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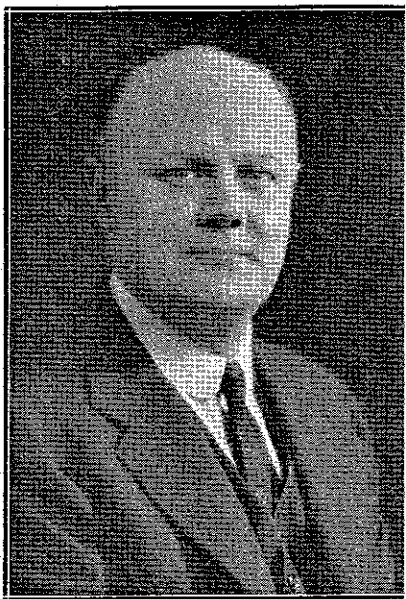
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CLEARING HOUSE FOR FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST MISSIONS ESTABLISHED. MONEY 100% FOR MISSION FIELDS.

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Bible-believing Baptist churches and individuals are eagerly looking for sound, fundamental mission channels through which their gifts may go in helping to carry out the command of our Lord and Saviour, "Go ye in to all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Many laymen and ministers are refusing to give to convention mission boards, and they have abundant reason for so refusing. The boards

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Grand Rapids Association of
Regular Baptists Hold Great
Fellowship Sept. 24-25th.

Here was a gathering of Michigan Bible-believing Baptists that was truly genuine in fellowship and inspira-

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PRAISE GOD! THE FIRE IS SPREADING!

Read the Following from the
"Binghamton (N. Y.) Press" and
"Thank God and Take Courage"

The following headline appeared in the Binghamton Press, Thursday, September 19th: "6 REVOLTING

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"REGULAR BAPTISTS IN CALIFORNIA"

By WM. A. MATTHEWS, D. D.

"A Sound of A-Going Is Heard" Among Bible-Believing Baptists on the West Coast

For ten years an open movement looking toward separation has been steadily working among Convention Baptists in this state. Regular Baptists stand historically opposed to the heresies of "Open Church Membership," "The Inclusive Policy," "The M. M. M.," "Ecclesiasticism," and the centralized power taken over by the Convention. These departures from Baptist belief would seem unbelievable for any group of Baptists to practice, but, Northern Baptist Convention records and practices convict that organization of these charges.

"And They Crept In Unawares"

It has been the strategy of Convention Politicians to keep the rank and file of Baptists in ignorance of these facts. Keeping inside information from the people began about 1910 when the Convention bought up and put out of business such newspapers as the "Pacific Coast Baptist," "The Standard," and "The Journal Messenger." They substituted for these widely distributed papers a weekly called "The Baptist." Its editorship was Modernistic, and held back from the people the inside activities of Modernism in the Convention. Such a practice may become Jesuits, but not Baptists. However, "you cannot fool all the people all the time," so that thousands of our Baptist laymen are now getting their eyes open to see the presence and perversity of unbaptistic practices in the Convention, so that, they feel the urge to obey the scripture and separate themselves from a Convention unashamed to be flying the colors of unbelief.

The outcome is the perfectly logical and scriptural movement of nearly one hundred Independent Baptist Churches in California to organize themselves into a separate Association. About forty of these churches have already found fellowship in the new "Association of Regular Baptist Churches in California."

The reasons why all these independent churches are not members of

the Independent Association are chiefly, because of the great distances of fifty to one hundred miles between many of the churches; but, as the State Association becomes well known, and, as District Associations are formed, this barrier will be removed. Steps are now being taken to incorporate the new State Association under the Laws of California. Two State Association meetings have been held annually for six years, one in Northern and one in Southern California.

A Great Work Going Forward

Los Angeles is the center of this Independent Movement. Despite the active and militant hostility of the Convention Secretaries and their representatives, there are fourteen Regular Baptist Churches organized and holding services, all in the city and county of Los Angeles. To be sure, they are young and small in membership. Nearly all of them are building or improving their meeting houses, but they all stand for the Baptist Message and Mission, and they are all alive and aflame with passion to win souls to Christ. The number of these churches is rapidly increasing. Nine new churches came into the State Association last year.

While these new independent churches are primarily occupied in projects of organization and building, yet, they do not fail to manifest a practical interest in Missionary work and Christian Education. All these churches take some part in supporting work among the Indians, Mexicans, Hawaiians, and Filipinos. They all show a fine spirit of loyalty to the Baptist Theological Seminary. Their Young People are well organized and hold District Rallies in Los Angeles every month. The attendance is about three hundred, their meetings are rich in fellowship, animated with a profound Missionary spirit, and always overflowing with Evangelism. The name of the Young People's movement is the B. Y. P. A. (Baptist Young People's Association).

They also maintain a Baptist Choral Union with an average attendance of about 100 members meeting monthly at the Seminary where they learn to sing and conduct Gospel Music under the direction of Professor J. B. Trowbridge.

"The Messenger," A Timely Fundamental Baptist Publication

Recently, the Regular Baptist cause was strengthened by the new Baptist monthly called "The Baptist Messenger." It is devoted wholly to the interests of Independent Baptist Churches in California. While it claims 1500 subscribers, it aims to secure 10,000 subscribers in a reasonable time. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. The editorial staff consists of four independent, young and promising Pastors; Rev. C. W. Rosendahl, Rev. W. J. Osborn, Rev. Delbert Brignall and Prof. E. C. Gottschalk.

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have proved themselves untrustworthy in the handling of funds. As clearly shown in a previous article, (see Bulletin, October issue) the majority of funds given go for overhead, paid secretaries, elaborate machinery, etc.

The need for a Fundamental Clearing House for Baptist missions has been urgent for some time. The plan of operation is of the simplest nature. Briefly it is as follows:

A place where Baptist individuals or churches may send their missionary gifts designated or undesignated. As mentioned above, not one penny will be taken out of these gifts for overhead. We will trust the Lord to provide that in some other way. The place will be the Central Baptist Church of Gary, Indiana, R. T. Ketcham, D.D., its pastor, (or the Wealthy St. Baptist Temple, Grand Rapids, Mich.) Those in charge of the office will handle all gifts made.

