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Meditations of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

Death and Destruction have stalked the highways of the United States during the past year. Over 37,000 people were killed and a way over 100,000 seriously injured. Over 425,000 American people have been killed in automobile accidents during the past 15 years that a record has been kept. That is more by half than all of the Americans who have been killed in all the wars from the Revolution down to the World War. Looks like it about time something is being done about this type of murder and suicide.

Prosperity Is Here," says Roger W. Babson, noted statistician. "I predict that 1937 will be our first year of prosperity since 1929. It will be a year of genuine business expansion, considerable real estate activity, constant labor troubles, shortage of skilled workers, rising prices and living costs and brisk retail trade. . . . We are right now square on the normal."

Speaking of the return of prosperity, official Washington has something new to worry about. Washington believes that our nation has not only entered upon an era of economic recovery, but that something resembling a real "boom" is imminent. It looks like the experiences of the past years would teach Americans lessons they would not soon forget. But alas, human nature never changes, and we are headed, probably, into another era of "playing the fool."

The Years of Adversity through which we have just passed have not brought our people to a realization of the need of God. Ordinarily periods of adversity have a tendency to bring people back to God. During the recent depression the destitute and suffering have looked to Uncle Sam for help rather than to a dependence and trust in the One who clothes the lilies and feeds the sparrows. Mark this prediction: If an era of great prosperity returns without the people returning to God, we will see an era of sin and debauchery, the like of which this nation has never experienced.

Antelopes Are Increasing, according to an interesting story from the Alpine Avalanche. Game Warden Ray Williams says the Trans-Pecos is showing a gradual increase in these beautiful animals of the prairie. It is estimated that there are 3,000 of these fleet animals in Hudspeth county alone. The eagle is the worst enemy of the Antelope, according to Mr. Williams. He counted 25 skeletons of young antelope in one eagle's nest. Game Wardens have killed over 800 eagles in Hudspeth county during the past five years.

A News Story last week stated that "Luxury" taxes become effective soon. It is estimated that the man who pays for two packages of cigarettes a day; buys a pint of liquor a week; a bottle of beer now and then; takes his wife to a good movie once a week; goes dancing twice a month, and spends \$20 a year for race, opera, football or other tickets will pay the treasury approximately \$38.98 in 1937. Then the story goes on to say that if he bets on the races, plays the marble machines or borrows money from the bank, up goes the total. This is about the first time we have ever noticed money borrowing at the banks classed as a luxury. The editor holds at least one state record on borrowing money from a bank, and we didn't notice one thing luxurious about it.

I write to commend Brother J. Matt Harders' article on the "Country Church Problem," as timely and fundamental. The salvation of our city churches and our Baptist New Testament orthodox depend upon the country churches. I have agreeably worked with my brethren but have never believed in the "District Mission" plan. Our country churches are woefully neglected. Our associations are waning as the results. Come on, Brother Matt—E. L. Springer, 2705 Austin Ave., Brownwood, Texas.

The sermon subject for Pastor H. R. Whately, Haskell, last Sunday night was "Advertising Jesus." The Bible is filled with examples of advertising, the pastor says, and shows the results that followed.

MISS BLANCHE WALKER DESCRIBES NATIONS REACTIONS TO WAR

Kaifeng, China, October, 1936.

Dear Ones in the Homeland: The Baptists at the Military Gate were talking to God about their lost neighbors and home folks. He had seemed to pray from out their hearts. One had prayed: "Father in Heaven, You see us sitting here and you know we are 'hwang' (we are nervous). The policeman has said we may not stay long. We pray thee to convict us of sin if we sit here and think of other things, rather than listening to Thy Word. Make us know that whoever gets mad or has a fight sins against thee; that whoever plays 'Mah Jong' sins against Thee, for card playing is on the devil's side; never on the Lord's side. Above all, make us know that whoever covers up sins, and refuses to turn them over to Christ, sins a big sin against thee."

Dr. Harris arose and read the Scripture; but the street elder entered the door. "Send the people home now; we have orders to practice for war tonight and the streets must be cleared immediately, every light in the city out." "Thank you street Elder, we will do as you say," and the people were sent to their homes. There was a scramble for rickshaws for many people were hurrying homeward.

B. T. U. REPORT ON DIPLOMAS AND SEALS GIVEN FOR YEAR 1936

It is interesting to study the Texas record month by month in regard to diplomas and seals received by B. T. U. members. We list them below by months:

November, 1935	5,169
December, 1936	2,229
January, 1936	2,562
February, 1936	2,742
March, 1936	5,253
April, 1936	8,649
May, 1936	5,308
June, 1936	1,374
July, 1936	3,396
August, 1936	1,771
September, 1936	1,362
October, 1936	1,894

THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION A MISSIONARY AGENCY

Members of the Baptist Training Union have the privilege to study a definite missionary lesson every month in the year. In addition to that, they study mission books in their training schools; therefore it is no wonder that the missionaries who go to the Home and Foreign Fields receive their first impressions to do so while working in the Baptist Training Union. It was a group of Baptist Training Union workers that raised the money to send Miss Inez Lung back to China last summer. In order that friends throughout the State may know how much China appreciates Miss Lung, we are publishing extracts from two letters received recently.

Dear Friends: Permit us in these few brief lines to express to you our deep and heartfelt appreciation of your generosity in paying the traveling expenses of Miss Inez Lung back to China and to Pooi To Middle School. We greatly missed her during her two year's absence in the U. S. A. We joyfully welcome her back not only to her classroom service in Pooi To; but to an even wider spiritual service among our young people through the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and other religious activities of school and church. Your prayer will follow her gifts, I am sure. Pray for her and for Pooi To.

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A District Judge Speaks Out on Speeding, Gambling

The West Texas Baptist has had a lot to say recently in regard to the menace of drunken and reckless driving. We have felt for some time that something ought to be done about it. It is appalling to think that around 37,000 people have been killed during the past year in automobile accidents. In most cases this has been due to either recklessness or drunken driving. Either case is absolutely inexcusable. Some men claim their personal liberty gives them the right to fill their hides full of "booze." That may be true, but certainly no man has a right to drive an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Such a man is a greater menace to society than a raving maniac loose in a crowd with deadly fire arms.

The reckless driver is almost as great a menace as is the drunken driver. The public highways are crowded daily with drivers who are speeding their cars over the road at a speed of from 60 to 80 miles an hour. They have no regard for God nor man. The gambling instinct that is being inbred in the lives of this generation, is making men and women gamble on the chances of "getting by" with such recklessness, when their lives and the lives of their fellowmen are at stake.

