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REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

Nearly three years ago I sat at this exact spot and wrote my Rambling Remarks. I am greatly impressed by the changes that have taken place in these brief months. In the meantime we have changed pastorates and some of the most sobering experiences of my ministry have occurred. Our two oldest children have finished high school and are now students in college. At this end of the line the changes are as marked. I am writing from the pastor's study of the First Baptist Church in Burk Burnett, where we are engaged with Brother Miles B. Hayes in a revival. Since we were here before Mr. Hardin, the great Texas Baptist philanthropist, and member of this church has passed to his reward. It was my privilege to attend his 82nd birthday party while here before, and pose with him for a picture. Also Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Clark, associated with Mr. and Mrs. Hardin in the accumulation and disbursement of the millions to Texas Baptist institutions, have suffered the loss of their only son, O. L. Junior, who was the pride and joy of their hearts. He went away while yet a junior in the Sunday school. The pastor has suffered the loss of his wife, and at present his only son and remaining child is in the hospital with a broken leg, and on and on we might go dwelling on the dark side of the picture, but to do so would only serve to make life darker to those who already have more darkness than they need, so let's look at the other side. (There always is another side.) . . . Speaking about the two girls being in college. They are rooming together, which is probably not the best for them or the management of the school. But they have had an understanding with each other that they will never act natural while other people are around. This I am sure will make them more popular with the other students in the dormitory. Marie came home last week-end and excitedly reported that he had selected her picture (photograph) to paint in the art class. I didn't know they taught cartooning down there. I suppose they are going to start a comic strip in the Brand. But don't you say anything back, she is as good looking as your kid. . . . Speaking of funny pages, I like that editorial in the Abilene afternoon paper yesterday about Captain Easy, and Wash Tubbs. I am not afraid of anybody who prays and reads the funny papers. Sometimes I am afraid of a person of prays (?) but never reads a comic strip. It is an unwritten law at our house that all the funny pages are to be saved for me to read on Sunday night after I get home from church. Nothing relaxes me more after a strenuous day in the Sunday school classroom and pulpit, than a visit with Mutt and Jeff, and their comical neighbors in the comic section of the papers. I am sure Mr. Seegar, originator of Popeye, did not go to heaven because he drew a funny cartoon, but if he did go there by faith in the Lord, I think he got a reward for all the smiles he has caused, and the relaxed moments he has given tired people through the years. . . . To get the best out of this make-believe world I think one must make these characters real. To me the Amos 'n Andy skit really

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EVENTS TO COME

- Oct. 27-30—Southwest Baptist Youth Conference, Memphis, Tenn.
- October 30: International Temperance Sunday.
- Oct. 30—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Associations.
- Nov. 7-8—State W. M. U. Meeting, Dallas.
- Nov. 7-8—Pastor's and Laymen's Conference, City Temple Presbyterian Church, Dallas.
- Nov. 8-11—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.
- Nov. 14-B. T. U. District Contests.
- Nov. 24-26—B. T. U. State Convention, Wichita Falls.
- December 19-20: Church Music Conference, Seminary Hill.

MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET CHALLENGES BAPTISTS

Texas Baptists will face the challenge of a million dollar budget—the largest in their history—at the Baptist general convention of Texas at Dallas, November 8-11 inclusive.

Dr. R. C. Campbell of Dallas, general secretary of the denomination's executive board, will present the million-dollar objective for 1939 on Wednesday night, Nov. 9, the second day of the session which is expected to draw 12,000 delegates from all corners of the state. The delegates will represent the 660,000 members of churches affiliated with the general convention.

The budget is designed to finance all phases of denominational work, including Texas' share of support of Southern Baptist missionary activities throughout the world. The convention is expected to hear reports on recent heavy damages sustained by mission properties in war zones.

Preceding the general sessions, Texas Baptist women will hold their annual convention Nov. 7. Mrs. B. A. Copass of Fort Worth is president of the Woman's Missionary Union. The annual pastor's and laymen's conference will be held simultaneously as a preliminary to the general meeting.

All phases of Texas Baptist activity, including hospitals, schools, Sunday schools, training unions, publications and orphan homes will be reviewed and plans made for 1939 activities. Dr. J. B. Tidwell, professor of Bible at Baylor University, Waco, will bring his report as president of the convention at the opening session Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the evening.

Another highlight of the convention will be the annual report of the committee on civic righteousness, which will be brought by W. L. Howse, educational director of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth. Dr. John L. Whorton of the First Baptist Church, Longview, will follow this report with an address on civic righteousness.

S. S. ZONE MEETING AT ABILENE

Next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, Sunday school zones numbers one and two, Sweetwater Association, will hold their regular monthly meeting at the First Baptist Church of Abilene. The meeting will start promptly at 3 o'clock. Every church in these zones is urged to have their teachers and officers, and all others who are interested in Sunday school work, present. There will be a special program in each of the departments. Superintendents, pastors, will you please see that announcement of the meeting is made in your church next Sunday morning?