Say a designated gift comes in for the IEA of which Dr. Strathearn is the General Secretary. That gift will immediately be sent to him, all of it,

and a receipt mailed to the donor. Another receipt will be forthcoming from the office of the Interstate, thus doubly insuring the designation of the gift.

Suppose an undesignated gift comes in. This will be considered, with other undesignated gifts, from time to time, by those responsible for the distribution of the gifts where they are needed most among independent Baptist mission groups.

Those who will have charge of this distribution will be the Chairman and members of the Missionary Committee of the General Association of Regular Baptists who are: E. G. Griffith, H. C. Fulton, C. E. Wood, H. E. Ketcham, A. G. Annette, H. O. Van-Gilder, and G. Rector Dye. Also the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, R. T. Ketcham, D. O. Fuller, and R. F. Hamilton. They will prayerfully consider which is the mission work that holds the greatest need, and thus will apportion the undesignated funds in a fair and impartial way.

"THE FIELD IS THE WORLD"

By Earle G. Griffith

Dr. A. C. Dixon, not long before his home-going, put forth a great missionary slogan: "The Whole Gospel and The Whole Bible for The Whole Wide World." The normal church is intensive and extensive.

It is the aim of all pastors and churches in the General Association to be missionary to the core. To be anti-machine, anti-Convention, anti-liberal, and anti-"Social Action" does not mean to be anti-mission. Only Gospel churches may do missionary work. The Lord never said to men with a mutilated message, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The work of the Association's Committee on Missions does not consist in naming a field to support, or an amount to give. Its work is to survey, report, give counsel if asked for, where desired endeavor to secure a hearing for approved representatives. It must not be thought that those who receive endorsement by this committee are the only projects worthy of Baptist loyalty. There may be, and are, many others. These have

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GOD'S SERVANT COMES HOME FOR REST

Miss Rhoda Little Returns on Furlough from Philippines

Miss Rhoda Little, a member of the Second Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, went to the Philippine Islands, July 1930, to help Rev. Henry De Vries and Mrs. De Vries, also of Grand Rapids, who had preceded her five years. The De Vries started a pioneer work in the island of Mindanao among the Bukidnon tribe.

God blessed the work from the start, and they needed help, so the Lord sent Miss Little and Miss



MISS RHODA LITTLE

Beatrice Keur of Muskegon, Michigan, to their assistance.

A great work has been done, especially in the last five years. Miss Little is a graduate nurse, and Miss Keur a graduate from the Moody Bible Institute in the class of 1929.

Miss Little's health broke down, and she with Miss Keur were compelled to come home. They arrived here last May. Since that time, the Lord has seen fit to restore Miss Little's health and she hopes to return again next spring, D. V. She is now ready to do deputation work and her pastor, Rev. I. Van Westenbrugge, is making an itinerary for her. She has a wonderful story to tell of

God's grace and power to deliver from sin, those in heathen darkness, and she will be glad to visit any fundamental church that desires her services.

You may write her direct at 207 Straight Ave., N. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or her pastor, Rev. I. Van Westenbrugge, 232 Travis St., N. E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

YOU'LL BE INTERESTED

Rev. C. Gordon Brownville, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Asbury Park, N. J., was unanimously called to the Tremont Baptist Temple in Boston. He began his pastorate the latter part of September.

We've had the privilege of knowing Mr. Brownville personally, and praise God for his firm stand for "the truth as it is in Christ Jesus."

Last January another "Bulletin" publication was started. The Independent Board Bulletin, a monthly publication of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Rev. Charles J. Woodbridge, the editor, is doing a mighty work for the Lord in this field.

We mention this because the independent Presbyterian publication is taking the same stand, and fighting for the same cause, as Bible-believing Baptists in the fellowship of the General Association of Regular Baptists. May God's blessing continue to be with Mr. Woodbridge and all those associated with him.

The Devil is certainly doing his best to put out of commission those who fight him.

Recently we had word that Dr. Strathearn skidded on a slippery road on his way to Rochester, the car was wrecked and he escaped by a miracle.

Dr. Ketcham, while participating in a Conference at Keswick Grove this summer, was taken seriously ill, but the Lord graciously spared his life.

We have also learned that Brother Griffith has been in the hospital for an operation; but praise God he is now on the road to recovery.

Brethren, in these terrific days we "wrestle not against flesh and blood." That is all too easily seen. We need to pray for one another that God may protect as well as lead

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tion For two days the Pastor and members of the Wealthy Street Baptist Temple had the privilege of being host to the pastors and members of some thirty-five churches which comprise this group, and which are an active part of the General Association.

Following the Devotional in charge of Rev. William Headley, and the Address of Welcome, by the Pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. Joseph Stowell of Hancock delivered the annual sermon. And brethren, that was a sermon! Without a note, and with tremendous earnestness, Brother Stowell stood up there and poured out his heart to us on the theme of Baptist doctrines and principles. Everyone present was thrilled by this young Defender of the Faith as he proclaimed "the Lord of the Book, and the Book of the Lord" with power from on High. Following a brief session of business and committee appointments, dinner was served downstairs.

Rev. Clyde E. Wood, retiring moderator, gave the message of the afternoon, summarizing the work accomplished the past year under the guidance of God, and the prospects of increasing our power and influence for the Lord Jesus Christ in the months that lie ahead. Ben Gordon, chairman of the Bible School Committee, submitted a report with suggestions and new ideas for this essential part of the Association.

Dr. T. T. Shields Main Speaker

Dr. T. T. Shields of Toronto graciously consented to be the main speaker of the conference. With his usual power of Scriptural analysis and eloquent delivery, Dr. Shields fed our souls with the Bread of Life. Many may have—and no doubt did—come to the conference hungry and spiritually starved, but when they left they could truthfully sing "My cup's full and running over."

A ministers' conference and spiritual clinic was held Wednesday morning in charge of Brother Knol. This was continued in the afternoon with Dr. Shields answering questions, and giving those present valuable suggestions and advice from his

own large and varied experience in the ministry.