This week District Judge M. S. Long, in his charge to a Taylor County Grand Jury, said some things that ought to meet the approbation of every normal, law-abiding citizen of the community.

"A serious question confronting the citizenship of this county is the number of people who are losing their lives on the highways and streets of the country by automobiles," said Judge Long. "There is not a great deal that the grand juries or the courts can do about it. But I feel there ought to be an aroused public sentiment in this country against the reckless driver and the driver who operates an automobile while he is intoxicated. We have penalties for all these cases, but you could not swear in enough police officers, deputy sheriffs and highway patrolmen in Texas to catch and stop people who are violating the traffic laws. But the condition can be improved and the way to do it is by creating public sentiment—publicly teaching the people and urging them to be careful in the driving of their automobiles."

"My idea of a man who drives by a school where children are at play, at a high, reckless speed is that he is a criminal. Any man who won't slow down at a school is a potential criminal. Any man who willfully violates the traffic laws by driving too fast in a crowded section of a town or on a highway where there is heavy traffic and the man who drives his automobile while he is drunk are potential criminals."

"I say to you, gentlemen, the driving laws ought to be enforced."

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Associational Sunday School Workers Meet at Waco Jan. 12-11

By J. N. Barnette
Chairman of the Sunday School Promotion Committee, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

January 12-13 the second Texas state-wide meeting for associational Sunday school workers will be held in the First Baptist Church of Waco. Last May in Dallas, 97 associations were represented with 936 people registered. This year it is expected that every one of the 108 associations will be represented and that at least 1,200 people will be present.

The plan is to have three cars from each of the associations, thus making it possible for more people to attend. The Sunday School Board will pay two cents per mile for each of the three cars. The Associational Sunday school superintendent and associational moderator will select those who are to come with them in the three cars. It is hoped that every associational Sunday school officer who can possibly do so will attend this meeting and study, pray, and plan for the furtherance of Bible study, evangelism, and enlistment throughout every section of Texas.

It is suggested that an associate superintendent responsible for evangelism be added to the organization and invited to come to this conference. Because it was not possible to present this matter in time for the associations to select this officer, Dr. R. C. Campbell and Mr. G. S. Hopkins, together with district missionaries, have selected a capable individual from each association to attend this conference and study with the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, the State Mission Board and representatives from the associations, the possibilities and plans of these agencies cooperating in the work of evangelism.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, Mr. G. S. Hopkins, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, and practically all of the workers from the six Sunday school promotional departments of the Sunday School Board will be present and take part on the program. This year Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, newly elected superintendent of evangelism of the Home

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MIDLAND CHURCH LAUNCHES BUILDING PROGRAM FOR 1937

Construction will be started this week on re-roofing, remodeling and refinishing the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Midland, according to a story in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram, the project being designed to give practically twice the present seating capacity.

Besides eliminating much waste space in the present structure, a balcony will be included in the new building plans, making it possible to seat approximately 800 persons without necessity of placing chairs in aisles.

Jess Barber of Midland was awarded the contract, the architect, being J. J. Black of that city.

The present project does not include the construction of a two story addition on the west of the church building, which also has been approved by the building committee. That portion of the building will await the completion of raising the building fund, approximately \$10,000 of which already has been paid in or pledged, church officers said.

The auditorium remodeling will require 75 working days and will be finally completed in three months, it was expected.

During the period of construction Sunday School classes will continue to be held in the church's annex and in the parsonage. Space also has been tendered by the Ritz theatre, Ellis funeral chapel, city hall and other buildings.

Church services will be held alternately with the Methodist and First Christian congregations, the pastors of those churches having invited the Rev. Winston F. Borum of the Baptist Church to preach at evening services on alternate Sundays. This will keep the Baptist congregation near its Sunday School class rooms, the pastor announced. The change in location of preaching services will not take effect for possibly two Sundays, and announcements will be made in the paper each week as to the place of meeting.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET WITH BAIRD CHURCH

The Callahan Association had a joint Sunday School and B. T. U. meeting at Baird January 3rd with a splendid program.

Miss Mildred Yeager of Putnam is B. T. U. President of the Association and had charge of the program. Miss Yeager read and discussed some recommendations for the coming year.

Song service led by Rev. Joe Mayes Baird, Miss Elsie Kelley at piano.

Prayer by Rev. V. W. Tatum, Cross Plains.

Devotional by Rev. J. S. Tierce, Jno. 3-16.

Next was a reading by Fannie May Rogers of Clyde, and next came Clinton Waddell of Putnam. Clinton is only 9 years old, but he plays his accordion like a grown-up. It was a treat to hear him.

The next on program was Mathematics of Faith, discussed by Mrs. Green of Clyde. This was followed by a song by a girls' quartet.

"The Gospel of Faith" was discussed by Brother Royce Gilliland of Baird, followed by a solo by Rev. Joe Mayes.

"Obtain From All Appearances of Evil" was discussed by Brother E. W. Pyle, Cross Plains.

Putnam was awarded the attendance record.

The meeting was turned over to the Sunday School department. Rev. Tierce is president of the Association and he was in charge. Rev. Joe Mayes is Associate President.

The following were selected to represent the Callahan Association at the State Convention at Waco on January 12-13: J. W. Howle of Potosi for the Adult Department; Mr. Earl W. Pyle, Cross Plains, Senior Department; Miss Mildred Yeager, Putnam, Intermediate Department; Miss Buchanan, Putnam, Junior Department; Mrs. J. W. Baulch, Clyde, Primary Department; Mrs. E. G. Scott, Putnam, Beginners; Mrs. C. Corley, Clyde, Cradle Roll Department.

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RAMBLIN' REMARKS

By Dick O.

Well, I came through the Christmas and New Year's season better than I expected to. I verily believe that we had the best Christmas at our house that I have ever experienced. We have been in a transition period at our house concerning Christmas. From as far back as I can remember we have thought of Christmas. From as far back as I "Going home," meaning back to Mother and Father's house. But for the past few years we have not had that home to return to. Now we are trying to make our own home the center of the Christmas activities. This has given us the opportunity to prove to ourselves that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Up to five years ago we were thinking more of what we were to receive from others than what we might give to others. . . . Santa Claus brought me a new overcoat but neglected to send the kind of weather that would give me an excuse to wear it. . . . I am making no New Year's resolutions this year. The ones I made last year are practically new, having only been used for a few days early in 1936. . . . I am writing these remarks from the study of the First Baptist Church, Cisco, where I am stopping between trains on my way to Olney for a revival meeting with pastor W. H. Townsend and his folks. . . . I know that word should be "folk" but I know only one man who can use it and make it sound right and I am writing these lines in his study. . . . Next week I hope to have time to write my reactions to many matters, but now I have no more time to remark because I must ramble. . . . I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the fellowship in the Olney meeting, and covet the prayers of all who may have taken the time to finish this abbreviated dissertation.

