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DR. R. C. CAMPBELL

DR. SCARBOROUGH IN BROWNWOOD MEETING

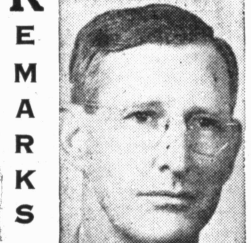


DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, is in Brownwood this week in a meeting at Howard Payne College.

Dr. and Mrs. Scarborough celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary February 4th. He is 68 years of age and is doing the best work of his great and useful life. During the past few weeks he has been forced to decline 24 invitations to hold meetings, on account of lack of time. A superb Seminary president, a wonderful teacher of evangelism, his happiest moments are when he is leading lost souls to the Savior.

RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

Well, today I am trying an absolutely new atmosphere for writing these rambling remarks. One trouble with me is that I do what I have to do and when I have to do it, I often come right down to the very last minute before I actually get around to pecking out the column. Today finds me in Dallas and after a long search I found an idle typewriter in the office of Hansel McCord, membership secretary of the Dallas Y. M. C. A. So here I am surrounded by all these big executives and expert typists trying to act like I feel perfectly at home. I don't like the way some of these stenographers eye my typing technique. I admit I did not graduate from the same school of business administration as they did, but when I strike a certain key on the typewriter it makes the same letter on the paper as it does when they strike it. I further admit my combination of letters do not indicate the same system of spelling and punctuation, but the seven people who read this column understand mine better than they would if I used the Harvard accent, or something. . . . M. O. Cheek asked me a while ago why I did not put something worth while in this column, and I came right back by saying that the kind of folks who read this column would not understand it if I did, so

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THE FINAL JUDGMENT

M. P. HUNT, Louisville, Ky.
In Western Recorder

Hebrew 9:27: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Let me direct your attention to a few pertinent Scripture passages on the judgment with the suggestion that you read them—2 Cor. 5:10; Acts 17:31; Jude 14-15; Rev. 20:12; Romans 2:5-6; Matthew 25:31-46.

In the earlier years of my ministry, Matthew 25:31-46, was my favored passage in dealing with the judgment. Then came along Scofield, Gaebelein and others, teaching that the judgment of nations was here pictured. In a recent reading of "The Lamb, the Woman and the Dragon," by Albertus Pieters, I have been freshly confirmed in my early faith that Jesus here had in mind the General Judgment. There are also other interpretations of this school I have had to abandon.

The text, as well as the Scripture passages cited and many others, plainly, contradicts the theory now advocated by not a few that the history of the world is all the judgment there is to be. Those thus holding are either unbelievers in the Bible or woefully ignorant as to its teachings. Such heresy has an appeal to the unregenerate.

There is to be a general judgment; this is affirmed again and again in the Word. "Because He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men in that He raised Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31). What and if all men seriously believed this? In God's infinite wisdom, the day is known only to Him. If men knew, the knowledge would be abused. "Be ye therefore also ready for in such an hour as ye think not."

The Judge in that day is to be the best friend man ever had. Repeatedly it is revealed that Jesus Christ is to be the judge. "When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations" (Matt. 25:31). We say the best friend advisedly since He out of love came to earth, took upon Himself the form of a servant, suffering all the indignities that could be heaped upon Him and dying that man might be redeemed from the curse of the law.

He is more than the best friend, he is better qualified than any other being in heaven or in earth or in the waters under the earth. He is at once God and man. He was subjected to all the temptations that beset the race, and therefore is qualified at once to represent God and man.

Is someone saying that he does not believe what the Bible has to say of Christ? On what ground do such reject the Bible? Have they seriously examined the data? Do they know that some years since two deist lawyers—Nettleton and West—were so bitter against the

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Gardner's Letter From Europe

By T. C. Gardner

AT WINDERMERE, ENGLAND

We went from Warwick to Oxenholme and from there through Kendale to Windermere. The town of Windermere is located on Windermere Lake, the largest lake in England. This lake is surrounded by mountains that are covered with stately trees and carpeted with purple heather and wild flowers. The L. M. S. Steamers and many motor boats cruise the lake constantly. A wealth of lakeland beauty is shown on a boat cruise. The upper basin of Windermere Lake introduces one to some of the finest mountain and lake color in the world. New scenes, new customs and new adventures awaited us in every community. With the invigorating tonic of mountain air and sunshine, health is renewed and vitality strengthened.

A Look From a Mountain Peak

When we first arrived at our hotel in Windermere we were told to take a walk back of the hotel to a mountain where we could get a view of that whole community. We followed instructions and soon climbed to the highest peak where we could look for miles in every direction. It was one of the most beautiful sights that I have ever seen. There again were the purple clad heather mountains, the tall trees, the beautiful wild flowers, the quiet lake and the red covered cottages and summer homes. As we sat there, the L. M. S. Steamer moved majestically down the lake. There were six or seven hundred people on it. It was followed by many motor boats. Altogether it was a beautiful sight.

The English Lakes

We continued our journey the next morning up through the English Lakes district. The trip was made by motor bus and provided, in delightful manner, the means of leisurely visiting the peoples of these lake communities, of fraternizing with them upon their own soil, and gathering in their own intimate surroundings, a wider outlook and a greater understanding

Pioneer West Texas Preacher Observes Fiftieth Anniversary



REV. G. W. PARKS AND WIFE

One of the most widely known and beloved Baptist ministers of West Texas and his bride of 50 years ago, quietly observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Roscoe, Saturday, Jan. 15.

On that date in the year 1888, Miss Annie V. Cain, age 15, became the bride of G. W. Parks, her 21-year-old school teacher, at what is now Mount Auburn, Ark. The next year after their marriage, the couple moved to Roscoe and since that time have lived within a hundred mile radius of Cisco.

The Rev. Parks, who was licensed to preach when he was 19 years old and ordained at the age of 25, has probably performed more marriage ceremonies, held more funerals and baptized more people than any other small town minister in the state. In commenting upon a recent newspaper statement in which he had been referred to as a "retired minister," Mr. Parks said that during last year he had spoken on an average of once for each one and four-fifths days. He "hardly called that retired."