Rev. Earl Shreve of Kent City delivered the annual Doctrinal sermon. In his usual forceful way Brother Shreve clearly set forth some of the great truths of Scripture. It reminded us once again of the great fact, Christianity is nothing—if it is not doctrinal. Without doctrine, the Gospel, the Person of Christ, is an empty, useless shell, but it must be doctrine infused with the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Henry A. Lyon, chairman of the Missionary Committee, submitted a report for the year, together with suggestions for the future. And truly, as Brother Lyon well said, "The missionary work of the Association is the most important. We stand or fall in our attitude toward this work."

New Churches Received

Two new churches were received into the Association: The Orthodox Baptist Church of Ionia of which Rev. L. J. May is the Pastor; and the Calvary Baptist Church of Hancock, of which Jos. M. Stowell is the Pastor. We praise God for these two churches, and welcome them into our fellowship.

Rev. R. C. Gentz of Newaygo presented the report of the Obituary Committee. The Ladies' Association—al Missionary program under the able leadership of Mrs. W. Spencer, President, met in the main auditorium the remainder of the afternoon.

Someone wrote the editor of the Bulletin recently, from Massachusetts. They told him of a small group of Baptists in their city which had withdrawn from a modernist Baptist church and had begun another church. God is blessing this courageous group, as He always will those who "come out" for Him. They said that a representative of the NBC had strongly urged that their new church become a member of the Convention.

In our reply we said that for this new group to become a member of the NBC would be a tragedy of the saddest kind. Having severed relations with an organization honeycombed with modernism and communism they are asked to turn right around and affiliate with it again! Our readers will hear more about this brave group of Baptists in another issue of the Bulletin.

This group was also told by the NBC agent that there were no other Baptist groups outside of the convention. In our reply we said that we earnestly wished all the members of this new church could have been present at the closing session of the Grand Rapids Association. Some 1200 Bible-believing Baptists gathered in fellowship in the large auditorium as Dr. Shields brought the closing address, and many of them young people from all over the state. It was a meeting meant especially for the 1000 members of the different BYPU's in the Association.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Rev. Hubert Reynhout, of Ensley Center, presented for adoption Tuesday evening a Resolution which was passed unanimously. Because of its importance and timely significance we are presenting it to our readers:

Resolution Passed Unanimously

WHEREAS, the professing Church of Jesus Christ today is faced with the greatest peril in all of its history, namely the "boring from within" of Communists, both in the pulpit and in the pew:

WHEREAS, this cult of Communism is in direct conflict with the saving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ:

WHEREAS, people within the Church today need to be aroused to the peril confronting them, and take their stand without compromise for the Fundamentals of our most holy faith:

WHEREAS, we feel it our duty as Christians to raise our voices against this increasing peril:

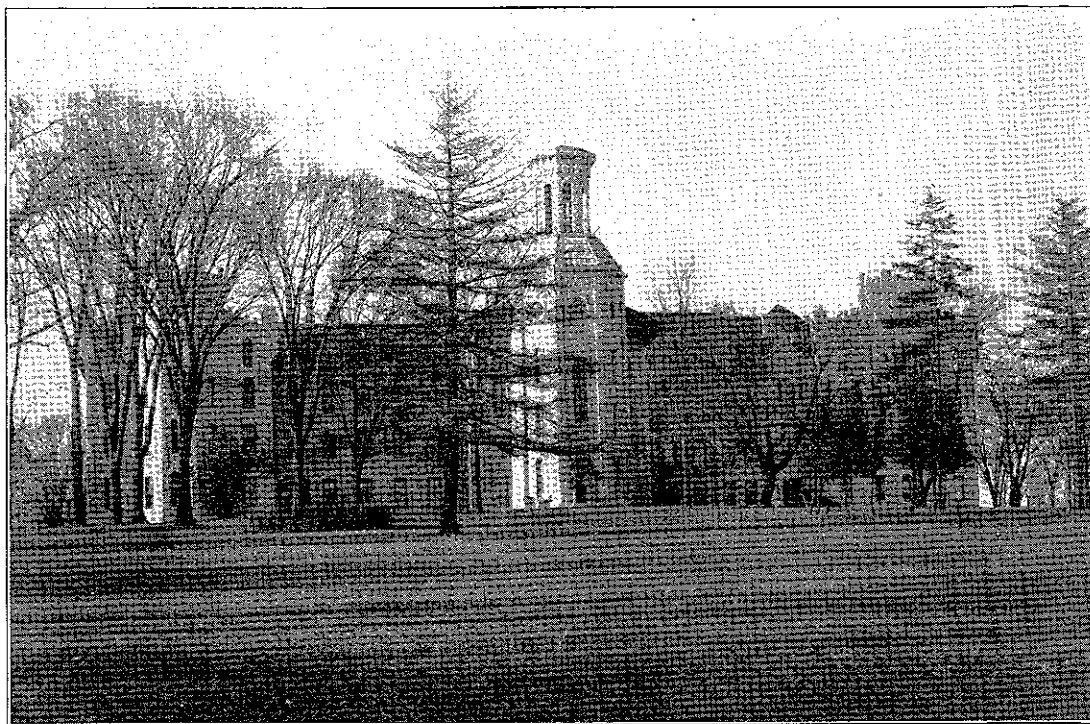
BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Churches, pastors and members, of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists, in session at the Wealthy Street Baptist Temple, September 24th and 25th, reaffirm our united stand for the Bible as the inspired, infallible, Word of God, and Jesus Christ as the one and only Saviour of men through His precious blood.

FURTHERMORE, we solemnly protest the vicious inroads that are being made within the Baptist Denomination by Communists, Socialists, and Modernists, which are in essence identical. And we pray Almighty

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WHEATON COLLEGE, "FOR CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM."

A Class "A" College Where the Lord Is Honored, and the Bible Believed and Taught.



J. Oliver Buswell, A. M. D. D., Wheaton's courageous President, is being bitterly attacked by a Denominational Ecclesiastical "Machine;" but God is blessing in spite of Satan's device

It has been our privilege to have been closely associated with Wheaton College for a number of years. More than once since graduation in '25 have we thanked God for the privilege of a Christian education in a truly Christian institution.