FORMER JONES COUNTY PASTOR RETURN FOR A CHRISTMAS VISIT

I had the pleasure last week of spending several days in Jones County. The church of my childhood days. The county where the most of my ministerial work has been done. The county of some of the best friends I ever had. The occasion of my visit was the advent of a big 10 pound grandson, which is not the first one. I have attended associational, and the old-time fifth Sunday meetings since the days of the old Stonewall Association as a boy. I have attended many workers' Conferences there as a country pastor. But don't think I ever attended one that gave me more joy than the one that I attended at Hodges while on this trip. The discussions were of the highest type from the first to the last. The church was at its best in the matter of entertainment. Pastor Owens was at his best. He was as proud of the meeting and the Spirit manifested as I was of the first pair of red top, brass toed boots that my father bought me, in spite of the fact that Brother C. A. Powell said he seemed like a grandfather to him. Every one pronounced the meeting a glorious success.

I shall not discuss the speakers and their speeches but leave them for others. But I want to mention some laymen that have had a part in the many years gone by in making the work of the Jones County Association possible. I refer to Brethren J. B. Ashburn, E. D. Ashburn of Tuxedo, Brother Edd Rowell of Anson and Brother W. D. Rister of Hodges. There are no truer men living than these men. It has been my privilege to be the pastor of the Ashburn Brothers, as well as Brother Rister, and found these men always standing for everything that Baptists love. The same can be said for Brother Rowell. When these men fail to attend an Associational meeting of any kind you can know that something has happened. Brother Rister has completely lost his hearing but I am sure there was no one present that enjoyed the meeting more than he. I found him boosting for the West Texas Baptist. The good editor, Sam Malone, will not know in this life how much comfort he is bringing to the heart of Brother Rister by the weekly visits of the West Texas Baptist. Brother Rister will wake up in that happy land some day where he can hear. The memory of this meeting will linger with us.—J. J. Gentry.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

There seems to have been quite a bit of interest created in the statement we made relative to "some startling announcements." In the last issue we promised these announcements for this issue, but we are again asking our readers to wait another week on us. For the past two months we have waged a tremendous battle in regard to our future and the future of The West Texas Baptist. The battle seems to be about over, and we were not "kidding" when we hinted at some "startling" announcements. In next week's paper we plan to make some announcements of what we believe will be of far reaching significance. In the mean time we wish for you a happy and prosperous New Year.

DO YOU WANT A JOB?

The West Texas Baptist wants a representative in each association in West Texas to represent the paper during the year, both in the matter of sending in News Items and securing subscriptions. We have a good proposition to make to those who want to put in some time in helping make the West Texas Baptist serve this section. If you are interested or know of any one who might be interested, please drop a line to The West Texas Baptist, Abilene, Texas.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY RESIGNS

District 17 sustained a real loss in the resignation of J. D. Brannon as missionary. He resigned the work here to become missionary of District 4, with headquarters at Houston. Brother Brannon is one of the best District Missionaries in Texas. During the two and one-half years he labored in West Texas he did an outstanding work. He is a splendid organizer, a preacher and evangelist of unusual ability, and he has an unlimited amount of physical energy and enthusiasm to back him up in the strenuous programs he puts on. District 4 is fortunate in securing the services of this coming young man. His host of friends in West Texas wish him God's speed, and we are sure their prayers will go with him to this important and difficult field. A new missionary for District 17 will be announced within the next few days.

HELPING THINGS ALONG

It isn't often the editor prints words of encouragement that come along frequently to help make the pathway just a little brighter. If our readers will indulge us we will print extracts from four letters received within the past week.

A subscriber from Abilene writes: "Want to say I so much enjoy your good paper. May the good seed you are sowing live on and on throughout eternity."

Another subscriber from Post, Texas, writes: "From the depths of my heart I thank you for sending the paper. We feel we couldn't do without it. Enclosed please find the amount for the past two years' subscription, also for the new year 1937. If you need any 'back subscriptions' since I have been a subscriber, shall be glad to furnish you with them. Wishing you happiness and prosperity throughout the new year."

One of our denominational leaders gave this little boost: "This is just a line to thank you for your fine write-ups of the music in your paper relative to the B. T. U. Convention. I have meant to write you before this but have had so many things. You have a splendid paper and I enjoy reading it greatly."

Another of our dearly beloved Baptist leaders greatly cheered our hearts with these words: "May I take advantage of this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for Texas Baptists during the past twelve months. You will never know until you get to heaven just how much good you have done. I praise the Lord for you, for the West Texas Baptist, and for all that you are doing for us."

We have received these kind words with deep gratitude. They make us more determined to go on with greater zeal to help make the West Texas Baptist better for service in our Master's work in this great section of Texas.

NEW BOOK ON PROPHECY

The editor acknowledges receipt of a new book, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," by Pastor J. C. Sisemore of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Amarillo, published by Mannery Printing Company, Fort Worth. The book is a series of sermons on the Book of Revelation. Some of the subjects discussed by the author are, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," "The Seven Churches of Asia," "The Next Scene in God's Program," "A Vision of the Slain Lamb in Glory," "Who Are the Four Horse Riders?" etc. The series of sermons are interesting presentations of matters pertaining to the consummation of the present age, according to the pre-millennium point of view. The price of the book is fifty cents. Orders for the book should be made direct to the author.

No holy service is a ground of acceptance with God. Christ alone is that ground. On the other hand, the fact that our holiest things need to be accepted through Christ is no reason why we should neglect to be holy.—Hudson Taylor.

Devotional Thoughts

ASKING THE NEW YEAR

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked and paused; the answered, soft and low,
"God's will to know."
"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And ere the question into silence died
The answer came, "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."
Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer sweetly fell:
"Yes, this one thing all other things above:
God's will to love." —Anonymous.

CULTIVATE HOPE THIS YEAR

Let us cultivate hope this year—hope and courage and faith. Let us decline ever to be dismayed or defeated. Let us look on the bright side of things. Let us talk about the sunny days, not the stormy days. Let us look up and not down, forward and not backward. Let us be optimists, resolute and on principle. Optimism is sanity; it is also victory. Pessimism is insanity and defeat.

