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EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

My vanity has been so inflated the past few days it is difficult for me to feel or act normal. As we stated in the column last week we were on a program from Monday to Friday with Dr. W. T. Conner, of the Southwestern Seminary. Each of us spoke three times a day in a pastor's meeting. Sometimes he would precede me and sometimes follow me, but in each instance the results were practically the same. When we started home we drove to Lubbock before breakfast and after eating we went into the hotel barber shop for our morning shave. As we got out of adjoining barber chairs some one said, "You two fellows are brothers aren't you?" One of us looked up in pained surprise and the other in pleased surprise, but both of us were too shocked to do more than shake our heads in the negative. Then in our Sunday morning service a brother preacher from Missouri, who had been a student in the Seminary, was a visitor and after the service remarked, "You reminded me of Dr. Conner, every minute you were in the pulpit. You look like him, your gestures remind me of him, and your reasoning is similar to his." If he had not brought in the matter of looks I do believe by vanity would have been strained to the bursting point. It is an open secret, I suppose, that Dr. Conner's appearance has not been the primary cause for the many rich, and deserved compliments he has received. In fact his great success in the ministry in spite of what nature did for him in an esthetic way, or rather neglected to do, has been a source of great encouragement to me since the first day I saw and heard him. Two fellows met on the street one day after several years of separation. In the meantime one of them had grown a profuse beard which almost obliterated his facial features. The smooth shaven one remarked, "you know I grew a beard like that once, but when I looked in a mirror and saw how it looked, I promptly cut it off." "Well," the other replied as he took a straight look into the face of his old friend, "I one time had a face like yours, but when I got a good look at it in a mirror, I promptly began growing this beard." But as long as the editor puts my picture at the head of this column I should be discreet enough not to mention looks. But I would like to pay Dr. Conner one more compliment before passing, he can look the simplest and at the same time speak the wisest of any man I ever knew. There is a difference between being simple, and being a simpleton. A Baptist preacher can afford to be a dandy preacher but he cannot afford to be a dandy. I am just back from the January session of our associational workers meeting which convened with (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

- Jan. 16-20 New Mexico Baptist Pastor's Conference, Portales.
- Jan. 18-19—Associational Sunday School Officers Meeting.
- January 24—District 17 Evangelistic Rally, Stamford.
- Jan. 30—Spring Semester Begins, H-S University.
- January 31 — Evangelistic Rally, District 7.
- February 2 — Evangelistic Rally, District 11.
- February 6-8 — Pastor's Retreat, Camp Lueders.
- February 7 — Evangelistic Rally, District 9.
- February 14 — Evangelistic Rally, District 8.
- Feb. 17-18—Y. W. A. House Party, Hardin-Simmons University.
- March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Sweetwater.
- March 7-8—District 9 Convention, Lubbock.
- April 9—B. T. U. High Attendance Day.
- April 11-13—State Sunday School Convention, Waco.

'NIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL' TO FEATURE CITY-WIDE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

"Sunday" school" meeting each night of a revival service, which has been an unusual feature of the recent work of Evangelist E. Y. Dossey, will be adopted for use in all city-wide revivals which are planned by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Southwest superintendent of evangelism.

During the El Paso county revival which closed last week, Dr. Leavell had the opportunity to see the working of the Dossey plan, which is described in a tract published by the Department of Evangelism of the Sunday School Board.

The working of the plan is described by J. D. Riddle, who was choir director for Immanuel Church, El Paso during the recent revival where Dr. Dossey was the preacher.

At the opening of the evening service those in attendance go to Sunday school departments the same as on Sunday morning. After ten minutes of devotional service in the department assembly the classes are formed with the regular teacher in charge. Reports are given on contacts with the unsaved, records are made of attendance showing the number unsaved and unchurched and the rest of the period is given to prayer and plans for visitation next day.

Reports are tabulated for totals and are given out at the evening preaching service. Approximately fifty per cent of the regular Sunday school attendance was reported present during the revival at the El Paso Church.

CAMP LUEDERS SITE OF PASTORS WINTER RETREAT

Dr. N. A. Moore of the Bible department of Sardin-Simmons University will give six lectures on the Book of First Timothy at the Camp Lueders Mid-Winter Pastors Retreat which will be held at the encampment grounds on the Clear Fork of the Brazos, February 6 to 8.

Other speakers include Dr. Mildard A. Jenkens of First Church, Abilene, who will bring a series of devotional hours; Rev. Charles T. Talley of Ranger who will lead the opening devotional; Rev. J. Henry Littleton of Hamlin, who will discuss church discipline. Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford will outline plans for the summer encampments at Lueders and Missionary B. N. Shepherd will discuss plans for state work in District 17.

Those attending the retreat will be comfortably housed in cottages at the camp, but are expected to bring linens and plenty of bed covering. A fee of three dollars will provide meals, cabins, beds, lights, water and shower bath.

The meeting is not only for pastors of District Seventeen but any pastor or layman who is interested is welcome to attend under conditions as stated.

The retreat will begin with supper Monday evening and will continue through lunch Wednesday, allowing those in attendance to return to their home churches for mid-week prayer-meeting.

There will be a recreational hour each evening after the lecture by Dr. Moore and two hours are allowed for recreation and fellowship on Tuesday afternoon. Many of those who are going plan to arrive early Monday afternoon for visiting with their brethren.

Pastors O'Brien, Doyle and Littleton of the Jones association are in charge of arrangements and those who expect to attend are requested to write Rev. Dick O'Brien, Stamford.

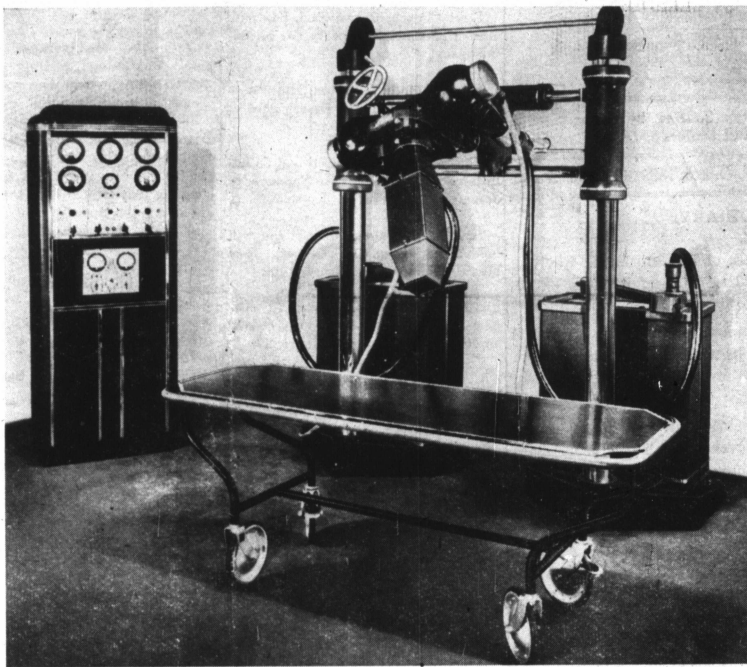
REVIVAL YEAR BEGINS WITH EL PASO CAMPAIGN

Incomplete returns indicate about 200 additions to churches in El Paso county during the simultaneous revival conducted there during the first two weeks of January. This in spite of the unfortunate illness of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell who was directing the campaign and preaching for Dr. I. L. Yearby at the First Church.