The following statement, issued by the Vice-Pres. of the college, speaks for itself. The blessing of God has rested upon Wheaton because of its clear cut, uncompromising stand for "the Faith once for all delivered unto the Saints."

WHEATON COLLEGE EXPANDS

Vice Pres Geo. Kirk

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, has experienced the most rapid growth in its history during the past year, and the enrollment this fall will set a new record of approximately nine hundred fifty in the College Department, an increase of more than one hundred fifty over last year.

With the rapid growth in enrollment, the College has faced a shortage

of housing facilities, which has been met by utilizing every available room of suitable character in the town, by the leasing and purchase of several large residences, and the erection of a portable steel dormitory on the campus to house thirty-two men.

Teaching Facilities Enlarged and Strengthened

During the summer the educational facilities have been enlarged, and the College now possesses sufficient classrooms and laboratory facilities to accommodate a thousand students or more. The Conservatory of Music and Academic Departments have also been improved, and will accommodate a record number of students this fall.

The teaching staff has been greatly strengthened and enlarged, and several new courses are being added for the first time this fall. To date, seventeen new members have been appointed to the educational staff for the coming year, some of whom are

taking the places of other staff members who are leaving. At least ten of these, however, represent an outright addition to the staff.

Wheaton College believes that the present day trend of teaching in the fields of Economics and Social Science has a vital relation to our Christian testimony. To combat these tendencies, the College is introducing this fall a major in the field of Business Administration, which will be taught on a sound Christian basis. The offerings in the field of Political Science are also being increased. Another field in which there is a need for a definite Christian testimony is that of Art and Design, and the College is this fall introducing several courses in this field under most competent instruction.

42 States! 17 Foreign Countries!

Wheaton students are drawn from all parts of the world, and from practically every evangelical denomination. (Continued on page 11)

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EDITORIALS

YOU Can Help Us

We have felt for a long time the need of such a periodical as "THE BAPTIST BULLETIN." If we didn't, we never would have taken the Editorship. Baptists all over the country must be informed of the facts that we are facing in this battle for the truth against the flood of apostasy and communism within the church. And not only informed, but encouraged and warned.

We can do this, but only—WITH YOUR HELP. The fact is quite apparent that 25c a year as a special subscription price, would barely cover the cost of the paper of the Bulletin, let alone the printing, etc. The Lord has taken care of expenses thus far, and we believe He will continue as you pray for us and help in every way possible.

We want to enlarge the Bulletin soon, as we have more material now than we can use in so small a space. But to do this it is evident we must have special contributions apart from

the regular subscriptions. We do not hesitate to make this known. John Wesley evangelized England and many parts of Europe by "sowing down" the country with tracts and pamphlets. The Communists are flooding this country today with subversive literature and propaganda to bring chaos and hell to the world.

In this case we must meet fire with fire. Get the truth out! Let it be known there is a testimony for the "TRUTH AS IT IS IN CHRIST JESUS" among Bible-believing Baptists, which is not catering to modernists for support, nor playing the "good Lord; good devil" role.

What can you do? 1. As you are led send in your personal contribution. All contributors receive a free subscription to the Bulletin. 2. Take your copy of the Bulletin and interest someone else. 3. Above all things—pray for the work. 4. Get a list of subscribers of 25 or more.

We've had splendid response thus far—we need still more!

Missions - Whither Bound

The announcement on the front page of this issue of the Bulletin we believe will prove to be a long step forward in the right direction for Bible-believing Baptists. It will mean much hard work, it will no doubt mean misunderstanding, but that we cannot help, and it is to be expected when a great cause is being launched.

Protestant missions in this year of Grace 1935 are in a sad and tragic state of swift declension. The reason has been ably and adequately stated by Rev. John B. West in his article appearing in the October issue. Retrenchments of a drastic nature on the field and here at home. It wrings the heart of a Christian when we know that out yonder on the far-flung horizons of the world stand heathen of all lands waiting, waiting for someone to come and tell them of the Christ who died for sinners, and shed His Blood to cleanse them from their guilt and shame before God.

To meet this crying need there is only one thing to do. Support those mission groups which are standing for the whole truth of God's Word, and for the whole Person of God's Son, and whose board members and missionaries on the field to a man believe absolutely alike. Such can be truthfully said of the three mission groups mentioned particularly in this issue, the IEA, the Ass'n of Baptists, and Mid-Missions.

The Northern Baptist Convention has not sent out one missionary in the past three or four years, but it has recalled from service a large number. These Baptist mission groups mentioned above have been actively engaged in home and foreign mission work. This past summer two more sailed for the Philippines under the Association of Baptists; in the near future a young couple (see Bulletin, Aug-Sept) are planning to go to India under Mid-Missions.

Our prayer should be, "Oh God, that the eyes of believers might be opened to the need in heathen lands, and that they might put their money and efforts in mission work where they know everything is being done to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and save perishing souls for Eternity."

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CHURCHES EXCLUDED FROM BROOME-TIOGA BAPTIST SESSIONS. Then follows: "Leaders Seek a Solution of Church Split Charges of Prejudice Hurlled at Moderator. 78 Delegates Leave."

Pastors and lay leaders of Baptist churches in Broome and Tioga counties today sought a way out of the chaos which descended suddenly on the 112-year-old Broome-Tioga Baptist association Wednesday when a modernist versus fundamentalist quarrel kept six churches out of further participation in association activity at the annual session in the First Baptist church here.

Echoes of the sharp disagreement between representatives of churches which have continued their allegiance to the New York State Baptist convention and the Northern Baptist convention and those who represented the six withdrawn churches were heard today when an unofficial poll of member churches revealed, according to the claim of fundamentalists, that only four churches of the entire association were actually in sympathy with Wednesday's ousting of the revolting societies.