The following officers and leaders were elected at the last meeting: Director Wendell Foreman, Elmdale; Associate Director, Rev. F. A. Williams, Elmdale; Chorister, Curtis D. Owen, Temple Church; Pianist, Mrs. Curtis D. Owen, Temple Church; Secretary, Miss Willie Mae Judd, Elmdale; Adult Leader, Rev. Roy O. Young, Immanuel Church; Associate Adult Leader, L. H. Foresman, South Side Church; Young People's Leader, Dr. H. R. Arrant, University Church; Associate Young People's Leader, Dick Griffin, University Church; Intermediate Leader, Mrs. C. F. Williamson, South Side Church; Associate Intermediate Leader, Mrs. C. F. Quattlebaum, Caps Church; Junior Leader, Mrs. L. H. Foresman, South Side Church; Associate Junior Leader, Mrs. W. P. Chaney, Temple Church; Primary Leader.

The Chorister will arrange special music for the opening period. Mr. J. M. Martin, superintendent of Immanuel Sunday school will bring the devotional. Rev. C. A. Powell pastor of University Baptist Church will bring the closing fifteen-minute address.

The following churches are in these zones: Temple, Sunset, South Side, View, Caps, Colony Hill, First Baptist Abilene, Immanuel, Calvary, University, North Park, Hamby, and Elmdale.

WENDELL FOREMAN, Director.

MISS VIOLA HUMPHREYS GUEST OF CLASSMATES

Thirteen women of the 1916 class of Simmons College gathered in Abilene Saturday from nine points as widely separated as Lubbeck and Marshall to honor their classmate, Viola Humphreys, seventeen years a foreign missionary, who is planning soon to return to her work at Kaifeng, China.

Plans were made for making "friendship quilts" featuring the flags of Texas and China. Proceeds from the sale of these will go to war orphans.

Enlistment of Students For Christ Aim of Baptists Student Union

The Baptist Student Union is not just another organization of an over-organized age. It is definitely a student phase of church activity designed to promote spiritual atmosphere on the campus and to tie Baptist students closer to church life and denominational affairs.

The seven requisites of a member of the B. S. U. Council are that he should place the Lord's work first in his life; be a member of the Baptist Church, preferably a church in the college town, and held in high esteem spiritually on the campus; realize that consecration counts more than popularity; lead a Christian life worthy of his position of trust; be not too heavily engaged in other responsibilities to attend to his council work; unless a freshman have a record of B. S. U. activity; believe in and put his best into the B. S. U. program.

Prominent among campus activities are the student ministerial council, the Master's Minority group which maintains daily prayer services, and the work of committees. One of the most prominent activities outside the campus is extension work of conducting study courses and presenting programs to churches in the college area.

Both men and women, ministers and laymen share in rendering these programs. The type of services conducted in these extra-mural meetings include B. Y. P. U., missionary and devotional. Many churches avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing some of these student leaders each year.

In a pamphlet on advanced B. S. U. methods, William Hall Preston, South-west leader of students asserts that this organization is an enlistment agency—plus. He continues:

It is committed to a program of enlisting, developing and dedicating the trained college student for the service of Christ through his church.

We have identified the Sunday school through the years with teaching. Although it renders other indispensable services including enlistment, training, and development, yet it is the recognized teaching service of the church. Somewhat the same may be said of the services rendered by the Baptist Training Union, yet it has its own definite task, that of training. The Young Women's Auxiliary with its emphasis upon missions has a vital part in the Missionary Education of the church.

The Baptist Student Union has a peculiarly important function to perform, that of being the connecting link, the enlistment agency, working

Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. Director



Mrs. A. M. Carpenter

with the Baptist college students on the one hand, and the local Baptist church in the college center and its unit organizations on the other. It is the body of Baptist students at work in the unit organizations, under the leadership of the executive body—the Baptist Student Union Council.

Student sentiment is perhaps the strongest force on the campus. To be "collegiate" means to conform to student opinion or sentiment in dress or action. The Baptist Student Council seeks to make it "collegiate" to go to church, to engage in active Christian service, to have a "rising in love" rather than a "falling in love"—to strive to live up to the highest and nearest to the best—Christ.

The Baptist Student Union—B. S. U.—Council, as the executive head of the work, is the coming together of the leaders in the different phases of religious life to plan and direct and stimulate the various activities. Because it is a regular weekly gathering of the leaders of various phases of Baptist church and campus activity, it might well be called "organized responsibility." Each school must needs have a different size council with representatives from different unit organizations. Each member of the council has equal privileges with the others to magnify his position. Each is challenged to "Glorify the Commonplace" in his task.

It Looks Like Victory For Lueders Camp

It seems that the drive to pay the Encampment debt is going to succeed in a good way. This does not mean that we can quit until every church in the district has been contacted. We have heard from all the associations and I am giving you their reports.