An acute attack of laryngitis caused Dr. Leavell to return to Memphis and the services at First Church were discontinued. Lee A. Stulce, new choir director of the church, also had a throat infection.

Evangelist C. Y. Dossey assisted (Continued on page 2)

New 220,000 Volt Unit For X-Ray Treatment



Above is pictured the new high-powered, deep-therapy X-Ray unit recently installed in Hendrick Memorial Hospital for the treatment of cancer.

This equipment cost \$6,000, more than half of which has already been

contributed by friends of the institution. Contribution of the remaining \$2,400 owed on the machine will make possible greater use in the treating of charity cases of cancer.

The large control panel at the left which looks like the instrument board

of an air liner, has twenty dials and switches. For convenience it has been installed in an adjoining hall where the operator will be out of the room and still in plain view of the patient and equipment.

TRAINING UNION CRUSADE AT ABILENE NEXT WEEK

A twelve-hour day will be the schedule for W. M. Harrell of Memphis and his staff in the Training Union enlargement campaign which

progress from January 22 to 27 at First Church, Abilene.

Morning will be given to conferences with workers and to tabulating and locating prospects. This work will be done at the educational building of First Church.

At noon the campaign leaders and department directors will meet for lunch together at the church dining room. Afternoons will be spent in visitation.

Evening services will begin at seven with forty-five minutes of departmental conferences. At 7:45 Mr. Harrell will conduct a general service in the church auditorium. A second departmental meeting will be held from 8:30 to 9:00.

Other Churches Invited
A cordial invitation is extended by the leaders of First Church for all interested members of other Baptist churches in and near the city to participate in this crusade.

Mr. Harrell, who has a nation-wide reputation in B. T. U. work, will conduct adult conferences; Mr. Aubrey Hearne, also of Memphis, Tenn., will lead the young people; Mrs. Merle McCracken of Amarillo will have charge of Primary work; and other workers of like experience have been invited to assist in the crusade.

LUBBOCK WORKERS MEET AT UNION

"Clean Living, a Preparation," by Rev. J. F. Steele; "Bible Preaching and the Holy Spirit," by Rev. A. C. Hardin; "The W. M. S. and Evangelism in 1939," by Mrs. Boyd P. Milburn; and "Every Member a Soul Winner," by Rev. E. C. Cowan were the subjects discussed at the Lubbock association workers meeting at Union Church, Tuesday, January 17.

The sermon of the day was delivered by Rev. O. D. Welsh. Rev. Reginald Carraway conducted song services and Rev. L. D. Welsh brought a devotional message.

Rev. F. A. R. Morgan sailed January 14 from New Orleans for his mission field at Sao Paulo, Brazil after a furlough in the states during which he spoke over 200 times.

Hendrick Memorial Hospital Adds New X-Ray For Cancer Treatment

B. T. U. ACTIVE IN MEXICAN MISSION CHURCH

Rev. Finis A. Williams, chairman of Mexican Missions in Sweetwater association, reports a thriving Training Union in the Mexican Mission in Abilene.

Miss Carmen Arroyo, scholarship student in Hardin-Simmons is president of the union, Miss Lupe Carrillo is vice-president, Miss Aurora B. Serrano secretary, Alejandro Gonzales corresponding secretary, Miss Esther Carrillo, treasurer. Group Captains are Miss Ysavel Martinez, Fernando Santivanex and Apolinario Marciel.

Meetings are held at 6:30 Sunday evenings at the mission, 210 Cottonwood, Rev. Williams, who is pastor at Eldorado, and a Hardin-Simmons student, is counsellor for the union.

EVANGELISTIC RALLY AT STAMFORD TUESDAY

By DICK O'BRIEN

We of the Stamford First Baptist church want to extend a special welcome to all of you to be with us next Tuesday, January 24, for the district wide evangelistic conference. We regret that there is no way of knowing even approximately how many will be here, so we have been advised by the district missionary and his committee not to try to serve lunch for all visitors. This we would delight to do, but since this is the first meeting of its kind we have attempted in the district, here is no way to even estimate. But we want you to come in great numbers. If you bring a lunch we can afford places to eat, and water, rest rooms, etc. Or if you want to go to a cafe for lunch, the church is located within two blocks of the main part of town and there are many eating places where clean, well prepared meals may be had reasonably.

But may the main thought of our minds and hearts be, that we shall have a Spiritual feast for our souls.

Dr. Campbell, Dr. Scarborough together with many of the best men in the district will be heard during the day.

The district board has been called by Chairman Chas. A. Powell to meet during the noon recess.

Rev. C. D. Owen will conduct the morning devotional over Station KRBC at 7:45 each morning next week. Curtis D. Owen will sing.

GIFTS PAYING FOR HIGH POWERED UNIT

A Westinghouse Deep Therapy X-Ray Unit for treatment of malignant conditions has been installed within the last few days at Hendrick Hospital. It is said to be the highest powered unit for this purpose west of Dallas.

The new equipment, which fills a room and weighs three tons, was purchased at a cost of \$6,000 when the old equipment, which had been in use since the opening of the hospital in 1924, burned out.

When the machine was ordered there was no money in sight to purchase this expensive equipment, but because of the urgent need for continued treatment of cancer cases which had been very successful with the old unit, this modernized machine was secured on faith. The story of the emergency got around and before the new purchase was installed \$3,600 toward the purchase price had come in.

Because the income from the use of this X-Ray will no more than take care of the cost of operation, it is the prayer of Superintendent Collier and the board of trustees that some other friend or friends of suffering humanity will be moved to provide the additional \$2,400.

In all cases of surgery at Hendrick Hospital, every diseased tissue which is removed is given a thorough laboratory examination by a trained pathologist. In this way many cases of incipient cancer are discovered and given the Roentgen ray treatment before the malignant condition has spread beyond control.

Cancer of the skin or in open wounds were treated largely with the old equipment, but this improved and more powerful unit makes possible certain treatments without surgery.

The Deadly Cancer
Government statistics cited by Superintendent Collier show that four times as many people in the United States die of cancer than from the tragic orgy of automobile accidents. The census reports show that one death in every twelve is attributed to cancer, most of which cases are curable if treated in time.

In the first six days of operation five hours and 48 minutes were actually consumed in exposing patients to the rays of this machine. For surface treatments, hospital employees

state, the time of treatment is now cut in half on account of the more (Continued on page 4)

MISSIONARY

ESSAGES



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

When this goes to press hundreds will be in Dallas making plans for completing the five year program initiated by our progressive Southern Sunday School Board Secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb. Those who stayed at home will be looking for reports on these plans.

Last Friday was a rather busy day for the missionary. With a few short reports from assignments made after we arrived at First Church, Roby I taught the book, "The Associational Sunday School Work." About 45 were there and 42 took the examination. I consider it one of the most helpful days spent in the Fisher association since my coming to the field as district missionary.

