was presented: "What My Church Means to Me," Mrs. Ernest Geer, Safford, Arizona; "What A Church Means to My Family," Robert W. Fields, Junction City, Kansas; "What a Church Means to My People," Billy Osceola, Okeechobee, Florida; "What Churches Mean to Our Convention," Ray Roberts, general secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, Columbus; address, "The Primacy of the Church in Mission Advance," by Courts Redford.

123. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.), executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, led in the closing prayer.

### Friday Morning, May 20

124. Forrest Heeren led the Convention in singing "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

125. Charles R. Standridge (Va.) read John 17:1-10 and led in prayer.

126. Earl B. Edington (Fla.), chairman, assisted by other members of the Committee, presented the report of the

Committee on Boards, which was approved. (See p. 3, Friday's Bulletin.)

127. President Storer read the following telegram received from President Dwight D. Eisenhower:

To all members of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, I send warm greetings. I am particularly glad to know your plans for a session devoted to the subject of the Christian home. My best wishes are yours for an inspiring gathering.

President Storer replied as follows:

On behalf of the thousands of Southern Baptists in Convention at Miami, as its president I wish you to know how greatly appreciative we are for your warm and understanding telegram to the Convention. By unanimous request of the messengers present we do thank you and assure you of our abiding prayers for God's blessing on you and yours.

128. Norman W. Cox (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Historical Commission, which was adopted after discussion by Harold E. Ingraham (Tenn.) and Clifton J. Allen (Tenn.).

129. O. M. Seigler (Ga.) presented the report of the Chaplain's Commission and introduced members of the Commission and chaplains present. Three of the chaplains brought brief messages. The report was adopted.

130. W. A. Duncan (Ga.) moved that a message of sympathy and appreciation be sent to Alfred Carpenter, chairman of the Chaplain's Commission, who is recovering from a recent illness. Carried.

131. Forrest Heeren led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

132. The Louisiana College Choir, led by P. V. Blanchard, sang, "I Am Weak But Thou Art Strong," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

133. R. Orin Cornett, (Tenn.), executive secretary, presented the report of the Education Commission which was adopted.

134. President Charles L. Harman (Va.) of Bluefield College introduced Senator Robert S. Kerr (Okla.) who addressed the Convention on "Christian Education and Southern Baptists."

135. L. E. Barton (Ala.) presented a resolution on religious liberty and moved that the rules be suspended and that the vote be taken at this time. The motion to suspend the rules was approved.

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## SUPPLY PASTORS IN MIAMI BAPTIST CHURCHES

Sunday, May 22

Allapattah—8:15 (Pastor); 11:00 Porter M. Bailes  
 Bird Road—S. J. McBurney (Pastor)  
 Biscayne Gardens—James Monroe  
 Broadmoor Chapel — Chaplain John Jones (Pastor)  
 Calvary—Carl Roberts (Pastor)  
 Calvary Chapel—Floyd Boice (Pastor)  
 Central—8:30 Roy Angell (Pastor); 11:00 John L. Slaughter  
 Coconut Grove—Luther Knight (Pastor)  
 Coral—F. H. Watkins (Pastor)  
 Coral Gables—Leslie S. Williams  
 Coral Villa Chapel—Roland Huglow (Pastor)  
 Earlington Heights—Jerry Tillman  
 East Hialeah—I. L. McDougale (Pastor)  
 Emmanuel—Herbert Young  
 First—8:15 Court Flint; 11:00 S. L. Stealey; 8:00 p.m., Stanley Hahn  
 Flagami Chapel—Emory Wallace  
 Flagler Street—S. F. Dowis  
 Golden Glades—S. L. DeLay (Pastor)  
 Goulds—Willis Knopp  
 Hialeah—L. Stanley Polk  
 Highland Park—Ellis Julian (Pastor)  
 Homestead—D. H. Hall  
 Lake View—Richard Whipple (Pastor)  
 Little River—James L. White, III  
 Melrose Heights—Rex B. Duckett (Pastor)  
 Miami Beach—Courts Redford  
 Miami Gardens—Fred Sligher (Pastor)  
 Miami Shores—Floyd Folsom (Pastor)  
 Miami Springs—Alfred Staples (Pastor)  
 Modello—J. W. Fagan  
 Northeast—Otis Langston  
 North Hialeah Chapel—J. E. Dillard, Jr.  
 North Miami Beach—F. W. Adel  
 Northside—Oliver Shank  
 Northwest—J. Gilbert Huttichson  
 Ojus—B. T. Beckham (Pastor)  
 Olympia Chapel—Earl Trent  
 Orchard Villa—Vern Perkins  
 Pennsuko Mission—W. G. Cook (Pastor)  
 Perrine—Michael Naranjo  
 Pinewood Park—11:00 Roger Mastin; 8:00 P.M., E. A. Somers  
 Riverside—Marshall Craig  
 Russian Ukrainian—Pastor Sylvester  
 Shenandoah—A. W. Mathis  
 Sierra Norwood—Wayne Odom (Pastor)  
 South Miami—Harvey Morrison (Pastor)  
 Stanton Memorial—Thomas W. Fryer (Pastor)  
 Southside—W. H. Rittenhouse (Pastor)  
 Sunset Heights—Don Dyer  
 Sweetwater Chapel—S. L. Freeman (Pastor)  
 University—Howard Butt  
 Wayside Chapel—Roland Jarrard (Pastor)  
 West Flagler Park—Joe Folds (Pastor)

