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Pecos Valley Association Closes Successful Meeting

The Pecos Valley Baptist Association closed its 23rd session yesterday. In many respects it was a great meeting. Almost every church had a letter there, with messengers representing the church. Our association is well organized, and is doing a good work. All the churches reported revival meetings, and almost a thousand additions during the year. We have some twenty churches with 4,000 members. The association is about 200 miles long and 150 wide. We are in one of the greatest stock countries in Texas, and oil is being found in much of our territory. We received three new churches into our fellowship. One of them was a Mexican church at Pecos, Texas. We are helping to establish two missionaries to the Mexicans. One at Pecos and the other at Alpine. In fact they are both already on the field working with two small Mexican churches now. We launch a campaign to secure 500 new subscribers to our Standard. Every church in the association cooperates with our organized work, and almost every preacher in this section is in sympathy with it. In fact every pastor is. The writer was made moderator, and W. M. Turner of Pecos was made vice moderator. The next session goes to Monahans. We have had great rains in our section. The stock are fat, and the ranchmen will not have to feed a bite this winter. Come to see us. Our association is out of debt, and we re-elected Brother J. A. Kidd as our missionary. We are half of District 7. The El Paso association is the other half.

J. C. McKenzie.

Snyder Pastor Pays Tribute To Deceased Pioneer Preacher

Lawrence Hays, Snyder

In the homegoing of Rev. I. D. Hull, the First Baptist Church, Snyder, and the Baptist cause of West Texas lost one of their best loved and most loyal friends. After 80 years of earthly sojourn, 50 years of which was invested in preaching Christ's Gospel, Brother Hull fell on sleep at the home of his youngest daughter, Mrs. E. M. Inman on July 14th. The funeral service was held from the First Baptist Church, with a large host of friends, from more than a dozen counties coming to do honor to the man who has so mightily wrought in Kingdom affairs for half a century. Brethren Parks of Roscoe, Cole of Lamesa, O'Brien of Colorado, Bishop of Post, Garnett of Big Spring, McClung of Floydada, and Derr of Ralls all paid tribute and honor to the life that has so richly blessed West Texas. Perhaps no other single influence counted for as much as the preaching of I. D. Hull in those early days when the "Western Frontier" was being settled and mission stations were being established, prior to the coming of the organized church. Brother Hull was pre-eminently a missionary. He loved mission life and mission work.

Brother Hull was born in Johnson County, Texas, June 9, 1857. He was converted in a protracted meeting at old Bluff Creek church at Osage in McClellan County in the summer of 1875. Soon thereafter the church licensed him to preach, and on moving to Rising Star he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. After serving as missionary of the Cisco association for a number of years, the Rising Star church called him as pastor. His years of pastoring the flock there were happy memories of his early ministry.

Brother Hull was elected as the first missionary of the Big Spring Association, it being carved out of what was at that time the Sweetwater Association, which extended from Sweetwater West. For 18 years he served as associational missionary and missionary under the State Board on the "Western Frontier." Perhaps no early missionary covered more territory, preached in more homes and school houses, and to more ranch camps, and served more mission stations than did Brother Hull. After the section was cut up into associations, he served the Big Spring, Howard County, Mitchell-Scurry, and Floyd County associations as associational missionary. His pastorates include Rising Star, Jayton, Peacock, and Gail beside many rural churches. His last regular work was pastor in Floyd county.

Since the homegoing of his companion, in 1928 and his son, Rev. O. J. Hull, who at the time of his death in 1932 was pastor at Tahoka, Brother Hull in spite of loneliness and age sought to do good, encourage his friends, preach the Gospel, magnify Christ, and do personal soul winning. He suffered a great deal and bore his afflictions with grace and patience. Those of us who were close to him and sought his counsel, miss his spirit and comradeship. He was a wise father, a devoted husband, a good citizen and a faithful preacher of the Word. Eight children—five daughters and three sons rise up to call him blessed. He is in the Father's house. He has ceased from his labors and his works do follow him.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, STAMFORD, HOLDS MEETING

The Memorial Baptist Church of Stamford recently closed a two-weeks revival meeting which was held under a tabernacle erected on their new building site. Dr. Chancellor of the First Church, Mineral Wells, did the preaching and endeared himself to the hearts of the people of all the churches, and to those of no church affiliation, by his spiritual messages.

Roy Camp of Fort Worth led the singing in a gracious way, and his work with the children and Young People made our hearts rejoice.

There were 43 additions to the church, 17 of which were for Baptism. The Baptismal services were held in Brazos river at the Lueders Encampment grounds.

Rev. C. P. Williams is the pastor of this good church and the work is going forward in a great way. Two hundred have been added to the membership during the eight months of his leadership. —J. T. Medlin, Church Clerk.

Baptist Home Mission Board Applies \$70,098.39 On Debts

The Home Mission Board recently applied \$70,098.39 to be paid the principal of its debts, making a total of \$90,331.38 paid on the debt this year. This amount is all on principal, and is in addition to interest. Payment of the above amount on principal will save approximately \$6,000 in interest a year.

The Home Mission Board is holding steadfastly to its agreement with the creditors to spend only a definite amount of receipts on mission work and to apply the surplus on debts. All new work has been launched by means of the income from the Bottoms Trust Fund and from other designated funds, in each case the new work being opened according to specifications of the trust. The Board proposes to continue this plan of meeting its debt obligations before beginning new work, except as required to do so by special designations.

A week's conference of Mexican missionaries of the Home Mission Board was held in September at Bastrop, Texas. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Dr. M. N. McCall of Cuba, Dr. J. W. Beagle, and twenty-three missionaries were on the program.

About one hundred made profession of faith in a recent revival in south Louisiana conducted by Home Missionaries L. C. Smith and A. D. Martin. Many of these, according to Brother Smith, had never before heard the gospel.

Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, Home Board missionary to the Jews, taught in a church school of missions at Florala, Alabama, for which the attendance goal had been set at one hundred. By Wednesday night of the week nearly four hundred had registered.

Offerings received by the Home Mission Board the first eight months of this year amount to \$290,549.71, an increase of 10 per cent over the same period of last year. This amount does not include the income of \$56,620 from the Bottoms Trust Fund.

Shau Yan Lee, Chinese missionary of the Home Mission Board, appointed in March to work in the Mississippi delta, baptized his first convert in August since beginning this work.