Monday was another good day in the association. The workers meeting convened with the Rotan church. The crowd was large and the program was fine. There was a sad hour. Brother D. R. Reid announced his resignation as moderator. He is moving to Abilene the first of the month to become pastor of Immanuel Church. Watch them grow.

Pastor J. C. Parks reports two additions at Clairemont, Stonewall association, last Sunday. They plan to organize a Sunday School and a B. T. U. the first Sunday in next month.

Pastor Trott and his fine church at Rotan are making plans to build a badly needed new church building.

It is rather interesting to watch an experienced pastor, like Brother Taggart, start his work in a church. Already Highland Home Church, Fisher county is buzzing with new life.

The missionary preached at Girard Church last Sunday morning and assisted in ordaining three fine men as deacons in the afternoon. That church is making splendid progress under the leadership of Pastor Wade Campbell, a H-SU student.

Pastor Rowan took Mrs. Rowan home from the hospital last Sunday afternoon. He and Mrs. Rowan did not get much of a thrill out of the roll in their car. Mrs. Rowan is walking some, though she will have to wear a plaster cast for about ten weeks. I preached for him last Sunday night. A splendid crowd was at the service.

Jones County Workers' Meeting last Tuesday at the Tuxedo Church was a good one. The attendance was large. Pastor Greer and the church had things ready. The program was presented by H-SU student preachers. They did the job.

FISHER BROTHERHOOD MEETS AT ROTAN

One hundred men representing Baptist Brotherhoods from churches at Rotan, Roby, North Roby, Highland Home, Sylvester and McCauley were present Tuesday evening for the quarterly associational rally at Rotan. Associational President A. M. Josey was in charge of the meeting.

Featured in the program was a playlet auctioning a boy to the varied interests which desired to claim his life, and an address by J. D. Riddle of Abilene on Conserving Spiritual Results through the Brotherhood. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle sang a duet and the service closed with the solo "Sunrise Tomorrow," by Mr. Riddle.

The group singing was conducted by M. D. Ivey. Informal reports were heard from all the churches represented.

The next meeting will be on the third Tuesday in April at North Roby.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY

Most Baptists have, by now, heard talk of the Southwide Revival. But unfortunately too many are inclined to think of it, when at all, as something which "they" are going to do.

Unless there is a radical change of opinion, far too many of us will be satisfied to see a protracted meeting in which some children from the Sunday School will be baptized and a few people of like faith and order will put in their church letters.

This is what Dr. Scarborough calls being guilty of the ordinary. He does not mean to belittle those achievements. There is no more important task than the conversion of our own children and the enlistment of our neighbors.

But if we are selfishly satisfied with the winning only of our own then we have failed miserably.

If we are to have a pentecostal revival we must go out where the unsaved are. There must be street preaching, school house services, and house to house evangelism. There must be mission among the underprivileged, missions among our alien neighbors.

There must also be work among our prosperous and worldly-minded friends and even missionary work to some whose names are on the rolls of some of our first churches.

Such missionary work, preceded by prayer and righteous living will lift the Revival out of the rut of the ordinary.

WE FUMBLE THE BALL

The Honorable Kensuke Horinouchi, newly appointed Japanese ambassador to Washington, is a Southern Baptist. We of his fellowship are pleased and honored that the product of our mission schools has come to represent his nation to ours. We pray that this Christian intermediary may help bridge the misunderstandings and clashing interests of the two nations.

But one can only wonder what would have been the course of history in Asia if the new ambassador had enough compatriots of his faith to mould the thought and policy of the nation.

If, when Japan began to welcome Western ideas and education, the Christians of America had not been engaged in a brutal and exhausting war with each other, we might have sent them enough missionaries to make Christian thought dominant in the islands.

But that day is past. Japan is ruled by a military clique upon which a Baptist ambassador will probably have little influence. It is fumbles like that which has retarded the spread of Christianity through the ages.

There are doors, today, as wide as they once were in Japan, China, Africa and South America are some of the fields where it is possible now to do great things for God.

Next year, next decade, or the next century we may expect to see China throw out the invader and become the strong man of the East. Will it make a difference to you whether the new China is communistic or Christian? Millions in Africa are wavering between Mohammed and Christ. South America is ready to receive the gospel or the new pagan philosophies. Ours is the responsibility for the road which whole nations will travel tomorrow.

LAST CHANCE

January of 1939, which is rapidly slipping by, is the last month in which pastors and churches can participate in the Ministers Retirement Plan without penalty. The sole exception is the young preacher entering his first pastorate after the first of this year.

Less than one-third of the churches in Texas were ready to enter the plan with the first of the year. Only six hundred Texas pastors had received this protection.

The laymen of Texas, the women of our Missionary Societies, should be ashamed to allow this opportunity to pass without seizing upon it. If you pay your pastor a hundred dollars each month, a contribution of three dollars will not only assure him against a dependent old age but will swell a fund to make sure that no aged or helpless Baptist pastor in Texas shall ever be in want. If yours is a fourth-time church paying twenty-five dollars toward pastor's salary about three dozen eggs a month will complete the job.

Few full time pastors have ever successfully shepherded a flock for the Lord and accumulated a competence for retirement. Many who have tried it have made a mess of one or the other, often both.

When the Master called the Galilean boatmen to become fishers of men it is recorded that "they straightway left their nets and followed him." When Paul honorably worked at his tent-making trade when necessity arose, he wrote back to the church in that same Corinth, "Even so the Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." Baptist churches, generally, have seen to it that pastors are not likely to accumulate out of their salaries. Fortunate have been those who died in harness instead of facing a helpless old age in fear.

Let's not leave the old pastors out in the cold. When you pay him a dollar for today, just add a postage stamp for that tomorrow which may not come for him but which will surely arrive for some other self-sacrificing soldier of the Cross.

News Notes

Rev. Virgil Reynolds is a patient in Hendrick Hospital, Abilene.

The church at Jal, New Mexico, is engaged in a splendid building program.

First Church, Brownwood, has purchased additional property for an enlargement program.

First Church, Lubbock has set a goal of wiping out the church debt of \$29,000 during this year.

The San Antonio church had 58 additions in the first two Sundays of January. 28 were for baptism.

Rev. S. B. Hughes of Abilene will hold a revival at Oil Center, New Mexico, beginning February 12.

All churches of Lubbock will take part in a city-wide religious census on Sunday afternoon, January 29.

Dr. M. A. Jenkins of Abilene will assist Pastor John W. Pearce of St. Cloud, Florida in a revival in February.

Rev. J. W. Marshall of Dallas, State B. S. U. leader, will hold a revival February 5 to 12 with First Church, Lubbock.

First Church, Vernon, has mailed application for the A-1 standard for the Sunday School for the thirteenth consecutive year.

Dr. Perry F. Webb of San Antonio will be with the South Main Church, Houston in a mid-winter revival, February 20 to March 1.

First Church, Shreveport, read the New Testament through on New Year's Day beginning at midnight and continuing through to nine P. M.

The Ministerial Alliance of Abilene with the wives of the ministers, had a banquet at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Monday evening, January 16.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell has recovered from a recent illness and will be engaged for some time in district evangelistic rallies throughout the state.