The six churches, ousted from participation by the ruling of Moderator E. H. Titehener, which was supported by delegates in a 70 to 58 vote, are the First Baptist church of Johnson City, the Calvary and Park Avenue Baptist churches of Binghamton, the First Baptist church of Newark Valley, the United Tabernacle church of West Endicott, and the Grace Baptist church of Binghamton.

While, throughout the argument and the attendant confusion, the modernist faction appeared to have the upper hand in the voting strength of delegates, there was no question that fundamentalism provoked the popular support of non-voting visitors.

Each remark in support of the fundamentalist theory evoked applause from the audience while the arguments presented by the modernists were heard for the most part in utter silence.

Prominent in the argument against exclusion of the six churches were the Rev. Harold T. Commons, the Rev.

Arthur F. Williams, the Rev. Emory H. Bancroft and the Rev. Willis R. Hull. In the heat of the battle for exclusion were the Rev. T. Valentine Parker and the Rev. William Sale Terrell, both of whose utterances drew noisy protests from the assembled visitors and delegates.

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God that, if it is His will, He may intervene and throw back these forces of evil within the Church and throughout the world, so that the pure Gospel of the Cross of Christ might be proclaimed the length and breadth of this land before He shall come again.

Officers Elected

The officers nominated and elected for the coming year were:

Moderator—Rev. Wm. Headley, Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Rapids.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. C. E. Wood, Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids.

Clerk—R. Q. Harrison, Wealthy St Baptist Temple, Grand Rapids.

Treasurer—Allison DeNise, Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids.

Auditor—B. J. Green, Wealthy St Baptist Temple, Grand Rapids.

Bible School Committee: Ben Gordon, Chm, Earl Shreve, E. R. Hill.

Missionary Committee: Gerard Knol, Chm, Jos. M. Stowell, Wm. Headley, A. N. Fields, I. Van Westenbrugge, and H. A. Lyon.

Ordination Committee: C. E. Wood, Chm, Wm. Headley, Gerard Knol, David Otis Fuller, and I. Van Westenbrugge.

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B. Y. P. U. Officers: Pres Wm. Balbach, Jr., Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids; Vice-Pres., Paul Fields, Charlotte; Sec'y, Miss Ida Clark, Stanton.

Women's Missionary Dept.: Pres, Mrs. E. R. Hill, Allegan; Vice-Pres, Mrs. M. DeVos, Second Baptist; Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. F. E. Jones, Wealthy St. Baptist Temple.

INDEPENDENT ORDINATIONS OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

Rev. George F. C. Schroeder, Atlantic City, N. J.

On June 21, a council composed of twenty-four members, pastors and brethren from the churches that comprise the Faith and Life Bible Conference, responding to the call of the First Baptist Church of Atlantic City, New Jersey, met for the purpose of examining and ordaining to the Gospel ministry, Brother George F. C. Schroeder. Rev. Edward E. Washburn was the Moderator, and Rev. Stanley Nodder was Clerk. Rev. Carl Egli preached the ordination sermon. Others taking part in the service were Brothers Robt. J. McConnell, Wm. K. Rouse, I. J. Ransom, and Coulson Shepherd, pastor of the Church issuing the invitation.

Rev. John J. Baker, Trumansburg, New York

On July 16th, thirty-two pastors and delegates, responding to the call of the Calvary Baptist Church of Trumansburg, New York, met for the purpose of examining Brother John J. Baker, in view of his ordination to the Gospel ministry. The council expressed its satisfaction with the candidate's Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal statements, recommending that the Church proceed with the ordination service, which was one of great spiritual inspiration. The message of the evening was brought by Rev. John Sive-wright from Binghamton. Rev. Thurlow Yaxley of Trumansburg gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. M. L. Lowe of Bible School Park presented the Bible. The service was dismissed by Rev. John Baker.

Rev. Garland A. Franklin, Kentucky; and Rev. Claud Thomas, China.

On Friday, August 30th, fifty-one messengers from twenty churches, assembled in response to the invitation of the Berean Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, and the Lake Drive Baptist Church of East Grand Rapids, for the purpose of forming a council to examine and ordain Brother Garland A. Franklin, missionary in the Kentucky mountains, and Brother Claud Thomas, missionary to China, member of the Berean Baptist Church. The candidates were ex-

amined according to the Articles of Faith adopted by the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists, after which it was unanimously voted that the council express themselves thoroughly satisfied with the examination. In the evening the ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Gerard Knol, pastor of the Lake Drive Baptist Church.

Rev. John L. Masemore, Tama, Iowa.

The First Baptist Church of Grundy Center, Iowa, sent out a call to fifteen churches of the State to sit in council to consider the ordination of John L. Masemore, on September 13, 1935, at 2:30 P. M. There were eleven churches represented and twenty-five messengers. After relating his Christian experience, call to the Ministry, and views of Christian Doctrine, the council recommended the endorsement of the church's action, and that our brother be set apart for the Christian Ministry in our Fellowship. Mr. Masemore has served his Lord in another denomination for fifteen years and on account of definite convictions on doctrinal matters was persuaded to unite with us. He has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Tama, Iowa, and begins his new work there September 22nd.

Rev. Hubert Reynhout, Jr., Ensley Center, Mich., and Rev. Robt. D. McCarthy, Dwarf, Ky.

On Monday, September 23rd, fifty-three messengers from twenty-one churches, assembled in response to the invitation of the Wealthy Street Baptist Temple of Grand Rapids, for the purpose of forming a council to examine in view to ordination, Brother Hubert Reynhout, Jr., pastor of the Ensley Center Baptist Church; and Brother Robt. D. McCarthy, in charge of a Mission Church in Dwarf, Ky. After a very rigid examination of the candidates, which was based on the Articles of Faith adopted by the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists, the council voted unanimously to proceed with the ordination service. The program in the evening was as follows: Scripture reading, A. J. Hoolsema, Lowell; Prayer, B. J. Adcock, Hastings; Ordination Sermon, H. A. Lyon, Grand Rapids; Ordination Prayer, L. J. May, Ionia; Right hand of Fellowship,

Clyde E. Wood, Grand Rapids; Charge to the Candidate, David Otis Fuller, Grand Rapids; Charge to the Church, A. N. Fields, Middleville. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. McCarthy.

