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EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

If I should attempt to imitate a widely known and widely read columnist recently deceased, I would open this week with the statement, "Diary of a Modern Samuel Pepys" . . . With the days leading up to and including Christmas a mingled memory, we left on Monday morning for Carbon, Cisco and intermediate points to visit our mothers, Mrs. T. Matthews of Cisco and Mrs. C. B. O'Brien of Carbon. Drove 200 miles and made stops at five different places for visits, and got home for a late supper. On the way home we listened to the radio account of the state high school game being played in the Dallas Cotton Bowl . . . Credit Richard, the smallest by two pounds and oldest by 41 minutes, of our twin boys with the wittiest remark of the day. Being from, of and for West Texas against the world, we were pulling hard for Lubbock to win over Corpus Christi. Guess we didn't pull hard enough for we were getting farther and farther behind by the quarter. Robert went to sleep in the back seat and Richard sat silently by me on the front seat until the game was over. When Robert woke up the first thing he said was, "Who won?" "We did," Richard replied. "Boy, oh! boy," exclaimed Robert, "Did Lubbock overcome that two touchdown lead and win?" "No," said Richard, "I changed sides." I remember Dr. Gambrell, who fought in the Civil war, said if he ever went to war again he wanted the Yankees on his side . . . Tuesday we attended Rotary and then caught up on visitation duties neglected during the stress of holidays . . . Wednesday we actually tried to spend a few minutes in the study. Thursday morning we all bundled up and were off for Colorado for the first visit since leaving there twenty months ago. What we did, when we saw and the fun we had on this trip would fill a book, so, since we are not writing a book, we will pass on. Friday night and Saturday we spent frantically trying to do a week's work in one and one-eighth days getting ready for a busy Sunday to follow. It was hard on the congregation but we all got through Sunday, and then got up at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning to go with a group of fellows to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl football game . . . Stopped at Philip McGahey's town for breakfast, and sat at the counter by a fellow who took me for a cotton buyer, and took Charlie Brownfield for a preacher. He sat between Charlie and me and when he spoke to Charlie he used flawless English without even a by-word. But when he turned to me he would release a stream of profanity and vulgarity that must have made even Satan blush . . . I have heard men curse before, and although I do not enjoy it, I have to endure it, but being taken for a cotton buyer even by a half drunk reprobate left me depressed the rest of the day . . . Charlie was (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

January 13 — Evangelistic Rally, District 10.
Jan. 16-20 New Mexico Baptist Pastor's Conference, Portales.
Feb. 17-18—Y. W. A. House Party, Hardin-Simmons University.
Jan. 18-19—Associational Sunday School Officers Meeting.
January 24 — Evangelistic Rally, District 17.
January 26 — Evangelistic Rally, District 16.
Jan. 30—Spring Semester Begins, H-S University.
January 31 — Evangelistic Rally, District 7.
February 2 — Evangelistic Rally, District 11.
February 7 — Evangelistic Rally, District 9.
February 14 — Evangelistic Rally, District 8.
March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Sweetwater.
March 7-8—District 9 Convention, Lubbock.

MISS WALKER WRITES OF CHINESE MISSIONS IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Bakersfield, Calif.,
December 2, 1938.
Dear Home Church, Abilene First Baptist:

Some select Chinese of Phoenix talked to C. G. Sewell of the Central Church, Phoenix, about organizing a Baptist church for the Chinese in Phoenix. Bro. Sewell asked me to go and help the Chinese there for six weeks, and the Lord gave a good helper to care for my sister.

Mrs. Henderson, Bro. Sewell and I visited in about 40 homes and shops, inviting Chinese fathers, mothers, young people and children to a special Sunday evening service. 125 were present. What a pleasure to stand before them that evening and tell of the dear things I had seen the Lord do in their own homeland, through those who had the Lord in their hearts, and I urged them to begin a Sunday afternoon Bible School without delay. They straightway appointed a committee of Mrs. Ben Wong, Mrs. Earnest Dong and Mr. Frank Yee to work with Bro. Sewell and Mrs. Henderson, for the Bible School.

"Heaven came down" at the close of this special meeting as dear Mrs. Henderson talked from her heart to them of how her husband had felt before going on to the Better Land, that he had failed the Chinese merchants in Phoenix because, being a wholesale merchant himself and having had most pleasant relations with these merchants, his chance to tell them of Jesus had been unusually good, yet he had "failed them" as he expressed it and he earnestly committed the winning of them to Mrs. Henderson and to Bro. Sewell. He especially invited them to be present at his funeral service and numbers of them came. A blessed talk she gave them. These good people seemed to leave that evening with lifted hearts.

We met the following Sunday and organized the Bible School and the attendance has gone to 65, thus far. When Bro. Sewell called for volunteer teachers, Mr. Frank Yee, the excellent teacher of the Cantonese school, said, "I will teach the KIDS!"—not realizing that his term for them was shocking to some of us.

Dear Mr. Wong said, "I will teach the WOMANS" and lovely Ethel Tang, who had consecrated her life to the Lord at Bro. Sewell's church Sunday before, volunteered to teach the High school girls.

The Chinese want to build their own church right away, but Bro. Sewell is earnestly teaching them the Bible, that they may first know whether or not they have the Lord in their hearts. I pray to be able to return and try to help them, again, sometime.

The Foreign Mission Board does not seem inclined to return me to China. They say they feel I should try to help on this side, now. All (Continued on page 3)

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST SAYS DEAN OF EDUCATORS IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE



Dr. J. D. SANDEFOR

In this new year, we are entering may each of us place first things first, to thus make it easier for those who have wrought and served during these years, especially in the field of culture. It is my wish for friends here and elsewhere, in the year just ahead, all the legitimate joys, comforts and pleasures of which each is capable. And to wish for each one the fullest life, set by the highest standards ever revealed to man through the Son of Man.

WINNERS OF OLSEN MEDAL MAKE GOOD RECORDS IN LIFE

The Church That Tithes Built



REV. ROY O. YOUNG

IMMANUEL PASTOR GOES TO CALIFORNIA FIELD

Rev. Roy O. Young, a Hardin-Simmons senior who has done an outstanding work as pastor at Immanuel Church, Abilene, left with his family this week to take up work in California.

Pastor Young gave up his school

and church work in Abilene on the orders of his physician who declared that the aggressive young leader was carrying too great a load. As it was his intention to return to California after his graduation in June, he left promptly, to take up work in what he declares is the greatest mission field in America.

The crowning effort of Pastor Young's work with Immanuel Church is the beautiful and commodious new building which, though incomplete, is valued at \$7,500. Much of the work of construction was contributed and no small part of it was done with the pastor's own hands.

With the exception of some outside help the new building was paid for largely from the regular tithes and offerings, and it has gone up without debt.

In addition to the full time pastorate which included the building program and a constructive tithing campaign, the student pastor did full college work and found time to share in many other activities including associational affairs, revival meetings and several weeks of morning devotions on the radio.