Mrs. Parks, who is 65 years old, is not as strong and active as she wishes to be. She seldom leaves her home during the winter months, but spends most of her time piecing quilts. She takes a great interest in her husband's work and in her children.

The Rev. Sparks was born in 1867 in Whitley county, Ky. He came to Belmont, Ark., at the age of 14. While teaching in a rural school there he boarded at the home of Annie V. Cain. He attended Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and received his Th. D. degree there in 1900. He has served as pastor at Nimrod, Scranton, Eastland, Gorman, Carbon, Baird, Clyde, Putnam, Ovalo, Hermitage, Roscoe and sometimes to smaller country churches. He is recognized as an outstanding teacher and authority on the Bible. He has devoted a great portion of his time during the past 30 years to Bible lectures in various churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks have made their home in Roscoe since 1920. He has been a member of the school board for six years and at present is president of the board.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks are the parents of eight children, seven of whom are

now living. Their oldest child was the late James E. Parks, who died six years ago. At the time of his death he was superintendent of Buckner Orphan Home, a position he had held for nine years. Their other children are Mrs. Asa Skiles, Cisco; Mrs. A. J. Parker, Roscoe; Mrs. L. B. Dawson, Port Arthur; Mrs. H. G. Griffith, Atlanta, Ga.; John Parks, Roscoe; George Parks, Roscoe; and Herman Parks, who recently went to Aruba, in the West Indies. An unusual fact about their children is that all of them attended Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

They have 13 grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild is Elwin Skiles, 25, of Cisco, who is now attending Southern Baptist Seminary, the same school his grandfather attended, and is to receive his Th. M. degree this year. Elwin has had full pastorate work for the past five years. Another grandson, James E. Skiles, 22, is a senior in State University, Austin, this year.

In speaking of his life's work, Rev. Parks said, "I have always wondered how it would feel to be 70. Now that I am past that age I can't tell that I feel any differently. I still have many plans for the future and there is much work ahead for me."

(The above story, under a Sweetwater date line, appeared recently in the Abilene Reporter-News.—Editor).

The West Texas Baptist is in receipt of a copy of the minutes of the Fisher County Baptist Association. The 1937 meeting was held with the Cross Roads Baptist Church, September 21-22; Pastor D. G. Reid of Roby is moderator and Pastor John P. Hardisty of McCauley is clerk-treasurer.

Pastor J. B. Leverett and the Seminole Church are in a meeting this week with Evangelist Watkins of Dallas doing the preaching. Brother Leverett has been doing a fine work since he moved on the Seminole field a few months ago.

Evangelist W. Y. Pond is in a revival with Pastor T. J. Sparkman and Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater. This church is just about to complete a new church building.

Large Attendance Is Expected At Pastors Retreat February 17-18

A large attendance of West Texas preachers is expected at the Preachers' Retreat to be held at Lueders Encampment grounds February 17-18, according to District Missionary B. N. Shepherd, who has prepared the program for the two days meeting.

The meeting will open on Thursday morning, February 17, beginning at 9:45 o'clock, with Rev. H. H. Stephen of Ranger presiding. The devotional will be brought by Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater.

At 10:05 a Bible lecture will be brought by Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department of Hardin-Simmons. Following a song service led by Rev. D. Carpenter of Hardin-Simmons, Pastor Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene will deliver a sermon.

The afternoon program will include a devotional by Rev. Arlie L. McDaniel of Abilene, a discussion of Evangelism for District 17, led by the

chairman, Rev. P. C. McQuay of Breckenridge, a song service led by Rev. Willis Taylor of Tuscola, and another Bible lecture by Dr. Atwood.

The night service will include a devotional led by Rev. Hugh D. Blair, an address by Dr. R. C. Campbell, a lecture by Dr. Atwood, song service led by Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Baird, and a sermon by Dr. Jenkins.

The program will close at noon on Friday, February 18. The devotional will be brought by Pastor J. B. Rowan of Aspermont, Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford will lead a discussion of District Missions. Drs. Atwood and Jenkins will bring messages at this service also.

It is requested that the pastors bring blankets and linens. Meals will be furnished at 25 cents each. Rev. Henry Littleton, business manager of the encampment states that the place of meeting will be well heated.

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SAFE DRIVING PAYS

Safe driving pays not only in saving lives, but in actual dollars and cents.

Thirty-one of the leading casualty insurance companies of the United States have joined in an effort to make driving safer.

As a reward to the safe driver the companies offer a return of 15 per cent of the annual premium paid on any car, provided no loss occurs under a policy during the 12 months it is in force.

The plan should stimulate safer driving of automobiles throughout the entire United States. It is a move that should be co-operated in by everyone.

Statistics show that a majority of the fatal accidents that occur are a result of reckless driving by people under 25 years of age. The necessity for parents to recognize the fact that their boys and girls are no different to other boys and girls, and are just as liable to have accidents, is shown in the figures.

The West Texas Baptist heartily endorses the suggestion recently made by Mr. Hines of Wichita Falls, a member of the Texas Highway Commission, that all automobiles should have governors that would prevent a faster speed than 45 miles. Add to the law a paragraph to control glaring lights and you would save many hundreds of valuable lives.

Good people everywhere should join heartily in every move looking to suppression of crime and destruction of life and property.

DR. R. C. CAMPBELL RE-ELECTED

Texas Baptists will receive with joy the announcement that Dr. R. C. Campbell has been re-elected as secretary of the Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Dr. Campbell is loved by our Baptist people. He was a great pastor before answering the summons of Texas Baptists to lead them. He has made an outstanding secretary. The emphasis he has made on brotherhood work, together with his emphasis on stewardship and evangelism, has made a lasting imprint on Baptist work in Texas.

The re-election of Dr. Campbell, following a touching address by Dr. Truett, resolved itself into an old fashioned revival characterized by weeping and handshaking.