There are thirty-seven tribes of Indians in Oklahoma who speak thirty-three different languages, and number 146,000. All of the Baptist missionary work among them is under the direction of, and

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Big Spring Association to Hold Annual Meeting At Coahoma October 8 to 9

The Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Big Spring Association will be held with the First Baptist Church, Coahoma, October 8-9. Rev. Winston F. Borum of Midland is Moderator; W. S. Garnett, of Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, Clerk, and Ira M. Powell, of the First Church, Big Spring, is music director. The following program has been arranged:

October 8

- 10:00—Song Service.....Ira M. Powell
- 10:20—Devotional.....H. B. Naylor, Big Spring
- 10:35—Call for Letters.
- 10:40—Organization.
- 10:55—Report of Committee on "Order of Business."
- 11:00—Recognition of Visitors.
- 11:10—Petitionary Letters and Appointment of Committees.
- 11:25—Special Music.
- 11:30—Announcements.
- 11:35—Sermon.....N. L. Range, Stanton
Alternate, W. A. Connally, Garden City
- 12:15—Dinner served by Ladies of Coahoma.
- 1:30—Song Service.....Ira M. Powell
- 1:45—Devotional.....W. C. Williamson, Stanton
- 2:05—Civic Righteousness.....Winston F. Borum, Midland
- 2:35—Buckner Orphan's Home.....Dr. Hal Buckner
- 3:05—Offertory.....Instrumental
- 3:10—Sunday School and the Holcomb Plan
- 3:40—The Baptist Standard.....W. C. Harrison, Odessa
- 4:10—Adjournment.

Supper served by Ladies of Coahoma

- 7:00—Quartette Concert.....Howard Payne
- 7:30—Song Service.....Ira M. Powell
- 7:45—Devotional.....Mrs. J. C. Douglas, Big Spring
- 8:05—W. M. U. Report.....Mrs. V. Phillips, Big Spring
- 8:15—B. T. U. Report.....Mrs. E. F. Conner, Midland
- 8:20—Special Music.....Quartette
- 8:25—Address.....R. A. Springer, Lubbock

October 9

- 9:00—Song Service.....Ira M. Powell
- 9:15—Devotional.....Cone Merritt, Snyder
- 9:30—District Missions.....W. S. Garnett, Big Spring
- 9:50—Christian Education.....Tom Taylor, Brownwood
- 10:20—Cooperative Program.....R. E. Day, Big Spring
J. C. Hudman, Midland
- 10:50—Address.....Geo. Mason, Dallas
- 11:35—Missionary Sermon.....B. D. Richburg, Big Spring
Alternate, A. A. Watson, Coahoma
- 12:15—Dinner served by Ladies of Coahoma
- 1:30—Song Service.....Ira M. Powell
- 1:45—Hospitals.....Henry Littleton, Hamlin
- 2:05—Digest of Letters.....Alvin Smith, Big Spring
- 2:30—Report of Committees: Nominations; Resolutions; Obituaries.
- 2:40—Miscellaneous Business.
- 2:50—Board Meeting. W. M. U. Meeting.

Santa Anna Pastor Discusses B. T. U. Convention at Abilene

By Elmer Dunham, Santa Anna

The First Fall Northern reminds us that Thanksgiving is only a little way off, and Texas Baptists have about 50 per cent more to be thankful for on that day than anyone else has. Other people are "thank-ful" because they get themselves full of good things to eat. Texas Baptists not only have that to be thankful for, but they get their Minds and Hearts, and Souls full of God's richest, finest Spiritual food at the Texas Baptist Training Union Convention, which this year meets at Abilene, Texas. Out of the many good reasons why all alert pastors and wide-awake church workers in general will want to come to this meeting, may I mention four of the most forceful ones.

First, we will all go because of the PURPOSE of the meeting. It has one of the most challenging objectives of any gathering that will meet anywhere this year. That group of men and women and young people who believe that to take care of tomorrow we must train today; that to save our Sunday night services we must save our youth from the sins that so easily beset them when they are not brought in, through organized effort; that the missionaries of tomorrow must be mustered into service and ministered to in our meeting for training each Sunday night; that parent participation is better than pious pleas for the Training Service of the church; that the Adult who is too old to learn is already too old to live and is already dead in effect; that investment in our young people is far superior to investive for them in a day of iniquities into which adults have sometimes led them; that Christ's Kingdom is coming just to the extent that we as his people go out with a consuming passion for lost souls, inspired by the assurance that the power He gives will conquer all foes and that indeed "HE MUST REIGN" and that we are most blessed in that we are privileged to have a part in the establishment of His kingdom on this earth; that group of Baptists are going to Abilene to set forward such holy purposes on Thanksgiving day and the two days following. Certainly you will want to be in that number!

And, second, surely all of us will want to go because of the PLACE where it's going to be held. Abilene! Attractive, appealing, aggressive Abilene. The capital of West Texas in more ways than one. Home of Hardin-Simmons University and the Hospital of West Texas. This Western hospitality is much more than just a name. Half of Texas has just had this demonstrated in the Associational B. T. U. gathering at Abilene, Sept. 3 and 4. Many who attended made plans to return Thanksgiving just because they treated us so cordially and generously. It is a city of fine hotels and splendid tourist camps at very modest rates. The whole population seems to join up together to make a visitor just know that West Texas really want you. Of course you're coming to Abilene Thanksgiving day!

But the PROGRAM of the meeting is just as good a reason for coming. Conferences conducted by choicest leaders, those Texans that have pioneered in almost every phase of Training Union work. Texas has surely been the laboratory of B. T. U. The first Adult unions, the first Primary, the first Beginner and Nursery unions, the first Associational union, the first Eight-Point Record system, the first in Competitive Sword and Memory drill, the first to use College Students for association-wide revivals, the first to provide a family name for the Training Service, the first to emphasize the Evangelistic side of B. T. U. Work, the first to bring more than 11,000 Baptists together for a convention anywhere on God's Green Earth! That's Texas Baptist Training Union and that's why leaders trained here can and will conduct the best conferences on B. T. U. work to be found anywhere. They have learned from the ground up.

And then the contests! Stories that make a lump in your throat and warm your heart, told by Beginners and Primaries. Juniors giving great verses of Scripture from memory. Intermediates "Handling the Word of Truth" with speed and efficiency in Sword drill! It was Texas that started this good work off! Seniors stirring our souls with strong Stewardship orations! Adults presenting programs they have planned for better Primary work in that newest of all our contests. Posters portraying the progress of our unions all over the state. Say, why doesn't Thanksgiving day hurry and come!