West Texas will miss this consecrated leader and his gracious wife.

Southwide Committee Reports Building Plans

One of the most significant meetings that has ever been held in the South was the meeting to consider plans and specifications for church buildings in Nashville, Tennessee December 28 and 29, 1938. This meeting was sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. P. E. Burroughs presided at all sessions. The findings committee made the following report which was unanimously adopted by the body.

The Findings Committee of the Building Conference of state mission board secretaries, state Sunday school and Training Union secretaries, heads of the departments of Religious Education of the seminaries, representative architects from all over the South and other sections of the country, and the Sunday school and Training Union workers of the Baptist Sunday School Board, conducted by the Educational Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, in Nashville, Tennessee, December 28, 29, 1938, submits the following report.

1. THE CHURCH BUILDING.

There is urgent need of a revision of our vocabularies in the matter of referring to church building educational needs. All architects, Sunday school workers, and Training Union workers, along with the members of the religious educational departments in our seminaries and colleges, in discussing educational needs in church building should refer to the whole educational program rather than to one church agency, such as, the Sunday school or Training Union. We should never speak of the Sunday school building of a church in cases in which that building is a separate unit, but rather of the educational building. Adequate provision must be made for the Training Union, Sunday school, W. M. U., Brotherhood, and other educational agencies in such buildings.

1. The Auditorium.

(1) The relative capacity of the auditorium and the educational building should be the same. The capacity of the auditorium should never be less than that of the educational building.

(2) In general the rectangular shaped auditorium is more adaptable for enlargement and more acceptable to our people.

(3) The pulpit should be arranged with reference to the following in the order named: pulpit stand, choir, baptistry, organ.

(4) The type of floor to be recommended should depend upon the type of auditorium, namely, the octagonal auditorium usually has a bowled and inclined floor. The rectangular auditorium may have a level floor or a straight inclined floor.

(5) Acoustical problems should all be faced and worked out while the plans for the building are in the formative stage.

(6) Plans for lighting, ventilation, and air conditioning should all be considered as the plans are being worked out.

(7) Many churches find it essential to have a secondary auditorium for use of special meetings, such as the prayer meetings, and so on, which usually do not need an auditorium as large as the main auditorium. The Adult or Young People's Department assembly room may be used in some cases as a secondary auditorium.

2. Sunday School and B. T. U.

(1) Each department of the educational part of the building should be completely separate from the other departments and the proper care exercised in locating the departments. The departments for the elementary grades should not be put on the ground floor where it is necessary to use cement floors or where the lighting is poor. If possible, the assembly room for each department should be on the same floor with the classrooms for that department. All departments should be located within easy access to the auditorium so that the whole Sunday school or Training Union may easily come into the auditorium for general assembly.

(2) Suggestions for relative space (Continued on page 4)

FOUR HONOR STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITY FACULTY

The frequently expressed idea that high ranking students are only bookworms who amount to little else, is shattered by the record of winners of the Julius N. Olsen medal for scholarship, highest student honor at Hardin-Simmons, as reported in a recent story in the Abilene Reporter-News.



DR. JULIUS OLSEN

The Olsen medal is a memorial award, first offered in 1912 by Dr. and Mrs. Julius Olsen of H-SU, in memory of their young son, Julius Nelson, who died when a boy.

First Winner

First winner of the award was Dr. Rupert Norval Richardson, member of the class of 1912, now executive vice-president of the university.

Then a resident of Caddo, in Stephens county, those who heard Dr. Richardson give one of the commencement addresses by members of the graduating class recall that the Olsen award winner of that year urged young folks to give of their educational talents in their home

rush to the cities.

Dr. Richardson took some of his own advice, returning to H-SU as history department head in 1917, after teaching at Cisco and Sweetwater, and remaining here since. He was named vice president in 1927, and executive vice president, to relieve Dr. J. D. Sandefor of administrative duties, a year ago.

Second award, in 1913, also went to a future Hardin-Simmons professor—Joseph Edward Burnam, head of the department of mathematics for 25 years, chairman of the athletic council at H-SU, and for almost all of those years, sponsor, with Mrs. Burnam, of the successive senior classes.

Third winner was Lillie B. Reeves, now Mrs. Solon R. Featherston of Wichita Falls. T. N. Carswell, of Abilene, now head of the recently established Merchants' Paper company, headed the class of 1915.

Seven Co-ed Winners

For the next seven consecutive years the medal went to co-eds. In 1916, the winner was Lucile Tolson, now Mrs. Claude Stone, of Ballinger. (Continued on page 3)

BAPTIST OWNED HOSPITAL REPORTED BOMBED

No confirmation or further details have come through regarding the Baptist hospital at Kweiling, China, which according to United Press quotation from Chinese news sources, was hit with Japanese incendiary air bombs Saturday. The dispatch reported 200 houses destroyed.

Unusual interest attaches to this station for Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw, medical missionary, hospital superintendent and house doctor, formerly was a practicing physician at Winters and San Benito, Texas. A daughter, Miss Nell Mewshaw, is a teacher in Abilene high school.

Dr. and Mrs. Mewshaw have been at Kweiling, southern interior China, for four years. They first went out over twenty years ago and spent fourteen years of medical mission work in other fields.

Others of the mission and hospital staff include Miss Hattie Stallings of Nevada, Texas, Rev. J. A. Herring of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Ruth Ford, R. N. of Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. and Mrs. Mewshaw have two younger daughters in a British school at Hongkong and a son in business at Macon, Georgia.

MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

We missed the West Texas Baptist, a lot, last week. I am sure we will enjoy it the more this week. It is fine to let our faithful, efficient editor have a vacation as well as the rest of us.

The State wide Associational Officers meeting in Dallas, First Baptist church, should be well attended from our district. We are not so far away. Then the Sunday School Board will pay two cents a mile for three cars filled with workers from each association. That means you will get two cents a mile for the three cars both ways. If you live 100 miles from Dallas you will get two cents a mile for 200 miles, or \$4.00. With the year of special emphasis on soul-winning all over the South and soon to be all over the world, we cannot afford to miss that meeting. The World's leading Sunday school leaders will inform us on the last-minute methods and plans of S. S. work. NOW is the time to get ready for that meeting. It will be Jan. 18-19. It will start at 10:00 a. m. the morning of Jan. 18th and last until noon Jan. 19th. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU THERE.

Bro. Fay Hinton will be moved on his new field, the church at Jayton, and will soon be leading that fine group.

Attend and moderate the Worker's Meeting last Tuesday. It met with the Jayton church. The attendance was large and the spirit was fine. The program was well rendered. The board elected a Sunday School Supt., Bro. G. W. Thomas, Peacock. Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton, was elected to succeed herself, B. T. U. Director. W. F. Brannen, Peacock, was elected Secretary of the Board and Treasurer of the association. All District mission money is to be sent to him. He, in turn, will send it to Mr. K. E. Dudley, Abilene, District Treasurer.