We sincerely hope Dr. Campbell is led to make the decision to remain at his post. If he does Texas Baptists should back him as they have never backed one of our leaders before.

Texas Baptists constitute one of the largest single body of Baptists in all the world. The simultaneous evangelistic campaign last summer attracted world-wide attention. The eyes of the religious world is on Texas Baptists. If they could but fully realize this fact, perhaps it would be an incentive to press forward in a mighty effort to glorify the name of Jesus, and advance his work throughout the ends of the earth.

REV. G. W. PARKS, PIONEER PREACHER

The West Texas Baptist carries a news item in this issue telling of the 50th anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Parks of Roscoe. Brother Parks has spent most of his ministerial life in this section. He is one of the greatest preachers and Bible interpreters in Texas. He has seen fit to devote his life to rural and village churches. He has not made for himself fame as a preacher and leader, but he has left an enduring monument in many a West Texas Church, fortunate enough to be blessed with his able ministry. Although he is past the three score years and ten he is still busily engaged in proclaiming the glorious Gospel. May he be spared many more years of useful service in this section of Texas.

MARBLE BOARD INSINCERITY

The effort of the state to play both ends against the middle with the marble board business is quite without justification in law or in morals. The announcement that gambling machines will be confiscated unless they pay the State tax is as shameful as the Federal conviction of Al Capone for income tax evasion. It is this sort of insincerity on the part of government which provokes utter want of respect for the law. If the marble boards are gambling devices as the courts have held them to be, no sort of condonation, either by the city or by the State, ought to be tolerated for a minute. The Legislature has plainly erred in passing this tax law. The boards ought to be taken up and destroyed under the criminal statutes of Texas because they are forbidden thereby. Confiscation under the tax statutes for resale in order to raise the taxes due on them is an outrageous licensing of crime.—Dallas Journal.

As long as the Federal and State governments compromise with lawlessness as they are doing and have done in dealing with marble machines and the liquor business, it needn't be expected that the citizens of our country have much respect for law and order. The courts have ruled that it is a violation of the state laws to operate these machines, and for the state to allow them to go unmolested provided they pay the state taxes on them, seems to us to be selling out law and order at a rather cheap rate.

Devotional Thoughts

HE HATH PROMISED US HIS BLESSING

He hath promised us His blessing,
We will ever trust His love,
For the gracious Father heareth,
From His dwelling place above.

He hath promised us His blessing,
Showers of blessings He'll send,
He will listen to our pleading,
If we on His Word depend.

He doth hear and answer prayer;
He will listen to our pleading,
On His Word our souls are feeding,
For our needs the Lord doth care.

Soon His blessings will be flowing
Straight from heaven to cheer and bless,
Praises be to God, our Father,
For His grace is measureless.

He will not forget His children,
God doth know our every need,
He will give us of His bounty,
Send His blessings down indeed.

Lynchburg, Va.

GEORGE TILLMAN SNEAD.

"A WONDERFUL SAVIOR"

"And His name shall be called Wonderful."—Isaiah 9:6.

Languages have been exhausted in attempts to describe the Son of God. The titles that have been given to Him are many. He has been called the "Lily of the Valley," the "Rose of Sharon," "The Bright and Morning Star," "The Sun of Righteousness," "The Prince of Peace," "The Rock of Ages," "The One All Together Lovely."

These titles become Him well, but they fall far short in depicting to us this unique and lovable character. Truly He's the Lily of the Valley. He outclasses any lilies that have ever grown in any Edenic garden, in His purity. The roses of Sharon were never so fair as was He, although it was said of Him that "There was no beauty in Him that we should love Him." The millions of stars that have bedecked the heavens since the morning stars sang together for joy loose their sparkle when placed beside the "Bright and Morning Star."

The sun of earth has never shone so dazlingly as did the Sun of Righteousness when, on that memorable day, Saul of Tarsus journeyed on his way to Damascus. And, never was it so dark upon earth as when on that day of all days the light of the Sun of Righteousness went out on Calvary.

The Rock of Ages—Surely 'twas He, for all other rocks lost their balance and were rent when the Stone that the builders rejected was crushed on Golgotha.

"The One All Together Lovely?"—Not beautiful; there are too many thorn prints and nail prints to mar His being. Too much blood on Calvary to make it attractive—but 'tis wonderful.

Of all the titles that have been given to the Son of God, none seem to be as appropriate as the language used by the prophet Isaiah when he so beautifully said: "His name shall be called wonderful." He is wonderful because of what He has done. He is wonderful because of what He is doing. He is wonderful because of what He is going to do.

Louisville, Ky.

JULIAN P. SNYDER.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A friend, who is a member of a Missionary Baptist Church, said to me, in substance, that nothing would be impossible for the church to which he belonged if the entire membership would follow God's plan. This is true, not only of the church of which this brother is a member, but also of the other 24,670 churches in the Southern Baptist territory.

Our people, as to their attitude toward God's plan, may be divided into two groups. The first is comparable in attitude to that of David as he prepared for the building of God's House as recorded in I Chronicles 29:1-5. There are two very suggestive statements in this passage: (1) Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God; (2) Moreover, because I have set affection to the house of my God. The attitude of these verses, in the heart of a Christian, make a difference in every phase of his Christian service.

The second group may be compared in attitude to the man in Isaiah's parable (Isa. 44:14-17). He cut down a tree, and after having used the greater part for firewood in cooking his meal and after having satisfied his hunger and warmed himself by the fire to his own comfort, he took the residue of the wood and made him a god, a graven image, and fell down and worshipped it and prayed to it for deliverance. Now you may laugh at such folly if you can, but many of the members of the church to which you belong doubtless are like this man. The greater part of possession and efforts go for self satisfaction and comfort. If there happens to be anything left the Lord may have that.

We have been playing at the matter of consecration. The members of our churches need to hear again the challenge that David gave the congregation, "When then is willing to consecrate his services this day unto the Lord."