Let us love nature this year, and take time to see her beauties and wonders. Let us not run so fast; let us not rush through the days and weeks and seasons so breathlessly and therefore so blindly. Let us take time on these winter nights to look up at the glorious heavens above us, and on those winter days at the earth around us, beautiful and glorious in its garniture of frost and ice and snow; and when the wonderful spring and summer come, let us go forth to meet them as friends and lovers.

Let us gain victories over ourselves this year. Our worst foes are not outside; they are inside. We shall never have a better time than now to give them battle, nor a more favorable time to begin with this year's beginning. We all know what our bosom sins are; our weaknesses, our bad habits, our unlovely traits of character, which mar our lives and pain those who care for us. Let us determine, God helping us, that one or more of these bad habits or unlovely traits shall be fought and conquered this year.

Above all, let us make our lives earnest this year, and our religion a thing not of words or forms, but something vital. Let us strive for reality in our religious experience. Let us live nearer to God, nearer to our brother, nearer to ourselves. Let us do and live what we say, and be what we profess.—J. T. Sutherland in The Maritime Baptist.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

THANKSGIVING

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We are always ready to express thanks to those who bestow upon us gifts, favors and kind words.

This is as it should be. But I am wondering if we ever stop and think that God in his wisdom and loving kindness has put it into the heart of the giver to bestow these gifts, favors and kind words.

He too in a greater degree is entitled to share in our thanks. Then there are those blessings—too numerous to mention—that come to us directly from God, for which we ought to have our hearts full of gratitude and thankfulness.

God has invited us to ask for the things we desire and need, but he expects us to thank him for the blessings received.

A DISTRICT JUDGE SPEAKS OUT

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The policy of Mr. Black (J. R. Black, district attorney) and myself in the handling of such cases is to take the driving license away from the man who is convicted of driving while intoxicated. The license is sent to Austin and the man does without until the state sees fit to re-issue it. The man who won't obey the laws in driving his automobile does not have any business carrying a license from the state.

Judge Long declared "the trend on the gambling question in the state of Texas is a disgrace."

"The very idea that the legislature in this great state of ours should put a tax on marble machines—one of the worst gambling devices that has ever been known in the history of this country! They are devices that teach little boys and girls to gamble in the stores where they are placed.

"I am not especially blaming the storekeeper or the man that has it, because a lot of them do not know any better, but I blame the outside fellow who goes around with a big bunch of keys and opens up the slot machines and the marble machines and collects toll from the school boys and girls.

"With all of the resources that we have in Texas—the millions of barrels of oil, the millions of heads of cattle and millions of acres of good land, and all the sulphur interest, all the wealth of this great state—it is a disgrace and a shame for the state to put a tax on gambling devices to pay the old age pension. If we haven't got resources to pay those people we ought to turn the country back to the Indians.

"Under the constitution the district judge is a conservator of the peace, and it is my duty to see that gambling laws are enforced. They can put all the tax on the marble machines and devices that they want to, but here is one who is not going to stand for it. As far as I am concerned in the three counties over which I preside, I am going to charge every grand jury and ask all the peace officers to help enforce the law against gambling, because I do not believe gambling is right."

WILL WE HAVE A PART?

By T. C. Gardner

"Two million people in Texas ten years of age and above are Lost."

That many have not believed on the Lord Jesus as Savior. They

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

January 10, 1937

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Read John 2:1 to 3:36. Study John 3:1-17

The first public appearance of Jesus in Jerusalem which was during Passover in 27 A. D. (Usher), or April 11-17, 32 A. D. (Savage), must have made a wide and deep impress, for it reached through the masses into the Sanhedrin winning even there a secret disciple of the Messiah in Nicodemus during a memorable night interview.

1. Light From God the Sun. New Life in Christ Must Come from God. (1) The inquirer was Nicodemus, the earliest and most remarkable of the Sanhedrists to accept Jesus. In belief he was a man of the Pharisees, the most orthodox and influential of the Jewish sects. He was a member of the highest religious court of the Jews. It is said that he was quite wealthy and was now advanced in years. (2) The interview stressed the new life as basal in the teaching of Jesus. "It has been inferred that Nicodemus, from his use of the plural 'we know,' came to Jesus as representative of others in the Sanhedrin. It is probable that the interview took place at the house and in the presence of John, who preserved for us our sole account of it.

The guest chamber on the roof was reached by a stairway leading up from the outside of the building; hence it was not necessary for Nicodemus even to pass through the house. His visit to Jesus on that gusty spring night was absolutely private.

2. Life From God the Spirit

New Life in Christ Must Come by New Birth. (1) The necessity for the new birth. The greeting of Nicodemus put him in the attitude of a learner. "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God." With the way thus open, Jesus laid bare the fundamental fact in true religion: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The necessity of the new birth presses upon this aged theologian with no less force than upon the wayward and the lowly. (2) The meaning of the new birth. Nicodemus was startled and, in his question, blundered toward the truth over a physical impossibility: "How can a man be born when he is old?" In reply, Jesus unveiled the nature of the new birth: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Whatever may be the reference of "water" here, the teaching of the passage is that the new birth is spiritual. "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." And why should there be marvel at this? The whispering winds of that April night illustrated it; they were invisible to human eye and impossible of construction by human force, and yet by their effects they were clearly perceivable. "So is every one that is born of the Spirit." (3) The method of the new birth. In some measure Nicodemus now understood what was necessary, but the method of attaining unto it was still incomprehensible to him. "How can these things be?" The reply of Jesus opens with a mild reproach: "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" Acquaintance with the Old Testament should have taught him that the new heart is necessary to the new life. Jesus adds that his teaching is that of personal knowledge although the nation as represented by Nicodemus receives it not. And if they reject things which are earthly and verifiable how should they believe if he should tell them of heavenly things? Here is demand for faith in him who came down from heaven. To him alone can we look,

3. Love From God the Father

New Life in Christ Must Come Through Faith. (1) The gospel of the love of God overwhelmed the sacred pensman as he glimpsed the cross of Christ. The closing words of Jesus to Nicodemus threw light backward upon the wilderness and forward upon Calvary. So John gives us the golden text, not alone of our lesson, but of the entire Bible. No more precious or pregnant words are to be found in all the pages of Holy Scripture. Yet the love of God and the gift of his only begotten Son and the promise of eternal life are efficacious only to those who believe on him as their Savior and Lord.