It seemed rather awkward to not have Moderator J. B. Rowan there in his usual place. He is trying to get the soreness out of his own lower limbs, and to nurse Mrs. Rowan back to health. They were in a car wreck recently. They are both doing nicely, and will soon be back home and at their loved task. Mrs. Rowan is in our own Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene. That means that she will be well cared for.

ALL OF US WILL GLADLY ATTEND THE DISTRICT MEETING 1ST CHURCH, STAMFORD, JANUARY 24.

As you made your New Year Resolution (Continued on page 3)

NEW MEXICAN BAPTISTS SECURE OFFICE BUILDING

Before the month is over state offices of New Mexico Baptists will be located in a separate building in Albuquerque, which in addition to housing the offices of Corresponding Secretary Harry P. Stagg, B. T. U. Secretary Geo. F. Elam, Sunday School Secretary E. A. Herron, W. M. U. Secretary Miss Eva R. Inlow, will shelter all the official activities of Editor H. C. Reavis, who in addition to putting out a fine state paper is also the bookkeeper of the state board and manager of the Baptist Book store.

Printing equipment will be installed at the new location to publish the Baptist New Mexican and do other convention printing.

For the first time the book store will be provided with an adequate ground floor location.

The property, which is located at 607-9 West Gold Avenue, is leased with an option of purchase. New Mexican leaders are rejoicing that they have an adequate location and at less cost than they had expected.

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NEW DAY

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

At no other new year within our times, not even that glad occasion twenty years ago, has there been such consciousness of the truth of this familiar line of Tennyson.

Twenty years ago we in America generally were looking not for a new day but for a return to "normalcy." We had a vague idea that we were to turn to the placid days of peace and prosperity which had been so rudely disturbed by the war. We found ourselves unable to realize that we had scaled heights and had plumbed depths which forever barred return.

On this New Year the world realizes the abyss which separates our day from the era preceding the World War. Changes have occurred in about every phase of life and living, more profound than during the century preceding or the thousand years preceding that.

Much that has been lost during this generation was fine and good. We have lost peace, a sense of security, and a confidence which we may be long in regaining. But in losing those things we have lost a feeling of self-sufficiency which gives hope for the future.

For forty years preceding the outbreak of 1914 the world had been rapidly becoming apparently a better place to live. People lost interest in a mysterious heaven, for a heaven beckoned just ahead on this earth.

But that heaven proved a mirage which left us disillusioned and bewildered. We did not evolve our paradise inhabited by home-made angels, but instead found the world in a purgatory with a large population of demons.

If the world can learn from the last twenty-five years that people are not made good by education or by a civilized environment, a great preparation will have been made toward leading men to God according to His own divine plan.

NINETEEN-THIRTY-EIGHT

It is all over now. The record is written, eternally unchangeable. But it wasn't such a bad year after all. Most of us have seen much worse. All of us hope to see better.

It is true that time and again during the old year we saw armed might triumph. We have had daily evidence of the conquests of Satan. But we have, on the credit side of the ledger, far more items than we can enumerate.

For Texans there may be mentioned the increase in dry area and sentiment which has been clearly reflected in reduced revenue from that shameful source.

Another happy item is the first, and marked, downward trend in the death-toll on our highways. We note in passing that decreased highway tragedies and reduced drinking are coming hand in hand.

Figuring scarcely at all in the headlines is a feature which, to a great many people, stands out as the most momentous event of the year. This is the rising tide of evangelism in the state. The hundred thousand who found in Christ a precious Savior during the last year and the added thousands who lifted prayer in their behalf will place the revival first.

While revivals in some places appeared disappointing, it was a gracious year. Scores of communities, in which for years not only revival meetings but all preaching services had been allowed to lapse, were the scenes of sweeping, soul-winning evangelism. Repeatedly reports came of the happy conversion of old, hardened sinners whom most people had long ago given up. Baptismal waters were frequently, often with parent and child, occasionally with three generations at once.

Of the many blessings of 1938 that was the greatest in Texas. The most gracious bequest which the old year left for its successor is the promise of more fervent prayer, deeper spirituality and a more active evangelism.

THE FIRST STEP

It appears that a determined effort will be made in the new Congress to include under the Social Security act all classes of employed persons, including not only arm hands and domestic help, but also employees of religious and charitable institutions.

There may be two sides as regards to transient cotton pickers and the like, but Baptist faith admits no question regarding employees of our churches.

Quite as fundamental is Baptist belief as the doctrine of immersion is the tenet of complete separation of church and state. From the end of the apostolic age down to the most recent martyr in Rumania, Baptists have suffered and died, if need be, for this cause.

Of all peoples on earth none other has the full freedom of worship without governmental favoritism either officially or unofficially expressed that is the prized possession of Americans.

Who would have dared dream as late as 1928 that within ten years the outpost of self-reliance, the American farmer, would plant and harvest only by the leave of Washington? That Texas farms would be offered for sale, not on the basis of the number of bales of cotton which they have produced, but according to the size of government subsidy which they carry?

What has happened to the freedom of action of the farmer can just as easily happen to freedom of religion unless the slightest encroachment is jealously guarded against. This is a day when tremendous developments take place swiftly—sometimes startlingly, sometimes insidiously.

The simplest way to head off this opening wedge is for Baptists to move first and make adequate provision for the old age of their servants. Has your church done that?

News Notes

Missionary A. C. Donath and family arrived in Texas late in December for a year of furlough after three years in service at Oyo, Nigeria.

Dr. W. C. Taylor, secretary to Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board, will spend a year with his family at 2203 Park Avenue, Richmond, Va., while doing special work for the Board in the states.

Rev. J. William Arnett, H-SU '38, is now pastor at Five-Mile and Woody, Lamesa association.

The Big Spring association workers will meet at Tarzan on January 10.

Rev. A. D. Shantz, a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Lubbock, has recently been selected by German Baptists as a general field worker and colporteur.

Rev. Harvey W. Graham, formerly at Cotton Center, Hale county, is now pastor of the fine church at Roaring Springs.

One hundred-fifty new members, half of them by baptism, and over ten thousand dollars in tithes and offerings are some of the outstanding features of the first year of work of Pastor Ira Harrison with First Church, Snyder.

Dr. George W. Truett will be engaged in a revival in Oklahoma City from January 8 to 20. Part of the services will be held in the First Baptist Church and the remainder at the new municipal auditorium.

The young people of First Church, Sweetwater, presented a play, "The New Christmas Story," at the B.T.U. hour Christmas evening.

Among the Christmas visitors at Abilene were Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright of 2201 Miller Avenue, Dallas. Dr. Wright, who is now in evangelistic work and held a fine revival at Stamford last year, has some open dates at this time. After 30 years in the pastorate, fifteen of which were with the First Church, Paris, he approaches a revival with a pastor's heart and leaves the church with definite gains.