BUILDERS AND KEEPERS OF FIRES

An old proverb runs something like this: "Any fool can build a fire, but it takes a wise man to keep it burning." This proverb has an old truth in it. Any young man can take a handful of paper, but it takes a wise man to strike a match to it, but that would not qualify him for a job as fireman, whose duties are to keep the fire going and fix the drafts right so the boilers will be heated up and the building warmed with the least fuel possible. That takes real ability.

When it comes to the business of living, you will find that old proverb still true. Any young men can light the fire of a new purpose in life, but to keep that flame alive in the face of cold drafts of opposition, the damp atmosphere of discouragement, is something that

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HIGHT C. MOORE

February 13, 1938

CONSERVING THE SABBATH FOR MAN

Mark 2:23 to 3:6. Golden Text: "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man."—Mark 2:27.

Early in the ministry of Jesus he came into conflict with the Pharisees over the sabbath and their hostility against him as "a sabbath breaker" deepened and darkened until the final tragedy at Calvary.

It was on a visit to Jerusalem (not recorded in Mark) that Jesus on a sabbath at the Pool of Bethesda healed a man who had been infirm 38 years. The carrying away of his cot was declared unlawful and Jesus was bitterly criticized for ordering it.

On his return to Galilee Jesus met like hostility in two sabbath scenes, one probably near Capernaum and the other in the synagogue of that city probably a week later. (1) On a sabbath stroll in a grainfield in late April or early May he made a defense of alleged sabbath desecration by his disciples who plucked some of the wheat heads and ate the grain which they rubbed out of the chaff, thus technically "reaping" and "threshing" wheat on the sabbath. (2) At a sabbath service in the synagogue Jesus gave an example of assertive sabbath observance by healing a man with a withered hand, thus incurring the criticism that he thereby engaged in the "practice of medicine."

1. In the Field: A Work of Necessity (Mark 2)

A sabbath stroll in a grain field, with its alleged desecration of the day, illustrated the work of necessity permissible on the sabbath. The disciples passing with Jesus through a grainfield and probably returning from a synagogue service, began to pluck the wheat heads, rub out the kernels, and eat them. The critical Pharisees watching an opportunity to entrap and expose Jesus called this reaping and threshing and denounced it as unlawful. The reply of Jesus was clear and convincing: (1) He cited the example of David who under the necessity ate the forbidden shewbread in the sanctuary at Shiloh. (2) He referred to the necessary sabbath labors of the priests on duty in the Temple. (3) He expounded the spirit of Scripture on the sabbath question as involving a blessing and qualifying for service. (4) He asserted his own lordship of the sabbath since his sovereignty is all-inclusive and universal.

2. In the Synagogue: A Work of Mercy (Mark 3)

A sabbath service in a synagogue, with its assertive observance of the day, illustrated the work of mercy desirable on the sabbath. (1) There was the afflicted man. He had a withered hand. It is said that he was a stone mason, that it was his right hand that was afflicted and that it was not merely paralyzed but partly dried up. (2) There were the vigilant critics. Strange to say, the sanctuary had its critics, and so its worship was tinged with cynicism. Their glances and nudges and whispers bespoke the venom in their hearts toward Jesus and their desire to entrap him for healing on the sabbath. (3) The Master's command was given and he would not be deterred from a work of mercy by his critics. So he told the afflicted man to stand forth before the audience. That was a striking group: Jesus, the patient, the critics, the onlookers with their curiosity aroused to the highest pitch. (4) Listen to the unanswered query. Jesus could have healed the man at once, but first of all he dealt a blow at the flinty critics, striking out a spark that would illuminate the future: "Is it lawful on the sabbath day to do good, or to do harm?" The critics could say nothing in reply and so in silent rage and chagrin they simply held their peace. (5) Observe the compassionate cure. The Great Physician was not, by the hardness of their hearts or his own anger thereat, hindered from his gracious work of mercy. "Stretch forth thy hand," was the word to the poor patient who immediately obeyed only to find his hand completely restored. (6) There was the counsel of foes. The people at large must have been profoundly moved by the miracle. The healed man, of course, would be an effective witness to the power and mercy of the Great Physician. But his foes were stirred thereby to greater enmity. Opposing parties, including the religious Pharisees and political Herodians united against him, and so intense was their burning hate that they began laying plans to destroy him. It is a sad picture: The world's Savior speaking as man never spake, and working as man never wrought, hounded by his foes and finally hunted to his death on the cruel cross.

Thus the Lord of the sabbath by defending the work of necessity and doing the work of mercy taught us how we to this day may "remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Devote the Lord's Day to the Lord

(1) **He Is Lord of the Day.** Certainly he does not vacate his throne on that or any other day. True observance is in obedience to him. His word and will should be our law. He who is our Master is master of his own day.

(2) **He Made the Day.** He is the source of its light. He set it apart from the other days. He sanctified and blessed it. It is one of his best gifts.

(3) **He Made the Day for Man.** Indeed he made it for no other purpose and for nobody else. It is part of the divine philanthropy. It is devoted to human welfare. It is for the best interests of the race.

(4) **He Made the Day for Worship.** Jesus himself set a good example. From childhood he attended divine services on the sabbath. On the day of the Lord the people of the Lord should gather at the house of the Lord for the worship of the Lord.

(5) **He Made the Day for Fellowship.** Is there anything better than to be with the best people on the best day? The disciples were with each other and with the Master in the sanctuary services they attended. "Blest be the tie that binds."

(6) **He Made the Day for Doing Good.** The man with the withered hand is still with us. And he often goes to church. Can he not be healed and helped? "It is lawful to do good on the sabbath day."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

February 7—The Sabbath for Man. Mark 2:23-28.
February 8—The Sabbath for Service. Mark 3:1-6.
February 9—Sanctity of the Sabbath. Exodus 31:12-18.
February 10—The Sabbath and the Nation. Jeremiah 17:24-27.
February 11—Sabbath Occupations. Acts 16:10-18.
February 12—Sabbath Sophistries. Luke 13:10-17.
February 13—The Sabbath for Worship. Psalm 122:1-9.