### OTHER CHURCHES

White Temple Methodist—11:00 Theron Price; 8:00 Court Flint  
 Miami Springs Methodist—11:00 Charles McGlon  
 St. Johns Presbyterian—11:00 Hugh Chambliss  
 Grace Methodist—11:00 Jack Eppes

### OFFICERS OF RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

J. T. Ford, Birmingham, Ala., chairman; James Harris, Ft. Worth, Texas, vice-chairman; Verlin Kruswitz, Elizabethtown, Ky., secretary.

## PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from page 1)

136. Dr. Barton then moved the adoption of the resolution. After discussion and a statement by Baker J. Cauthen (Va.), executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, it was voted to refer the resolution to a special committee of five of which Dr. Cauthen should be a member. President Storer appointed the following to serve as this committee:

Baker J. Cauthen, chairman, Duke K. McCall (Ky.), Frank A. Hooper, Jr. (Ga.), C. C. Warren (N. C.), and Barry Garrett (Ariz.).

137. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) presented a resolution on alcoholism which was automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

138. W. T. Holland (Mo.) read a letter addressed to President-elect C. C. Warren (N. C.) from H. Roe Bartle, mayor of Kansas City, welcoming the 1956 Convention to this city.

139. A. C. Miller, (Tenn.) executive secretary, presented the report of the Christian Life Commission which, following an address by J. B. Weatherspoon (Ky.) and general discussion was adopted, together with a recommendation on World Peace (see page 5 of Wednesday's Bulletin).

140. Winston Pearce (Md.) presented the following report for the Committee on Committees, which was adopted:

Committee to Study Theological, Religious, and Missionary Education

J. W. Storer (Okla.), chairman, J. S. Bell (Ky.), Carl Clark (Texas), Tho. E. Cappel (Fla.), Forrest Feezor (Texas), Garland Hendricks (N. C.), Hershel Hobbs (Okla.), Douglas Hudgins (Miss.), J. W. Lester (Ala.), Mrs. George R. Martin (Va.), Louie D. Newton (Ga.), E. V. Peyton (Va.).

141. E. H. Westmoreland (Tex.) presented the following report for the Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, which was adopted:

- 1) Time: May 20-23, 1958
- 2) Place: Houston, Texas

We recommend that the Convention open on Tuesday evening, May 20, and that the Committee on Order of Business of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Program Committee of the Southern Woman's Missionary Union jointly arrange the program for Tuesday evening.

3) Preacher—1956, Harry P. Staggs (N. Mex.); alternate, James M. Baldwin (Ill.).

142. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) moved

that hereafter the Convention Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher report to the next Convention immediately following the appointment of the committee and that the present committee be continued to make adequate investigation of all invitations for the year 1959 and report its recommendations to the 1956 Convention session.

After general discussion Dr. McCall moved that the motion be tabled until the Committee on Order of Business was able to find a time for its discussion later in the session. Carried.

143. The Convention requested the Secretary to respond to the following telegram of greetings from the Baptist Federation of Canada:

Canadian Baptists extend warmest greetings to Southern Baptists Convention gathered at Miami. May richest blessings attend your deliberations and result from all decisions made.

T. B. McDormand, for Baptist Federation of Canada

144. Forrest Heeren led in singing, "Glory to His Name."

145. The Southern Seminary Faculty Male Quartette sang: "Sing Me a Song of Sharon's Rose."

146. The seminaries reported with President Duke K. McCall (Ky.) speaking for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. McCall presented Gaines S. Dobbins, dean of the school of Religious Education, who concluded his remarks with an announcement that Allen W. Graves (Okla.) had been named dean-elect of the Seminary's School of Religious Education. Dr. Dobbins requested Harold K. Graves (Calif.) to present his brother, the dean-elect, who spoke briefly.

147. President Roland Q. Leavell (La.) reported for the New Orleans Seminary.

148. Robert A. Baker (Texas), a member of the faculty, reported for Southwestern Seminary.

149. President Sydnor L. Stealey (N. C.) reported for the Southeastern Seminary.

150. President Harold K. Graves (Calif.) reported for Golden Gate Seminary.

151. A motion to adopt the reports of the five seminaries prevailed.

152. Forrest Heeren led in singing "Amazing Grace."

153. President J. Howard Williams (Texas) of Southwestern Seminary, addressed the Convention, speaking for the seminaries on theological education.

154. Forrest Feezor (Texas) led in closing prayer.

## CONVENTION SPEECHES FOR SALE

Copies of many of the speeches for the W.M.U. Convention, the Pastors' Conference, and the general convention will be for sale in the convention exhibit hall beginning Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Price 5c each. No speech or address will be sold until after it is delivered. This is a good way to take the convention home with you.