Park Heights Church, San Angelo, is raising funds to construct a chapel building for the mission of the church which is doing a constructive work of soul winning.

R. W. Smith of Odessa, who has been a patient in Hendrick Hospital for some time is greatly improved and will return home within a few days.

The M. E. Dodd Foundation, which operates Dodd College at Shreveport, La., recently voted to reject offers of merger with Centenary College and to continue as a Junior College for girls.

Rev. D. G. Reid of Roby has been called to Immanuel Church, Abilene, and is expected to move on the field soon. Pastor Reid held a revival at this church in 1937 and won the hearts of the people.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. secretary, and Mrs. W. D. Howell of McKinney were leaders in an all-day associational mission study at Lockett, Wilbarger county, on January 16.

To Baptist students in Oklahoma goes the credit for the first state B. S. U. paper The B. S. U. Collegian is published monthly under the direction of state president O. T. McCall of Norman.

There were 118 additions to the First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., in the recent revival led by Evangelist Hyman Appleman and Mark Short, gospel singer. This team is now in a meeting at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Lattimore Ewing, educational director of First Church, Brownwood, will spend four days each week in the Southwestern Seminary through the spring while continuing his work at the church over week ends.

First Baptist Church, San Antonio, where Dr. Perry F. Webb is pastor, which received the Southwide record of 824 new members in 1937, last year accepted 674 additional. First Church, Lubbock, received 576 with 101 for baptism. That is 1241 since Dr. C. E. Hereford became pastor.

At a recent State Board meeting District Nine was relieved of the rate. (Continued on page 4)

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

ORDERS

Hitler, who is said to have listened by long distance telephone to the Chamberlain-Mussolini conversations at Rome last week, has asked his second fiddle to play softly for awhile. That is to say, he wants Italy to keep peace in the Mediterranean for a year. But second fiddling does not sit well with the man who started this modern dictator business.

The new Caesar has probably heard that proverb about the bird in the hand. And affairs in Spain are getting to the stage where a few more bombing squadrons and tank corps will bring the Spanish bird quickly to hand, while any prospect elsewhere or next year appears to be in a very thorny bush.

Through the gangster practice of daring France or any one else to do what he takes as his own prerogative, by continual promising and never performing, the Italian has forwarded the insurgent cause in Spain until for the first time victory appears within grasp.

When all the foreigners had been removed from the government forces according to agreement and the limited number of war-weary Italian "volunteers" who were withdrawn were probably replaced with fresh contingents, the puppet General Franco was in a position to stage a mid-winter drive. And it looks now as if that drive will succeed.

DILEMMA

The French government and people are now faced with the alternative of having, just over the unfortified Pyrenees, a province of Rome with Italian control of the sea lanes to her African possession; or of hurrying an army into Spain at once.

Late reports from Paris indicate that France will again wait and see. To intervene in behalf of the Spanish government would certainly precipitate a major war. And by an armed truce and waiting, there is the hope that somewhere down the line some vague something may make war unnecessary.

The truth is that the French missed their big chance when they neglected to stand firmly with Sir Anthony Eden when Italy first embarked upon the Ethiopian venture.

BALKY TEAM

For years France and England have see-sawed like a cold-shouldered team. Both of them refused to stand with the United States to halt the first major aggression of post-war times, which was Japan's invasion of Manchuria.

Yet we can take no self-righteous attitude, for having won the World War we failed to dictate a just peace but withdrew into our shell to allow the Europeans to stew in their own hatreds.

Again the deciding vote is up to England. And a large and powerful segment of British public opinion, of which the Prime Minister is nominally the head, has never wanted the Spanish government to win. So again the British vote will be to muddle through, even though they may see the Mediterranean become an Italian Lake.

A NEW INNING

Hitler prefers to have Italy wait because he has the trap set to ensnare the vast and fertile Ukraine for himself. Everything is working out in the same technique which toppled Austria and the Czech lands into his lap.

Alexander Kerensky, who was prime minister of Russia before the Bolsheviks overthrew his government, and who is now a refugee in New York, was reported to have said last week that "the Nazis can sweep into the Ukraine and the Soviet affairs are such that they cannot defend their most valuable possession."

This is denied by Soviet partisans. But so far Hitler is a good guesser. On the other hand Mussolini thinks this is his inning and it looks as if he is ready to bat.

Revival Year Begins

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Pastor Roy Hollomon, with J. D. Riddle in charge of music. Dr. W. Y. Pond preached for Pastor Maddox at Grandview, with the pastor's brother, Rev. Sam Maddox leading the singing.

Other evangelists in the county-wide meeting were Rev. Wm. H. Joyner, at Highland Park; Rev. J. F. Stanley at Fabens; Rev. J. L. Yelvington at Clint, Dr. George W. McCall at Ysleta; Rev. E. L. Whitaker at East Side and Rev. Vernon Yearby at Memorial Mission.

He that hath a trade hath an estate.—Franklin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 22, 1939

By Hight C Moore

PETER DENIES HIS LORD

Review the story of Peter from midnight to about three o'clock in the morning of crucifixion day. We hear him boasting that he would never stumble on account of his Master though others should fail and fall, and that he would die before he would deny his Lord. "He see him arming himself with a sword in order to be ready, as he thought, for any emergency. But he was a sound sleeper in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed in agony. Yet he was a furious fighter when Judas appeared with an armed guard to arrest Jesus, for he attempted to behead the high priest's servant. And he was a far-away follower as Jesus was taken back to the city for the trial. The arraignment before Annas was preceded by Peter's first denial and followed by the second and third denials within the hour or so before cock-crowing. But the look of the Lord brought him to his senses and sent penitential tears gushing hot down his cheeks.

1. The Forecast

Upon Peter's presumption the denials were forecast. Note three things: (1) The Prayer. Jesus knew that Satan had obtained Peter by asking to have him in hand for a time in order that he might tempt and test him as sifting does the wheat. In God's permissive providence Peter was allowed to pass through the ordeal. But Jesus who never offered an ineffectual prayer, made supplication that Peter's faith should not fall under fire. Then he could and would turn from Satan and self to Christ and victory. The sifting for service in upbuilding his brethren, (2) The Presumption. With amazing self-confidence (as reported by Matthew and Mark) Peter declared that whatever others might do, he would not fall or falter; that he could and would follow the Master then and there through any ordeal; and that he would gladly give up his liberty and lay down his life for his Lord. (3) The Prediction. Jesus knew Peter better than the apostle knew himself. And he solemnly declared to the impetuous through devoted disciple that before the cock-crowing, and so within a few hours, he would thrice deny even that he knew Jesus.