The Final Judgment

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teachings of Christ and Paul, that they agreed that one should write a book destroying the claims of Jesus and the other making the claims of Paul absurd, and when they came together to go over their work both had been converted? What think you will be the fate of those who have never examined the evidence and yet reject the Christ?

Before passing, let me warn you that you get no false comfort out of the fact that the Judge is to be the best friend a man ever had. Mercy in that Day gives place to judgment and God's righteousness shall be the standard. There will be no lawyers, no briefs, no "pull," and no exceptions.

If the Judgment escapes criticism then it is essential that every accountable being that ever lived shall be present. This in order that all may see that not only they but all others get exact justice. The many accusations against God in that Day will be forever silenced.

Why a General Judgment? A good woman who was sick unto death asked me if I thought at death she would go at once to heaven. I told her that at death I thought one went immediately to be with God or to be with the lost. I quoted Paul's words, "To be absent from the body, and to present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8). I also quoted the words of Jesus to the penitent thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). Then she asked, "Why then is there a general judgment?" Let me try to help any whose minds are not clear, as to the teachings involved in her question.

Negatively the judgment is not to determine destiny. One's relation to Christ determines that. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). "He that believeth not is condemned already" (John 3:18). Character gravitates to its own place.

A Boston woman had a highly prized poodle dog that was stolen. She reprieved the same. In court those who had the dog proved it had always been in their possession. Seemingly victory was theirs. But the lawyer at this crisis said: "Your Honor, I have one more witness I would introduce. Reaching under his table, he produced a wicker basket and setting it on the table and opening it the poodle dog jumped out and, glancing all about the room jumped off the table and ran and jumped into the arms of the lady who was suing for his possession. The court ruled that it was evident that, in spite of the testimony to the contrary, the dog was hers.

The General Judgment is for the manifestation rather than the determination of character. So far as the judge is concerned, He will know all the facts in every individual case. The judgment is to be that all the world may know as to each and every case just as Christ the judge knows. In this life it is evident that myriads do not know as their own standing, to say naught of the standing of all others. But at death all the deceived will be undeceived. Yet the revelation of the judgment is needed that all may know all there is to be known of God's holiness, righteousness and absolute justice and the world's sin and guilt.

In that great day and hour, the whole earth shall with one voice cry, "Holy, holy art thou, Lord God Almighty!" and the whole earth shall be "filled with His glory"; but those that have sought to besmirch Him in their earthly life will cry for the rocks and hills to fall upon them, to shelter them from His presence for to such in that day, God will be consuming fire.

The General Judgment will be the hour of Christ's Triumph.

When He came the first time on His mission of redeeming love, He was subjected with every indignity and insult known to the genius of prejudice, wrath and hate. The world about Him, led by its most religious leaders, sat in judgment upon Him and condemned Him to his death. "He came unto His own and His own received Him not." In His Second Coming He is to sit in judgment upon the world that sat in judgment upon Him.

Is someone thinking: "But the world did not sit in judgment upon Him, it was just the Jews." Even so, but all the sin of all who have heard His Gospel and heeded it not are sitting in judgment upon Christ and His teaching. All sin upon the part of those that have heard the Gospel, all selfishness, greed, uncleanness, hypocrisy, evil legislation, is a sitting in judgment upon Christ. All persistent unbelief is a sitting in judgment upon Christ.

The General Judgment is essential that there may be a complete exhibit of the influence of every man's life. Moses still lives, so do Pharaoh, Joseph, Bob Ingersol, Tom Paine, Dillinger, Paul, Spurgeon, Moody. Their record will not be completed till the end of time. My sainted mother and yours still lives and their records cannot be made up till time is no more.

Consider the Standards of judgment. The Bible mentions just three. In John 12:48 we find the first, "He that rejecteth Me and receiveth not My sayings, hat one that judgeth Him, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." This standard is for all who have heard and rejected the Gospel. And this standard, while condemning those who have rejected Christ, will at the time justify all those who have accepted Him.

The second is found in Romans 2:12: "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law." This the standard for those who have never had God's law or message of life. They have sinned against natural light. Paul in Romans 2:14-15 put it, "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these having not the law are a law unto themselves: which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another." These will be condemned; but their condemnation will be a million leagues short of those who have lived, sinned and rejected Christ in a blaze of Christian light.

The third is found in Romans 2:12: "As many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law." This takes in the Jews and all who are trusting to their good works to save them. Frankly Paul has said, "If there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law" (Gal. 2:21).

In the judgment there will be just two classes. The saved and the unsaved: the rejectors and the acceptors of Christ. These clothed in His righteousness and those not thus clothed. The blood washed and the unwashed; the forgiven and the unforgiven. Hear, where will you stand in that Great Day? Oh, what horrors hang around that second death!

Hardin-Simmons University News

Dean Campbell Checks Student Class Attendance

Professor L. Q. Campbell, recently appointed assistant dean and a member of the administrative council, will office with Dr. Julius Olsen commencing this week. His particular duties will be to check student attendance in classes.

Briefly sketching his life, Prof. Campbell was born in Louisiana and received his A. B. degree from Tulane. He first taught at the University of Oklahoma from 1915 until 1917. In that year, he came to Simmons college, where he became professor of English. After teaching here until 1926, he went to Mississippi Woman's college to teach and to assume duties as dean of students.

Heads English

Prof. Campbell returned to Hardin-Simmons university in 1936 and in 1937 was appointed head of the English department. Recently he received the promotion to assistant dean-ship and membership in the administrative council.

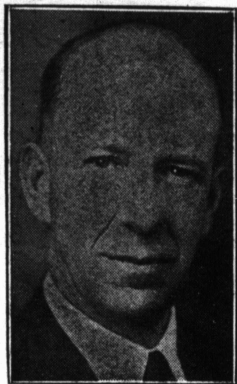
From 1917 until 1926 he coached debating in Hardin-Simmons, but has never taught any subject save English.

He received his M. A. degree from Texas university and has also attended George Washington university, Peabody college, and Colorado university in the summers.