Rev. Robert Hall, Athens, Mich.

At the call of the Middleville Baptist Church, a Council convened Monday, October 14th at 2:15 P. M. for the purpose of examining the candidate and recognizing his Spirit-given call to the Gospel ministry. The service opened with the singing of two gospel hymns, and prayer by Pastor Hoolsema of Lowell, and Pastor Gentz of Newaygo. Rev. A. N. Fields, Pastor of the Middleville Baptist Church, which issued the call for the Council, then read the record of the call. The Council was organized with Pastor C. E. Wood of the Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, as Moderator; and Pastor L. J. May of the Ionia Orthodox Baptist Church as clerk. The roll was then called, with thirteen churches and thirty-three delegates responding.

The Church declared itself satisfied with the Council and the motion was made and approved to proceed with the examination of the candidate. The Moderator and Council assembled then examined the candidate as to: His conversion, call to the ministry, and a detailed examination on Bible doctrine, Church polity, and Christian ministerial behaviour. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Gerard Knol, from the Lake Drive Baptist Church, Grand Rapids.

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submitted proof of soundness as to doctrine and management. Others will follow. We believe some measure of concentration will be necessary if we are to be effective. Our Missionary and School directory now stands as follows:

The Interstate Evangelistic Association

This is a great Baptist Fellowship, turning the spotlight on deadly errors, conducting constructive conferences, assisting the right preacher

and the right church to acquaintance-ship and handling a multiplicity of details helpful to preachers and people. Rev. Harold Strathearn, Supt., has offices in the Temple Bldg., Rochester, N. Y. Give him and his work a big place in your prayers, love, and giving.

The Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient

This Mission movement of orthodox Baptists has become so well known among us for its break with dictatorial Board direction and its extensive evangelistic labors in three sections of the Philippines that we merely refer to it. Though only about seven years of age, it is out of the experimental stage, with many missionaries on the field; a great Gospel Ship that moves among the Islands; an excellent training system for its workers; an administrative policy that commends it heartily. We suggest that churches interested write the new President, Dr. Harold T. Commons, (successor to the deservedly esteemed founder, Mrs. Henry W. Peabody) for a speaker or information. Address 705 Schaff Bldg., Philadelphia.

The General Council of Co-operating Baptist Missions of N. A. or Mid-Missions

The name of this missionary undertaking tells the story. It is a Council, not a Board. Co-operative, not coercive. It is Baptist, not loosely fundamental. It is a work of faith, not a work of force. It pushes to the interior of the countries to which its workers are sent—hence called Mid-Missions. Several missionaries are out now in the inland territory of Africa and Venezuela. We note that a missionary going to Venezuela must have \$500.00. A church of limited size could be responsible for one. A great work is being done. Contact the President, Dr. M. E. Hawkins, First Baptist Church, Mishawaka, Ind., for further acquaintance. He will be happy to send a deputation speaker or printed matter.

The Sweet Baptist Mission (China)

Hanchow Cheking is the center of operation for this work which was started in protest to the Baptist For-

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LETTERS of INFORMATION - WARNING - ENCOURAGEMENT

A VOICE FROM PHILADELPHIA

[Editor's Note: We have had the privilege of knowing Brother Elsner for several years. His work is unique and sorely needed in such a large city. It might be interesting to know that he began this great work in one of the largest Baptist churches in Philadelphia at Broad and Master Streets that had been vacant for six years previous or so.]

My dear Brother Fuller:

Within the last thirty minutes your concise and courageous publication has been placed in my hands. Therefore, we are stirred to state that we are already impressed with the style and spirit of your editorials and articles, and therefore assure you that you have our sincerest expressions of goodwill in prayer that the Lord Himself may bless thee abundantly along all lines for the furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

GO TO IT! STAY WITH IT!!
Press on—patiently enduring all persecution, and thou shalt reap abundantly in due time.

In confirmation of our concern in your Christian cause we are forwarding herewith a small expression to aid you in the publication of this fervent fiery and Fundamental Bulletin.

In Christian affection, we remain

Sincerely yours,

THEO ELSNER,

Non-Sectarian Tabernacle

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM DETROIT

My dear Brother Fuller:

The Detroit Baptist Tabernacle (old Warren Ave Baptist Church) is very proud of the rapidly growing "Fellowship" of the "General Association of Regular Baptist Churches," and the blessed ministry of the "Baptist Bulletin."

We are very happy to report that we have just closed a three weeks' revival campaign during which over 300 precious souls came forward and over 100 were baptized.

I am beginning my seventh year as

Pastor in very pleasant surroundings.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,
W. D. MacCULLOUGH,
Detroit Gospel Tabernacle.

FROM CALIFORNIA DR. MATTHEWS MAKES SOME TIMELY SUGGESTIONS

[Editor's Note: We wrote Dr. Matthews asking him for this material. Pray for this courageous servant of God as he "fights the good fight of faith" along with many other Bible-believing Baptists of the West Coast.]

Dear Brother Fuller:

May I suggest "three things" in which the members of our Independent Baptist Churches may help the Seminary work and thereby glorify our Lord Jesus Christ:

First. Endeavor to keep the Seminary opportunity before the young folks by keeping our literature always before their eyes and sending us the names of any prospective students.

Second. Through the Seminary, the "Hawaiian Crusade of Regular Baptists" has begun to function. One of our graduates, Rev. Edward Shipman, has already settled in Honolulu. He has organized an Independent Baptist Church, under the guidance of the Seminary. This is the only Baptist church in the Islands! The Crusaders Committee has agreed to pay one-half of Rev. Shipman's salary, which is \$75.00 a month. Therefore, could you not immediately interest the Women or the Young People of your church in helping to support this Hawaiian Work?

Third. Since our Trustees have decided to pay a rental of \$100.00 per month for our property, rather than to assume an indebtedness of \$75,000.00, by buying it, could not a dozen churches, like your own, agree to become responsible for one month's rent this coming year, beginning September 1st? May we hear from you definitely regarding this?