Stonewall Association was asked for fifty dollars and they assured us that we could look for every dollar of it. Haskell was asked for three hundred dollars and after checking up it looks as if they would raise near six hundred and we will need this balance. Jones County was asked for one thousand and we believe we will raise eleven hundred. Callahan was asked for one hundred and fifty and they assure us they will go over their goal. Fisher was asked for two hundred fifty and they assure us they will raise every dollar of it. Cisco was asked for seven hundred and fifty and they say they will not fail. Sweetwater was asked for twelve hundred and they give us the assurance that they will raise theirs.

In nearly every instance we have met with much encouragement. Some few have held back. We wish it were possible for every church in the district to have some little part in paying the balance of this debt. We have stated before and we say again that under proper management the Encampment will be self supporting. We mean by this that if each camp will take care of their own expenses that the income from the grounds will take care of the ground upkeep from year to year. Not only is this true, but we have now on the grounds enough houses to care for our camps in a good way. That does not mean that we will quit building, but it does mean that we do not have to build until we are ready.

As every one of you know that in the last twelve years I have given

much time and thought to our Encampment. I have enjoyed every hour of it, though some hours were very dark, but through it all I have believed that Lueders was destined to be the greatest camp in the Southwest and I know that when we pay this debt that we will have one of the best housed grounds in the State. It will not surprise me a bit if we have one thousand boys and girls in their respective camps next year.

If you have not had a part in this debt-paying program it matters not where you live let me beg you in Jesus name not to miss this opportunity. Did you know that more people have been saved on the Encampment grounds the last two years than have been saved in any church in the district, save one. Did you know that the only baptisms in some of our churches were converts from the Encampment. Did you know that many have had an opportunity to take study course work in our various church departments, that would not have had the opportunity at home.

If you have been instructed to send your money to your associational treasure send it to him at once. If you do not know where to send it then send to Mr. R. E. Dudley, co West Texas Baptist, Abilene, Texas. He is our district treasurer.

Let everyone pray and work for complete victory.

J. HENRY LITTLETON, Chairman of Committee.

SWEETWATER WORKERS CHANGE DATE

The Workers Conference of Sweetwater association will hold their November meeting with Caps Church on Thursday, November 3 instead of November 11, which date conflicts with the General Convention.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST YOUTH GATHER AT MEMPHIS

A large group of West Texas students and youth leaders of West Texas will be among the thousands who are gathering in Memphis, Tennessee, for the fourth quadrennial All-Southern Baptist Student Conference which will hold sessions October 27 to 30 in municipal auditorium, Memphis.

Dr. T. G. Dunning of London, England will be featured international guest speaker of the convention. For a number of years Dr. Dunning has been the leader of Baptist youth in Great Britain and is credited with a large measure of the success of the World Youth Congress which met in Zurich in the summer of 1937. During the past summer he has been meeting young people in Central Europe.

Other prominent leaders who will participate in the Conference include Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Charles A. Wells, Daniel A. Poling, Mrs. J. M. Dawson and Miss Edna Giester.

Over five hundred students from all over the South will also participate in the program, the theme of which will be "My Maximum for Christ."

More than 2,500 students are expected to join the Christian student parade through downtown streets.

A replica of the Alamo mission will be the central figure in the Texas exhibit. Miss Genevieve King, a student at Mary Hardin-Baylor, prepared the Alamo model which has 27 steps leading up to it. Each step represents one of the Baptist student organizations on a Texas campus.

Printed on each stone is the name of a college and information regarding the religious work carried on there. The college colors are shaded on the stone. The whole exhibit will be enhanced by a striking effect from lighting.

Most West Texans who will attend left Wednesday, some going on trains some on buses and others in private (Continued on page 2)

B. T. U. CONTESTS BEING ARRANGED

Associational elimination contests will be conducted Sunday afternoon, October 30, at central points in the various associations.

Contests to be held will be story telling by primary children, a memory contest of Bible verses for juniors, sword drill for intermediates, and declamation for seniors.

District contests will be held Monday evening, November 14. Rev. Jared I. Cartledge, Eastland, district director, announces that the contest for District 17 will be held at Stamford. Broughten Harden will conduct senior contests; Mrs. Dick O'Brien, intermediates; Mrs. Broughten Harden, Juniors; and Mrs. L. C. Dennis, primary.

CORPUS CHRISTI REVIVAL

I was in a good revival recently with the Central Baptist Church, Corpus Christi. Rev. Theo. A. Binford, is the pastor. There were 68 conversions and additions, 65 of the number uniting with the church. Rev. Theo. A. Binford has completed a magnificent educational building in the fast growing part of Corpus Christi and prospects for building a great church in the fastest growing city in the South are bright.

JUDSON PRINCE.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference November, 1938

- Jean, Texas
- Theme: "Financing the Church Through the Budget."
- 10:00 a. m.—Song and Devotional Service, Jean Church.
- 10:20 a. m.—"How the Church Budget is Made Up," J. P. Stevenson.
- 10:40 a. m.—"How the Church Budget is Put On," W. H. Townsend.
- 11:00 a. m.—Round-Table Discussion of Budget Problems.
- 11:15 a. m.—Music.
- 11:20 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. Philip McGabey, Breckenridge.
- 12:00 m.—Lunch.
- 1:00 p. m.—Board Meetings.
- 1:30 p. m.—"The Relationship of Tithing to the Church Budget," Rev. E. E. Burks.
- 1:50 p. m.—"The Relationship of the S. S., B. T. U., and W. M. S. to the Church Budget," Mrs. J. P. Metcalf.
- 2:10 p. m.—Missionary's Message, Rev. John M. Riddell.
- 2:30 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business.
- 2:40 p. m.—Closing Address, Rev. H. G. Verner.

MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

A Good Investment

By this time all plans are made for the coming State Convention in Dallas, Monday Nov. 7. The W. M. U. meeting and the Pastor's and Laymen's meeting will begin on Monday afternoon and night respectively. Churches can make a distinct contribution to their own work and that of their pastor and his wife by paying their way to these meetings.

If the pastor only goes it will take only \$10.00 or \$15.00. If his wife goes that should be doubled. Leaders cannot lead in the right direction unless they know which way to go.

Every great concern sends its leaders and many of its other workers to the central meetings at regular intervals. Those concerns feel that they are making an investment for their own business. We are in the most important business there is. Churches, send your leaders now.

The Gorman church, N. A. Sanders pastor, closed a splendid Sunday School course last Friday night. There were 47 in the class. The missionary taught, "The Way Made Plain." I have never seen finer interest in a course. It looks now that 35 or 40 will take the examination for the award. Bro. Sanders is EASY to work with. His lovely wife and sweet little daughter, Norma Ruth, are efficient partners with him in the work.

The Baird church has not called a pastor, but will soon be ready to call. Let all of us join them in prayer, along with the other pastorless churches, that they be Spirit led. It was the missionary's joy to preach for the Baird church last Sunday a. m. and take an offering for the Lueders Camp grounds. The offering will be \$25.00 or more.

Speaking of the ENCAMPMENT, if every association will try the Camp will be saved for the Lord. NOW is the time. Next Monday the creditors MUST be satisfied. It seems that the ONLY way to satisfy is to PAY OFF. I am sure every church has tried. One of the things that has always bothered me is for a good thing to be done and I not have a part in it. YOU have time to get in on this NOW.

Has your church been given an opportunity to give to Missions? Our record will be complete Nov. 4th for our Lord's Mission causes. Of course, YOUR church has had a chance to make the LOVE OFFERING over and above the budget. Cooperation will bring our church to the 100 per cent (Continued on page 3)

MEXICAN RADIO CONVERT BAPTIZED AT ANGELO

A 68-year-old man came seventy-six miles to San Angelo to make profession of faith at the Mexican church where Rev. D. Ruiz is missionary of the Home Mission Board.

"Never was I so happy in my life as I am now this day of my baptism," he said after the church had received him and Brother Ruiz had baptized him.

When asked what was his belief before he became a Baptist he replied, "I was a Roman Catholic for more than 67 years until I once heard you talk over KGKL, and then I was persuaded that I was lost and needed a Savior. I gave my heart to Jesus and found peace in my heart. Now I love Jesus. He is my only Savior."

Broadcasting over KGKL by the missionary is temporarily suspended, Brother Ruiz explains.

In visiting from home to home in San Angelo Brother Ruiz finds the attitude of the Mexicans toward the gospel entirely different, from what it was ten years ago. "They are friendly, not at all antagonistic in any way, and they need only regeneration in their souls," he adds.—Southern Baptist Home Missions.

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LAST CALL

The fiscal year of Texas Baptists is almost over. Less than a week remains until the books are closed preceding the Convention. With only a Fifth Sunday intervening, the record is almost written.

The reports from Secretary Campbell's office show that some churches have given magnificently. They also show that some churches have given half-heartedly and a few, not at all.

If your church has not done its part in carrying the load for state missions this year, it is not yet too late to make up for some of the lost time. If it has not made a noble response to the appeal for \$150,000 in the October Round-up, well, October is not yet ended.

Perhaps your church is not as interested as it should be. Often the sacrificial giving of a single member has brought a glorious vision before a whole church. Ask the Lord if you are the one member to do that. It is worth trying.

Or it may be that your church has done a great work and in your heart you know that you have not helped as you ought to have done. No one should deny himself the blessing that comes from a knowledge of a duty well performed. Would you say, "My brethren went over the top for the Lord and I had no share in the victory."

God has greatly blessed Texas Baptists during this past year. The land has been filled with great revivals. A hungry-hearted people is seeking after God and thousands have found Him in Christ. Most of our churches show gains in numbers. Many dormant churches have come back to life. Baptismal waters have often been disturbed. It has been a blessed year.

Let's go down to Dallas with clean consciences and happy hearts, ready to join heartily in the songs of Thanksgiving.

LET'S GO TO WICHITA FALLS

In four weeks the State B. T. U. convention will be assembling at Wichita Falls. The "City that Faith Built" is making arrangements to care for a registration of nine thousand.

Who should have a part among the inspiring thousands in attendance at this great convention?