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Dr. J. T. Ford of Birmingham, Alabama was today elected chairman of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at a meeting in the McAllister Hotel.

Other officers named were: Dr. James Harris of Fort Worth, Texas, vice-chairman; Rev. Verlin Kruswitz of Elizabethtown, Kentucky secretary. The Rev. Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, Texas, is director of the agency.

In other action the Southern Baptist communications organization named R. Paul Green of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as director of the "Baptist Hour" choir. He is currently minister of music at Immanuel Baptist Church and is expected to make a decision soon. Green is expected to organize a Fort Worth radio choir for this 30-minute program, now broadcast by nearly 400 stations with an estimated listening audience of more than 20 million.

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#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Directed by Leon M. Latimer

Our convention has set apart this time for a brief Memorial Service in grateful remembrance of our beloved comrades, who, having fulfilled their divine mission here, have entered into their eternal reward. While deeply aware of our losses, and with heart-felt sympathy for the inner circles of the bereaved, we would not betray their faith nor ours by sounding a pagan note of defeat. We would indeed make this service our testimony of gratitude for their triumphs in Christ, and our pledge to carry on. Our Christian faith proclaims with the Apostle John:

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

These valiant servants of Christ have joined that victorious host which no man can number.

"Ten thousand times ten thousand,  
In sparkling raiment bright,  
The armies of the ransomed saints  
Throng up the steeps of light;  
'Tis finished, all is finished,  
Their fight with death and sin;  
Fling open wide the golden gates,  
And let the victors in."

Perhaps no one has ever given a more graphic picture of their triumphant entrance into the land of eternal light than did John Bunyan in his description of the passing of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth. Bunyan says:

"When the day that he must go hence was come, many accompanied him to the river-side, into which as he went, he said, 'Death, where is thy sting?' And as he went down deeper, he said, 'Grave, where is thy victory?' So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

It is in the spirit of those trumpet notes of victory that we would pay tribute today to the blessed company of those who have fought the good fight, have finished their course, have kept the faith, and have, during this convention year, answered the call to claim their crowns.

Three have been requested to bring to our grateful remembrance at this time two officers of this convention and one who for thirty-six years was the executive secretary of our auxiliary convention, Woman's Missionary Union.

Walter R. Alexander

By W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

In the long ago King David lamented over the death of Abner, Chief of the Host, saying, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" It was thus with us when the sad announcement was made that Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, at the age of 65 had died of a heart ailment. Many of us could say, "He was the princeliest man we ever knew." All of us could say, "He was God's great servant, faithful to the trust committed to his care by the Lord in heaven and by the people of a great denomination."  
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Memorial Service- directed by Leon M. Latimer

In the city of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was born, received his public school and university education, and began his career as an officer in one of the banks. But God had other and greater plans for his life. God called him to the gospel ministry and to that call he proved faithful in seminary preparation and in pastorates in Virginia, Texas, and South Carolina. It was in 1943, after a fourteen-year tenure as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Florence, South Carolina, that he came to the Relief and Annuity Board as associate secretary. In 1947 he became head of the Board. In the years of leadership that followed this elevation, he saw the Board grow phenomenally, the assets rising from twelve million dollars to thirty-four million dollars and the membership in the retirement plans grew to four times as great.

An able author, a wise executive, a lovable husband and father, a charming gentleman, he was most of all and above all a man of faith and Christian devotion. His hope in God is beautifully expressed in a little poem he had written. It was found in a looseleaf notebook which he always carried in his briefcase. He entitled it "Epitaph."

"Here lies the crumbling house  
In which I sojourned on this earth  
Life's little while. I have moved out!  
No longer cramped; the vast infinities  
Of space I soar!  
I breathe the breath of God's presence;  
I bask in the sunshine of his smile.  
Weep not for me!  
Death has flung wide the door!  
'Tis now at last I live!  
I live! to die no more."

God bless to our memory so good and so great a man.

Miss Kathleen Mallory

By Mrs. Frank S. Burney

"The Lord was glorified" in the life, vision, and services of Miss Kathleen Mallory, thirty-six years the beloved executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

Wisdom born of fear of God; a heart dedicated to a world mission task; an understanding mind; the power of human sympathy; the touch of a loving hand; encouragement to fainting hearts were tools of her triumphant life.

One of the secrets of her efficient leadership was her persevering prayer life. She found it was true that "Prayer is the greatest means of tapping God's power" and that it is "the Christian's greatest privilege."

The work of her hands is preserved in the history of Woman's Missionary Union. Eternity alone will reveal her full attainments for God as he led her "in a constant pageant of triumph."

During the Silver Anniversary meeting, the 25th year of organization of Woman's Missionary Union, in 1913, her first report disclosed her desire and ambition of leading the women and the convention: to fully realize the relationship of Woman's Missionary Union to the Southern Baptist Convention.

She rejoiced "in the approval on the part of the Sunday School Board, and of the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards, of the Union's preparing and submitting, through its chosen representative, its own formal report to each session of the convention" She said, "This privilege has been given to us to commemorate, as some exquisite silver service would, our twenty-fifth anniversary of wedded auxiliary relationship with the convention." Always she guarded this wedded auxiliary relationship.