Look to Christ for New Life

(1) New Life in Christ Needed. "A man of the Pharisees—a ruler of the Jews." Nicodemus had risen to the top in ecclesiastical circles. And yet something was lacking! It was regeneration.

(2) New Life in Christ Sought. "Came to Jesus by night." The great Sanhedrist wanted something he did not have. He was almost ashamed to acknowledge it. Indeed he sought it secretly. But he sought it.

(3) New Life in Christ Defined.

"A teacher come from God." Nowhere else could the ruler of the Jews learn the divine secret of the new life. But Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. And he found a lost soul in the very Sanhedrin.

Gold in the Golden Text

Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:3.

The need of the new birth is asserted by Jesus in most solemn terms. Without being born anew no one can see the kingdom of God, much less enter and enjoy its pleasure and privilege.

The nature of the new birth involves a complete transformation in heart and life. There is a new creation by a new act of God.

The new birth begun in the new birth is the abundant life in Christ and the eternal life through Christ.

The nature of the new birth implies the growth and upkeep of the spiritual life.

The neglect of the new birth is due to lack of faith in the Redeemer, of response to the Holy Spirit, and of

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are our neighbors, relatives and friends. The plight of these "Lost Texans" puts a strain on the services of all earnest, sincere evangelical religious groups. These people are not going to be lost, but they are lost already.

Baptists can't wait until these neighbors and friends are dead and in Hell before they do something. Christians who really love the Lord can't wait until the evangelistic season, the revival meeting time—before they bestir themselves. True Christians can't wait until some individual story of the sudden death of a sinner happens to awaken their imagination to the fact that all are lost who have not trusted Christ. Right now there are many lost boys and girls in reach of you. Right now there are strong men and women in your community who are lost. Right now there are young men and women in our schools, near by, who are lost. Right now there are feeble and helpless old folks, near you, without Christ and without hope.

If you are a Christian, if you truly love the Lord, if you love lost souls, you will make an effort, even now, to win someone to Jesus. Two million Texans are Lost! May we not do our best to win them to Jesus? We will not win them all at one time, but we can win them "one by one."

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Police and motor vehicle officials in the 48 states are closing their books this week on the bloodiest year of traffic fatalities in the history of the nation, according to estimates compiled by the National Voice News Bureau.

With the Christmas holiday chalking up nearly 300 violent deaths, most of which were attributed to reckless or drunken driving, and New Year's Eve expected to yield an even greater toll, the 1936 traffic death toll may top the 38,000 mark.

During the first ten months of 1936, the National Safety Council has computed traffic deaths at 29,680, with the death toll increasing as the year wore on. In 1934, there were approximately 36,100 traffic deaths, and in 1935, approximately 37,000, showing a steady gain that has paralleled the increased use of intoxicants by automobile drivers since repeal, according to the National Voice News Bureau.

POTOSI CHURCH NEWS

Christmas has come and gone and the new year is just about here. When it does come it will find the Potosi church stepping right along. We have a set of good leaders with Brother Hawk as Superintendent of Sunday School, Brother Thomas as B. T. U. Director, and Brother Fulham as our pastor to inspire us to higher heights. Quick and permanent steps will be taken in that direction with the beginning of the new year. Two good sermons were listened to by a fine congregation at both services Sunday. Brother Fulham preached Sunday morning on the "Possibilities of Life," and he showed us where we could increase our attendance and contribution by all of us getting in and taking a part. At the evening service he discussed "The Need of Faith." His comments were centered around "Moses, who by Faith refused to be called the Son of Pharaoh's Daughter." So you notice we are having good inspirational sermons.

Brother Fulham also plans to be with us each Wednesday night in our prayer service teaching the book of John. Better come out and enjoy these services.

Our Christmas program and tree was well attended and all expressed as having a good time.

By this time you are wondering why I am trying to mimic "Rambling Remarks." Well, this is the last time you will hear from the writer of this column in this capacity. We are moving to the Clyde Church so we bid you farewell for a season.—R. P. Adams.

APPRECIATION

By I. E. Reynolds

As Director of Music for the B. T. U. Convention, recently held in Abilene, Texas, I am taking this means of publicly expressing my deepest appreciation and thanks to everyone who had any part in making the music program the splendid success it was.

1. To Mr. T. C. Gardner, our wonderful Young People's Secretary, who made such splendid provision for the music in his whole Convention program.

2. To Mr. J. D. Riddle, Abilene and his fine local music committee.

3. To those in charge of the Fine Arts Department of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

4. To the Song Leaders and accompanists of the various conferences and meetings.

4. To those who brought special numbers on the various programs, representing Schools, Churches and as individuals.

6. To those who arranged and directed special hotel Sing Songs and Radio programs.

7. To the Hotels and Radio Station who extended the privileges of presenting these programs.

8. To Mr. Lacy Keel, the general manager of the Baptist Book Store, Dallas, for furnishing song books for all the departmental meetings.

9. To all those who had part in the special music conference.

10. To the various papers for their splendid reports.

Altogether it was a wonderful spirit of cooperation in giving expression to hearts overflowing with love, adoration, joy and thanksgiving to our Saviour and Lord through song and instrument.

"Praise Ye the Lord."—Psalm 150.

Pastor Oscar R. Mangum of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., in writing of the recent revival in his church, conducted by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, of Abilene, in which there were 45 additions, writes: "A great meeting! Surely that describes our experience for the past two weeks. Dr. Jenkins has been God's good man in our midst. He has magnified Christ and made our hearts to burn as he opened to us the Scriptures. This church has been lifted to 'Higher Ground,' the members are now more conscious of their high privilege under God. Dr. Jenkins has preached a winsome Christ. He has dealt with our frailties tenderly and has stirred within us a greater zeal for the Master's cause. Life will ever be richer because he came to us. We are grateful to him for his blessed ministry. To his great church at Abilene we tender our thanks for loaning him to us for a while. In the months to come he will hear of the blessed fruits of this meeting."

News Notes

Rev. Fred Cole of Abilene, who received painful burns in a boiler explosion in a Tailor Shop recently is recovering from his injuries. We are hoping he will soon be able to return to his work.

J. D. Riddle, educational and choir director of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, has been confined to his bed for several days. He expects to be able to resume his duties at the church next week.

Perry O. Barber, who is well known in Abilene, will get his degree from the law school of the State University in February. Mr. Barber has written his mother that he has accepted the call to preach and plans to enter the Southwestern Seminary in February.