First, the pastors should attend. We are informed that of the 1,700 Texas Baptist pastors, only 300 attended the Beaumont convention and only 350 attended the Sunday School convention at San Angelo. These meetings should not be essentially preachers' affairs, but if you should check up on the five hundred, more or less, of our pastors who attended one or both of these sessions, we believe it would include the great majority of our best leaders in the ministry. Certainly, the pastors should attend.

Then, every Training Union officer and leader should be there. In no other place can so many new ideas for constructive B. T. U. work be found. But if not a single new idea could be taken home, still the inspiration of those high hours will be worth the trip. If you want to lead a better union next year, by all means attend the convention.

Workers who have never attended a convention should be sure to go. Nearly five thousand of the people at Beaumont last November were attending their first B. T. U. convention. Hundreds of churches were blessed by their having been there. If you have never attended let this be the year to start.

Young people should go. Although the training service is fitted to interest the entire family, and though the Adult and Primary Unions are among the most vital factors in the work, the spirit of youth premeates the organization. About sixty per cent of those in attendance last year were under thirty. Let the young people feel that it is definitely their meeting.

Finally, the deacon and the W. M. S. worker who have never been interested in the Training Union should attend to see for themselves. We do not believe that any open-minded person can let himself become a part of this great meeting without catching a vision of what can be accomplished for Christ with a trained church membership.

Of course all these can not come. The vagaries of human life and economic and physical limitations make that impossible. But we of the West should especially exert ourselves to go. It may be years before it will be as convenient for us as it is this year. Ours is a youthful country and we are a progressive people. The spirit of training for greater service to Christ and humanity appeals mightily to us. We are coming, Wichita Falls, by the thousand.

PERSONAL

The West Texas Baptist office has been happy this week over the fine group of clubs which, with a number of individual subscriptions, have been coming in lately.

Do you find the West Texas Baptist worth while? Then let's not be selfish about it. There are probably a number of other people in your church who would like it if they only knew about it. Our club rate of sixty cents per year makes the cost negligible. One great Christian mother recently sent us a club which was composed of her children and relatives. There is an idea worth remembering in making out your Christmas gift list.

If you are an individual subscriber, look occasionally at the date with your address on your paper. We dislike stopping the paper to anyone but sometimes that becomes necessary. If you time is about out, why not try joining a group of your friends in a club?

News Notes

Dr. J. C. Hardy, president-emeritus of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, who has been confined to a hospital since September 1, remains seriously ill.

Dr. Joseph P. Boone, long a beloved leader among Texas Baptists, is returning from a pastorate at Macon, Georgia, to become pastor at Waxahatchie. Dr. Boone, who has always been prominent in young people's work, will find a hearty welcome in his native Texas.

Rev. Kenneth A. Marshall of Dalhart recently conducted a meeting at Belen, N. M., with 26 additions, 20 for baptism. At Clayton, N. M., he led in a revival resulting in 54 additions, 44 for baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powell of Borger assisted in the Clayton meeting.

Evangelist Chester M. Savage spent the first half of October with Bethlehem Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee in what was said to be the best revival of a generation. There were 40 addition, 29 baptisms. He has been invited to return next October. Dr. Savage's parents were born in that community.

Dr. Ethel Pierce, medical missionary, whose furlough was extended a second year on account of the war in China is making preparation to return to her clinic for women and children at Yangchow.

Pastor Jared I. Cartledge of Eastland has been in a fine ten-day revival at Taylor.

The Pecos Valley association, which has one of the largest areas and one of the smallest memberships in the state reported an all time record of 471 baptisms during the past year. Many of these were converted at the Paisano encampments.

Rev. Glenn C. Moore of Megargel, Texas, has accepted a call to the pastorate at Smackover, Arkansas.

Immanuel Church, El Paso, Rev. Roy E. Holloman, pastor, has constructed a new Sunday school building with accommodations for 750.

Superintendent E. D. Stringer and Pastor W. D. Hamor of Winters are leading Sunday School officers and teachers in a study of "The Ten Commandments" by Carroll this week. Forty-three workers in this standard Sunday School hold study course awards.

Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford is engaged in a two weeks revival at Burk Burnett.

The church at Mangum, Oklahoma has called as pastor Rev. J. S. McClung of Tulsa.

Rev. G. W. Thomas was guest preacher at Coleman, October 23.

Executive Secretary George J. Mason of the Baptist Foundation spoke at Vernon last Sunday, supplying for Pastor E. S. James who is in a revival at Bay City.

Rev. J. P. McBeth of Dumas filled the pulpit at Sweetwater, October 23.

Henry Morgan, gospel singer of Abilene is with Pastor S. R. McClung and the Perryton Church in a two weeks revival.

The ladies of Wilbarger-Foard associations held a two-day Mission Study Institute at Vernon, Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21.

Of course every Christian ought to pray before voting.—Robert Jolly.

Professor L. Q. Campbell of the Department of English addresses the Pierian Club, Stamford, last week on "Some Recent Shakesperian Criticism."

Representative J. Bryan Bradbury was featured after dinner speaker for the H-SU business administration club at an Abilene hotel Friday evening.