2. The Fact

Upon Peter's temptation the denials became fact. The cautious devotion of Peter was shown after the arrest of Jesus. Dazed by the events that took place in Gethsemane, Peter nevertheless followed his fettered Master back to Jerusalem and actually entered the palace of the high priest where the preliminary trial was held. However, he "followed afar off," that is, at a safe distance, cautiously and wonderingly. (1) The First Denial, which was careless, was made about the time Peter entered the court of the high priest. The portress asked him if he was one of Jesus' disciples. The question was unexpected and caught Peter unawares. To shield and save himself, he simply declared that he did not know Jesus. Then to forestall further embarrassment, he joined the miscellaneous crowd warming by the fire. (2) The Second Denial, which was compromising, was made while Peter was standing by the fire. The door maid was still suspicious that Peter was one of Christ's disciples, and said so to another maid and to at least one of the men who then spoke to Peter about it. He felt that he had gone too far not to go farther. So, with an oath, he again denied that he even knew Jesus. (3) The Third Denial, which was confirmed, was made apparently after Peter had stepped out on the palace porch. It was about an hour after he had entered the hall and he probably had joined in conversation to allay suspicion. But some of the bystanders, including a kinsman of Malchus whom Peter had wounded in Gethsemane, kept eyeing Peter. Finally one said that his speech betrayed him; and another claimed to have seen him in Gethsemane. Fearing detection, Peter, with blustering oaths, again denied knowing Jesus. To what depths and in so short a time had the presumptuous apostle fallen!

3. The Forgiveness

Upon Peter's penitence the denials were forgiven. Note three things here; (1) Awakening. At this moment, when he disowned his Master the third time, Peter heard the cock crow as Jesus had predicted. As those shrill notes rang out on the chilly night air, they fell upon the ears of Peter and went like darts into his very soul. (2) Conviction. Immediately after the cock crew, "the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter." And that wordless look winged its way into

the marrow of his being. He could never forget! (3) Contrition. From the judgment hall forth into the night rushed the contrite apostle, and bitter were the tears that flowed hot and fast down his face. Deeply had he sinned, but as deep was his penitence.

Be Faithful to Christ

(1) Be Faithful to Him Under Fire. It was an hour of darkness, physical and spiritual. Jesus was fettered and in the hands of his foes. His followers had scattered. Everybody seemed against him. The Jews had determined on his death. The traitor apostle had betrayed him. The Roman governor was soon to send him to Golgotha. If ever he needed a friend, it was then. How ignominiously Peter failed him!

(2) Be Faithful in Following After Him. Peter followed Jesus. But he did it too cautiously and at too great a distance. Still, he meant to be loyal to his Master. We ought to profit by his experience.

(3) Be Faithful in Standing by Him. On the road, Peter followed afar off; at Sanhedrin Hall he stood at the door without. John was a better example for us that night than Peter.

(4) Be Faithful in Profession of Him. The first denial was hardly more than a shake of the head and a mumbled undertone. But it was a denial. An honest confession of Christ right then might have accomplished much.

(5) Be Faithful in Association with Him. Peter seems not to have joined John after entering and certainly he did not stand close to Jesus. He drifted into the group about the fire. Therein he blundered.

(6) Be Faithful in Testimony for Him. What a chance Peter had to testify. It was dangerous no doubt, but glorious. How Peter to his dying day must have regretted his defection!

(7) Be Faithful in Temptation Concerning Him. To resist Satan is to honor Christ. It was the hour of Peter's sifting. His faith did not fail, but the flesh did.

(8) Be Faithful in Danger Around Him. Contrast Peter's presumption in the upper room with his denial in the courtroom. Will our profession of love and loyalty to Christ stand the test of danger?

(9) Be Faithful in Remembrance of Him. When the Lord turned and looked upon Peter, the swearing apostle collapsed instantly and utterly. That look of injured love penetrated the marrow. Then he remembered the warning word of Jesus. He saw what he had done. He knew that Jesus knew—and cared!

(10) Be Faithful in Repentance Before Him. In those bitter, burning, blessed tears, Peter found his soul. He had strayed and sinned, but in his heart of hearts he loved and trusted and served the Lord.

Gold in the Golden Text

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. I Corinthians 10:12.

There is a disaster to be averted. It is a fall into sin with its guilt and straying from the path of duty with its stumbling and bruises.

There is danger against which we should provide. It is the danger of self-confidence. It is not enough to think we are standing firm or standing at all.

So there is a duty to perform. It is the duty of taking heed to ourselves in order that we may be sure of our foundation and saved from stumbling and sorrow.

Home Daily Bible Readings
Jan. 16—The Evening of the Denial. Luke 22:14-30.
Jan. 17—Peter's Denial Foretold. Luke 22:31-34.
Jan. 18—Peter's Rashness. John 18:1-11.
Jan. 19—Peter Denies His Lord. Luke 22:54-62.
Jan. 20—Denying Our Lord Today. Luke 6:46-49.
Jan. 21—Christ Sympathizes with the Tempted. Hebrews 4:12-16.
Jan. 22—"It is the Lord." John 21:1-14.

The one prudence in life is concentration; the one evil is dissipation; and it makes no difference whether our dissipations are coarse or fine. . . . Everything is good which takes away one plighting and delusion more, and sends us home to add one stroke of faithful work—Emerson.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.—Phillips Brooks.

HOW SOUTHERN BAPTISTS CARE FOR OLD MINISTERS

By REV. H. D. BRUCE
Pastor First Baptist Church, Midland, Texas

(Address at Dallas Convention)
Whether we would like to admit it or not, there comes the time in the life of every man when his active labors must cease. That is no less true of ministers than it is of any other group of workmen. If the passing of the years and the ravages of disease spare the preacher, then, unless he be a man of rare ability the churches make his retirement compulsory in that a church seldom extends a call to a man approaching sixty, and with the rarest exception one above sixty. The Government recognizes this fact and has made through its social security agency some provision for the latter years of our people. Many industrial institutions long since provided some manner of annuities for their employees.

Many years past, some far sighted brethren began to see the need of some retirement aid for preachers who had given their life to the ministry. Relief societies for aged ministers were formed. These culminated in the formation of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board in 1918 under the direction of its founder, Dr. William Lunsford. Dr. Lunsford directed the activities of the Board until his death in 1927. Since then Dr. T. J. Watts has been the efficient executive officer of the Board. From its very infancy the Board has sought to relieve the pressing needs of the aged man, along with his dependents. During the first year of the Board's history there were less than 100 beneficiaries and at the end of the twentieth year there were more than 2,000 relief clients. The benefits paid increased from approximately \$1,000 at the end of the first year to nearly \$100,000 for the twentieth year for relief grants alone. During the twenty years \$2,066,000 have been paid in relief grants.

Early the leaders in this benevolent movement realized that the only satisfactory way to provide for life's latter years must be some plan whereby contributions would be paid regularly and on an actual basis for such assurance. So in the second year of the Board's history the first contributory annuity fund was established. The purpose was to draw our preachers and denominational lay workers into it so that dependence in old age would be insured against. Many joined this group and through the years the Board has maintained payment of annuities through this fund on the maximum basis of \$500 for ministers and \$300 for widows and orphans. It was seen that the great objective would never be reached through this fund so it was closed to new members in 1930. The Board will perform its contract with those who had already become members. The service annuity by which the church and pastor joined in providing an annuity, the church paying the larger share, was begun in 1932. This was closed to new members at the beginning of 1938. Again the Board will keep its contract with those who had become members. Then the age security plan was adopted and is still functioning. In this plan the minister pays 3 per cent of his salary and the churches pay a like sum. This fund has not made rapid progress because of the churches regarding this as an extra gratuity for the pastor and the hesitancy of the pastors in presenting this to be churches. None of these annuity efforts has met with a large response on the part of the pastors or churches.