Pastor Dick O'Brien of the First Church, Colorado, is doing the preaching in a meeting with Pastor Townsend and the First Church, Olney. The Colorado pulpit will be filled Sunday morning by Perry Barber, who will deliver his first sermon. Dr. L. R. Scarborough will preach at the evening hour.

We are glad to report that Rev. J. Walton Moore, Missionary to China, who is spending his furlough with headquarters at Abilene, is rapidly recovering from a major operation at Baylor Hospital. He expects to be able to resume his speaking engagements within the next month.

The Oplin Church presented its pastor, Rev. Dick Griffin, with an automobile for a Christmas present. This will enable the pastor, a student in Hardin-Simmons, to do much better pastoral work on this important field.

Pastor L. C. Robbins of Claremore, Oklahoma, a former West Texan, writes that his church has been in a "Tithers" campaign for the past two months, and it is revolutionizing the entire church. Brother Robbins has been on this field for five years, and he is doing a real constructive work.

The college and high school students of Elmdale rendered a program for the evening service Sunday, December 27. The following college students spoke, testifying to the value of Christian Schools: Raymond Young, Billie Ruth Young, and Aveline Blackburn. Alice Belle Young read appropriate scriptures and Fern Foster gave a reading. The pastor, Finis Williams, preached on "Full Surrender To The Will of God," stressing that "the supreme objective of a Christian life should be to render service," then he and Wendell Foreman sang "All To Jesus I Surrender."

Dr. J. W. Jent, vice-president of Oklahoma Baptist University, in writing of the recent revival conducted by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, said: "We closed on December 4 one of the best revival meetings we have ever had in Oklahoma Baptist University. The preacher this year was Dr. L. R. Scarborough and the Lord has graciously blessed him in his ministry these few days. I have never heard the glorious Gospel preached with quite such force and power before. I have heard Lee Scarborough again and again through the years, but I have never heard him preach with quite such earnestness and gripping power as this time. His trip to South America did something to his great soul which registers his zeal for Jesus Christ. His sermon on Salvation (John 10:27) is a deliverance I shall never forget. I regard it as one of the greatest sermons I have ever heard."

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

"HERE AND THERE ON THE FIELD OF THE HASKELL ASSOCIATION"

The monthly workers Conference met Tuesday, December 29, with the New Hope Baptist Church, of which Prother Mason of Abilene is pastor. The following program was rendered: God's Plan of Kingdom Finance—A. W. Blaine.

A Glorious Task—W. D. Green. Recognized Realities and Putting First Things First—A. U. Hathaway. The Possibilities of a Church Where Faith and Vision Are Combined—W. H. Alberson.

A fine Cooperative, Progressive Missionary Spirit was in evidence throughout the meeting. Food, both temporal and Spiritual, was in abundance. Southern Baptist Home Mission

dance. The regrettable fact was that there were not more people present to enjoy it.

Dr. W. W. Chanslor was with Pastor Green and the Knox City Church recently in a revival. There were twenty-seven additions, twenty for baptism. Dr. Chanslor is a straightforward, plain, earnest Gospel preacher.

The Sunday School of the Knox City Church is on the up-grade. They have reached all requirements for the Standard of Excellence except enrollment. Brother Billy Lawrence is an efficient Superintendent of whom any Church might justly be proud.

The Benjamin Baptist Church met in conference Sunday, December 27, and called A. W. Blaine for half time. Brother Blaine is also Pastor half time at Gillespie.

The Gillespie Church recently organized a new B. T. S. with four unions. The Six Point Record and a budget including causes dear to the hearts of Southern Baptists was adopted.

The next meeting of the Haskell County Workers Conference will be with the Rochester Baptist Church, January 26, 1937.

BOOK REVIEW

By Millard A. Jenkins

Home Life in the Bible, by Emman Williams Gill, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Price \$1.25. Impressive stories with pointed lessons; a book in its own class.

Witnessing For Christ, by Ethel Hudson Williams, published by Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. A book for Intermediates that is brim full of inspiration. The author states that her object in writing this book was that young Christians may know how and where to witness for Jesus. A careful reading will convince you that that purpose has been magnificently accomplished. It is one of the most valuable books for young Christians that has yet been offered, and we commend it most earnestly to all who have anything to do with teaching and training in the Intermediate department of the B. T. U. A seal for Course VIII is offered for the completion of this book.

The Rebirth of a Nation, by Jacob Gartenhaus, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. A most illuminating book on the Palestine of today, and the return of the Jew to his national home. We would advise all who are interested in the fulfillment of prophecy in relation to the Jew, not to overlook this extraordinary book.

The Romance of Soul Winning, by J. C. Owen, Ph. D., D. D., of Spruce Pine, North Carolina, published by the Western Baptist Publishing Company, Kansas City, Missouri, is a neatly bound book of 91 pages. It is entitled to a place on the table of every preacher and Christian worker. The author writes out of a life of rich experience as a soul winner both in China where he served as a Missionary under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and in the

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Pastor and People, by Dr. O. S. C. Wallace, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, price \$1.25. A book which both preachers and laymen will

read with more than ordinary pleasure, and with lasting profit.

The Day of the Lord, a new volume of sermons by Dr. B. H. Carroll, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, price \$2.50: Sermons that throb with passion for the lost. An excellent contribution to evangelistic literature, and a volume that should be in the library of every preacher and religious worker. One cannot read it without finding his zeal kindled for winning the lost to Christ.

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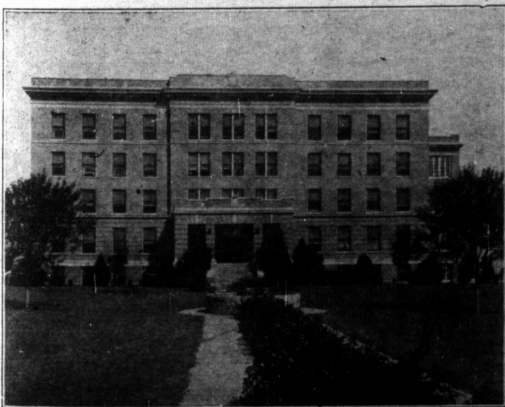
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NATIONAL LEGION CHAIRMAN EXPRESSES VIEWS ON LIQUOR

Familiarly known to his buddies as "the buttermilk chaplain," the Rev. Bryan H. Keathley, recently elected national chaplain of the American Legion, today leaves no doubts in the minds of his fellow Legionnaires as to his stand on the liquor question.

"I hate whiskey," he said, in response to a query from the National Voice News Bureau. "I have never drunk it and am not tempted to do so. I do all I can to combat the liquor traffic. I shall never let up in the fight."