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Memorial Service -directed by Leon M. Latimer

A noble woman was Miss Kathleen Mallory. Her life was divinely planned to serve, to inspire, to comfort, to warn, to lead, but not to command. She filled full this divine plan.

Her mission was the mission of the Master. Her self-denying, consecrated life became a miracle-working benediction to the glory of God. All Southern Baptists rise up and call her "blessed."

J. Dean Crain

By D. M. Rivers, pastor, Pendleton Street Baptist Church,  
Greenville, South Carolina

In the early hours of the morning, Monday, January 10, 1955, Dr. J. Dean Crain went quietly, in his sleep, to enter his eternal home with the Lord. Born October 25, 1881, in the mountain area of Greenville County, South Carolina, Dr. Crain became a Baptist minister and leader of national repute, as evidenced that the President of the United States and the Governor of South Carolina sent their condolences to the bereaved family.

Dr. Crain was elected first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1942. He served as a member of the Sunday School Board for eighteen years. He served on numerous convention committees.

Few men have possessed such a dynamic and invincible faith as he. His deep-seated convictions and his unflinching and formidable adherence to fundamental New Testament doctrines made him an intrepid torch-bearer of our evangelical faith.

There were four major emphases in the fruitful ministry of Dr. Crain. His greatness shone as a builder of churches, a denominational leader, an effective evangelist, and a champion of Christian education. This man of God with his deep consecration, his vision of the task to be done and his strength of leadership made a significant contribution to the work of this kingdom. He was an indefatigable worker. His earnestness could be likened to a great ball of fire.

As an individual, he stood out among men in uniqueness of personality and scintillating wit. As a Christian, his devotional life was always kept in repair. As a preacher, he took flights of eloquent earnestness. As a champion of Christian education, he believed that if we allow our Christian schools to die, we sign the death warrant of our future.

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In addition to these noble servants of Christ who bore such close relations to this convention, we would hold in affectionate remembrance today many hundreds of others, equally worthy, from pulpit and pew who have fulfilled their divine mission and answered the Master's call to come up higher. Some were veterans of the cross from mission fields around the world; some were from mission fields in the homeland; some were devoted pastors; some were consecrated servants of Christ in the pew who labored in countless areas of kingdom service at home and abroad. To the humblest equally with the most gifted has come the welcome plaudit of the Master:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant:  
Thou hast been faithful over a few things,  
I will make thee a ruler over many things,  
enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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John Oxenham, in his tribute to the martyred Scottish missionary, James Chalmers, proclaims the victory note which we would leave ringing in your ears with every thought of our beloved co-workers who have gone to be with Christ:

"Great-heart is dead, they say, -  
Fighting the fight,  
Holding the light,  
Into the night.

"Great-heart is dead, they say, -  
But the light shall burn brighter,  
And the night shall be lighter,  
For his going:  
And a rich, rich harvest for his sowing.

"Great-heart is dead, they say, -  
What is death to such an one as Great-heart?  
One sigh, perchance, for work unfinished here,  
Then a swift passing to a mightier sphere,  
New joys, perfected powers, the vision clear,  
And all the amplitude of Heaven to work  
The work he held so dear.

"Great-heart is dead, they say, -  
Nor dead, nor sleeping! He lives on! His name  
Shall kindle many a heart to equal flame.  
The fire he lighted shall burn on and on  
Till all the darkness of the lands be gone,  
And all the kingdoms of the earth be won.  
A soul so fiery sweet can never die,  
But lives and loves and works through all eternity.

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#### COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STATE PAPERS

by W. Barry Garrett

State Baptist conventions were asked today to consider furnishing more financial aid to their weekly newspapers.

The recommendation to the state conventions was one of a series made by the Southern Baptist Convention in its annual session in Miami, Fla.

Local Baptist churches affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention likewise were asked to set aside funds in their budgets so that every family belonging to the church could receive a subscription to the state Baptist newspaper.

Agencies, boards and commissions of the Convention should promote the work of the state Baptist weeklies and should use the papers to publicize all of their activities, the Convention's messengers said.

A Committee on Baptist State Papers, whose members were the editors themselves, presented the recommendations on the Convention floor. After hearing them, messengers representing churches in the Convention territory approved all of them.

Nearly every Baptist weekly newspaper has a circulation program under which the local churches pay the cost of subscriptions for individual members or for families who belong to the churches.

In its report, the committee said that while one of the major purposes of Baptist state papers is to inform through publication of news, the papers have other important goals.

They must interpret the news they print; they also must publish inspirational material and material concerning Baptist religious doctrines.

"The function of a Baptist state paper goes beyond that of (merely) a weekly newspaper. It must have a soul. It must have life. It must give a lift (through inspirational features)," the editors said. "Sound doctrine and co-operation in missions is also the aim. . ."

Proper interpretation of denominational news is important, according to the report. Without it, facts are misinterpreted and the Baptist cause is hurt.