The present day trend in the protection of our preachers and other denominational workers in their disability and old age is definitely toward the group plan. The State Convention Ministers Retirement Plan. This plan has been studied for several months by several of our various states in the south. South Carolina was first to inaugurate the plan, on July 1, 1938. However, Texas plans to make a close second, its executive board having adopted the plan May 30, 1938, hoping to put the plan in actual operation on January 1, 1939. The plan is this: The pastor will pay into the fund 3 per cent of his salary, including home at 15 per cent of his salary, the total not to exceed \$4,000 per year; the church will pay into the fund a like sum of 3 per cent; and the denomination from its funds will contribute 2 per cent to the fund. The churches' contribution and the denomination's contribution will go into a general fund for the benefit of all ministers co-operating. When the minister has reached the age of 65 he may retire and the Board will pay him an annuity of one half of his average salary from age 40 to 65, annuity payments not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. The minister may elect

DOCTRINAL

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT BAPTISTS

By C. D. OWEN

Some years ago Dr. W. A. Jerrill wrote to a number of historians and preachers (who were not Baptists) and asked this question: When, where and by whom was the first Baptist church organized? Following are some of their answers.

Cardinal Gibbons (Catholic) — "Your questions are not possibly capable of exact positive answer. The Baptist Church of the present time seems to be the lineal descendent of the old Ana-baptist of the Reformation times. They have their most probable origin in the Mennonites or Dutch Baptists."

Note, Mr. Gibbons word. "Not possibly capable of exact positive answer." "Seems to be," "Most probable," etc.

Dr. A. C. Lewis, Professor in church Seminary in Chicago, wrote: "I regret history in Presbyterian Theological not being able to give you the categorical answer your question anticipates."

Dr. John Clark Ridpath (Methodist) Teacher in DuPaw University wrote: "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as A. D. 100, though without doubt, there were Baptists then, as all Christians were then Baptists."

Dr. A. P. Cobb, pastor First Christian Church, Springfield, Ill. wrote: "Who organized the first Baptist Church? I cannot tell."

If it had been asked when and by whom were churches of other communions organized? the following would have been an easy answer:

Catholic Church originated by Emperor Phocas A. D. 756.

Episcopal Church by Henry 8th in A. D. 1534.

Presbyterian Church by John Calvin in 1530.

Methodist Church by John Wesley in 1729.

Cambellite Church by Alexander Campbell in 1829.

Notice, what others say about Baptists.

Dr. Ypeij (Professor of Theology) and Dr. J. J. Dermot (noted historian of the Dutch Reformed Church) said of Baptists: "We have now seen that the Baptists, who were formally called Anabaptists, and later Mennonites, were the original Waldenses, and who long in their history of the church, received the honor of that history. On this account, the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian communion which has stood since the apostles, and as a Christian

society, has preserved the pure doctrines of the gospel through all the ages." Alexander Campbell in debate with Walker. Page 262, said: "The Baptists can trace their origin to the apostolic times, and produce unequivocal testimony of their existence in every century down to the present time."

The Southern Messenger (Catholic paper) in answer to question from Baptist Standard of July 1, 1897, said: "The Baptist Sect may be traced back to Apostolic times, as sects they have always been."

T. R. Burnett (editor of Christian Messenger, of Christian Church, in issue Dec. 8, 1886) said: "The Baptists have connection with the Apostles through their line of succession, which extends back three hundred and fifty years, where it connects with the Waldenses line and reaches to the Apostolic day."

Alexander Campbell in his debate with MacCalla, Page 378, said: "From the apostolic age to the present time, the sentiments of Baptists and their practice of baptism, has had a continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced."

What Baptists Have Done For Religious Liberty

Bancroft, U. S. A. historian, Vol. 2, page 66, said: "Freedom of conscience was from the beginning a trophy of the Baptists."

Gervinus. A German philosopher, said of Baptists: "They have conquered the aristocratic tendencies of Carolina and New York. The High Church in Virginia, the theocracy in Massachusetts and the monarchy in all America. They have given laws to a continent. Through their moral influence, they lie at the bottom of all the democratic movements that are now shaking the nations of Europe."

Bitings of Religious Liberty. Pages 65, 66.

The Standard (Pedo-Baptist paper of London) said: "To the Baptists must be credited the proud distinction, first, of doctrinal relationship of to the earliest Christians in Great Britain; and secondly, the priority in asserting the principle of liberty of conscience."

We could continue these eulogistic statements concerning Baptists, given by those not of that faith, but the above is sufficient. Surely, where so many are thus agreed, they must have a true knowledge of that about which they wrote.

PROGRAM

PASTOR'S RETREAT CAMP LUEDERS FEBRUARY 6-8

Monday night:
6:00, Supper.
7:00, Devotional—Charles T. Talley.
7:30, Bible Lecture—Dr. N. A. Moore.
8:15, Recreation.

Tuesday:
8:00, Breakfast, Table devotional.
9:00, Bible lecture—Dr. N. A. Moore.
9:45, Recess.
10:00, The Pastor and Church Discipline—J. Henry Littleton.
Followed by general discussion.

12:30, Lunch.
2:30, Devotional—Dr. M. A. Jenkins.
3:00, Bible lecture—Dr. N. A. Moore.
6:00, Supper.
7:00, Devotional—Dr. M. A. Jenkins.

7:30, Bible lecture — Dr. N. A. Moore.
8:15, Recreation.

Wednesday:
8:00, Breakfast and table devotional—Dr. M. A. Jenkins.
9:00, Bible lecture — Dr. N. A. Moore.
9:45, Recess.
10:00, Missionary—M. B. Shepherd.

11:00, Lueders Encampment plans for this summer—P. D. O'Brien.
11:45, Bible lecture — Dr. N. A. Moore.
12:30, Lunch.

to receive a smaller sum and provide an annuity for his widow. Disability benefits for total disability will be \$500 per annum after the minister has been a member for one year.

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PASTORS' RETREAT

I was rather surprised a few days ago when I found a program of the Pastors' Retreat all ready to be mailed. I thank the Lord that our District leaders feel the freedom to go right ahead and do things that should be done and know that their missionary will be happy about it. That is the way it should be. I hope and pray that every pastor will avail himself of this opportunity.

If I fail to be there all the way through it will be because of previous engagements which can not be changed. If I did not make plans ahead I would never get my work done.—B. N. Shepherd.

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FISHER ASSN. REGRETS DEPARTURE OF D. G. REID

To West Texas Baptist, Abilene, Tex. At its board meeting at Rotan January 16, the Executive Board of Fisher County Baptist Association appointed the undersigned a committee to express the profound regret of the entire brotherhood of the association in the going of Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Reid from our midst.