Last of all, the Personnel of this convention would seem to pull anyone right out of their poke, peaceful, paths which may easily deepen into ruts if persisted in, and place them in this great, zeal inspiring gathering, where new ideas and ideals would be kindled in their souls. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, a Texan at the top of things in Sunday School and B. T. U. work will be there. Dr. W. R. White, one of our own great pulpit orators coming back to us from Oklahoma for this occasion. Drs. Campbell and Craig from our Centennial City

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Workers Conference Meets With Salt Branch Church

The regular monthly meeting of the Sweetwater Association for October will be held with the Salt Branch Church October 8. The general theme for the meeting is "The Challenge." The following program has been arranged.

- 10:00 Song Service and Devotional.....G. Avery Lee
- 10:20 "The Challenge to Loyalty In Church Service".....Rev. Houston Scott
- 10:45 "The Challenge of the Unenlisted".....Rev. Clyde Jackson
- 11:05 "The Challenge of Stewardship".....Dr. Millard A. Jenkins
- 11:30 "The Challenge of the Cross".....Rev. C. A. Powell
- 12:10 NOON.
- 1:15 Board Meetings.....Associational and W. M. U.
- 2:15 Song Service.....Houston Robertson
- 2:25 "The Challenge of the W. M. U.".....Mrs. E. M. Francis
- 2:45 Sermon.....Rev. C. R. Joyner
- Adjourn.

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THE EDITOR ON THE GO

For the past ten days the editor has done considerable rambling over West Texas and New Mexico—in fact, about 1,600 miles worth in ten days, and most of this has been in the rain and mud. We can vouch for the fact that West Texas and New Mexico are thoroughly soaked. It has been a long time since this vast section has had such a thorough season.

We didn't have time to look into the church situation in that section. At Portales, N. M., we met our old friend, Taylor McCasland, who has built up one of the largest peanut roasting business in the entire Southwest. He has also started a chicken ranch in Portales and has 1,650 young pullets just starting to do business. He and his talented wife are doing a great church work in that section.

A revival meeting is in progress at Portales. The McCaslands are directing the music and Willis J. Ray, who recently resigned the mission work in District Eight to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Littlefield, is doing the preaching. Pastor Grissle and the Portales church are in a building program and one of the finest church plants in all New Mexico will soon be completed.

We like Portales. It is the only town in New Mexico that is not all cluttered up with saloons and beer joints. Roosevelt county, of which Portales is the county seat, is the only dry county in New Mexico.

Portales has a Junior College with an enrollment of over 450. The school is growing rapidly, and perhaps the reason so many young people from New Mexico and Texas are going there to school is because of the dry environment. The old "gag" that the liquor business helps a town commercially has been exploded long ago.

Beginning Sunday the editor is to be with Pastor J. M. Reynolds and the church at Goliad in a ten-days meeting. This is one of the oldest churches in Texas, having been organized in 1849. Brother Reynolds is our father in the ministry. In the pioneer days of this section he and his brother, William Reynolds, did a mighty work of laying foundations on which our great Baptist Zion is now building. We look forward to the meeting with a great deal of pleasure.

A GREAT PROBLEM

Governor Allred has granted a general parole to a 17 year old Chicago youth convicted of kidnap and assault to rob.

The unusual action in extending clemency for so grave an offense scarcely a month after conviction was due to extenuating circumstances, including the youth's age of 17, his sister's appeal in his behalf and presentation of petitions of jurors who tried him, besides letters from the trial judge, sheriff and county attorney.

Governor Allred, commenting on his action, said: "I am convinced Steve Michael Halik realizes the gravity of the crime and is truly repentant. He has promised me personally that he will try to make good. I feel he means what he says and am willing to take a chance on him."

The West Texas Baptist believes Governor Allred acted wisely. There is not a greater problem than the proper disposition of young violators of the law. Once in the penitentiary and there is little hope for anything but a life of crime and shame.

Society and business will not tolerate people who have served penitentiary sentences. Therefore it is necessary that our legislature give the most serious attention to laws that will protect the public from the lawless and at the same time not make confirmed criminals of those who violate the law.

We have become convinced that only hardened criminals should be sent to the penitentiary and that such persons should receive life sentences and that other means of punishing violations of the law should be found for those who have not reached that stage.

Ex-convicts have little chance to reform, if they so desire, and are better off in prison and the people are far safer; but the great problem is to work out some system of law enforcement that will save those who want to go straight before they become confirmed criminals and to save them from the stigma of being penitentiary birds. Few men can live down having served terms in the penitentiary.

SHOULD BE STATE-WIDE STANDARD

Recently the gambling craze got so bad in Dallas that a few earnest citizens had a meeting and set a movement on foot for good government and obedience to law. The movement has grown tremendously and the clean-up that has already taken place is most gratifying. When a few citizens band together for law enforcement the lawless will get afraid and officers will be encouraged in the performance of their duties.

There should be such an organization in each city and town in Texas that is being cursed by gambling and other evils. Make the officers strong and the cities safe for the homes which are the foundation of all happiness and real prosperity. It does not take many men of courage, poise and wisdom to change things. Such a move gains momentum fast among good people.—Baptist Standard.

Rev. Graves Darby, evangelist, Waco, Texas, supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Sunday, September 20. He spoke to large crowds both morning and evening and delighted the people with his messages. There was a total of 61 additions to the church, 59 on promise of letters and two conversions. So far as our records reveal, this is a new record for additions in one Sunday at this church. Brother Darby is a very forceful speaker and preaches Bible doctrine without compromise.—R. A. Springer, Edu'l. Director.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

October 4, 1936

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

Acts 15:36 to 16:15; Romans 15:18-21

Returning to Antioch in Syria from Jerusalem where the burning mission problem was solved as to admitting Gentiles to church membership, Barnabas and Paul separated, each taking a helper. Beginning his second missionary journey, Paul revisited the missions in Asia Minor. Attended by Silas and Timothy he proceeded westward contrary to plan but under impulse of the Spirit to the seaport city of Troas. Here Luke joined the party and the visual Macedonian summoned them to Europe. They responded at once and so planted at Philippi about 50 A. D. the first church on that continent.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The Guidance of the Spirit led to the western extremity of Asia Minor which they planned to enter were closed to Paul and his companions. Thus they traveled Phrygia and also spent some time in Galatia, where Paul being detained by an unknown malady longer than he had expected, was cordially received by the Galatians and did a remarkable work among them. The Holy Spirit forbade their proposed evangelism in the Roman province of Bithynia. Moreover, they passed by the province of Mysia without attempting to evangelize it. But notwithstanding these providential restraints, there was a great work behind as well as a great task before him when Paul reached the city of Troas on the shores of the Aegean Sea.