The First Church of Colorado reports 46 additions, with 34 for baptism in the recent revival in which state evangelist C. Y. Dossey assisted Pastor T. A. Patterson.

Rev. J. W. Marshall, state B.S.U. secretary, conducted a chapel revival at College of Marshall the week before Christmas.

"May this little calendar be a constant reminder that Jesus can save, and that we should honor Him with our presence in worship at the Lord's house on the first day of each week," says a calendar with a reproduction of the painting, "Christ, the Savior," by Hoffman, which Missionary W. C. Garrett of Roswell has distributed.

Temple Church, Abilene, had a record Sunday school attendance of 124 on New Year's day. There have been 63 additions to this church in the last ten months.

Dr. Karl H. Moore, Brownwood, was principal speaker of the Rannels association workers' meeting at Winters Tuesday.

The workers' conference of Coleman association will meet at First Church, Coleman, Thursday, January 12.

A location has been made for drilling in the Avoca townsite field on two lots owned by the Lueders Missionary Baptist church. The Avoca townsite field is attracting wide attention at this time.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Donath of Oyo, Nigeria, West Africa, visited at Sweetwater Sunday, December 25. Their furlough home is at Mart, Texas.

Lamesa workers will meet at Andrews on January 12.

WORKERS MEET AT ELIASVILLE

Workers of the Throckmorton-Young association met at Eliasville December 29. The theme of the program was "Prayer" with emphasis on the place of prayer. The sermon of the day was by Missionary J. M. Riddell. Other speakers included Sam Roach, H. C. Kunkle, Mrs. J. Schiltler and Revs. I. W. Lawrence, J. B. Diggins, H. G. Verner and J. P. Stevenson. Ewell Bone rendered a sacred solo.

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Interlude

The Christmas season has witnessed an interlude in the wars and crises with which the world is girdled. Something of the spirit of peace and goodwill seemed to strive valiantly against hate and greed for the spotlight during the holiday season.

Even the Arabs and the Jews, neither of whom reverence the Christ whose birth was being celebrated, held a sort of unofficial truce in their sniping in Palestine while pilgrims trod the ancient road to Bethlehem.

Only in Spain has there been major activity during the year end and there the start and stop procedure, which has characterized every drive in that war for months, again emphasized the futility of that dreary conflict.

While observers have been expressing a hope that the lull presages a springtime of peace, there has been the constant fear that it is really only the tense minute of oppressive calm in the storm-cener. Who knows?

Gold Soars

An indication of this feeling of dread in world finance is found in the sharp soaring of the price of gold and the renewed stampede to buy dollars which marked the resumption of overseas business after the holidays.

The United States has over half of the world supply of gold, mostly buried within interior fortifications, and some writers sneer at it as only useful to fill teeth. But this week it reached an all time high on the London market and the dwindling European supply continues to cross the Atlantic.

No further commentary is needed. The yellow metal remains the world's measure of value and America is the supreme haven of safety. The world, fearing tomorrow, stakes its hope for the future on a golden nest egg in a democratic land.

Line-Up

With the beginning of the year we find Germany the key nation of Europe. Through intrigue, economic pressure, and the threat of the unknown strength of his arms, Hitler is extending his power to adjoining nations. The tanks and cannon, which rumbled into Vienna in the summer and into Pilsen in the fall, may be rolling again in the spring. The question which even Hitler himself may not be able to answer is, where?

Italy has slackened somewhat the clamor for a share of French possessions, but that may mean only that Mussolini is biding his time instead of slackening his ambitions.

Japan is reported as discontinuing further major campaigning to give attention to consolidating the present gains. This may mean that the offensive has passed to Chiang and the Chinese patriots, but we need not expect him to make use of it at the present other than to continue to harass he invaders. 1939 is not likely to be a year of peace in China.

Opposed to these, we find Russia sullen and mysterious within the snow-clad wastes. France, crippled by internal dissension, is preparing as best she can against Italian threats. Britain is feverishly continuing to build a more vast armament and hoping for peace.

Hopes

On one thing all powers are agreed. None of them wants a major war. The threat to peace is that the dictators continue to thrill their followers by skirting closely to the edge of the precipice. And you can never be sure when they are taking too great a risk.

Some shrewd observers suggest that perhaps Sir Neville Chamberlain is staking his policy in the hope that Hitler may become entangled in an exhausting conflict with Russia without England becoming involved. A struggle like that would leave Britain her old-time mastery, provided that in the meantime France has succeeded in controlling Italy.

The stage is set for a Nazi campaign of disruption in the Russian Ukraine in the spring and it may be that Japan is drawing in the lines in China to be able to have a veteran army in a threatening position on the Siberian frontier when trouble begins to brew in Europe.

Co-operation

The word in the Western world is co-operation. Not all that the optimistic hoped was accomplished at the Pan-American conference at Lima. But more was achieved than has ever been done before—much to the disgust of Berlin and Rome.

This means that there will be no open aggression from the Old World in the near future. Of that we were

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 8, 1939

By Hight C Moore

PETER RECOMMENDED AND REBUKED

Matthew 16:13-25

It was in the vicinity of Caesarea Philippi near the sources of the Jordan and in the autumn of A. D. 29 that Peter, as representative of the disciples, made his great confession of Jesus as the Son of God. The response of Jesus culminated in the first prediction of his sufferings which called forth the protest of the impetuous apostle and the counter-rebuke of the Master.

1. Approval of the Confessing Christian

The faith of the Christian receives the approval of the trusted Christ. Men are lost without a right idea of his character and mission. Mark how Jesus, when they were alone in the mountainous region of Caesarea Philippi, drew out of the disciples the popular opinion of himself as leading to the great confession which Peter made. They told Jesus that the people regarded him as one of the nation's great come back to life; the inflexible Baptist, or the intrepid Elijah, or the sympathetic Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets. Their idea was exalted, but inaccurate. But what did the disciples say? Upon the correctness of their answer everything depended. As spokesman of the twelve, Peter reached the high-water mark of Christian loyalty in his great confession of Christ as the Son of the living God. Instantly the divine beatitude crowned the confessor, though Jesus recognized the source as much as the saying: for he realized that it was more the prompting of the Father than the reasoning of Peter.

2. Assurance for the Conquering Church

The founding of the church rests on the assurance of the triumphant Christ. (1) The doctrine of the church was for the first time mentioned by Jesus. Upon the meaning of his words expositors are not agreed. Some say the rock means Christ as the Rock of Ages; some say that it applies to Peter, who on the day of Pentecost wrought and witnessed the virtual birth of the church; some, that it refers to the body of apostles who were founders of Christianity in various lands; some, that it means the confession of Peter which must be that of every true church member. Of course we reject the Romish view of the primacy of Peter. Three things are incontrovertible: the church belongs to Christ; it is built by him; and it will triumph over all opposition. (2) The discipline of the church is suggested in the keys of the kingdom and the power of binding and loosing. If Peter and his associates and successors obey the teachings of the word and follow the Spirit, their action in admitting the saved to the church and excluding the disorderly will be sanctioned in heaven. (3) The message of the church would eventually center in the Messiahship and deity of Jesus, but before the ascension, it would only arouse fanaticism and hostility.