Brother Reid has accepted the call of Immanuel Baptist Church of Abilene, and will take up his work there February first. Brother Reid has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roby, for more than twelve years. The greater part of this time he has served as Moderator. He has also served on the District Board of District Seventeen; on the program committee of the workers conference; chairman of the association for evangelism, and on other important committees. Mrs. Reid was president of the associational W. M. U. for many years. Their work has been most acceptable and constructive through the years. Our denominational work has never had more faithful and competent workers than these fine servants of the Lord. Brother Reid is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He goes to a fine field of unusual opportunities and responsibilities. The Fisher County Baptists desire to express to the Immanuel Church, the Sweetwater Association, and to all friends of our Baptist work, their love and appreciation of Brother and Sister Reid, and commend them to the prayers and fellowship of those with whom they are to labor in their new field.

The Executive Board expressed the desire to have this expression of appreciation published in the Baptist Standard, the West Texas Baptist, and copies mailed to Immanuel Church, and to Sweetwater Association. Respectfully submitted by the committee, Signed: B. N. Sheppard, Dist. Mis. George McBeth, John P. Hardesty.

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H.-S.U. BODY OFFERS RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

We, the faculty and students of Hardin-Simmons University, do hereby express our sincere sorrow and grief because of the death of our friend, Mrs. J. T. Haney, Sr. We bow in submission to the will of God and trust his word that all things work together for the good to them that love him. To the family, the children, the loved ones, and the friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and the assurance of our Christian love and prayer. May the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the grace and promise of the Heavenly Father sustain and keep you now and always.

DR. E. B. ATWOOD,
DR. K. A. COLLINS,
MRS. J. A. BEARD,
Committee.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. HENLEY

Everyone is nearsighted. It is better to be scared into heaven than to go into hell unafraid.

Good thoughts produce good looks. Science cannot analyze or construct love.

Dying people need Christ, not criticism.

Only children and the incapable are free from responsibility.

Life is too precious to waste. Don't grieve over the past, believe in the future.

HIGHLAND HOME CHURCH PLANS GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Highland Home Baptist church will have a home coming in May. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the organization. The clerk, Mr. Alvin Smith, Route 2, Rotan, Texas will be glad to get in touch with any charter member of the church, or any former pastor. The membership wants everyone who has had any connection with the church, including pastors, to be present on that occasion. Please write at an early date so that a satisfactory program may be arranged.

The work is looking up a bit. For the first time a goodly offering was made to the "Lottie Moon" fund. Recently some five trained workers have come into the fellowship. Also, we are beginning to reach the unsaved.

Here is where the pastor was converted, baptized, taught school and preached his first sermon (it was a good one for it was one of Spurgeon's). Here is where the pastor need not keep mum about his age. The membership almost to a member know that (yet they called him). That is not the worst thing they know about him. They know him better than he knows himself. So there is no need for him to speak anelically of himself, thinking that he can get by with it, they know better. But, thank God, they listen patiently and sympathetically. — W. C. Taggart, Pastor.

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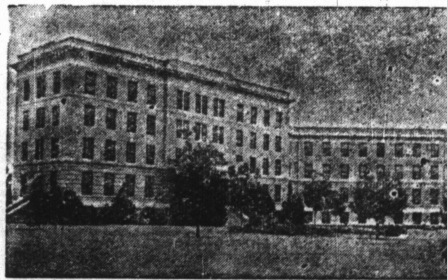
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Hardin-Simmons News

Four New Courses Are Offered For Spring Semester

Greek, Education, Business Ad, and Dictaphone Added

There are not many changes in the classes as scheduled for the Spring semester. Most of the courses offered in the Catalogue will be taught with a few variations. Dr. R. A. Collins is offering a course in education, Education 413. Miss Loyce Adams will offer Business Correspondence 323A, substituting for another course at 10:30 TTS. This will give several seniors who need this course for graduation an opportunity to take it.

In the Bible department Dr. N. A. Moore is offering a second semester to Koifee Greek. This was formerly a one semester course, but due to demand, he is offering it as a full year's work of two semesters.

Miss Adams is also offering a one hour course in Dictaphone, if there are enough students to warrant it. The course will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. A probable fee of \$10 will be charged to help defray expenses on equipment.

College Examiner Visits University

Visitor to the university campus this week was Dr. E. H. Hereford, college examiner of the State Department of Education, at Austin.

Dr. Hereford expressed approval, at the close of his visit, for the renovation and improvements in Ferguson Hall and Science Hall, for the installation of the new indirect lighting system and rearrangement of the H-SU library, and the new freshman orientation program of faculty supervision.

He praised inauguration of the new budget and bookkeeping system in the university offices, the laboratory program of practice teaching in the public schools, the newly inaugurated classification plan in the English department, and a program of consolidation of departments, as recommended by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, of which H-SU is a member.

HARDIN-SIMMONS NEWS

Mrs. John T. Haney, Sr., widow of a pioneer deacon of First Church, Abilene, died unexpectedly Friday, January 13, and was buried Saturday afternoon. Her three surviving sons are J. T. Haney, secretary-treasurer of Hardin-Simmons; Will Henry, Sweetwater business man and superintendent of First Church Sunday School; and Everett, Abilene bank employee.

Marion B. McClure, Cowboy Band director, has been selected to direct a 90-piece clinic band at the Southwest Music Educators' conference at San Antonio, April 12 to 15.

Aaron Grant and Avery Lee, Hardin-Simmons number one debate team, made very creditable records at the invitation debate tournament at Baylor last week.

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, who is district governor of the Lions Clubs, has recently spoken at a number of club gatherings. Included are Roscoe, Knox City, Weatherford, Hamilton, Breckenridge and Iowa Park.

EVERY DRUNK ARREST COSTS PUBLIC \$51.33

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—It costs this city \$51.33 for every person who is arrested on a drunk charge.

And the total of costs for arrests made of drunks amounts to \$2,360,898 a year.

That was the statement of Councilman G. Vernon Bennett in a resolution he introduced before the Los Angeles City Council asking that the state of California be petitioned to contribute \$2,054,563 a year towards enforcing the liquor laws and arresting inebriated persons upon the streets, alleys and public places of the city.

Police officials said these costs were computed on the basis of the time consumed by arresting officers, stenographers, fingerprint experts and filing clerks; paper used; feeding, bathing and housing prisoners and giving them medical attention.

Student Bureau Places 108 Students

All Types of Work Handled By Bureau

The H-SU employment bureau is doing much to solve a long recognized problem, namely, that of finding jobs for students. At the present 108 placements have been made for this school year. Students desiring jobs for next semester are advised to place their application now in order to avoid a rush that usually comes at the beginning of each semester.

The school employment bureau was started August 15, 1937 under the direction of Dr. R. A. Collins. Its purpose is to find work for students. When an employer needs a worker, rather than interview many persons for the job he telephones the employment bureau. From the files they take names of only the students who will fill the requirements, and send them to the employer.

All types of work are handled by the bureau. Calls for salesmen, or girl to look after Mrs. Jones' baby are taken care of promptly and efficiently. The bureau has supplied girls to do house work, boys to milk cows, keep yards, wash dishes, beat rugs, paint houses, and even to teach piano.

The office of the employment bureau is on the third floor of the Science building, adjoining the office of the field representative. Lem Paul Henslee is director.

NEWS NOTES

(Continued from page 1)
responsibility of maintaining the Bible Chair at Texas Tech, where Dr. W. F. Fry has labored for years. The State Mission Board will carry on with the work on the same basis as at the University of Texas and other state institutions.