2. The Man of Macedonia beckoned to the southern shores of Europe. At Troas Paul had the good fortune to add another valuable member to his missionary party. It may have been without prearrangement or more likely at the request of Paul, who was possibly still emaciated from his sickness in Galatia, that Luke the beloved physician, became henceforth the attendant, associate, and chronicler of the great Apostle. But the questions before Paul at Troas was the field for his future labors. However, he was not long kept in suspense. Before him at night in a vision there stood a Macedonian beseeching him to come to that country. Thus, the path of duty was made clear and Paul determined to pursue it without a moment's delay. Taking the first boat, he and his party sailed with favoring breeze to the island of Samothrace which they reached in a day and there anchored for the night. The next day they reached the city of Neapolis, which was an important harbor on the Macedonian coast. Landing there, they set foot for the first time on the soil of Europe. A journey of ten miles inland (though they might have sailed up the Gangas River) brought the missionaries to the city of Philippi, which as a Roman colony was not only a military center, but also in its government a miniature of the Imperial City on the banks of the Tiber.

3. The Merchantwoman of Philippi was the first fruit of the Gospel in Europe. Though the Jews were not numerous enough in Philippi to have a synagogue there, a Place of Prayer by the river-side beyond the city limits was maintained, principally by a few devout women. Thither the missionaries went on the Sabbath and seized the opportunity to preach the Gospel. One of the listeners was Lydia, a dealer in dyed goods which were doubtless imported from her native city of Thyatira. The words of Paul went straight to her heart which the Lord opened; she believed and thus became the first convert in Europe; and she showed her faith by being baptized, by leading her household to believe and be baptized, and by constraining the missionaries to be her guests during their stay in the city. Thus the Philippian church was founded.

4. The Preacher of the Gospel magnified his Master and his message. Paul did not dare boast of his apostolic achievements but did honor Christ for what was done through him in the conversion of the Gentiles. His words and thoughts were authenticated by the signs and wonders he was permitted to perform through the power of the Holy Spirit. In consequence he had at the time of writing Romans fulfilled his missionary ministry over a wide area extending from Jerusalem, the metropolis of Palestine across western Asia and southern Europe to the province of Illyricum on the east shore of the Adriatic Sea. And he had deliberately sought the unevangelized centers of population, in order first that he might not needlessly duplicate the labor of others and also that he might plant the Gospel seed in virgin soil, thus fulfilling the word of Isaiah (52:15) to the effect that what had not been told them they should see and what they had not heard they should understand.

The Lesson of the Lesson—Be Led by the Holy Spirit

(1) The Spirit Leads in Direction. "Went through the region." Every step ought to be under impulse of the Spirit. No move should be made without his suggestion. Let him set our faces and feet in the way he would have us to go.

(2) The Spirit Leads by Prevention. "Lead them not." Are not our plans often disarranged and destroyed? No matter, if Providence deals the blow. The shut door guides as truly as the open door.

(3) The Spirit Leads by Need. "A man of Macedonia . . . standing . . . beseeching . . . saying." Europe had its culture and its power, but it needed the religion of Jesus Christ. Nowhere was there deeper need of the Gospel.

Gold in the Golden Text

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19. The Great Commission embodies our Lord's program for the conquest of the world. It is based on the earth-wide and heaven-high authority of Jesus. It contemplates the personal participation of all disciples—"go ye." It specifies the field of work to be done—"make disciples," thus winning them to Christ; "baptizing them," thus uniting them in the work and worship of the Lord; "teaching them," thus leading them unto complete and continual obedience to Christ.

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 28—Missions in New Fields. Acts 16:1-15.
Sept. 29—Preaching Where Christ Is Unknown. Romans 15:18-27.
Sept. 30—The Burning Bush. Exodus 3:1-10.
Oct. 1—The Missionary Challenge. Matthew 9:32-28.
Oct. 2—Missionary Responsibility. Romans 10:12-17.
Oct. 3—Missionary Success. Jonah 3:1-5.
Oct. 4—A Hero of Faith. Hebrews 11:8-10.

Devotional Thoughts

HOW MUCH FAITH?

A girl went up to Mr. Lindsay Clegg at the Keswick Convention, and told him she was not saved. He asked her what the trouble was. She replied: "I have not enough faith."

He said: "How much faith do you think you need to have?"

She said: "I don't know, that is my difficulty."

"Well," he said, "it is not your great faith that will save you, but your little faith in a great Saviour."

She immediately wrote the words down, and, later on, at the testimony meeting, she witnessed to her faith in Christ.—The Christian Herald (London).

THE KEY TO THE BIBLE

It matters little what else we are finding in the Bible if we are not finding Him on every page. "If you read a chapter of the Old Testament and do not find Christ in it, read it again, for he is there," said Dr. D. M. Stearns. That one sentence was all that a young man heard that night, but it transformed his Bible study and his life. He is now a well-known teacher in a Bible Institute, and is publishing a Bible correspondence course based on this principle of finding Christ as the key to every chapter of the Book. "I have a peculiar Bible," he said recently. "In my Bible the New Testament is printed between the lines of the Old Testament. Have you a Bible like that?"—The Sunday School Times.

"THUMBING A RIDE"

How to get something for nothing seems to be the earnest purpose of many today. It used to be called "sponging," and it weakens or destroys moral fiber, making a soft, jellyfish type of human. "Thumbing a ride" is one of the commonest expressions of this supine and selfish attitude. A well known scientist, Professor William R. Veazey, who for years has been head of the department of chemical engineering at Case School of Applied Science in Cleveland, Ohio, is an outstanding Christian as well as scientist, and recently gave a stalwart address on "A Practical Christian Faith." Discussing the financial, mental, and moral depression in which our nation has been living, and asking what brought us to this condition, Professor Veazey says: "We think the answer lies in the fact that as a nation we have been trying to 'thumb a ride' and as Christians in the nation we have been displaying 'ride-thumbing' characteristics in things spiritual. Now, the spiritual-life trail is one highway on which no 'hoboes' are ever tolerated. There is no such thing as entering into spiritual life and eternal life on another person's passport. God deals with you and with me as separate individuals. Each of us must hear his own responsibility and ride in a conveyance of his own choice. If we expect to be effective Christians we shall have to do some serious thinking for ourselves, and each for himself." That is good sense and good Christianity. It is in Paul's inspired counsel: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you." (Phil. 2:12, 13.—S. S. Times).

THE WICK'S SERMON

What a sermon there is in a wick! Sit down beside it, and ask how it dares hope that it can supply light for hours and hours to come. "Will you not soon burn to an end, you wick of lamp?" "No, I do not fear it, since the light does not burn me. I only bear to it the oil which saturates my texture. I am but the ladder up which it climbs. It is not I, but the oil that is in me, that furnishes the light."—The Daily Devotional Commentary.

CAN MAN CREATE LIFE?