Dr. Richardson Speaks To Civic Organizations

Dr. R. N. Richardson, executive vice-president, is filling several speaking engagements for out-of-town civic groups during this week and next.

Monday night he is to speak to a joint meeting of the Eastland and Breckenridge Rotary clubs, meeting in Breckenridge. He is to speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at Seymour on February 16.

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DR. L. Q. CAMPBELL

President To Attend Nashville Conference

President Sandefer joined Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of Texas School of Mines, on the Sunshine Special Tuesday morning at 10:30. They are en route to Nashville, Tenn., where they will attend the inaugural ceremonies for the new Chancellor of Vanderbilt University and for the president of Peabody college.

Various friends and faculty members were on hand to greet Dr. Wiggins and to bid our president goodbye. Dr. Sandefer will return by way of Lakeland, Florida, for a two or three weeks visit with Mrs. Sandefer and her sister, Mrs. Jenny Blackburn.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien Speaks At Chapel Hour Thursday

Four fundamentals of character, he termed as vital to success, were named by Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford Baptist minister, in an address to the Hardin-Simmons university student body, at the morning chapel hour Thursday.

H-SU Students Give Programs In North Texas

Musical talent from Hardin-Simmons university presented a series of programs of vocal and instrumental specialties in north and northwest Texas this week.

Programs on the good will tour were given at Goree and Seymour to high school audiences Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the group was at Wichita Falls, at Wichita Falls high school, Hardin Junior college, Zundy and Reagan Junior high schools. They were guests of the Lions club Wednesday, and gave two station KGKO radio programs.

Entertainers included the H-SU male quartette, composed of J. L. Dickson, Roby; Avery Lee, Oklahoma City; Aaron Grant, Breckenridge; and Jack Dean, El Paso. Ann Rader, Dallas; Jack Krauss, Wichita Falls; Gene Estes, Abilene; and Bob King, Wichita Falls, rounded out the program with xylophone, accordion, piano and trick rope numbers.

Harry Hayes, H-SU field secretary, and Mrs. Hayes accompanied the group.

Thursday the group was at Iowa Park high school, Electra, Harrold, Vernon, and Chillicothe. They gave a program for the Vernon Optimist club at noon. Friday the entertainers had programs booked at Memphis, Quanah and Childress. They are to return to Abilene today.

Meditations

By Rowland Dow

"God give us men. The time demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill;

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;

Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor; men who will not lie;

Men who stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog In public duty and in private thinking."

One of the most misconceived qualities in our modern world is manhood. Manhood means to some sportsmanship, and that is true . . . but sportsmanship means to many conformity, and true manhood is not exhibited by conformity. The creature whom God called man was perfect. He was so named before he had stained his life with sin. I wonder had Adam been named after the fall if he would bear that name. The Scriptures refer to Christ as the second man, and I wonder if since Christ there have been any real men. Christ is the one real man. Real manhood is Christ likeness.

"Be like Jesus, this my song In the home, and in the throng. Be like Jesus, all day long, I would be like Jesus."

Cowgirls Select Banquet Date

Group Picks Officers To Fill Two Vacancies

March 11 was the date selected by the Cowgirl organization for their annual banquet this year. A special committee announced the date Thursday afternoon.

Two new officers were chosen, and a committee was appointed to set the date for the annual social affair at the meeting of the organization Tuesday afternoon.

Jo Nelle Robbins, senior from Knox City, was elected vice-president of the group and Helen Dunagan, senior from Midland, was named treasurer. Jo Nelle succeeds Helen Jo Calloway, of Quanah, a mid-term graduate. Helen Dunagan succeeds Bobbie Dee Hull of Lamesa, transfer to Texas Tech at mid-term.

Frances Wright was appointed chairman, and Louise Toombs and Anna Margaret McGraw were named on the committee to set the date for the annual Cowgirl banquet, which is held in the spring. Dorothy Sue Collins, president, picked the committee.

Jennell Green, chairman, and Mildred Pender, Jeanette Patterson, and Wanda Norton were named on a committee to select a theme to be carried out at the banquet.

Extension Classes Start New Term

Classes in extension courses for the second semester are being started in three neighboring towns this week by Hardin-Simmons university professors. Courses are taught one night a week at each place, and are continuations of those taught last semester. Teachers make up majority of the classes.

Classes taught in Roby, scheduled each Monday evening, are English, taught by W. D. Bond, and physical education, taught by Otho M. Polk. Dr. R. N. Richardson teaches a class in recent history of Texas at Haskell Tuesday evenings, when Dr. R. A. Collins also offers a course in education.

An English course and one in education are taught at Aspermont Monday nights. Dr. Collins gives the education course, and Dr. L. Q. Campbell offers the course in English.

Richardson Names Supervisory Council For School Activities

Establishment of an administrative council for Hardin-Simmons university, to supervise direction of campus and university affairs, was announced today by Dr. R. N. Richardson, recently named executive vice-president at H-SU.

Members of the council include Dr. Julius Olsen, dean of arts and sciences; Dr. R. A. Collins, dean of students; L. Q. Campbell, newly named assistant dean; Mary E. Head, dean of women; and Dr. Richardson. The group will meet at 2:30 o'clock each Monday afternoon to consider decisions on major university policies and affairs, Dr. Richardson said.

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

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not every person can do. That is what takes real grit and courage; that tests a person's mettle and brings out all there is in them.

Many have started fires of new purposes, and perhaps before very long many of these fires will be out. Those who will keep them going are the men and women the world needs today. What about your purposes? How long will the fires burn. God help us to keep them ever burning brightly.—The United Evangelical.

LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

If a man love Me, he will keep My words.—John 14:23.

The most intimate knowledge of God is possible on one condition—that we search His Holy Scriptures, prayerfully and habitually, and translate what we there find into obedience. Of him who thus meditates on God's law day and night, who looks and continues looking into this perfect law of liberty, the promise is unique, and found in both Testaments: "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper"; "that man shall be blessed in his deed."—A. T. Pierson.