3. Atonement by the Crucified Christ

The forecast of the cross reveals the atonement by the suffering Christ. What Jesus himself had long foreseen was now for the first time declared to his followers. Recognizing the Messiah, they must learn that his chief work is vicarious suffering rather than political sovereignty. Four things he therefore predicted: the inevitable journey to Jerusalem; the endurance of hardships from the authorities; the divine martyrdom; the glorious resurrection. The mention of the Master's murder stirred the soul of Peter. With a half-prayer that Jesus' death might be prevented, he made the rash assertion that it should never occur. Thus he contradicted the prediction just made and, implying the kingdom without the cross, became the tempter of his Lord. As the momentary mouthpiece of Satan, Peter merited the sharp command which vanquished the tempted in the wilderness. So early had the man of rock become the stumbling-block; for he had not the mind to comprehend, much less direct, divine affairs. Know that the cross is needful. Apply the tests of discipleship: desire to come after Christ; denial of self for Christ; discipline in daily cross-bearing; development in grace and power.

The Confession That Christ Commands

(1) **Confession of Him as Teacher.** The disciples were not ashamed to be called his disciples. Nor should we be ashamed today to be numbered among his followers. He is our great teacher. Let us learn of him every day.

(2) **Confession of Him as Savior.** There is none other name whereby we can be saved. He saves us from the dominion and consequences of sin. Let us rejoice in his salvation and let all the world know it.

(3) **Confession of Him as Lord.** If we learn of him and are saved by him we shall acknowledge him as Lord of our lives in every part an every day. We shall ever look to him to counsel, to correct, and to command.

(4) **Confession of Him to Himself.** How his heart must have leaped with joy and triumph when Peter said to him, "Thou art the Christ!" Let us in yearning prayer confess him to himself! He and he alone is the Christ of God. Nor can we approach the Throne of Grace without being conscious of his deity.

Gold in the Golden Text

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16. The deity of Jesus was and is his outstanding and supreme trait. Repeatedly and deliberately he claimed Godhood. He was called Son of God by the Father, by his followers, and by his foes of the underworld. The Gospels declare his deity. Every regenerate heart knows that he is God.

The duty of confession is a fundamental duty of every Christian. Confess him then as Peter did, first to himself and also to others. Confess him by obeying him and being like him and winning others to him.

The desire of Christ is that we confess him continually and convincingly. Confession will confirm our faith and widen our service and bless the world.

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Peter Recognizes His Lord. Matt. 16:13-16.

Tuesday—Christ Commends Peter. Matt. 16:17-20.

Wednesday—Peter Rebuked. Matt. 16:21-25.

Thursday—Winning the Approval of Jesus. Matt. 10:34-42.

Friday—The Faith of the Centurion. Matt. 8:5-13.

Saturday—Intolerance Rebuked. Luke 9:51-55.

Sunday—The Pre-eminence of Christ. Colossians 1:9-18.

DOCTRINAL

THE CHURCH IN ITS ORIGIN

By C. D. OWEN

There are three views held concerning the origin and establishment of the church, namely—That it was established under the Abrahamic covenant; second, That it was established on the day of Pentecost; and third, That Christ established his church during his personal ministry on earth. I cannot accent the first two positions for many scriptural reasons, but do believe, that Christ did establish his church during His personal ministry on earth and its doctrines are clearly set forth in the New Testament scriptures as I shall endeavor to show.

Christ said: Matt. 16:18, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It is evident that Christ meant that he would build his church upon himself and not upon Peter as some claim. The word "Peter" is from Petros (small rock). The word "rock" is from Petra (large rock) referring to Christ. See Eph. 2:20. I Cor. 3:11.

As preparatory to the establishment of the church of Christ, there was divinely called and supernaturally qualified messenger sent from God to prepare a people making them ready for the coming of the Lord. That wonderful personage was John the Baptist. Mark 1:2-4, "As it is written in the prophets, Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."

Two questions naturally arise as we think of the above passage. First, How did John the Baptist prepare the people, making them ready for the Lord? Second, What did Christ do with the people thus made ready for him? These are important questions—John did three things in preparing the people for the Lord. First, Preached to them, Repentance. Matt. 3:1-2, "In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea saying, Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Second, by preaching to them, faith in Christ. John 1:6-7, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear of the Light, that all men through him might believe." Third, by baptizing those who gave evidences of repentance and faith. See Matt. 3:7-8 and Acts 19:4-5.

Christ took the people thus prepared for him and organized them into his church. It is generally conceded by Bible scholars that Christ, in the Bible, is called the Bridegroom and the church his Bride. John tells of his mission in preparing the Bride or church for the Bridegroom. John 3:28-30, "Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride (church) is the bridegroom (Christ) but the friend of the bridegroom (John the Baptist) which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly, because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled." His mission is now fulfilled in that Christ (the bridegroom) now has the church (the bride) John continues, verse 30, "He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease." So, John the Baptist made ready the people for Christ to "build" his church.

Now let us notice some prophecies concerning the establishment of the church and see how completely they were fulfilled during the personal ministry of Christ. Isa. 2:2-3, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many shall say, Come, ye, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord's house—for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Notice five facts in their relation to this prophecy. First: The Lord's house shall be established on top of the mountain. Second: It shall be established in the last days. Referring to the days of the Roman Caesars, or days of Christ, Third, the word of the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem. Fourth, in this connection David foretold who would establish it. Ps. 87:5, "And of Zion (Prophetic name for church) it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her."

Paul said, the first set in the church were apostles. I Cor. 12:28. Now, notice how completely these scriptures were fulfilled during Christ's personal ministry. Luke 6:12-13, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was

day he called unto him his disciples, and of them chose twelve, whom he called apostles." We have here "the highest himself" on top of mountain in last days. He called his disciples unto him, chose twelve and called them apostles, first that was put into the church.

He then sent them to Jerusalem to begin their work as a church, (Luke 24:46-49) fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy who said, "The word of the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem."

Next week we will discuss the doctrines of this church at Jerusalem.

WINNERS OF OLSEN MEDAL MAKE GOOD RECORDS IN LIFE

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The next year, Mildred Paxton, now Mrs. Dan Moody, of Austin, wife of the former governor, was presented the Olsen award.

Mildred Foy, now Mrs. Carl Springer, wife of the Eastland attorney, was valedictorian and medal winner, in 1918, Onita Christopher, now Mrs. R. M. Medley, of Abilene, received the medal in 1919. Then, successive winners were Lucy Tracy Hayes, 1920; Helen Greenwood Woodward, 1921, and Ruth Chambers Cox, 1922.