An old professor of biology used to hold a little brown seed in his hand. "I know just exactly the composition of this seed. It has in it nitrogen, hydrogen, and carbon. I know the exact proportions. I can make a seed that will look like it. But if I plant my seed it will come to naught; its elements will simply be absorbed in the soil. If I plant the seed God made, it will become a plant, because it contains the mysterious principle which we call the life principle." This Bible looks like other books. We cannot understand altogether its marvelous power. Planted in good ground, it shows that it has the life principle in itself; it brings forth spiritual life; it bears fruitage.—Sunday School Times.

THE TRAGIC OMISSION

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the sinner's Friend, should be the theme of every sermon. No other theme will so meet and minister to human needs.

It is said that on one occasion three people went into church to get help. The first was a business man who had failed and was contemplating suicide. The second was a youth of extravagant tastes who, finding his wages insufficient, was planning to steal from his employer. The third was a young woman of gay habits and conduct who had been tempted from the path of virtue. The choir arose and sang an anthem about building the walls of Zion. The minister addressed an eloquent prayer to the Lord and then preached a sermon on the theme, "Is Mars Inhabited?" and thus the hungry souls that needed bread received stones.

The man committed suicide, the boy stole and landed in the penitentiary, and the woman went home to a life of shame.—Westminster Teachers' Quarterly.

CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD CONFERENCE AT EULA

The monthly meeting of the Callahan Association will be held Tuesday, October 13, with the church at Eula. The following program has been arranged:

10:00 Devotional R. H. Williams
10:20 Causes fostered by our State Missions Board. . . Joe R. Mayes
10:40 State Missions and Evangelism. V. W. Tatum
11:00 How May We Keep the Missionary Zeal and Evangelistic Fires Burning in Our Churches. . . J. S. Tierce
11:20 Sermon on Soul Winning. J. D. Brannon
12:00 Dinner.
1:15 Devotional. Rev. Van Pelt
1:30 Board and Business Meetings.
2:30 Inspirational Address. C. E. Dick

Civic Righteousness

By Dr. N. A. Moore of Hardin-Simmons Univ.

The subject of civic righteousness involves a consideration of the relationship between the Christian and the social order, or the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. Man stands in a dual connection, one touching God, the other pointing to his fellowman. To neglect or ignore either is disastrous. The Christian rightly visioned will render to Caesar the things of Caesar, likewise to God. These duties cannot conflict or supersede each other. The better Christian should for that reason be the better citizen, and no conditions of the world about him can be a matter of unconcern since these affect for weal or woe of our fellowmen, and hence must be a matter of vital interest to every genuine Christian. No one can live or die to himself, and no one is devoid of responsibility as to his influence and efforts to secure the very most favorable environment to himself and fellows. This includes social justice, rights, privileges and protection under just laws from the wrong doer, the oppressor, the exploiter.

Every Christian is bound to the cause that needs assistance, to the wrongs that need resistance, to the future in the distance, and the good that he can do, as has been poetically said. He is sensitive to the disintegrating forces of society such as intemperance, gambling, lax enforcement of law, the passage of good laws, the election of good men to office to carry out these good laws.

The discerning Christian must view with alarm the rising tides of wickedness in these recent years as exhibited in the wholesale gambling practices, increased liquor and beer drinking, drunken driving, road house, and night club institutions that contribute to the moral delinquency of our boys and girls, the unwholesome influences which emanate from many of our larger hotels, the large disposition to violate all laws often aided and abetted by corrupt and incompetent officers, together with the complacent attitude of a large section of our church constituency.

What is to be done under the circumstances? Certainly not to quit the fight. To become merely a pessimistic critic will not help.

For one thing we can tag a constant campaign to arouse the public conscience. Pitiless publicity has driven out many an evil. We can aid and encourage the honest officers to do their duty in stamping out law violations. We can be careful to set the example of law observance before the world and thus stimulate others to do the same. Most of the substantial Christian element of the country shun jury service, yet it is one of the most important duties any citizen can render to the carrying out of any law enforcement program. The average Christian is even more derelict in seeking to help elect honest officials as is indicated by the large non-voting population. If the Christian voters of Texas who are opposed to liquor had gone to the poles on election day and registered their convictions on their ballots John Barleycorn would not be a product to dam the lives and wreck the homes of thousands by permission of the law.

Last of all and best of all we can preach, teach and spread the gospel which gospel is the power of God unto salvation, personal, economic, social and civic. We can invoke both legal suasion against the violator of the law, and spiritual strength against the weak victims led captive at Satan's will.

At heart all the maladjustments of life are at their tap root religious problems. The gospel is the one and only assured corrective. Christ is our supreme necessity. All the forces, organizations and institutions that stand for Christ must be strengthened, the churches, schools, and homes. It is not culture, material education, socialization or economic uplift that can convert bad men into good men, law abiding, honest, and dependable in the social order; only the love of God in the heart, and the power of Christ in the soul. The highest preaching of sociology is his exhortation, love thy neighbor as thyself, and the unequalled motivation for good citizenship is the love of Christ which constraineth us. Like the tithers of mint and anise we have sometimes done the other things but left this undone. This ought not to be.

FACTS ABOUT ATHEISM IN RUSSIA

The Union of Militant Atheists, at its tenth anniversary in Moscow in February, 1936, announced a membership of 5,000,000 with 50,000 active local organizations. There is also the youth section, the Young Militant Atheists, numbering more than 2,000,000.

During its existence the Union has published approximately 1,000 anti-religious titles, with the actual total of books running into several millions.

Emelian Yaroslavsky, old Bolshevik and friend of Lenin's, who is president of the Union of Militant Atheists, claims that there are approximately 40,000,000 active atheists in the U. S. S. R. out of a population close to 170,000,000. The number does not include those who have become indifferent to religion and have ceased going to church. The "unchurched" population of Russia is estimated at 85,000,000, or one-half the total. The number of places of worship still open is about 60 per cent of the total before the Revolution. The anti-religious movement has made more progress in urban than in rural districts. In Moscow 80 per cent of the churches have been closed, while in the villages only 10 per cent have been closed. The most non-religious localities are those communities that have sprung up under the first and second Five-Year Plans. In most of these places there is not a single church or religious body of any kind.

Forty per cent of the members of the Union of Militant Atheists are affiliated with the Communist Party or are candidates for membership in it. Women constitute 30 per cent of the union's membership. There are about 100 racial or language groups in the union.