On account of the Pastors and Laymen's Conference at Wayland College in February, Floyd association workers will not meet again till March 7 when they will be guests of Pastor Jarrett Martin and Center Church.

The West Zone Sunday School meeting of Sweetwater association had a fine program at Hylton Church Sunday evening, January 15.

Miss Vera Smith, superintendent of obstetrics of Hendrick Hospital returned Tuesday from a visit to her parents in Ohio. Miss Smith was formerly on the staff of Baylor Hospital and did post-graduate work in New York.

Evangelist Hyman Appleman's next revival will be with First Church, Ardmore, Okla.

Rev. J. T. King, who for seven years has done a constructive work as pastor at Rising Star, has accepted a unanimous call to be pastor of Walnut Creek Church, Austin. Cisco association will miss this fine leader.

Rev. Arlie McDaniel of Hardin-Simmons is assisting Missionary J. A. Kidd in a revival at Sierra Blanca.

George T. McBeth, one of the most active laymen of University Church, Abilene, has moved to the Rotan section and will be affiliated with the Highland Home Church. He was formerly associational Sunday School superintendent in Sweetwater association and last year had a similar work for District 17.

A biography of Dr. George W. Truett by Powhatan W. James will be published in the spring by the Mac-Millan Company collaborating with the Broadman Press of the Sunday School board.

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Christ and Man's Mind

By Hoyt Ford, Associate Professor of Education, Hardin-Simmons Univ. (Discussion for the B. A. U., First Church, Abilene, Dec. 11, 1938)

I. The Importance of Mind.

Next to his soul, man's mind chiefly distinguishes him from the animals. So far as is known, no animal can reason (in the sense in which the term "reason" is properly used). What seems to be reasoning in animals can be satisfactorily explained by lower processes than reasoning. Christ recognized the importance of man's mind. He appealed to reason, memory, imagination, and other mental processes constantly in his dealings with men. As a teacher, no other has shown such a grasp of sound psychological principles as did Christ in his teachings. He realized that while appeal to the emotions is effective in the case of some men, appeal to the mind is more effective with others.

Mind is more closely related to the soul than is any other human attribute. Indeed, the term "Psychology" is itself derived from the Greek for soul (psyche) and knowledge (logos). Though as psychologists we do not today think of the soul and the mind as being synonymous, we do recognize their close relation.

Christ's primary mission in the world, of course, was to save souls. Next to that, I believe his mission was to save and use the minds of men. He gave attention to man's physical needs also, but here he was making use of his divine knowledge of the relation of the physical and the mental.

II. Christ's Dealings with Mind.

A number of Christ's miracles were performed in dealing with the minds of men. For example, in Matthew 9:32-33, we have the brief but moving account of his driving out the demon from the dumb man. Here is unmistakably a case of mental healing. Again, in Matthew 15:22-28, we read of the Canaanitish woman who besought the Master to cast out the demon which "greivously vexed" her daughter. Christ heard her plea, given in faith, and the account ends: "And her daughter was healed from that hour."

In Luke 8:27-39, we have the familiar story of the Gadarene maniac from whom Christ cast out the legion of demons. This is an evident description of a type of insanity still found today. The result of Christ's miracle is thus tersely related: "And they . . . found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting, clothed, and in his right mind." Again in Luke 9:38-43 is the story of the healing of the epileptic boy, whose seizures had been vividly described. The disciples had been unable to help him, but at the father's entreaty, "Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father."

Other miracles of a similar nature are recorded for us in the accounts of our Lord's earthly ministry. Indeed, as marvelous as were his physical miracles, those which dealt with mental diseases were no less wonderful. Surely, Christ was no less effective in dealing with the mind of man than with his physical and spiritual needs.

III. The Present Need for Mental Health

It is reliably estimated that there are in the United States today more than 420,000 persons in mental hospitals. In other words, there are in this country more persons in mental hospitals than there are beds in all of our hospitals for physical diseases combined. Some authorities estimate the amount of insanity among our people to be as high as 5 per cent, with 10 per cent or more of the population definitely neurotic; that is, having less serious but nevertheless important mental disturbances. There

are more than 12,000 patients in our state hospitals for mental cases in Texas. To care for them, our people must annually spend more than \$3,000,000. And the greatest cost is not in dollars but in suffering, hardship, fear, and the host of other intangible but terrible results of mental illness.

Surely, in view of these facts, we need to give Christ a chance in dealing with men's minds today. Just as our physicians, following divine physical laws, can perform wonders in healing the physically ill, so does the psychiatrist, following divine laws also, perform his near-miraculous cures of some of the cases of mental disease. But in the mental realm, as in the physical, prevention is better, more sensible, and more certain than cure.

Only through the development of proper mental habits do we have good mental health. The coming of Christ into one's life, the allowing of him to have his way in one's mind, is the greatest aid to mental health one can have. Our greatest authorities on mental health and disease recognize the power of the Christian religion, properly followed, in preserving the mental balance so much needed in these disturbing times. Let us then follow the exhortations of Paul: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7). "But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2).

RAMBLING REMARKS

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the church at Tuxedo. We had five sermons by that many student preachers from Hardin-Simmons University, and those who are uneasy about the future of the gospel, and church and denominational leadership should have been there. In spite of the fact that this is "dead week," for mid-term examinations, and that each man is carrying a full course of study along with his pastoral work, every address showed indications of being well thought out. The arrangement was logical, choice of words was apt and delivery was easy and effective in every case. Nothing short of an epidemic of big head can keep that group from becoming real preachers. Well I just as well quit. I see that I cannot concentrate. The deacons have fixed me up a convenient, comfortable and attractive study and I am breaking it in. The walls are so bright and cheerful, the floor coverings so attractive, and the book cases so well arranged and the place so quiet, I feel like I am visiting. . . I'm going back to the house and let the twins bring me back to earth.

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powerful equipment. However, deep therapy, which formerly could not be accomplished, takes a longer time.

Eloise Morris Odom, R. T., who is chief technician at the hospital, explained that the giant 220,000 volt machine is a marvel of automatic and safety devices. Although the entire equipment weighs 6,000 pounds and the lead-encased tube assembly, 600 pounds, the slight operator can easily swing it into any focus for a patient in either prone or sitting position with a twist of the wrist.

There are twenty dials and switches on the instrument board. For each treatment all equipment is set according to the doctor's prescription even to an automatic timer so there is no possibility of over-exposure. Automatic controls make impossible any falling of this heavy and expensive apparatus. Voltage is controlled automatically.

The entire equipment is shock proof, being so heavily insulated that

there is not only no leakage of electric current but also no leakage of radiation. However, the installation was made in the room which was lead lined for the old unit.

It is now possible to treat extremely localized diseased areas without exposure of healthy tissues, also the depth of rays can be controlled by filters in such a way as to protect the healthy tissue.

Note the sublime precision that leads the earth over a circuit of five hundred millions of miles back to the solstice at the appointed moment without the loss of one second—no, not the millionth part of a second—for ages and ages of which it traveled that insperiled road.—Edward Everett.

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