Hoyt Ford, now professor of education at the university, ended the succession of feminine winners in 1923. But the next two years, the winners again were girls. Edith Ketchum, now Mrs. M. M. Ballard, of Abilene, in 1924, and Bennie Leroy Speck, of the Abilene high school in 1925.

Winners Since 1926

William T. Reed, of Chicago, won the medal in 1926. Reid later earned a Ph. D. degree from the University of Texas, the youngest candidate at that time to receive this degree. Mildred Caldwell, of Abilene, received the honor the next year, in 1927.

Earl Ingerson, of Washington, D. C., was accorded the honor in 1928, going from H-SU to Yale, where he earned his Ph. D., and a scholarship to Innsbruck in Austria, where he spent a year in research study. He now doing geology research for the Carnegie Institute.

The year following Mattie Ruth Rosser, now Mrs. Joe Breed, wife of a Houston banker, won the award. Mildred Pauline Butler, of Clyde, was valedictorian in 1930. She is now a teacher.

Another future teacher, Ernest Royal Sublett, of Sweetwater, was winner of the honor in 1931. An Abilene girl, Florence Locke, won the award in 1932. She is now in government service at Dallas.

Now in Yale in the school of chemical engineering, William Edgar Ingerson, of Barstow, brother of Earl, was awarded the medal in 1933. The following year, Grace Edith Smith of Abilene was honor graduate.

In 1935, Ollie Lena Olsen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Olsen, was winner. Dr. Olsen, member of the university faculty since 1902, is the senior staff member. Miss Olsen, teacher of English in Hardin-Simmons, received her M. A. degree last June from Smith college.

Zelma Richardson, 1936, valedictorian, is an Abilene girl, and taught last year at Eula. Georgenia Hawkins, winner of the 1937 award, is at Wichita Falls in a U. S. government social security office. Francine Merritt, of Santa Anna, 1938 winner, is teaching this year at Gustine.

PALACIOS ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS ELECTED

By T. C. Gardner

The Texas Baptist Encampment, located at Palacios-by-the-sea, is one of the outstanding encampments in America. It has been said by Dr. George W. Truett, "No Baptist institution with anything like the investment has meant more to the Baptist Cause than the encampment located at Palacios."

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Corresponding Secretary—T. C. Gardner, Dallas.

Norman Shaffer of First Church, Sweetwater, surrendered to the ministry at a recent service.

SOUTHWIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS BUILDING PLANS

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for the Sunday school in the educational building.

Nursery—3 units.

Nursery Class—3 units.

Beginners—6 units.

Primaries—10 units.

Juniors—15 units.

Intermediates—15 units.

Young People—20 units.

Adults—The number of units to be determined in each situation. More classrooms should be provided for Adults.

(3) Relative space in the educational building for the Training Union.

The Elementary Department—In the Training Union provision should be made for the Nursery, Beginners, and Primaries. The same space that is used by these respective units in the Sunday school should be used also in the Training Union.

Junior Department—Where there are sixteen classrooms in the Junior Department of the Sunday school movable partitions should be put in so that eight rooms may be provided for Junior Unions.

Intermediate Department—Make similar provision for Intermediate Unions that was made for Junior Unions.

Young People's Department—All the rooms in the Young People's Department should be available for the Senior Unions.

Adult Department—All the Adult classrooms should be available for the Adult Department in the Training Union.

It will be seen from the above that we recommend that all the space in the educational building be available for corresponding groups in both Sunday school and Training Union.

(4) Departments should be multiplied when there are as many as sixteen classes or eight unions in one department. This will vary according to local problems, financial ability and so on.

(5) The Baptist Sunday School Board and the state mission boards offer their services, without cost, to all the churches for consultation on all building operations.

(3) We urge that sufficient and accessible executive offices be provided in every church building. A room should also be provided for a church library. Cabinet space and space for the secretaries should be provided in each department. Drinking fountains, call bells, books and hangers should be provided as needed.

(4) We urge that adequate provision be made in each case for the social ministries of the church. This would include kitchen and social rooms, and provision for pageants and dramatics. All these rooms should be available for the use of all the agencies in the church. Rest rooms should also be provided at the proper places in the educational building.

II. TYPES OF BUILDINGS

In every community in which a new church building is anticipated a careful survey should be made to determine the needs of the church. A thorough religious census should be taken, and a study made of the needs of each department.

There is great need for a careful study of all economy features that are available in order to provide for more people at a lower cost than has been true in many cases in the past.

All the churches which are contemplating building or remodeling their church houses are urged to avail themselves of the services of the state mission boards and the Baptist Sunday School Board for consultation concerning such building operations. All the field workers of these boards are eager to serve the churches in this great matter.

The workers of the Baptist Sunday School Board, of all the State mission boards, and the leaders in the churches, are urged to give careful attention in the matter of selecting architects. There is urgent need for architects who understand Southern Baptist church life and needs. In this connection we should like to urge all architects who wish to serve in the field of church building to study Southern Baptist life in order to have a clear understanding of the needs of our educational program. We appreciate the deep interest being shown by the architects who are attending this Conference.

We find through long experience that many churches are not able to finance a building which will meet their educational needs if they attempt to build all of the building at one time. In all such cases we urge the architects and others consulting with the building committee of such churches to give careful consideration to the matter of building one unit at a time, or one story at a time, according to the ability of the church to pay. Such buildings should be planned so that one or more units or

PROGRAM

WORKERS CONFERENCE

Callahan Missionary Baptist Association Meeting With Denton Valley Baptist Church.

10:00 a. m. January 10, 1939.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Song and Praise Service.

10:10 a. m.—Scripture Reading and Devotional, Rev. R. S. Bright, Potosi.

10:25 a. m.—"Why We are Responsible for the Things of the Spirit," by Rev. A. A. Davis, Baird.

10:40 a. m.—"Our Responsibility for the Spiritual Welfare of the Present Generation," by Rev. C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.

10:55 a. m.—"Our Responsibility for the Spiritual Welfare of the Future Generations," by Rev. J. S. Tierce, Clyde.

11:10 a. m.—Announcements . . . Music.

11:20 a. m.—Sermon, by Dr. N. A. Moore, Bible Teacher, Hardin-Simmons U.

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1:15 p. m.—Devotional Song and Praise Service, by Rev. Martin, H-SU student, pastor, Admiral.

1:30 p. m.—Board Meeting: Reports of Associational Sunday School, B. T. U., W. M. U., Evangelistic, and Mission, and Laymen Work, done in the Association the past month. (Separate meeting for Ladies if desired.)

2:30 p. m.—Inspirational Address, Rev. S. L. Tidwell, Abilene.

Benediction, (Denton Valley is waiting to WELCOME you.)