THAT THEY MIGHT REMAIN

"I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world."—John 17:15.

In a few more years the Lord's soldiers, who are now fighting "the good fight of faith," will have done with conflict and have entered into the joy of their Lord. But although Christ prays that His people may eventually be with Him where He is, He does not ask that they may be taken at once away from this world to Heaven. He wishes them to stay here.—C. H. Spurgeon.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON'S REPLY

Newton in his early life, was an outspoken infidel, but later, after examining the evidences of Christianity, he changed his opinion. When Dr. Halley was arguing in favor of infidelity before Newton, the latter said: "Dr. Halley, I am always glad to hear you when you speak about astronomy or any other parts of mathematics, because that is a subject you have studied and well understood; but you should not talk of Christianity, for you have not studied it. I have, and am certain you know nothing about the matter."—Advocate and Messenger.

A HINT

Some thoughts are filled with great big "I," And with it scarce a trace of "You"; And then our wishes climb up high, While naught is seen that's good and true. Then, if some one would show the way, We do not listen, cannot see; One thing beclouds the beaming day—Which thing is all pervading "Me."

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Country Churches and The God's Acre Plan

Sam W. Scantlan
in Baptist Messenger

One of our leaders in this state visited some country churches east of the Mississippi River and made the remark that those churches were outstripping the country churches on this side of the river. And he contributed it largely to the "God's Acre Plan."

This plan "Is a method by which a plot of ground, one acre or more, is given, designated, planted, cultivated, harvested, and the proceeds given to the church." It was merely mentioned at my church last spring and three men entered the plan to put new pews in the church building. These three men placed \$87.00 in the church treasury and this offering was largely responsible for the new pews which are now paid for. Two of these men were renters and could only give their part while one owned his farm and gave all of it. He said he enjoyed working his small patch of cotton more than any other part of his crop because he had dedicated one acre of it to God. It was God's acre. It was he who asked his church to enter the plan next year. In his testimony he stated that he not only paid \$40.00 on the seats from his God's acre, but had \$160.00 to put in his own pocket from the other four acres he planted with the one he dedicated to the Lord.

The God's acre plan is not to be substituted for regular weekly or monthly offerings but is a special offering over and above regular gifts. When this plan is properly understood, it will strengthen the great teachings concerning stewardship and tithing as taught by God's Word.

I confess that I am not an authority on the God's acre plan, but am doing my best to get all the information possible that I may pass it on to my brethren who live in the rural districts and are trying to build churches in their communities. I have a three-page letter from Rev. Waymon C. Reese, pastor of the Ghent's Branch Baptist Church in South Carolina and he is enthusiastic concerning the God's acre plan. He writes that nine men paid \$250 "over and above" the first year. Seventeen men entered the second year in different crops and in spite of a poor crop they paid \$350 that fall. The third year, 25 men entered the plan and over \$700 was paid into the church treasury over and above the regular gifts each week.

I quote from his letter: "The above is the material side of the program. So far as I know there was not a tither in the church five years ago. Now there are many. There were three or four Sunday school teachers

and they were poorly trained. Today we have a faculty of 21 teachers and 21 assistants and all the other necessary officers. The majority of the regular teachers have the new diploma offered by the Sunday School Board. We have a fully graded W. M. U. with three circles and all auxiliaries and a regular mid-week prayer meeting.

"We have a regular monthly workers' conference with an average attendance for the last three years of 90 per cent of the officers and teachers present. We have been standard for nearly three years and are still going strong. This is a church that does not have a single college graduate and but few high school graduates, with the exception of the young people 21 years old and under. This I consider a spiritual accomplishment that has come about through enlistment in the God's acre plan."

Now a plan for inaugurating it on the farm. Each brother is asked to designate a special piece of ground. He stakes it off and usually the pastor and a group from the church go to the designated parcel of ground and have a prayer of dedication and drive up a stake with a small board sign on it which reads "This is my God's acre." Then the brother is to plant, cultivate, harvest it and bring the proceeds to the church on a day in the fall that is designated "harvest day."

Each brings the proceeds of his God's acre and a prayer of thanksgiving and dedication is offered as each one who had a part stands by. An all-day service is recommended and those who have seen it tried say it is the greatest day of the year. Many churches set aside a good percentage for the Co-operative Program and the rest goes for building and repairs of the local church building.

As I go over the state I see so many rural church buildings unpainted and in need of repair that my heart goes out to each church in a peculiar way. May God help us to place ourselves in the hands of our loving Heavenly Father and start a crusade to make the property of each church the most beautiful spot in each community. If we will enter God's plan as set forth in the Bible we can soon have a house of worship in each rural community and take the Gospel message to every last man.

May I ask each one to write me if you are interested in the God's acre plan, and if there is enough interest we will write a tract giving what information we can.

A Look at An Office

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following thought provoking discussion of the office of State Secretary, written by a product of West Texas, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Belton, arrived too late for publication last week. Dr. Miller makes some good suggestions that ought to help lighten the crushing burdens carried by our State Secretary.

By ACKER C. MILLER, Belton

The gradual enlargement of our denominational work in Texas requires a review from time to time of the methods by which we seek to promote it. One wonders if we would not profit by such a review of the work of our State Executive Board. Now that the time has come again for us to choose an Executive Secretary, it may be well for us to take a look at the office to be filled before we look for a man to fill it.

The duties of this office are executive and promotional. Its executive demands have grown through the years to require much office work. On the other hand, its promotional needs require much field work. It has become increasingly difficult, therefore, for one man to meet both these requirements. If one comes to the office who yields most of his time to executive duties, he loses touch with the forces in the field. If another comes who gives most of his time to promotional duties, he cannot give adequate attention to the executive side of his work. And if, however, still another is chosen who endeavors to meet the full requirements of his office, he either sees the futility of his efforts and resigns; or he tries to do the work expected of him and soon breaks down.