"The American Legion saw fit to elect me as the national chaplain, thereby giving me a contact with a million men. I accepted the honor in good faith and I pledged myself to be loyal and faithful to the men who trusted me. I am their chaplain and not their reformer," he declared.

"I am not asking men to accept my creed but my Christ, not my moral standard, but my giver of morals, even my Christ."

The church at Wingate, Texas, extended Jno. W. Newsom a unanimous call to become their pastor. The call was unanimous on the first ballot. He has accepted and will begin his work at once.

We are indebted to some friend for a copy of the minutes of the Fisher County Association for 1936. We would be glad to have a copy on hand of the minutes of each of the Associations in West Texas. Thanks in advance for sending them.

B. T. U. DIPLOMAS AND SEALS ISSUED TO TEXANS LAST YEAR

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"Too Middle School and for China's youth."

Sincerely,

(Signed) I. P. Wan,
Wei Ling Huan,
Lau King Tok,
Katherine Wong,
Mary C. Alexander,
Members of the Pooi To Middle
School Executive Committee.
Tung Shan, Canton, China.

Office of General Secretary of
Two Kwong Baptist Convention.
Dear B. T. U. Friends:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ" . . . Romans 1:7.

Through Miss Mary Alexander and Miss Inez Lung, we have learned "young fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now," and further of your great interest in the work of young people. Because of this we are made most happy and full of thanksgiving and praise to our God. We are very glad to join with you in Christian brotherhood and fellowship. We are always glad to have news from you and shall be happy to keep you informed of our affairs. We earnestly ask your earnest and constant prayers for our work.

Miss Lung on your behalf contributed ten dollars U. S. A. money to our young people's work here. We truly and heartily thank you for this; and this is not just because of the money but most of all for the love in your hearts. You inspire us by your example very greatly. We are sure that the Lord will richly reward you for this generous gift, and in all things make you abundant.

Finally, our hope and prayer that from your number there may be many who can come to China to help us lead many souls to Christ.

May God be with you.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) S. W. Fung, Secretary,
Leung Kwong B. Y. P. O. Board,
Tung Shan, Canton, China.

T. C. GARDNER TO CONDUCT MEETINGS IN WEST TEXAS

Secretary T. C. Gardner of the State B. T. U. Department in Dallas will deliver addresses and conduct B. T. U. training schools at the following places in West Texas in January.

El Paso—January 3-9.
Pecos, First—January 10, 11 a. m.
Fort Stockton, First—January 10, 2:30 p. m.
Monahans, First—January 10, 7:30 p. m.

Secretary Gardner will be assisted at El Paso by Mrs. A. Adamcik, one of the state approved workers, and Mrs. John Josey, director of Primary Union Department, First Baptist Church, Amarillo.

Missions in District 17

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

For two years and five months it has been my privilege to work as Missionary of District 17, and have fellowship with the good people of this section of the state.

Whatever success I may have had in this work has been due to the blessings and goodness of our Holy Spirit, and the very fine cooperation of the pastors and other leaders in the District, for which I want to express my most sincere gratitude.

It is my hope that the District will secure the man God would have as my successor, and that the people will cooperate with him as beautifully as they have with me.

I covet your prayers as I go to the same work in District 4, which is a large, needy field, and if I would accomplish anything for His Kingdom there it must be through the power of His Spirit.

CHURCHES CALLING PASTORS

Cross Roads

The Cross Roads Church in Fisher County has called the Rev. Forest Huffman of Snyder, and he has accepted the work.

White Flat

The Rev. Arvil Richardson of Hardin-Simmons University has accepted the work as pastor of the White Flat Church, in Sweetwater Association.

REPORT OF J. D. BRANNON, MISSIONARY

August 1, 1934, To December 1, 1936
Sermons and addresses, 1206.
Miles traveled, 61,380.

TOURING TEXAS WITH B. T. U. WORKERS

Baptist churches from every corner of Texas received inspiration from the State B. T. U. Convention held in Abilene last Thanksgiving to move forward and onward. The Training Union work in West Texas is certainly on the bound in the country and in the town.

At Talpa: Mr. C. L. Williams is the splendid B. T. U. director at Talpa. He says: "The Abilene Convention was great. The information and inspiration that we received will help us throughout the year of 1937. We recently conducted a splendid B. T. U. training school."

At Amarillo: The Baptist Training Union in First Baptist Church, Amarillo, continues to grow under the leadership of President R. A. Springer and Pastor J. Howard Williams. The B. T. U. attendance in that church has gone beyond the five hundred mark.

At Brownwood: R. L. Patillo Jr. writes: "Fourteen Howard Payne College students went to the Corpus Christi Association to assist with the B. T. U. revival last fall. I worked with the church at Falfurrias. We enrolled 25 in our classes with 21 taking the examination."

At Clyde: Rev. George B. Ely, 97 years of age, who lives at Clyde, Texas, attended the B. T. U. Convention in Abilene Thanksgiving Day and the two days following. Some of the messengers attending the convention said: "The most thrilling moment of my life was when Brother Ely and his daughter, Mrs. A. E. Baten marched into the convention hall."

It will ever be remembered by Texas Baptists that Dr. A. E. Baten is the father of the Baptist Training Union movement. He organized the Christian Co-Laborer's Society in Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, in 1888. This organization grew into the B. Y. P. U. and now into the B. T. U.

MISS B. WALKER DESCRIBES NATIONS' REACTIONS TO WAR

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be "Thine," my heart answered and John, it seemed, was never before so rich and satisfying. The morning passed away too soon. He was preparing me for the war but not against Japan.

There has not yet been open war with Japan, but the conflict with the evil one rages by day and by night. I have seen much of his hideous wreck of life, these last weeks. Sometimes I am smothered by it. The Christians lead crowds of heathens to the country chapels and we work all day, trying to get them to take the Lord into their heart. They are willing to listen, but it takes endless talking and prayer to bring them to understand even a little.

They can think of little else than their pitiable diseases and they cling to me to pray them away. I follow the plan of teaching them to tell the Saviour all their sins and diseases

Letters and cards written, 3745.
Telephones and telegrams, 78.
Churches organized, 1.
Assisted in ordaining 1 preacher,
4 deacons.

Churches calling pastors, 178.
Churches pastorless August 1, 1934,
64.

Churches now pastorless, 5.
Meetings attended: Associational,
116; District, State, or Southwide, 57.
Sunday Schools organized, 3.