There is urgent need that all of us do everything in our power to aid the rural churches to erect adequate buildings. The Architectural Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board has prepared and will prepare more free literature for the use of such churches in the future. All the field workers should co-operate in the matter of making this available to all rural churches. In this connection we should like to urge all architects to give careful consideration to the matter of offering free service as far as possible to the rural churches. We should do everything possible to lead the rural churches to erect buildings in which provision will be made for graded Sunday school work, graded Baptist Training Union work, W. M. U., Brotherhood, and other educational work. We should also give consideration to the matter of leading the rural churches to incorporate features which will make the buildings beautiful and also to the matter of beautifying the grounds around the church building. This can be done without sacrificing efficiency.

We are glad to note that the religious educational departments of our seminaries are giving splendid co-operation in the field of church building. We are happy to note also that The Sunday School Builder, beginning with the January number, will carry a regular feature conducted by Doctor Burroughs under the caption "Let Us Build."

All the state Sunday School and Training Union secretaries are urged to use their departments in the state papers to give publicity to this matter of building. All the state and southwide meetings should also provide discussions on church building. We are happy to note that this is being done widely.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the Baptist Sunday School Board and its Architectural Department for providing this Conference on Church Building. We feel that it will mark a definite step forward in this great field. We appreciate the vision and ability of Dr. T. L. Holcomb and Dr. P. E. Burroughs in their leadership in this most important part of our educational task.

Respectfully submitted: J. B. Hill, Richmond, Virginia; T. C. Gardner, Dallas, Texas; Edgar Godbold, Kansas City, Missouri; Jerry E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tennessee; Harold E. Ingram, Nashville, Tennessee, Findings Committee.

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MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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lution, did you take into consideration the Lord to help you carry them out? He is more interested that we do well than we can possibly be. He cares and can do something about it. Let us depend on Him. V

Next week the missionary will be favored with the privilege of laboring with Pastor Hardesty and the church at McCauley, in a study course.

Please, pray for us. On Friday of next week we are to have an ALL-DAY meeting on the Sunday school workers of the association, especially, the Associational Officers. The meeting will be at the church at Roby. Each one will bring his own lunch and all will spread together.

We hope and pray that we shall take the District meeting, in Stamford, SERIOUSLY. It is easy to say, "Well, the rest will do it." That is NOT the Lord's way. It takes genuine courage and character to take up our CROSSES and follow the Lord to success. The "Good" is ENEMY to the "BEST".

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Constitution For District Seventeen

Article I. Name and Nature

1. The name of this convention shall be, the Baptist Convention of District 17.

2. This body is and shall ever remain only and solely a body through which Baptist Churches may work harmoniously in co-operation with each other, promoting the objects set forth in this constitution. It has not, to any degree and shall never have any ecclesiastical authority.

Article II. Object

The object of this convention shall be to bring about a closer fellowship among Baptists of District 17, and to enlist their interest in things fostered by churches, associations and the General Convention of Texas.

Article II. Membership

1. This body in all of its meetings shall be composed of messengers who are co-operating with their respective associations and the General Convention of Texas, and who shall be elected by the churches and associations in the bounds of District 17.

2. Each church co-operating with this body shall be entitled to ten messengers for the first one hundred members or fractional part thereof, and two additional messengers for each additional one hundred members or fractional part thereof, providing that no church shall have more than 20 messengers. Each association co-operating with this body shall be entitled to five messengers.

Article IV. Officers

1. The officers of this convention shall be a president, four vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer.

2. The four vice-presidents shall be recommended, one from each of the four auxiliaries of the Convention, viz: Sunday School, B. T. N., W. M. U., and Brotherhood.

3. The four recommendations of the auxiliaries for the office of vice-presidents shall, if elected by the convention, serve as presidents of their respective auxiliaries.

Article V. Boards

1. The Executive Board of this body shall be composed of three members from each association, suggested by the Association and shall include the District Mission Treasurer of the Association. All officers of this convention shall be ex-officio members of the executive board.

2. The Executive Board shall foster the work of District Missions, and all work of the Convention, adinterim.

Article VI. Committees

1. The program committee shall be composed of the president, four vice-presidents, and the district missionary.

2. There shall be a committee on time and place.

3. There shall be a committee on resolutions.

4. Any other needed committees shall be appointed by the body.

Article VII. Meetings

This body shall meet annually, at such time and place as it may appoint, and the Executive Board shall have power to call a meeting of the body when it deems necessary.

Article VIII. Amendments

This constitution shall not be changed or amended unless the change or amendment be offered on the first day of the annual session and voted on the second day, and then only by a two-thirds majority.

JUST TALK

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already assured. But it means that the foreign dictators, like red ants that have been disturbed, will work more furiously than ever. And there can be no embargo against ideas.

The greatest benefit of the Lima meeting could not be put into a document. It was the strengthening of an intangible feeling of solidarity, of mutual confidence and of common interests. And it is just this, rather than any formal instrument of alliance that will increase the unity of the American Republics.

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BAYLOR HEAD IN DALLAS RETIRES WITH OLD YEAR

Dr. Justin F. Kimball, vice-president in charge of the Baylor units in Dallas, who has been in poor health for more than a year,

Dr. Kimball has long been a distinguished figure in educational circles in Texas. Before going to Baylor he had been in public school work, notably at Temple and Dallas. Later he held a chair in S. M. U.

Dr. Kimball achieved international recognition through the inauguration of the group hospitalization system which the American Hospital association is now sponsoring as the successful plan for providing hospital care for millions on a budget basis. Throughout his mature years Dr. Kimball has been an active layman, a deacon and a Sunday School teacher.

SENTENCE SERMONS

O. D. HENLEY

Ideals are what we wish the other fellow had. It is worse to be heartless than headless.

Even the helpless can be happy. Ideals, ideas, and attitudes are contagious.

Religion dominated by the weather is weak.

Opportunity and obligation are inseparable.

Responsibility is inescapable. All things are law-abiding except man and the devil.

There is a vast difference between sense and sensitiveness.

It is not knowing the pass-word but the Gatekeeper in heaven.

Corrupt souls corrupt other souls. Souls are easier impaired than repaired.

God is a tireless worker. Many have high hopes, but low aims.

Eternity begins here. A lie denied is multiplied.

Life is long enough. Faith faces forward.

Less than our best is a reflection on us.

Love is never listless. Prayer pays.

Some live; others exist. The devil's vacuum draws in all the chaff.

CISCO WORKERS MEET

"The Fundamentals of the Baptist Faith" was the theme of the Cisco association workers, meeting with Moran Church, Tuesday, January 3. Speakers included pastors Philip C. McCahey, Judson Prince, Charles T. Talley, Jr., Melvin Shaw and B. F. Clement.

The W. M. U. had the afternoon program on the subject "Evanglizing the World." Speakers included Mesdames L. A. Thompson, A. L. Black, and Joe Small. Special music was given by the Moran W. M. U.