The state weekly publications were pictured by the committee as "key instruments in the furtherance of the Baptist cause and in the maintenance of Baptist unity."

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W. Barry Garrett is editor of the Baptist Beacon, publication of the Southern Baptist state convention in Arizona. Circulation of the weekly denominational newspaper is 10,686. Garrett is a native of Mangum, Okla., and received bachelor's and master's degrees at Baylor University, Waco, Tex. He also received a degree in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He held pastorates in Baptist churches in Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, and Arizona. Office of the Baptist Beacon is in Phoenix, Ariz.

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COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN OF BAPTIST STATE PAPERS

by Louie D. Newton

Southern Baptist state newspapers this year have a total circulation of 1,157,444, a committee on circulation campaign for the papers reported today.

The 1955 figure is more than six times greater than the 190,000 total recorded in 1940, the year the committee was formed to promote circulation of the Baptist-sponsored publications.

One of the state newspapers, the Baptist Standard, published in Texas, now has almost 100,000 more circulation than all the papers had in 1940. The Baptist Standard is the largest of the 22 state papers with 287,170 subscribers.

The circulation committee, headed by Rev. Louie D. Newton, pastor Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., reported that the Baptist Courier, published in South Carolina, was second in circulation with 89,850.

The Baptist Record, Mississippi publication, was third with 86,317 subscribers, followed by the Georgia state newspaper, the Christian Index, with 82,330.

Other state papers and their circulation in 1955:

The Alabama Baptist	71,172	Word and Way (Missouri)	47,350
Baptist Beacon (Ariz.)	10,686	Baptist New Mexican	15,000
Arkansas Baptist	46,000	Biblical Recorder (N. Car.)	59,650
The California Southern Baptist	17,083	Baptist Messenger (Ohio)	2,000
Florida Baptist Witness	38,895	Baptist Messenger (Okla.)	71,952
Illinois Baptist	12,500	Pacific Coast Baptist (Ore-Wash)	3,000
Baptist Digest (Kansas)	4,456	Baptist and Reflector (Tenn.)	60,641
Western Recorder (Kentucky)	63,500	Religious Herald (Va.)	26,800
Baptist Message (Louisiana)	51,400	Maryland Baptist	9,692

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Louie D. Newton, a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of several Convention committees, was born in Screven County, Ga., April 27, 1892. He was educated at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and at Columbia University. Experience has included serving as professor of history at Mercer; editor of Christian Index, state Baptist weekly newspaper for Georgia, and as member of numerous groups and committees, including a term as associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. Since 1929, he has been pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. In 1947 and 1948, he was president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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#### COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE FOR POLICY CHANGE

by S. H. Jones

Some reports presented to the Southern Baptist Convention by its agencies and institutions will be handled differently in the future because of action taken by the Convention today.

A committee, headed by S. H. Jones, editor Baptist Courier, South Carolina state newspaper, declared the changes will help provide messengers to the Convention with ample information and time to study matters of Convention business.

Under one of two committee recommendations adopted, motions or resolutions presented to the Convention which have not first been included in a printed report will have to be referred to a Convention committee for further study.

The second change requires agencies and institutions to submit for publication at least 60 days in advance of the Convention's annual session certain policy and finance matters.

Included will be any matters for Convention action which may not conform to the financial plan of the Convention or which will change fundamental Convention policy. Notice that these matters to be considered will be published in the denominational press before the annual session.

The committee also suggested that the Convention abide by a by law which provides that "one-third of the time for discussion of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor."

This by law in the past has not always been observed, the committee noted, but should be carefully observed in the future.

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Samuel Hovey Jones has been editor of the Baptist Courier, denominational weekly newspaper of Southern Baptists in South Carolina, since 1948. Jones was born in Pickens County, S. C., June 26, 1900, and studied at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary, from which he secured his doctor's degree. He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Mississippi, South Carolina, and Alabama. Just before he became editor of the paper, he was president of Southwest Baptist (junior) College, Bolivar, Mo. He has been a trustee of the New Orleans seminary for several years.  
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#### BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION

by: Geroge W. Schroeder

"Southern Baptist laymen are responding as never before through Brotherhood organizations," said George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission in his annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the past year, 956 new church Brotherhoods were established, he said. This brought the total number of Brotherhoods to 8,732.

Enrolment increased 12.9 per cent during 1954 to a total of 274,000 men taking part in Brotherhoods in Southern Baptist churches.

One of Schroeder's main points was his resume of action taken when the Convention met at St. Louis, Mo., last year. The Convention directed the transfer of Roayl Ambassadors, a boys missionary group in Southern Baptist churches, to the Brotherhood Commission.

Up to then, the Royal Ambassadors had been part of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union, women's auxiliary to the Convention.

Complying with the Convention's action, the Commission employed Edward Hurt, Jr., as a new associate. Hurt assumed his new duties on February 1 of this year and will promote Royal Ambassador work.

Before joining the Brotherhood Commission, Hurt was athletic director and track coach at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla. Frank Black, of Brookhaven, Miss., was employed as an assistant to Hurt.

Black has had military service and experience in Boy Scout leadership.