The Red Army is one of the most active centers for the dissemination of atheism. Its recruits are given systematic instruction in anti-religious theory just as they are in other Communist doctrines. At least 75 per cent of the Red Army men declare themselves against religion before they are dismissed from service. This is important, because Red Army men are likely to become especially influential in the communities to which they return. The most significant figure of all is that 90 per cent of the union membership are persons under 46 years of age. This definitely shows that it is the older people in Soviet Russia who cling most firmly to religious beliefs. (From Soviet Russia and Religion, by Corliss Lamont.)—The Christian American.

AN ANTI-GOD MOVEMENT WITH POLITICAL OBJECTIVES

The campaign to promote Communism in America is essentially a movement to destroy faith in God. The Communists must recruit their followers from non-believers. Communism is an anti-God crusade, worldwide in its scope.

Earl Browder, Communist Party candidate for President, recently said, "We Communists do not distinguish between good and bad religions because we think they are all bad for the masses. We are not interested in the exact location of God's residence or in the enthusiasm or lack of enthusiasm in religious worship. We judge religious organizations and their leaders by their attitude to the fundamental social issues of the day and we reserve our own right to oppose all religious superstition wherever we find it, and with the most effective means at our disposal."

In carrying this line of atheistic reasoning further, the Communists have widely circulated a pamphlet entitled "How the Gods Were Made," published by Charles H. Kerr & Company, co-operative printers of Chicago, from which we quote:

"Some workers are still very religious. They think that the solution of world problems lies in the masses being converted to Christianity. To reproach or sneer at those workers is quite a mistake. They are not to blame for being religious. They are often quite sincere. Our attitude toward them should be one of sympathy, and efforts should be made to rescue them from their barbarous beliefs."

"The best way to win workers away from superstition is to impart to them knowledge; real information. When knowledge goes into the mind, belief goes out. Science is the best antidote for superstition. Science is based upon facts, not upon faith. It is just the opposite with religion. It does not need any facts; faith alone is sufficient. A scientific person must know things. A religious person needs no knowledge whatever. Still it is wrong to launch an attack upon a worker because he is in the grip of religion."

"At one time insane people were whipped. That was supposed to be effective treatment. Those who administered the treatment were very superstitious and they thought that insanity was the result of evil spirits in the body of the insane person. The whipping was administered to drive out the devils and cure the patient. We do not treat insane people that way today. We know now that insanity is a condition of the mind and that it can be cured in many instances with proper treatment, but not by whipping."

"Religion is also a condition of the mind, but, except in extreme cases, it is not a diseased condition. If workers are religious it is because of their training. They simply don't know any better. What they need is real knowledge of the world in which they live."

"Religious workers as a rule don't organize. They seldom become active in the labor movement. This is not because they hate their fellow-workers, but because they think that the 'hereafter' is more important than the here-and-now. Those workers are taught to be thankful no matter what their material conditions may be. In this way religion is a great help to the exploiters of labor. That is one of the main reasons why the capitalists are so liberal with their money for church work. You never hear of them giving money for the building of labor temples. Religion, while it helps the employing class, plays havoc with the working class. That is why we seek to get it out of the mind of the worker, because it is a stumblingblock in the way of his economic emancipation."

"The most advanced section of the working class, those who are simply a little ahead of their fellows, have thrown off the yoke of superstition entirely. The greatest aid to this end is not merely access to scientific knowledge—but the mode of life led by the wage workers. We often meet workers who are far from being well informed, yet on religion they have their minds made up that 'it's the bunk.'"

"When asked why they have come to unreligious conclusions, they cannot explain but are quite certain that it is humbug. They despise those who preach and pretend to practice Christianity. They may, when hungry, accept its 'charity,' but they despise the thing itself as well as the charity mongers who snoop around and meddle with their humble affairs."

"The capitalists may pray, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' but the modern worker has no faith in prayers for bread. He knows that without a job he cannot eat, that he must starve, beg, or steal."

"The workers are still carrying many traditions. They are still carrying religious ideas that belong with the past, beliefs that arose out of economic and material conditions that have long since passed away. This is largely due of course to the master class training they receive, their so-called education."

"But the material environment and the changing economic conditions, which brought about new religious forms for former classes, will bring no new religious form for the modern workers."

"The promise of happiness after death as a compensation for present poverty and suffering is met by the modern proletariat, not with a new religion, but with a mighty political movement, worldwide in its scope, with an objective, not in the hereafter but in the here-and-now."

"This unreligious movement, with its economic and material foundations and its political and economic objectives, is the only hope for the world's workers. Its first commandment is, 'Workers of the world unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to win!'"—The Christian American.

ALL ABOARD FOR ABILENE!

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along with Earl Mead, who ranks with the best in B. T. U. workers. Singing under the leadership of Southwestern Seminary's superb I. E. Reynolds, who wrote the very first text-book for B. T. U. music leaders. And then Dr. Joe Dawson, dear to the hearts of many through his dynamic ministry in Waco First Church, hard by Baylor University. There are many many others. The fellowship of friends who gather from all over this state must not be minimized. The opportunity to meet, greet and get a new life from the meeting, with our Big Chief, Dr. T. C. Gardner is the cherry that tops the treat for this Thanksgiving feast of good things. Get out the busses, cars, and trucks. Start planning right now for a large delegation. Bring some from every age group in the family. Get the deacons to come along. Pay your pastor's passage. It pays. All aboard for Abilene!

The O'Donnell church has called Rev. Jackson Sparkman of the East Cisco Church. He has accepted.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying."

What a shame that many men indulge in profane, vile and indecent language, continually repeating some smutty yarn, and that too in the hearing of little boys and youths who no doubt would never take up this corrupt practice, had they not heard this vile language from older people.

How much better this world would be if our conversation was always clean and decent, uplifting, helpful and edifying.

The thing that vexed righteous Lott the greatest while he resided in Sodom and Gomorrah was the "filth conversation" of the wicked."

Let your conversation, jokes and yarns be clean and decent.

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS

J. William Arnett

Calvary Baptist Church, Abilene, elected Aaron Mann as educational director last week. And Brother Mann reports good services Sunday, in spite of the bad weather, with two additions to the church.

Brother Almon Norris is in a B. T. U. Revival this week with the McCauley Church in Fisher County.

Brother G. Q. Fulgham visited with Brother Joyner and the Merkel Church Sunday evening; he was returning to Abilene from a rained-out appointment. He preached at the evening service.

The writer enjoys part of the services Sunday morning and a good message by the author of "Rambling Remarks," Rev. Dick O'Brien, at Colorado.

So far as we have been able to hear all other preachers, of Hardin-Simmons, and churches were in a complete washout. We have been reading a great deal lately about overflows, and we just wonder if our churches should not overflow with attendance in these days rather than just taking it easy on Sunday so that the other days work may be carried on. We are not so sure but that preacher and church member should endeavor to meet each Sunday at the church, good and bad weather.

