

“By All Means Win Some!”

Both the American Baptist Convention and the Iowa Baptist Convention have adopted as their motto for evangelism the famous words which the Apostle Paul wrote to the little Christian congregation in Corinth, about A. D. 54: “By all means win some.” Baptists today are still seeking to carry the Gospel to people everywhere, by methods compatible with the Law of Christ.

To name but a few of these emphases to which Iowa Baptists are presently committed, the work of preaching, teaching, and personal evangelism heads the list. Other activities include the work of Iowa Baptist Men which has proved so timely, for example, as in the building of Forest Lake Camp in 1953, and the Baptist Youth Fellowship with its full slate of officers and committees working alongside the Convention. Church officers' institutes, training classes in church membership and church leadership, and community service projects occupy a large place in the present scheme of things as far as Iowa Baptists are concerned.

Many of the most crucial present-day issues were discussed at London, England, in July, 1955, by those attending the Golden Jubilee of the Baptist World Alliance, the ninth congress since or-

ganization was achieved in 1905. Many Iowa Baptists were honored by their attendance upon this prophetic meeting, including Rev. Paul Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Cobb, and Mrs. Helen S. Robertson, all of Des Moines; Rev. Harry Throckmorton of Muscatine; Rev. Charles Thunn of Ottumwa; Rev. Floyd Sorenson of Indianola; Rev. and Mrs. Stewart McDaniel of Fort Dodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Roach of Plainfield. At London the historic Baptist heritage of freedom was again firmly upheld as the congress declared: "We will not rest content until we witness the achievement of religious freedom and individual liberty throughout the world." By such means as the foregoing Iowa Baptists witness to the march of religion in our time.

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