Schroeder reported that the Brotherhood organizations "exist solely so that they may be used in the work of the Lord through churches."

Substantial increases in circulation of literature were also reported by Schroeder. Circulation of the Brotherhood Journal climbed to an average of 85,000 per quarter or 340,000 copies for the year.

In addition, more than 2,000,000 tracts, posters, or promotional aids were distributed through seventeen state Brotherhood secretaries.

Last year, according to Schroeder, the Brotherhood Commission produced its first filmstrip. Production was in co-operation with the audio-visual department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. It tells how the Brotherhood functions.

Another first is a Young Men's Mission Conference which the Brotherhood will sponsor this summer at Glorieta, N. M., he continued.

The two outstanding achievements of the past year were:

1. Sending a team of eight laymen, at their own expense, to Southern Baptist mission fields in South America. The men travelled in pairs visiting mission posts.
2. Sending a group of Brotherhood leaders to Cuba early this year. Working in co-operation with the Home Mission Board, the Brotherhood leaders told pastors and laymen there about men's work in the churches.

In concluding, Schroeder stated "Truly the future is bright, not only for Brotherhood work but also for every denominational endeavor. As more and more men are fully informed about the work of Christ, the more they will contribute to its on going, both at home and abroad."

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Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, George W. Schroeder has office and residence at Memphis, Tenn. He is a native of Pickneyville, Ill., born October 28, 1913. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University. He was brotherhood secretary for Illinois Baptists and associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission before being promoted to his present position. He is an active Baptist layman and has served as teacher and superintendent in Baptist Sunday Schools.

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REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY RESOLUTION  
PRESENTED BY L. E. BARTON, ALA., CONCERNING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY  
IN SOUTH AMERICA.

We, the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Miami, Florida, May 18-21, because of our historic convictions concerning freedom of religion and separation of church and state, note with gratitude developments in various countries (especially in Latin America) indicating wider recognition of these vital principles, and urge all governments to give encouragement to measures making possible freedom of religion for all.

Believing in the complete separation of church and state we do not desire to identify ourselves with any political group but only with the principle of full religious liberty. We abhor the invasion of the conscience of men whether by constituted authority of the state or as is too often true today, by religious bigots in violation of the constitution of a nation.

We join with all who support the principle of religious freedom anywhere in the world, especially in Spain, Israel, Italy, and throughout Latin America. We pray that freedom of conscience may soon be enjoyed in lands now dominated by communism.

Signed: B. J. Cauthen, chairman  
Duke K. McCall  
C. C. Warren  
Barry Garrett  
Frank A. Hooper, Jr.

Cauthen is executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.  
McCall is president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Warren is newly-elected Convention president, Charlotte, N. C.  
Garrett is editor Arizona Baptist Beacon, Phoenix.  
Hooper is a federal judge in Atlanta, Ga.

“THE HOUSE OF THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL STAND”

By PERRY F. WEBB

Pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex., Perry F. Webb is a native of Ozark, Ark. He held pastorates in Malvern, Blytheville, and Pine Bluff, Ark., before coming to the present church as its pastor in 1937. Other positions of denominational leadership have included member, executive committee, Baptist General Convention of Texas; trustee, Mary Hardin-Baylor College; president of trustees, San Marcos, Tex., Baptist Academy; delivery of the Southern Baptist Convention sermon at its 1939 session, and others. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Proverbs 12:5-7

These verses set forth the wide and vivid contrast between the wicked and the righteous. First, in their thoughts—one is artificial and the other is veritable. Second, in their words.

One is malevolent and the other is benevolent. Third, in their home. One shall fall but the house of the righteous shall stand.

Every Christian actually has three homes: First, our earthly home, and be it ever so humble, there is no place like this home. It is “the father’s kingdom, the child’s paradise, and the mother’s world.” Second, our church home, where we are evangelized, baptized and catechized. It is the place of public worship and united praise. And third, our heavenly home, the final and blessed abode of the redeemed, “where no storms ever beat on the glittering strand, while the years of eternity roll.”

“When the blest who sleep in Jesus  
At His bidding shall arise  
From the silence of the grave  
And from the sea,  
And with bodies all celestial  
They shall meet Him in the skies,  
What a gathering of the ransomed  
That will be.”

While we speak particularly of the earthly home, all three are interwoven in my theme.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door I will come in to him.” This is Christianity at its beginning: Christ living in our house.

“In my Father’s house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you.” This is Christianity in its ending: we in the Father’s house.

“The house of the righteous shall stand.” Why? Because its purpose is biblical; its power is spiritual; and its protection is sensible.

I. THE PURPOSE OF A HOME. This is threefold:

1. Theological. That is, it is related to Almighty God in its

inception, conception, origin and perpetuation. Historically and germinally, it was inaugurated in the quiet bowers of Eden, where everything was lovely and fair. Out of the common and unrefined dust of the earth, God made man and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. But in all the realm of nature there was not found for him an helpmeet, and so God formed and gave unto him woman, in a union so intimate and so tender that they were to be called no longer twain but one flesh.