The devil's record is as black as his character. Shun him. He is responsible for the tears, graves, sins, sorbs, miseries of mankind down through the ages. The iniquitous cesspool of evil is a product of his wicked mind.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

What was the significant proclamation made to the Jews every seventh and fiftieth years concerning their land?

What physical guide and protection did God give the children of Israel on their journey from Egypt to the promised land?—Ex. 13th, Chap. 21, 22 Vs. Ex. 14th Chap. 19, 24.

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BAPTISTS SEND PROTESTS TO GOVERNOR-ELECT

The Associated Press choice of the election of Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, as the outstanding Texas news story of the year recalls the widespread Baptist protest following the announcement that the Governor-elect had an "open mind" on the question of legalized horse-racing.

These messages came from churches, associations and conventions. Some were petitions, others telegrams. The Baptist Student Union, which was in session at the time issued the first protest and the action taken by the State B. T. U. was conventional was typical.

The telegram which was dispatched following a motion by Rev. Fred C. Eastham, general convention chairman, that the convention express its views, read as follows: "The 8,500 messengers attending the 48th annual session of the Baptist Training Union Convention of Texas, representing 3,245 churches with a combined membership of 650,000, unanimously protest the return of legalized gambling and urgently request your influence in preventing the return of these insidious evils to our state."

The telegram was signed for the Baptist Training Union of Texas by H. O. Rothell of Dallas, State B.T.U. President.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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equally indignant because he was mistaken for a preacher. He told me later he felt like kicking that bird's shin for thinking he was a preacher and if he had he wouldn't have had a leg to stand on for I was ready to break the other shin for thinking I was a cotton buyer. . . . That was the largest crowd of people I ever saw as forty thousand gathered in that cotton bowl oval. And the array of colors represented by the twenty-five high school bands in their spick and span uniforms, grouped across the whole south end of that stadium, was worth a trip to Dallas to see. Then when all of these bands, plus the college bands, under the direction of Tommy Dossey, noted radio orchestra leader, who stood atop a bale of cotton, played "The Star Spangled Banner," my heart nearly did a fade out. Forty thousand people stood as one person, the referee stopped the game and the teams stood with helmets in hand, and eighty thousand eyes were focused on a large American flag which waved majestically from a pole on top of the press box. My prayer was one with the prayer of Frances Scott Key, "Long may it wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." Call it silly or sentimental or whatever you may, but I need a dose of it frequently. And if there be any among us whose heart does not beat a little faster under the same circumstances, he should take himself off to a country he can love. This morning, Tuesday, I spoke in chapel, conducted a funeral and attended Rotary Club luncheon. But I can't stay here all afternoon making a diary, I gotta go to Snyder and make a speech for Jake Smythe and Lyman Wrenn on some occasion or other. Hope I get to see Ira Harrison. . . . Happy New Year.

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W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of Sweetwater Association, Auxiliary October, November, December, 1938, With the Southside Baptist Church, Abilene, January 12, 1939.

Morning Session, 9:45.
President, Mrs. C. C. Compere.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bert Low.

Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bryan Ball.
Theme: The Love of Christ Constrains Us. II Cor. 5:14.

Song Service.
Devotional—Mrs. W. V. Tatum.
Greetings—Mrs. R. C. Lewis.
Response—Mrs. J. N. Anderson.
Song—I Love to Tell the Story.
Recognition of visitors.

Three Minute Reports by Local Presidents—
Abilene Calvary—Mrs. D. D. Gilmore.
Abilene First—Mrs. E. O. Keeton.
Abilene Immanuel—Mrs. Rhoda Taylor.

Abilene North Park—Mrs. B. F. Oliver.
Abilene Southside—Mrs. R. C. Lewis.
Abilene Sunset—Mrs. Austin.
Abilene Temple—Mrs. George Ayers.

Abilene University—Mrs. R. M. White.
Blackwell—Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.
Song.

Buffalo Gap—Mrs. Halford.
Caps—Mrs. Clyde Jackson.
Maryneal—Mrs. Bascom Hart-graves.

Merkel—Mrs. T. E. Collins.
Nolan—Mrs. Betty Buchan.
Sweetwater First—Mrs. Z. E. Steakley.

Sweetwater Lamar—Mrs. H. J. Woodridge.
Tye—Mrs. Jewel Cochnaur.
Tuscola—Mrs. J. N. Anderson.

Song.
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer's report.

Announcements.
Lunch 12-12:30.

Song Service and Prayer.
Group Meetings of Standing Committees, 12:45-1:15.

Executive Board Meeting.
Song, Woman's Hymn.

Report of Chairmen of Standing Committees—
Personal Service, Mrs. W. C. Taggart.

Mission Study, Mrs. W. S. Daniel.
Missions, Mrs. J. H. Dean.

Christian Education, Mrs. J. R. Fielder.

Benevolence, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams.
Periodicals, Mrs. W. E. Ryan.

Stewardship, Mrs. Bill Haines.
Young People, Mrs. B. N. Shepherd.

Publicity, Mrs. James Alexander.
Margaret Fund, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Reports of Committees.
Reading of Minutes, Mrs. Bert Low.

Closing Prayer.

Every local officer and committee chairman of the societies in Sweetwater association is urged to attend.

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PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of the W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Jones County Association, First Baptist Church, Hamlin, Texas, Tues., Jan. 10.
10:00 Song, "Revive Us Again"—Page 228.

10:05 Watchword for 1939, II Cor. 5:14—Mrs. M. P. May.

10:15 Greetings—Mrs. E. F. Fairley, Hamlin.

10:20 Response—Mrs. Joe Ashburn, Tuxedo.

10:25 Recognition of Societies and Visitors.

10:30 "Onward"—through our local presidents.

10:10 W. M. U. Song for 1939—It's History—Mrs. W. C. Russell.

11:20 Onward Through Christian Education—By District Chairman Mrs. N. A. Moore and Hardin-Simmons Students.

12:20 Lunch — (Bring Covered Dish).

1:00 Board Meeting.
1:30 "Onward — Through our Young People's Work—By Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, District Young People's Leader.

2:00 Reports of Standing Committees.
Publicity—Mrs. Henry Littleton, Hamilton.

Benevolence—Mrs. Ed Rowell, Anson.

Missions—Mrs. G. H. Hanson, Avoca.

Mission Study—Mrs. R. D. De-weese—Anson.

Personal Service—Mrs. Fred Sides,

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Southern Baptist Convention

January - February—The Baptist 100,000 Club.

March—W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions.

April—Catch-up Month.

May—Hospital Day on Mother's Day.

June—Education Day.

July—Baptist Bible Institute.

August—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

September—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and W.M.U. Training School.

October—W. M. U. Week of Prayer for State Missions. State Mission Day.

November—State Papers, Orphanage Day on Thanksgiving. Every Member Canvass Begins.

December—W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Every Member Canvass Completed.

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