Miss Ima D. Petty, clerk of Sweetwater association announces that the associational minutes are off the press and are being mailed out.

Rev. D. C. Ham, student at Southwestern Seminary had an emergency operation in a Fort Worth hospital. His many friends in West Texas pray for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton, head of the voice department was program singer Saturday evening at the annual convention of Altrusa clubs, an organization of business and professional women, meeting this year at (Continued on page 4)

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Retreat

The tactics of Chiang Kai Shek in retreating under pressure of a more powerful force rather than risk a decisive battle in which he might lose his main army, parallels closely the retreat of Sam Houston during the Texas revolution.

Houston, you remember, in spite of bitter criticism from the people and the government and facing threatened mutiny in the army, withdrew to the Colorado, then to the Brazos, finally crossing Buffalo Bayou while the white population of Texas fled precipitately toward the Sabine.

Chiang has done a similar thing, with due allowance for modern warfare and a more vast terrain. At one point, however, the parallel fails. There is no Santa Anna in command of the Japanese forces, whose capture would demoralize the army and end the war. The only hope of the Chinese is to drag on the conflict until the economic structure in Japan breaks under the long tension.

The Fabian Policy

Chiang seems to have taken a leaf from the book of an ancient Roman general named Fabius whose tactics of delay and avoiding a pitched battle added the word fabian to the English language. Fabius was the Roman commander when Hannibal startled the world by leading a superior Carthaginian army over the Alps. The Roman drew his army into the hills where the elephants—the tanks of ancient history—and the cavalry of Hannibal could not operate. Here he harassed the enemy and would have eventually worn him out had not a change in the government put in a commander who risked a battle which proved disastrous.

Beyond the gates of the Yangtze Japs will be beyond the reach of help from the navy. Lofty mountain ranges will serve as screens against the air attacks which have been so disastrous to the Chinese. Months ago there were reports that many of the factories, which had fled to the Wuhan area from Shanghai and Nanking, were being removed to the deep interior against the day which has now come to pass.

Shoestring Occupation

Correspondents who traversed occupied areas of China last summer, breaking away from the seaports and railways, brought back the news that Japanese authority extended only over narrow areas along the railways, waterways and roads which were under their control. Outside the large cities, this control is said to be precarious and subject to surprise raids at any time. They state that guerrilla troops are operating almost to the suburbs of Peking.

The occupation of the rich province of Manchuria has not been the profitable venture which the military clique in Tokyo hoped it to become. The occupation of all eastern China may be a more expensive conquest than Japan can afford. A hostile population used to living on starvation rations will be poor sources of taxation and trade.

And all the while Japan is squandering men and dollars which can hardly be replaced. Chinese guerrillas can live off the soil and the enemy. But the highly mechanized forces of the invader can exist only by costly investments from the overburdened homeland. They cannot remain in control of China without this mechanical assistance, for the moment they give it up they will be engulfed by overwhelming numbers.

Farewell Far Eastern Trade

Whatever the outcome of the conflict, Americans may as well kiss goodbye any extensive and profitable trade with the Orient. If Japan dominates in the end, the cotton and minerals which formerly came from our country will come from the fertile valleys and rich mountains of China. Her oil will come from some more friendly source than America.

If China regains her independence it will be on account of the bankruptcy of Japan. Both empires will be prostrate and it will be necessary to rebuild whatever form of civilization from the ground, just as the South did after the Civil War.

This difference may be counted upon. Whereas the South slowly lifted herself from the poverty-stricken depths into which the war plunged her, by selling great quantities of raw material in world trade. Any new China which might arise in our generation will industrialize and strive for that fashionable economic self-sufficiency which is the bane of our age.

World trade is rapidly becoming a thing of the past in this era of suspicion and hate. For the present, our trade with the Far East is practically gone. Our trade with Central Europe is gone. Only South America remains and they are going in for cotton rais-

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 30, 1938

By Hight C Moore

PERSONAL RIGHTS AND WHERE THEY END

Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10, 11—Romans 6:17-23; 14:21

What personal rights are involved and where do they end? If personal rights selfward are devoted selfishly to pleasure, power, property, and philosophy they drift into the license that strays, and end in vanity and vexation. If personal rights Godward are devoted to the service of righteousness they develop into liberty that serves, and ends in eternal life. If personal rights manward are devoted to the effort to do good and abstinence for the sake of others they discover the love that sacrifices, and end in the glory of God.