To be well-born is to enter life with great advantage. Thus with respect to the home we have a goodly heritage. It has come to us from the purity of paradise, from the infinite mind and radiant heart of God, and with His blessings upon it. It is God’s supreme institution: first in time—before the school or the state or the hospital or the church; and first in importance.

According to Malachi 2:15, it was established that the Lord might preserve a godly seed. And as the Psalmist said, one generation is to praise His name to the next. In other words, the home is a sort of trustee of faith, a clearing house for truth. Thus in its perpetuation as in its origin, it is related to the eternal purposes of God.

2. Biological. “And God said, be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth.” Life is not created in the home but it is transmitted. Parents are not the authors of life but the mediators of life. “God setteth the solitary in families.”

(Psalm 68:6) Neighborhoods and partnerships are all a matter of individual inclination. One may choose to live in the country or town or city, but every man of necessity did and does belong to some family.

A young mother was going into the valley of the shadow.

With her fast-failing strength she took the newborn babe and placed it in the arms of the young father who was kneeling beside her bed. Almost in a whisper she said, “I commit this child to you.” As he held the little one in his arms he cried from a despairing and burdened heart, “O God, I have an immortal soul in my hands.” Yes, “children are an heritage of the Lord.” To share with God the communication of life is to bring to the home a sense of tremendous solemnity and divine dignity.

3. Educational. It has been called “the seminary of all other institutions.” And another has spoken of it as “the chief school of human virtues.” The home is an educational microcosm in which are to be found all the elements, processes, and techniques for development and culture: heredity, environment; authority, discipline; freedom and responsibility.

It is the teaching of the Bible that children are to be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. They are to be taught the things of God, the truth of God, the way of God, faithfully and diligently. And so the home is not so much a place but a spirit, a dream, an emotion, an ideal, but most of all, it is a university where the lessons of life are to be taught and caught.

And so the purpose of the home is theological, biological and educational.

## II. THE POWER OF THE HOME.

Last summer I stood on the bank of a northern lake, set like a sparkling jewel in the wild splendor of the green Minnesota forest. From its liquid heart flowed a stream that swelled, widened, increased and lengthened into a powerful river, immortalized in story and song, bearing the traffic of a nation—the mighty Mississippi. But its source was in the humble flow of a murmuring brook.

And likewise, the beginning of every honored institution has been at the family hearth. The roots of state and civil government run back to the home. The whole system of education derives from the home. The first nursery, the first hospital and the first manufacturing establishment as well as the first religious society all can be traced to the home.

1. Nationally, the home is our first line of defense. The integrity, morality and sobriety of the nation are all determined, directed and modified by the influence of the home.

Long ages ago Demosthenes said, "As a building is secure only when it stands on true foundations, so all enterprises are safe only when they have justice and truth beneath them."

Well, the home is the foundation of our public life and "if the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

A man tells of how he went forth to war with an optimistic dream. He would help build a better world! At the close of the war there followed so much confusion and strife that he wrote a book called "Disenchantment". In it he said he envisioned a bright new world, rising brick by brick. But then the builders ran out of brick! Those bricks might well represent godly homes, and their presence or absence will determine the weal or woe of an empire.

Those who help to elevate, ennoble, enlighten, strengthen and sanctify the homes contribute more to the ultimate welfare, enduring permanence and final glory of a nation than all scientists, militarists or educators.

On Senator Ben Hill's monument in Atlanta are these words: "Who saves his country saves all things and all things saved will bless him; whoso lets his country die, lets all things die and all things dying curse him." To paraphrase this memorable statement we would say: "Who saves the home saves all things and all things saved will bless him; but who lets the home die lets all things die and all things dying curse him."

2. Socially, the home is the training ground for all of life's

varied relationships. Class hatreds, political conceptions, race enmities, national and international misunderstanding are all properly resolved or tragically aggravated by the viewpoints of the home.

One man boasted that he was a 100 per cent American. Another said, "I am a 200 per cent American; I hate everybody!" His attitude had been dangerously corrupted by a domestic climate of hatred, prejudice and suspicion.

Arthur Hewitt tells of driving a high school girl home one afternoon from a meeting. The road skirted a beautiful lake and presently at her instruction, he stopped before a place that was little more than a shack. It was her home. She saw a look of surprise in his face and quickly said, "It isn't much to look at but it is a wonderful place to see from."

Yes, the home provides the *vision* we shall have of other races and people; it is the *lens* through which we get our first look at marriage and all civic duties; it is the *clinic* where by conversation and attitude, impressions are created with respect to sobriety and reverence; it is the *school* where lessons of truth or falsehood, honesty or deceit are learned; it is the *mold* which ultimately determines the structure of society. What we put into the thought-stream of our children today will determine the life-stream tomorrow.

3. But beyond all and above all and first of all, the power of the home is seen and felt in religious life. When the mind of a child is filled with memories of righteous and devoted parents; when the heart of a child is instructed in the things of God; when the life of a child is directed toward spiritual objectives, impressions for good are made that can never be forgotten.

One man said, "I tried to be an athiest but everytime I reached the place I was ready to renounce my Christian faith, I could feel my mother's hand and hear her praying, 'God bless and keep my boy'."

