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Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, President of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, Nigeria, Africa, stopped in Nashville for a chat with President Riley, left, and Dr. J. L. Sullivan, Executive-Secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Ayorinde was on his way to the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

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The Great Awakening

In 1734 there appeared in the parish of Jonathan Edwards, New England young minister and Theologian, a movement known as *The Great Awakening*. When one studies the life and times of Jonathan Edwards he comes to the conclusion that the movement was not born of accident, but had its beginning in the works and activities of an individual who was well fitted to give birth to so needed a movement during those stirring days in our American history. For while yet a boy of nine years old Jonathan had already written interesting letters on materialism, and while twelve wrote some interesting papers on natural philosophy. At the close of his career, about the study of Locke on Human Nature, he wrote that he "was as much engaged and had more satisfaction and pleasure in studying it, than the most greedy miser in gathering up handfuls of silver and gold from some new discovered treasury." It is well to remember, also, that the movement, *The Great Awakening*, accredited to Jonathan Edwards, came through a trained mind as well as a consecrated life; one who made a choice of the studies of truth and the values which underlie spiritual values and human personalities over against material achievement, and worldly values.

A Change of Emphasis Needed Today

In the flush of the few past years of scientific discovery, economic achievement and materialistic growth, it is pretty much clear to all of us that the trend toward materialism has outstripped the trend toward the things of the spiritual world. We are beginning to realize, now, however, as we begin to count the cost of economic waste and extravagance, our unwillingness to seek for soul growth and the spiritual development of the nation is truly bringing us to the clear realization of our shortcomings and errors.

We must, as Christians, come to the grips with the problems of inertia and the lack of spirituality which face us at this time and face this challenge to lead the

people back to put first things first, seeking God's Kingdom first and above all. Religious leaders, ministers and lay people cannot afford to sit by only and lament the fact that crime, juvenile delinquency and divorces, which are increasing daily and the absence of moral integrity become more evident without meeting the challenge by constructing cooperative action. It has been said that modern Christianity has made some gains as an organization and as groups, but as individual Christians we either lack foresight and vision or the moral courage to take a stand for what we know to be right and the principles which will be the solution to the ills of our modern society and to the evils of our whole world.

Personnel Needed to Meet the Opportunity

Nothing is more evident today than the fact that we live in a time which is becoming increasingly more difficult to promote and to encourage people in the things which make for moral spiritual values, but there is no occasion for alarm, rather an occasion for action; action that is born out of recreated lives and trained minds and dedicated souls to a higher service. Truly we need volunteers, and where there are not volunteers, we need to call out the most able minds, the most consecrated souls and to give them the encouragement and cooperation necessary to serve in times like these. A well-trained person alone is not sufficient, both are necessary. And if we are to assume that these kind of individuals are rare, it is all the more important that these persons be both called to the leadership in every area of our life and so encourage and support them that we can turn the tide of our times from the things of the world to the things of the spirit.

Our National Baptist Constituency

As I write these lines I am conscious of the fact that in the coming session of our National Religious body to be held in Miami there is a discussion of the various organizations and their function in connection with the great needs we face at this time and how these organizations and individuals are fitted, not only to living under the tensions which we are now facing, but to face the opportunity in the days ahead. We owe it to ourselves as a great people and a great denomination to live up to our opportunities, not only to match the hour of opportunity in the present, but to match the hours that lie not too far ahead in building a bigger and better church of which our posterity will be proud.

In the matter of church attendance, evangelism, home and foreign missions, local church service, we must begin now to awaken our people to the needs of a rededication of their lives to the high task and the service which they have been called on to render. Nothing can be more important than that, at this time, if we are going to save our people and enhance their appreciation of the things which are lasting, we must begin at once, not shifting our emphasis; and making the commitment of our lives to the high order the most basic and important task of our lives.

Acting Librarian



G. C. MONROE, JR.

Rev. G. C. Monroe, Jr., is a new addition to the Seminary family. He began his duties July 15.

Rev. Monroe is a native of Missouri. He received his early education in Harrisonville, Missouri. He graduated from Southwest Baptist College with the A.A. degree, and he also has the B.A. degree from William Jewell College and the Th. M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has done advanced study in library work at University of Texas and Arkansas State College.

Rev. Monroe has held pastorate in Missouri and Arkansas. He came to his present position from Southern Baptist College, in Walnut Ridge Arkansas, where he had taught English since 1944 and has served as librarian since 1947.

Thirtieth Annual Session in September

The Seminary will begin class work September 21, at 8:30 a.m. The beginning of classes will mark its thirtieth year of continuous operation.

The new library is scheduled to be ready for use at the opening of school. This building will greatly facilitate the work of the Seminary. It will enlarge the space for books and reading room service. It will also relieve the congestion in the

Home Mission Board Conference

The teacher-missionaries and mission center superintendents, along with other Home Mission Board personnel, under the direction of Dr. Guy Bellamy, Superintendent of Negro Work, will meet for a three-day conference on A. B. T. Campus, September 29-October 1.

Approximately fifty persons will be present representing work on thirteen Negro Baptist College campuses and more than a score of Mission Centers in fifteen southern states and Washington, D. C.

The discussion will center around the various phases of the work of teaching, missions, social work, and evangelism.

Teachers Attend Summer School

Mrs. Martha A. Riley, Acting-Assistant Librarian, attended North Carolina College at Durham, North Carolina. She took several courses in *Library Service*.

Prof. John Lewis Powell, Dean of men, attended the University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and enrolled in several courses in *Religious Education*.

Mrs. Mary S. Fitzgerald, Professor of Modern Foreign Languages and Music, took *organ lessons* and a course in *Church Music* at the Beckwith School of Music, Charlotte, North Carolina.

administration building and allow more office space for teachers and administrative personnel.

The curriculum has been expanded and strengthened to give a wider range of training for both men and women who enroll for the coming year.

Prospects are good for an increase in the enrollment of new students for this school year.

Book Reviews

The Cokesbury Dinner and Banquet Book, by Clyde M. Maguire, Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville: 153 pp., price \$1.95.

Twenty-three tried and tested plans for dinner and banquet occasions. The main holiday seasons are given special treatment. The book can be used by clubs, schools and churches with confidence because it has been written by a mature Christian author.

An added feature is a suggested poster for each banquet or dinner theme.

Expository Preaching for Today, by Andrew W. Blackwood, Abingdon-Cokesbury, Nashville: 224 pp., price \$3.00.

An excellent book for ministers of every stage of ministry, written by a scholar with years of practical experience and genuine interest in all preachers, it strikes a spiritual chord. Men with little training will find it very helpful indeed.

It is Bible-centered and gives specific sermon suggestions and the accompanying scripture through case studies.

Every preacher who has not had the privilege of formal Seminary training should by all means purchase this book.

Correspondence and Extension Study

On page four of this issue of the SEMINARIAN you will find an outline of the Seminary's Extension and Correspondence study. It is our hope that all those who need to study further and are not able to come to the Seminary for classes, will enroll in the Correspondence course, or help to organize an Extension unit in their community.

To those who have advanced training we would ask, that, they pass the information on to those that need further training.

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