B. T. U.'s organized, 69.
Brotherhoods organized, 5.
W. M. U.'s organized, 3.

Prayer meetings organized, 2.
Associational B. T. U. and S. S.
training courses, 13.

B. T. U. Clinics in churches, 80.
Assisted churches in making budgets, 36.

Stewardship revivals held, 11.
Tithers secured, 870.
Tracts distributed, approximately
40,000.

Revivals held, 20.
Churches and communities contacted, 1335.

Assisted in Pastors retreats, 3.
Assisted in R. A. Camps, 3.
Assisted in Lueders Encampment,
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Additions: Baptism, 499; Letter,
322; other professions, 316; Total,
1137.

Finances: Collected for Cooperative
Program, \$706.99; Collected for District
Missions, \$1,502.22; Collected for
Local Church work, \$544.00; Collected
for Lueders Encampment, \$91.66;
Total, \$2,844.87.

and leave them with Him. He cares about them unceasingly and I see His wonderful work in their hearts, many a time. Such numbers of them come and go in utter hopelessness—no way to reach them—this smothered me. Remembering how many of you "faith" and pray for victory here, I can get up and go on.

Your Missionary,
Blanche Rose Walker.
Kaifeng, Honan, China.

Dear Ones in the Homeland:
August, 1936.

What do we mean by a "Mission Station" in China? We mean a center of work in some large city where several missionaries live and from which we go in all directions to work.

Usually we live on a large plot of ground called a compound, this being enclosed by high walls of brick or mud. The missionaries are most sure to plant many trees in these compounds as well as vegetables and flower gardens and grape arbors. They are beautiful places.

What is a "Mission Meeting"? With us who live in the Interior China Mission, it is one of the gladdest, most important times of the year. All the missionaries of the four interior stations come together usually at Kaifeng for a day of prayer and two days of discussion and decision concerning best ways of doing the Lord's work for the coming year. It is a time, too, when we specially welcome our new missionaries and rejoice together over them.

It is a time when the Lord tenderly meets with his "Sent Ones" and leads us out of things that are very difficult, sometimes. It is a time when each one may freely speak his mind and when because of the Lord's life in them our missionaries show forth beautiful characters. It is a time when we dress up in our best American clothes and take one evening for "stunts" and jokes. It is a time when dear missionaries come from our Baptist families in other parts of China, and even from America and always they bring us joy and help. Dr. Frank Leavell was with us this past Mission Meeting. The Lord used him every day.

These get together times make us know anew each year that we truly are workers together with God.
(Signed) Blanche Rose Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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appreciation of the Son of God.

Home Daily Bible Readings
Monday — The Necessity for the New Life. John 3:1-8.

Tuesday—Attaining the New Life. John 3:9-17.
Wednesday—The Gospel of Salvation. Rom. 1:8-17.

Thursday—The Victory of Love. I John 5:1-5.
Friday—A New Creature. II Cor. 5:14-21.

Saturday—Living in Christ. Col. 3:1-11.
Sunday — Growing in Grace. II Peter 3:14-18.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

CALLAHAN W. M. U. EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive officers of the W. M. U. of the Callahan County Association were entertained in the home of the President, Mrs. V. W. Tatum, Tuesday, December 8th.

The morning was spent in the transaction of business.

Luncheon menu consisted of hot rolls, turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, candied yams, salad, mince pie and coffee.

Christmas songs and stories, climaxed by the distribution of gifts from the tree, closed the day's program.

Present from Baird were Mrs. L. B. Lewis, Mrs. W. B. Atchison, Mrs. Royce Gilliland; Clyde, Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Mrs. D. P. Hollis, Mrs. L. M. Green, Mrs. W. L. Sikes, Mrs. W. B. Barton, Mrs. C. F. Corley; Putnam, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. E. G. Scott, Mrs. S. M. Eubank; Mrs. F. A. Hollis; Cottonwood, Mrs. D. Van Pelt, Mrs. Howard Strahan, Miss Eunice Hembree; Cross Plains, Mrs. T. G. Edwards, Mrs. C. H. Wright, Mrs. J. E. Henkel and the hostess—Mrs. J. E. Henkel.

While the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago has celebrated many Mounders' Week Conferences in early February of former years, the Thirty-first Annual Founder's Week Conference, to be held January 31 to February 7, will be distinctive, in that it will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of D. L. Moody, the notable founder of the Institute.

ASSOCIATIONAL S. S. WORKERS MEET WITH BAIRD CHURCH

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other bunch. Hats off to the past and coats off for the future and try to put Callahan Association on the map.

The next meeting will be the first Sunday in April, at Baird.—E. N. McCoy.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET JANUARY 12-13 AT WACO

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Mission Board, will be present, speak, and lead a conference relative to the work of evangelism.

Department conferences have been planned for the different groups of associational officers, and ample time will be given to this phase of the work.

Mr. B. B. McKinney will have charge of the music. Some definite periods have been set aside for this phase of the work.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 12
Morning Session
10:15—Prayer and praise.
10:30—Announcements.
10:35—After One Year, J. N. Barnette.
10:55—The Program for Southern Baptist Sunday Schools, Harold E. Ingraham.
11:20—Taking This Program to Every Sunday School in Texas, G. S. Hopkins.
11:45—The Missionary Opportunities of the Volunteer Associational Sunday School Officers in Texas, R. C. Campbell.

12:05—The Bible, T. L. Holcomb.
12:30—Recess for luncheon.
Afternoon Session
2:00—Departmental conferences.
3:10—Music.
3:20—Jerusalem—Judea—Samaria, Roland Q. Leavell.
3:45—Music.
3:55—More Classes, Miss Mary Virginia Lee.
4:10—Leadership Responsibility for Enlargement, William P. Phillips.
4:25—Two Thousand Enlargement Campaigns, Harold E. Ingraham.
4:40—Music.
4:45—More Sunday Schools, J. N. Barnette.
5:00—Adjourn.

Evening Session
7:00—Department Conferences.
8:00—Prayer and praise.
8:10—Testimonies.
8:30—Three Thousand Training Schools, P. E. Burroughs.
8:55—Music.
9:15—Message by Dr. Geo. W. Truett.

Wednesday, January 13
Morning Session
9:00—Department conferences.
10:15—Prayer and praise.
10:25—A Cradle Roll in Every Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood.
10:40—Three Thousand Vacation Bible Schools, Homer L. Grice.
10:55—Music.
11:00—Texas Will Do Her Part, G. S. Hopkins.
11:20—Open conference.
11:50—Music.
12:10—Evangelism, T. L. Holcomb.
12:35—Adjourn.

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