You will rejoice to know that the outlook for a good enrollment of students was never brighter, although we have many adversaries. Our ninth year opens September 15th. Ask your people to remember us daily in

prayer [We will be glad to, Dr. Matthews, and God bless you. Ed.]

May the Holy Spirit continue to stamp His seal of approval upon your Ministry.

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM A. MATTHEWS,
President, Los Angeles
Baptist Theological
Seminary

"NEW ENGLAND FELLOWSHIP"

Dear Brother Fuller:

The situation here in New England is gradually becoming more acute. Many of the churches are chaffing under the lash of denominational popery and it will not be long before the break will come. I wish that you might send me any material that would make me more familiar with the Association of Regular Baptists. We are beginning to hear more of it as the weeks fly by, since the move made by Howard Fulton in Chicago. If you can do this for me we will greatly appreciate it.

As ever,

Yours in Christ,

WM. P. WHITTEMORE,
Rumney, New Hampshire.

AN "OLD TIME REVIVAL"

Dear Brother Fuller:

Mr. Harry Bundy and I are way out here in "the sticks" on the firing line for God. We are having a glorious time! A campaign was conducted in the First Baptist Church, Summit, South Dakota, closing last Sunday afternoon. The church, a small one, was considered pretty much dead. God came and awakened the members in a mighty way. Souls were saved. A week from this Sunday we are motoring back there for an afternoon service (40 miles distance) when a number of the converts are to be baptized. The attendance was good throughout the campaign. On several occasions the place was so crowded that we were unable to do anything in the after-meetings.

We started here last Sunday evening. The meetings are going along splendidly. The first service the ushers were kept busy the first half

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." II Thess. 4:15-18.

The Home-Going of Dr. Gray

It was with the deepest sorrow that we learned of the sudden Home-Going of Dr. James M. Gray, President for years of the Moody Bible Institute. He held a large place in our hearts, and we will miss him, but praise God that in departing "he is with Christ which is far better."

We cannot thank God enough for the clear cut testimony of this saint of God through the years. Truly, "he fought the good fight. He finished his course, he kept the faith." We know that there is laid up for him "a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give him at that day." When all around him the storms of infidelity and Modernism were raging, he refused to deviate from the path of service in making known the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray God that this testimony may be carried on at Moody in the years that lie ahead until our Lord shall come.

Thousands are looking to the Moody Bible Institute in these days of apostasy. May its President, and everyone connected with it, be always found giving forth a clear-cut uncompromising message to a sinful, needy world.

Rev. & Mrs. McAsh

Rev. and Mrs. L. D. McAsh, missionaries to the Ojibway Indians at Temagami, Ont., were accidentally drowned on Temagami Lake, July 31st. Mr. and Mrs. McAsh graduated from the Toronto Baptist Theological Seminary in the class of '34. Following their graduation, they were united in marriage, and began their work at the Bear Island Indian Mission. This is the work Rev. H. G. Hamilton and Rev. H. A. Keithley of Buffalo, N. Y., have promoted for the past few years. They were in the midst of raising a fund of \$700.00 to erect a Community House at Bear Island.

Arthur I. Seymour

Arthur I. Seymour, missionary home on furlough from the Congo, died quite unexpectedly of Infantile Paralysis at Charlotteville, N. Y., September 12th.

Brother and Sister Seymour with the three children: David 11, Grace 9, and Dorothy 2½, arrived in the homeland last June after four years in Africa. This was the second term that these faithful workers had spent on that needy continent. They were just beginning to shape up their itinerary of visitation among the churches when brother Seymour was stricken with the dread disease. He was sick just one week.

Brother Seymour was a missionary of the Mid-African Mission, one of the fields of the General Council of Co-operating Baptist Missions with headquarters in Mishawaka, Indiana. He was head of the Native Bible Training School of Evangelists, at Fort Crampel for two years; director of the French School at Fort Archambault for two terms; worked with the committee of three over two years in translating the New Testament into the Sango language, beside having charge of native churches at different stations and being used of the Lord to lead many to Christ.

The funeral service was held at the home of his mother in Hancock, N. Y., conducted by the Rev. S. Atwood Allen, pastor of the Baptist Church at Hancock, assisted by the Rev. J. Irving Reese of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Ithaca, where Mr. and Mrs. Seymour had their membership.

hour carrying in all the extra chairs to accommodate the crowd. It looks as though we are due for an old time revival. Pray for us. I have written the above thinking that it might be an inspiration to you. It does seem as if evangelism is coming back again. Times are adverse. However, God is still on His throne!

Kindly enter the following names on the subscription list.

Following are our campaigns for the rest of this year, the Lord willing:

Strandburg, So. Dakota, closing
October 20,
Wadena, Sask., Canada,
Minot, North Dakota,
Youngstown, Ohio.

A number of calls are already in for 1936. Pray for us.

Yours for Christ, souls,
and victory,

DAVID F. NYGREN.

Headquarters: (Phil. 4:13)
912 Belmont Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

DEFINITE PRAYER REQUESTED FOR TRIAL

Dear Brother Fuller:

I enclose herewith \$1.00 for which, if you have any, please mail me some extras of our last "Baptist Bulletin." Enclose some subscription blanks as I wish to put this Bulletin in each home of our Independent group.

We have received letters of encouragement from many states and Canada, and also a little financial help. Many are going through, or have gone through, similar experiences. It seems almost unbelievable what many so-called Christians will stoop to do, to oppress and persecute those who ask nothing but freedom in the truth.

The trial is set for Thursday, Oct. 3, at 9 A. M., and we will appreciate it if you and your people will especially remember us in prayer. We want only God's will and victory in His way, and, that we may be given added grace, strength, and wisdom, that through it all, even our enemies may be persuaded that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him.

By His grace,

ALBERT RUST,

Corinth, Iowa.

A NOTE OF PRAISE

Dear Brother Fuller:

The Bethel Baptist Church of Britt was organized as an Independent Church six years ago. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us during these years. Many souls have been saved, and from a handful we have grown to a good sized congregation. Just before coming to Britt the Executive Secretary of Iowa Baptist Convention was successful in dividing the church at Aurora, Iowa. I was pastor of the church when this under-handed work was done. We organized there, "The Fundamental Baptist Church of Aurora," and this church is maintaining the only testimony in that community.