1. Personal Rights Selfward (Ecclesiastes 2)

License Strays: That is the selfward and selfish act and aspect of personal rights. Does one have, and ought he to have, the right to do as he pleases under the selfish motive and for selfish ends? The preacher of Ecclesiastes tried out such a way of life and found it not only a failure but utterly unsatisfying and disappointing. (1) He tried amusement. He sought mirth. He went out after pleasure. He coveted and cultivated laughter. He aimed at a "good time" and—he had it. But with what result? He declared that mirth was mad and laughter insane and pleasure a whiff of wind. (2) He tried appetite. He determined to cheer his flesh with wine. He must have secured the choicest viands to be found and gulped them down greedily. But wine and wisdom could not dwell together long. (3) He tried Ambition. He loved power as king of Jerusalem. He sought philosophy as the Wise-man of his time. He desired property as the wealthiest man of his day. But ambition brought him storm instead of calm. (4) He tried ability. He searched his heart. He held on to his wisdom. He saw and said what was good for his people. But his abilities could not quiet the ache in his soul. (5) He tried achievement. His labor was herculean. His works were magnificent. His portions was great prosperity. Then what? All of it pleasureless and profitless, entire emptiness and "striving after wind."

2. Personal Rights Godward (Romans 6)

Liberty Serves: That is the Godward and godly act and aspect of personal rights. The greatest freedom from the bondage of sin and the greatest liberty is the liberty to do right. We note here: (1) Freedom from the Tyranny of Sin. Certainly sin is a tyrant and its devotees, though feigning liberty to do as they please, are the veriest slaves on earth. They are in thralldom to sin. They are in the service of vice and lawlessness. They put their faculties at the service of impurity and iniquity. And what did they get? Nothing but what they were now ashamed of and regretted. Let them thank God for their emancipation. (2) Freedom for the Service of Righteousness. First there is obedience to the Word of God as to the way of life. Then there is freedom from the power and dominion of sin. Follows now the surrender of all one's faculties and powers to the service of righteousness. Thus the slave of sin becomes the slave of God with the highest liberty possible on earth or in heaven. (3) Freedom from Growth in Holiness. Is not holiness our highest aim and aspiration? Then growth in it is our holiest act. If we gain it we gain everything for the free gift of God is eternal. If we miss it we lose everything, for the wages of sin is death. Who does not prize the liberty to serve God and grow in holiness.

3. Personal Rights Manward (Romans 14)

Love sacrifices: That is the manward and Christian act and aspect of personal rights. Think of aspiration and abstinence. (1) Aspiration. "It is good": Here is or ought to be every man's goal and high endeavor. Follow him who was good and only good, and who went about doing good and nothing but good. Yearn upward with Paul who wrote: "I would do good." (2) Abstinence. To be good and do good implies that one does no harm, certainly not with his eyes open and his heart on duty. He will not directly injure others. He will do nothing that will lead others to injure themselves. He will refrain from anything that will cause even the least to stray or stumble and all. If by taking a sip of wine he would cause some one to form the habit of drink and become a drunkard, he would abstain totally and forever. If eating flesh would have harmful effect on others (as idolatrous meats did in Paul's day), the true Christian would not gratify his appetite for such food. A good rule: Never do anything "whereby thy brother stumbleth." Can he ever attain who does not abstain?

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.—Romans 6:15.

It is right to do right. We are under grace which has broken the fetters of slavery to sin. We have every call and compulsion to do right and only right always.

It is wrong to do wrong. We are not under law but we have no right to do wrong. Indeed, a wrongdoer is restrained from wrong more by grace than by law.

So our liberty in Christ gives us no license to sin. But we have the fullest liberty to do anything and everything we can within the will of God.

Home Daily Bible Readings

- October 24—The Vanity of Possessions. Eccl. 2:1-11.
- October 25—Freedom from Sin. Rom. 6:17-23.
- October 26—Social Responsibility. Rom. 14:13-21.
- October 27—Christian Liberty. 1 Cor. 10:23-33.
- October 28—Liberty, Not License. Gal. 5:13-26.
- October 29—Love to God and Man. Rom. 13:8-14.
- October 30—A Living Sacrifice. Rom. 12:1-9.

ing. Our cotton farmers are at the point where most of their cotton acres will have to go into some other crop. Who is wise enough to tell us what?

Southern Baptist Youth--

(Continued from page 1) automobiles. Some who are driving through planned to make the eight hundred miles without stopover to cut expenses.

Among those attending from Hardin-Simmons and Abilene are: Melvin Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bryant, Alvis Matthews, Helen Turnidge, Dr.

E. B. Atwood, Martha Rigney, Dorothea Campbell, Martha Jane Moore, Selby Aswell, S. E. Smith, Leonard Lawson, Lem Paul Hensley, Jewette Patton, Doris Wayne O'Brien, B. B. McKinney, Jr., Elmer Holt, James Noles, and Verna Lee Carson.

The happiest people are those who think the most interesting thoughts. Interesting thoughts can live only in cultivated minds.

The Spartans did not inquire how many the enemy are, but where they are.—Agiis II.

Giving Ourselves

By Hon. Clyde L. Garrett

An address to the Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene

I feel distinctly honored in having been invited to speak to you on this occasion but I can assure you that it affords me an unusual pleasure to be with you.

I know no better opportunity can be afforded the men of our churches to enjoy genuine fellowship one with another than through the medium of our brotherhood meetings. Like myself, I know that I express the sentiment of each and all present when I say that fellowship is more than meals and that brotherhood is more than meat.