Dr. R. A. Torrey tells of his godly home, but of his own unsaved condition. He went out into the world with his mother's words ringing in his ears, "Son, in the darkest hour, call upon God to help you." He said, "I drifted far and wide, and one night in the hotel room, alone and despairing, I resolved to take my life, but in that dark hour, I remembered my mother's words, 'Call upon God!' and I knelt beside my bed and then and there gave myself to Jesus Christ." No child ever gets over a Christian mother or a godly father.

## III. THE PROTECTION OF THE HOME.

I read of a man who took his wife and son to Alaska at the turn of the century in a great fortune hunt. They found gold and became immensely wealthy but the son was killed. Returning to Seattle, they were met by newspaper reporters who said, "Did you really get the gold?" The wife replied, "Yes, we found the gold but we lost our boy." The trip was a tragic failure. Success anywhere else—in commerce, industry, the arts and science, success even in the church can never compensate for the failure at home.

A mother refused her little girl's request. The little one was heard to pray, "Please, Lord, don't give her anymore children for she doesn't know how to treat the one she's got now!"

Now, every living thing has its enemies: the grass of the fields, the trees of the forest, the fish of the sea, the fowls of the air. The home is no exception. A thousand dangers beset our dwelling places by day and by night. They are external and internal—pressures from without and friction, incompatibility and emotional immaturity from within. In other words, our homes are endangered by dirt, debt and the devil.

Warm and tender love; Christian forbearance and patience; sympathetic understanding; mutual respect and the exchange of confidences—these are only a few among the mighty battlements that stand guard over the home.

But now I wish to emphasize the superlative importance of discipline as a preventive balustrade. Of course, this matter of discipline is not as simple nor as easy as it might appear.

A little girl said to her father, "I don't think mama knows much about bringing up children." The father asked, "Why?"

The little girl replied, "Well, she makes me go to bed when I'm *not* sleepy and makes me get up when I *am* sleepy."

Anarchy is not born in the back alleys of our cities. Outlawism does not originate in the slums or on "the other side of the tracks." It is the bitter fruitage of homes where obedience and proper respect for authority are not required. Children who never learn self-control in the home will be out of control the rest of their lives.

We have a striking illustration of this in the life of David.

His son, Adonijah, rebelled against him. We wonder how this son could show such filial disregard. The answer is to be found in I Kings 1:6, "His father had not checked him all his life by asking what he meant by his conduct." (Moffatt) And the sad result was sorrow to the father and death to the son.

But discipline must begin with parents. One reason why we have so many lawless children is because there are so many undisciplined parents. When mother is on the day shift and father is on the night shift, it is not to be wondered at that oftentimes the children become shiftless. What would you say to a boy who remarked, "My mother is a wicked woman; she goes out with other men when my father is away from home"? What would you say to another young man who exclaimed, "I want to honor my mother and father, but how can I? My father is a drunkard and my mother curses and swears." Oh, we can't "kid the kids"! They know whether we are really on the level. They know whether we really love God, the Bible and the church. If they see their parents on a

steady diet of theaters, Sunday amusements, beer-drinking, sex magazines of various kinds, they soon catch on, and dear God! what a harvest we are reaping today.

How shall we train up a child in the way he should go? By going that way ourselves!

#### IV. THE PARADISE OF HOME.

The old Greek word for "home" signifies "the shrine of the gods." And that is what the home ought to be, "a place where the Lord God is loved, honored, and obeyed."

When the home is a citadel of faith, worship and love, it becomes the vestibule of heaven, a miniature of paradise, a reflection of glory and a foretaste of eternal felicity.

It happened long years ago, in the rich pasture land of Scechem, adjacent to Mt. Ebal, where a great concourse of people were gathered. Included were the elders, judges and officers of all Israel. They had made their way from their homes, from town and from country, at the call of their leader, the aged but greatly beloved Joshua.

And now as he arose to speak there is a vast silence. Why this sudden convocation? What would he say? His great beard, his snowy locks and his fine stature made an impressive appearance. Every eye was upon him. Without preliminary he opened his mouth, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel," and there followed a magnificent and moving historical oration, in which he detailed their rich and varied heritage; their toils, anxieties and hardships; their wanderings and punishment; their pride and fall; their miraculous deliverances of God; their final freedom in Canaan's happy land . . . and on and on rolled his sonorous and resonant voice, until I can well imagine, becoming tired, it finally sank so low that people had to cup their ears to hear.

And then with a flash of the old fire in his eyes, he shook off the garment of weariness and with an energy suddenly born of a great passion, he cried aloud, "Choose you this day whom you will serve . . . as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Amen!

He was through. His message was delivered. There was no more he could say. Then perhaps kind hands helped his exhausted body to some nearby resting place. And there arose a murmuring among that vast throng. Friend spoke to friend, neighbor to neighbor, husband to wife, parents to children, and then with a mighty shout as with the voice of one man they cried: "We too will serve the Lord; He is our God!"

Hear, you sons of men and daughters of women: may this be our choice, even now! Amen.