It is true our present arrangement for an Assistant Secretary helps to meet this rather impossible situation. But it does not relieve the Executive Secretary of numerous executive duties which his official position de-

mands that he alone must bear. Furthermore, in view of the responsibilities involved in the financial, institutional, and organizational connections of our board, there is no immediate prospect that the executive burdens of this office will become lighter; while on the other hand, the present trend in our denominational affairs and the growth of the various departments of our work certainly offer no prospect of relief from the pressure of promotional duties.

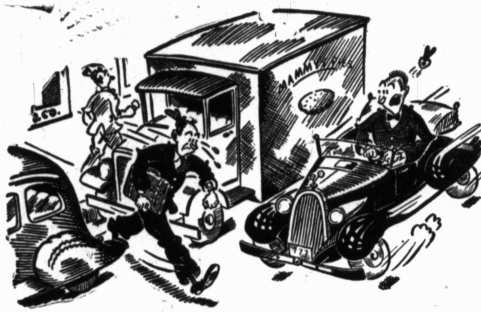
This brief review of this honored office seems to point us to a choice of alternatives. We must either re-define the duties of this office so as to bring their performance within the range of human capacity; or we must select two men to meet its two-fold requirements: one who is a competent executive; and the other equally as competent of carrying the promotional end of the work. In the opinion of the writer, the latter alternative would be the more effective.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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why bother. He had just admitted that he read it. That was a snappy comeback for me, I usually think of that sort too late to use them. . . I like to ride on the train. The first time I rode on a train as a child it was my greatest adventure and I do not deny it is still an adventure. During my days in college and Seminary I thought I had caught up on my train riding, but now it is as fresh and exhilarating as it ever was. Do you remember when folks used to worry about long train trips because of having to "change cars." As a child I thought if one could make a long train trip and successfully change cars, especially at night, his education was complete. Until our twins were born my mother was still afraid to risk traveling alone. I have met her at Waco more than once to help her change from one train to another on

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trians were injured last year doing just what you are about to do—stepping out from between parked cars. More than 1,100 were killed that way. These figures are taken from Travelers Insurance Company records.

Maybe in the rush of business you're forgetting to give enough attention to the business of living.

GARDNER'S LETTER

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like her, and millions of other boys and girls are the world's finest asset. They are all we have to make men and women out of. Let's resolve to make a good job of it.

A Journey to Keswick

Our journey continues through the English lakes. From here we toured the Buttermere Valley, passing through Pottersdale, Cornforth, Whorlton, Ullswater, Wastwater, and Keswick. The town of Keswick stands at the lower end of lovely Derwentwater, at the head of which is Barrowdale, an exquisite glen hemmed in by wild and rugged mountains. Here is one of the very best hotels and the most beautiful gardens imaginable. This little mountain town literally charmed our party. Some of them inquired about rates at the hotel and made plans to spend a vacation there in the distant future. The trip along the English lakes is one of the most picturesque and delightful trips one can possibly take.

Highways Clear of Advertisements

It was interesting to observe that the highways were clear of road signs and advertisements. We did not see a road sign advertising any kind of product, on any road in England. The people in England prefer that you see their beauty spots given to them by nature than to read about what they have to sell. We also observed that we did not cross a hazardous crossing in all of our journeys; neither did we see an automobile accident or a highway casualty in all of England.

We went from here to Scotland.

Missionary Describes Conditions at Baptist Compound At Shanghai

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it might be repaired. The cost of repairs would be heavy.

"There was nothing left in the houses. All were looted clean of everything of value. There are a few books scattered around but badly damaged. I found a piece of board that came off of a piano. It had the name of the make of piano on it which told me that it was mine.

The Cantonese church in the city is in a terrible condition. If what is left of the roof is cleared away, it might be that the walls could be used in repairing the church. They would require the opinion of an engineer or an architect. Grace church not far from the Cantonese church is a wreck. If it is ever repaired, the walls might be in condition to be left standing. The Cantonese school buildings out where Rose Marlowe was is a complete wreck—that is the main buildings. They were constructing a residence, or dormitory, for the students. That can be used, but will take a lot of work to get it back into as good

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condition as it was before the war. "No one has been able to get out to the college to inspect the property there yet. It is still occupied by the Japanese army or navy. In fact, they are still in charge out at the compound. They have quite a lot of stores out there. I forgot about the church out at the compound. It was badly damaged at the back end, but I think it will not be necessary to tear it down for repairs. Strang to relate, Dr. Bryan's baptistery is intact, except for one little scar out on the back part of the top."

New Students Enroll For Spring Semester

Names of new students already enrolled for the spring semester at Hardin-Simmons were announced early this week by Mrs. J. A. Beard, registrar.

The list of newcomers includes Marion Neff, Albany; J. D. Webb, Jack Cone, and Tom Bell, Fort Worth; Evelyn Taylor, Hawley; Glenn Caffey, Anson; Dugan King, Sudan; Melva Fisher, Wichita Falls; Lynder Barnes, Medicine Mound; Allen Cunningham,

Quannah; George Edward Beeman, Barnhart; Juanita Flenniker, Ropesville; Charles Treadway, Nacogdoches; Coleman Campbell, Plainview; Letcher Goodnight, Holland; and several from Abilene.

The Abilene students are Carolyn Myatt, Thelma Frances Peyton, Marvin Miller, James Cassle, Mrs. W. L. Bush, Leon Barnes, Eulton Largent, Jr., Anita Evans, Rev. David Edgar Molyneux, and Mrs. H. E. East.

A letter has been received from Pastor C. Vaughan Rock, of First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., in which the writer expresses appreciation of the West Texas Baptist and the work it is doing. The editor appreciates these words of encouragement.

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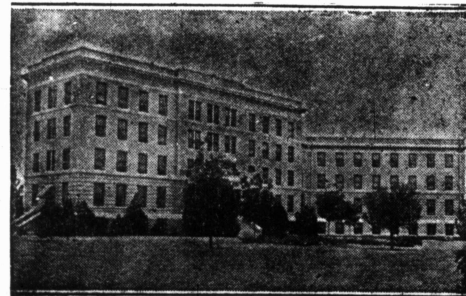
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