We had a very interesting time Friday evening of last week during the session of Ministerial Council. After song and devotional service led by Dr. Moore, the preacher students in school here for the first time gave their experience of grace and the call to preach. There were some fifteen who gave this testimony and became members of the Hardin-Simmons Ministerial Council. Many members of the Priscilla Helpers and other visitors added to the list of 46 preachers present made a good attendance at the meeting. At the close of the service there was a good hearty hand-shaking, among old and new.

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Religious Aspect of the Civil War in Spain

Editor's Note: In a recent issue the West Texas Baptist published an article on religious persecution in Spain. In a recent issue of the SUPREME COUNCIL BULLETIN, there appeared an article written by Frederic B. Acosta, a Latin with a rich background of Spanish history, customs and traditions. He is an instructor of Spanish in one of our larger universities, and has been a close observer of the political, economic and religious conditions obtaining in Spain under both Monarchical and Republican forms of government. In view of present conditions in Spain, the following article from the BULLETIN will be found both illuminating and instructive:

At the present time old Spain is in the throes of the bitterest civil strife that country has ever experienced in her long history. This war should decide whether she should continue the democratic form of government established in 1931, which guarantees the people those inalienable rights—among which are life, liberty, and the enjoyment of political freedom and economic liberation—or whether she should revert to the old order of affairs, namely, the return of the monarchical form of government dominated by the Church.

Stripped of political nomenclature (Leftist, Rightist, Fascist or Nazi), the present civil war in Spain is a duel to the death between the common people fighting for their very lives against the return of ecclesiastical oppression, the despotism of the nobility, and the dissatisfied minority of army generals who aim to establish military dictatorship which will sweep away every vestige of democracy—thus reviving the old order.

Let us consider the condition of Spain during the last years of King Alfonso's reign.

The people, from the time of the ascension of the Bourbon Kings to the Spanish throne up to the time of the founding of the Spanish Republic five years ago, had been clamoring for freedom and for their fundamental right—the right to live a better life with less poverty and less oppression, politically and economically.

Thus, in the fateful year of 1931, the people, rising as one man, overthrew the then existing monarchical government, sending Alfonso into exile, and founded a liberal form of democratic government in the Iberian peninsula. This new government gave them what they had fought and yearned for, namely, freedom from the oppression and tyranny to which they had been subjected for so long. For the first time they breathed the breath of life.

The Bourbon Kings, of which King Alfonso was the last, had served the Vatican with unswerving allegiance. During the long reign of the Bourbon dynasty, these imported monarchs were known as "the most Gracious Catholic Kings" who ever sat on any throne at any time in the history of the world. Spain for centuries was the bulwark of European Catholicism.

Not content with this fealty and allegiance of the Bourbon Kings, the Pope through them had caused to be written into the Constitution a solemn declaration that the **only** and **official** religion of Spain should be the Roman Catholic. The people were prohibited under penalty of torture and death from professing any other kind of religion save this faith. In this manner the Vatican had tightened its grip on the Spanish for many, many years.

Due to the establishment of a Republic, the old Constitution was abrogated and nullified by the vote of the people. The complete separation of Church from State was affected. It is for the preservation of this Republic that the masses are fighting today.

The long reign of the Bourbon dynasty had left the country impoverished. Before the advent of the new Government, the Church owned nearly 50 per cent of the entire land and the remainder was owned by the Grandees (Spanish aristocracy). So between the Church and the nobility there was nothing left for the common people. All sources of finance, industry, commerce and agriculture were in the hands of and controlled by the Church and the aristocracy.

As a result of this state of affairs, millions of people did not have the tiniest piece of land to their name. Their economic plight was terrible. So when they revolted, in 1931, the new Government distributed and parceled the confiscated lands among the farmers and city dwellers.

Another thing that the outside world does not seem to understand is public education in Spain. For hundreds of years prior to 1931 public education was entrusted to the hands of priests. Even as late as 1930, the last year of King Alfonso's rule, the percentage of illiteracy was very high in comparison with other nations of Europe. The civilized world was amazed when the fact became known that 45 people out of every hundred could not read nor write.

One reads in wonderment the daily dispatches from the battle fronts in Spain, dealing with the desperate effort and tenacity with which the masses of the people fight for their democratic, liberal government. From the different walks of life have come the rank and file, even boys in their teens, to take up arms. But what is more astonishing is the unprecedented valor and courage of the Spanish girls and women who have offered their services as soldiers to fight side by side with their men against the enemies of the Republic.

These women marched to the battlefields with prowess and bravery never surpassed in any country. There is something inspiring in the patriotic fervor of the Spanish women in the present struggle.

The masses do not want to go back to the old order of affairs. That is why they are all engaged in this fierce war for something dearer than life itself. Resolved to shed the last drop of blood to preserve for themselves and posterity their hard-won freedom and emancipation, they are enlisted in this fight against the ill-advised rebels, led by army generals who intend to establish military dictatorship that will eventually lead to the joint rule of monarchy and the Church. The Spanish people are willing to undergo extreme sacrifice and suffering to win their great cause.

NORTH PARK W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the North Park Missionary Baptist Church, which was organized a few days ago, met Tuesday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Cora Bryant, led the devotional. This was followed by a circle of prayer for the Gipsy Smith revival. Mrs. J. M. Hollingshead instructed the W. M. U. in Missions and W. M. U. Work. Mrs. W. H. Strickland dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Rev. A. C. Hardin of Loraine has been called to the Post church and will move on the field the first of October.