We have been happy and successful in the Lord's work since we have separated from every unholy alliance, and I wish to send a word of encouragement and greeting to all my pastor friends who have taken a stand for the truth in these trying days.

Sincerely yours,

B. A. RUST,

Britt, Iowa

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Dear Brethren:

We are writing to let you know that there are a lot of Bible-believing Baptists who are thanking God for your stand. Here in Massachusetts the Lord is at work. Many whose eyes have been blinded by modernism are now seeing the light. A strong machine rules the Baptist churches in this state. People are unable to understand that you can still be a Baptist and not fellowship with the State Convention.

We are also enclosing a copy of the Resolution recently introduced by our Membership Committee, and adopted by the unanimous vote of the members present and voting at our last regular monthly business meeting. After studying several Articles of Faith, the committee favored the Articles of Faith of the General Association of Regular Baptists. We hope that such action is permissible.

The church has authorized the Deacons and myself to issue a call to the pastors and deacons of other Baptist churches to institute a Regular Baptist Fellowship. This, as you can see, may serve as the basis of a more definite move in the future.

Enclosed please find my subscription to the Baptist Bulletin.

Still looking unto Jesus,

CLAYTON H. GRAY,

Lynn, Massachusetts

**RESOLUTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY**

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Essex Street Union Baptist Church, held in the church vestry on July 2, the following important resolution was presented by the Membership Committee, through its chairman, Edwin A. Rawding, and was carried by an unanimous vote.

WHEREAS: The Northern Baptist Convention, in its 1922 session, held at Indianapolis, refused to adopt the New Hampshire Confession, as a statement of its Articles of Faith, and

WHEREAS: The President of the Convention, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, at the same session, declared it to be within the province of the local church to adopt Articles of Faith, and

WHEREAS: The Northern Baptist Convention, in its policies and practices, regarding its educational institutions, its missionary enterprises, and its administrative departments, has repeatedly forsaken the New Testament standard to which it pledged its loyalty in 1922, and

WHEREAS: Our loyalty to the Lord Jesus demands that we shall "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints,"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Essex Street Union Baptist Church believes it to be necessary, honorable, an act of loyalty, and within its province, to adopt Articles of Faith; and that the Essex Street Union Baptist Church wishes to promote among its own members and in its fellowship with sister churches, the Historic Baptist Faith; and that to this end the Essex Street Union Baptist Church adopts as its Articles of Faith the modified New Hampshire Confession issued by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in the United States.

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**WHEATON COLLEGE, "FOR
CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM"**

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tion Last year the students came from forty-two states and seventeen foreign countries, and represented more than thirty major evangelical denominations. In commenting on the geographical distribution of the students, in a recent survey, Dr. John Dale Russell of the University of Chicago made the following statement: "Approximately seventy per cent of the enrollment of the institution come from outside the state of Illinois. Only sixteen per cent come from within a radius of twenty miles. There are few, even of the largest and strongest institutions in the country, that get as large a percentage of their students as this from outside the state in which the institution is located. This unusual drawing power of Wheaton College is an excellent testimony to the value of distinctive aims and objectives."

Needs Our Prayers and Gifts

The building program of the College calls for two new dormitories; one for men and one for women, a library building, and a gymnasium building in the near future. Unless these buildings are added during the course of the next year, it is apparent that Wheaton College will be compelled to limit its enrollment and turn away scores of young people seeking a Class A college education under distinctly Christian auspices. The work at Wheaton presents a challenge to Christian people throughout the world.

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We feel led to mention that the Wealthy Street Baptist Temple has already set aside a "Wheaton Day" to be held the last Sunday in January of next year. President Buswell will be the speaker morning and evening and the Men's Glee Club will give a sacred concert Sunday afternoon. At that time pledge cards will be given out for those who feel led to make a contribution to the work during the year.

Pray for Wheaton College above everything else. The "enemy" would delight to make an entering wedge if it were possible. God, through the power of His Holy Spirit, has kept it thus far, and by His grace He will continue to keep it.

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eign Board's modernistic drift in China, by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sweet. Fourteen missionaries are on the field. The Mission carried the approval of the late Dr. Oliver Van Osdel. Dr. H. G. Hamilton, 14 North Street, Buffalo, is the direct representative of the work in America. Rev. C. M. Keen is associated with him as a link with our Association. Have one or the other come to address your church.

The Lithuanian Missionary Association

Work is done by this body in Chi-

cago and Grand Rapids, Mich. There are about one million Lithuanians in this country. By evangelizing them in these two nerve centers the best possible move is made to reach most of them in other parts of the land. Send your offerings directly to the Chicago headquarters, 1836 S. Halsted Street. At least pray for the work.

The Mexican Gospel Mission, Phoenix, Arizona

Rev. and Mrs. Leonardo Mercado are the directors of this work. Mr. Mercado is a trophy of grace from the Roman Catholic faith, with a rich and abiding experience of grace. Both he and Mrs. Mercado served under denominational oversight, but for loyalty to Christ severed connections and started this work of faith and labor of love among the Mexicans and Indians of their territory. The story is fascinating and the work doubly worthy. Write them. Rt. 1, Box 42.

Schools of the Prophets

We dare to mention in connection with our Mission report two Institutions of learning. The ranks of

sound men and women for the work of Baptists at home and abroad will soon be depleted if we do not have Schools that send forth leaders of the right stamp. We have every reason to believe that in such Seminaries as the Los Angeles Baptist Seminary (Dr. Wm. A. Matthews, Pres.) and in the Johnson City Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y., we have real friends of the principles increasingly dear to us. Recommend these Schools to those taking Christian training. Include the work of these schools on your prayer list and missionary objectives. What these two schools might do for our cause, though they are geographically far apart, is beyond computation. If interested in the type of work or financial needs write to the Schools direct, or the chairman of the committee on Missions. The latter will be more than pleased to forward information.

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