Rambling Remarks

Dick O'Brien

I am writing the column this week in the church office where a group of young women are going over a list of absentees and prospective members for their Sunday School class. If I were a short-hand writer I would simply take down their chatter and if that would not be "rambling remarks" I don't know what would. . . . Did you hear the story about the negro couple that named their baby Leektricity? Some one asked why they gave him such a name and the father replied, "Well my name is Mose and my wife's name is Dina, and if dinamose don't make leektricity den what do it make?" . . . Well I am a little depressed this morning. I have lost one of my three readers. Mrs. Sidney Martin, wife of the pastor of Lamar Street church, Wichita Falls, says that Rambling Remarks are too deep for Sid so she has gone back to reading Mother Goose Rhymes to him. But I feel that I must carry on for the sake of the other two even if one of them is the proofreader in the print shop. . . . But I like Sid Martin. For years he has been trying to nominate me for president of our State convention but my modesty has forbidden my permitting it. Of course if and when he does I am under obligation to nominate him for the same position in the Southern convention. I am offering this as a prophesy that when we do nominate each other, (and of course in a Democratic stronghold, nomination is paramount to election) you are going to be treated to something absolutely different in presidentialing. . . . You know it is human nature to want to run other people's business. There are two suggestions I would like to offer at this place, one to churches and the other to railroads. Many a good sermon has been spoiled by a church not knowing where to place lights. A bright light located near the speaker's head will give half the congregation headache and take away most of the effectiveness of the sermon. A poorly placed pulpit lamp is a nuisance, and most choir lights when left burning during the sermon come under the same category. I know that many of our best preachers refer to notes constantly while preaching and need good light on the pulpit, but it should be so arranged that it will not shine in the faces of the congregation. This is not a minor matter nor is it unusual for this condition to be found in our churches. It is too easy to remedy to be overlooked. My hope is that we will soon come to indirect lighting in all our churches large and small. Now for the railroads. My suggestion is that the vents be placed in all pullman cars so that the sound made by snoring sleepers could be carried outside to lose its horrors on the desert aid. The last time I rode a pullman to Dallas for the Fall Board meeting there was a fellow on board who snored while he slept, keeping the rest of us awake, and when he got up early the next morning and we were promised a few miles of sleep, he spent the time clearing his throat and nasal passages which sounded very much like the functions of a faulty sink. A kind of Major Hoople complex. And they charge \$2.00 for an upper berth. . . . And they should have rubber bumpers and couplers on sleeping cars so it would not sound like continued thunder, and feel like an earthquake when they pick up extra pullmans about the time you begin to doze around two o'clock in the morning. And while they are making these improvements I suggest that they arrange a straight level track about 20 miles in length near the terminal so a passenger could shave and brush his teeth without exposing himself and others to the danger of broken arms, legs and necks, to say nothing of some of the ten commandments. You have to be a cross between a juggler and tight wire walker to shave in any sort of decency. If this can't be done then at least let them pad the walls of the lounge so that elbows and knees, shoulders and foreheads will have something soft to bump when the engineer plays whiplasher around those pernicious curves. I know we all dread a padded room but after a night on a pullman with the above annoyances one is about ready for a padded cell. . . . Hambone was right when he said that people spend most of their time either praying for rain or wishing it would clear off. And that it may be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven but it ain't no trouble for him to get on the board of deacons. . . . The same gang that kept me posted all summer on how hot the weather was have already begun to inform me about the cold, but it's against the law for me to do to them what I would like to do. . . . Looks like Sam gets out his best issues the weeks I do not get around to my remarks, take the last two issues as example. Well, it looks a little like golf so guess I better be getting along.

BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD--

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supported by, the Home Mission Board, except in a few tribes in the southwest section where the Northern Baptist Convention has some work.

L. W. Martin, missionary of the Home Mission Board, rode mule-back into a remote mountain community in Kentucky to preach in a revival meeting recently.

One home missionary reported 22 baptisms in August, another 18, and a third 17, in a month which saw 204 baptized on all home mission fields exclusive of Cuba and Panama.

Mexican Baptist Institute, Bastrop, Texas, opened for the fall session September 21 with prospects for one of its best years.

Rev. Fred Eastman of Eastland has been called to First Church, Wichita Falls. He has accepted an dwill move on the new field right away.

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Missions in District 17

The Jones County Association, is to meet in annual session with the Oak Grove Church, October 22-23. The meeting which was to have been held early in September was postponed on account of the heavy rains.

The Cisco Association is to hold its annual session at Breckenridge October 8-9. Rev. H. H. Stephens of Ranger is Moderator of the Association.

District 17 is hoping to enlist 5,000 people to register for the State B. T. U. Convention which meets at Abilene October 26-29. The following goal has been set for the associations in the District: Callahan, 300; Cisco, 800; Fisher, 375; Jones, 500; Stonewall, 150; Haskell, 375; Sweetwater, 2,500.

District 17 has accepted a certain quota and has guaranteed a certain amount to help pay the expenses of the convention, and therefore has been given the following consideration in the way of registration fees: If ten per cent of the resident membership of a church in the district send in their registration fees one week in advance of the meeting of the convention, the registration fee will be only twenty cents; if twenty per cent of the membership register, the registration fee will be only ten cents.

If the messengers wait until they come to the congregation to register, the fee will be one dollar for seniors and adults, fifty cents for intermediates and twenty-five cents for beginners, primaries and juniors. The B. T. U. Convention does not cost the denominations one cent to operate. All expenses are paid by these fees. Send list of names and check for fees to Rev. John T. Taylor, Rotan, Texas, B. T. U. president of District Seventeen.

On account of the weather the Fisher County Association has put off its training revival to the week beginning October 11. Rev. Murray Fuqua will teach at Roby and direct the works in the Association.

The Haskell Association is having its training revival this week, but on account of the muddy roads, many of the churches will hold their training courses later. Miss Helen Gardner is teaching at Rule and directing the work in the Association. Miss Mary Bell Taylor of Haskell is president of the Associational B. T. U. Miss Ruth Carter is teaching at Knox City, and Everett Milam at O'Brien.

The Jones County B. T. U. revival begins October 25. Rev. W. L. Daniels is the Associational president.

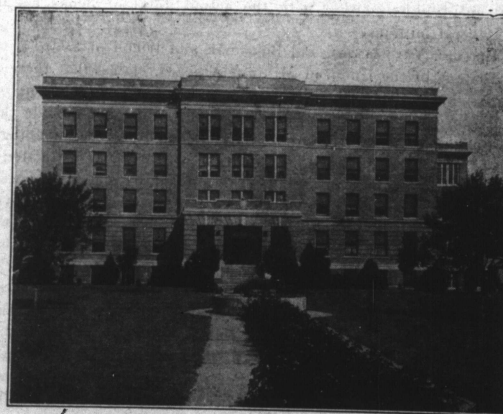
The Sweetwater and Callahan Associations will have their training revivals next week. Dr. T. C. Gardner will direct the work over the two associations. Miss Helen Gardner will teach at Sweetwater. A meeting of the directors of the revivals will be held at Merkel Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and at the same hour and place Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. J. Howard Williams has just closed a revival with Pat Horton and the First church, Plainview. It was a gracious revival with a large number of additions and reclaimations. Mr. D. C. Hamilton of Fort Worth led the music. Mr. Hamilton is now with Rev. Saffle and the College Avenue Church, Plainview. The meeting will continue for two weeks.

Brother J. J. Strickland, pastor at Luling during the last eight years, has been elected missionary in District 8, succeeding Willis J. Ray, and will be on the field October 15.—W. S. Garnett.

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