Our brotherhood meetings make it possible for us not only to meet our friends oftener but to know them better. After all, I feel that our friends are our most valued assets. Real friends cannot be bought. Think of the valued friendships which are absolutely beyond price. You would not part with your choicest and most intimate friends for all the gold and silver on earth.

Friendships are truly and indeed the most valuable legacies which we can leave to our posterity. This fact is most vividly and beautifully illustrated in the will of the late Associate Justice Lamar, of the Supreme Court. In this will the testator says, "To my family, I leave my friendships, many and numerous, in the hope that they'll be cherished and continued." Why not? Our friendships are among the most cherished and prized possessions of our life—and too often among the rarest. They are greater than the gold and gear that figure most prominent in the last wills and testaments. And they often take longer to create than large estates. A fortune may be gotten in a day, on the turn of a card as it were—but a friendship. That takes time.

In the life of Wendell Phillips there is this significant sentence. "It is not enough to be ready when duty calls." It is my feeling that a man should stand around where he can be sure to hear the call. Standing by when friends are sick and in distress; standing by when all others want to forsake you; "standing-by-friends" are the kind of friends worth having. Any one can stand by when everything is lovely and the sun shines brightly, but the sunshine friend is the one who can make the sun shine on a dark and cloudy day.

I think our brotherhood meetings help us to find and magnify the good in our brethren which is certainly a commendable virtue. Abraham Lincoln on one occasion said, "Die when I may, but let it be said of me by those who knew me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where a flower would grow." Then again, Chauncy M. DePew once said, "One of the greatest claims which shorten life is indifference. As one loses interest in his church, political party, friends and acquaintances, he dries up and the grave claims one whom no one wants or laments."

My friends, we can usually find just what we are looking for—good or bad—in our friends. This is also true with life. We can find the beautiful or we can find ugly things. This fact is vividly stressed by Jean Mitchell Boyd in "The Christian": I met a pilgrim from a far country. His clothes were worn and his shoes were torn and his purse hung empty at his belt, but there was light in his eyes as if he saw a pleasant end to all his way-faring. And I said, "Tis a dreary old world through which you have traveled." But he answered, "Not so. 'Tis a glorious world. There is the sky above, the rain in one's face, the splendor of the sun, and the majesty of the stars. And all along the way there have been flowers. LOOK. In his hand was a brown sack, and from that sack he poured onto the path a shower of blossoms, lovely beyond all dreaming. And I saw violets and roses and lilies and daisies—things of sweetness and gentleness.

And I said, "They are beautiful, indeed, but you must have seen many evils also—weeds, thistles and poison ivy—things of cruelty and pitilessness." The pilgrim looked back for a moment across the pathway of years, then gently said, "I LOOKED FOR FLOWERS ONLY." Then gathering the blossoms into his arms, he went faring on toward the gates of a city not built with hands.

I am thoroughly convinced that the burdens and responsibilities of the Kingdom rest upon the shoulders of the men.

We take our hats off to the fine women for the splendid work they have done through the years but still we must recognize and I repeat, the burdens of the Kingdom rest upon the shoulders of the men of our churches. Proud as we are of the wonderful accomplishments of the W. M. S., without the manpower our churches would fail. The leaders in all ages, in all fields, have been men; military, gov-

ernmental, educational and scientific leaders. This being true, why should men not also be leaders in religious realms. God has always called men. As prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah and David, Solomon and others. Jesus chose men as his apostles. They were to be fishers of men. God's estimate of a carpenter is seen in his call of Noah, in his call to Moses, a herdsman, to redeem a nation; in his call of Jeremiah, a farmer, to proclaim his message; in his call to Amos, an ox driver, to speak his word and in his call of Gideon from the threshing floor to establish His Kingdom. God is still calling laymen today to yield their lives and influence to His church and kingdom. For a talented man to spend all of his time in the mere making of money is prostitution of his personal powers.

Just as out of darkness comes the dawn, so out of the church comes the hope of the world and out of our men comes the hope of the church. If our men fail, the church will fail, and if the church fails, civilization will decay.

No one believes more firmly than I that God expects us to give liberally of our means towards the ongoing and advancement of His kingdom, but I am thoroughly convinced also that He is much more interested in our giving Him of our time, talent, influence and, above all, ourselves. I fear too many of us are "too selfish" as was the mother of the little girl who promised her teacher a pretty bunch of flowers for a sick pupil. Upon entering the room without the flowers, the teacher asked, "Where are the flowers?" and the little girl replied, "Oh well, mother says, 'they are not dead enough yet.' Is not that the kind of offering we sometimes make to our church. Do we not withhold certain gifts until we ourselves inhale all the fragrance and turn over to our friends only the withered petals and departed beauty.

Well do we recognize the fact that there is nothing in our Kingdom work which will take the place of the Christian religion. Clearer than ever, I see the wisdom of the last words of "The Will" of Patrick Henry, the Virginia orator. They were these: "I have now disposed of all my property to my family; but there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich; but if they have it not, they will be poor, even I had given them the whole world."

Certainly, there is no one present who does not want his influence to count for the best. Would it not be a great thing if we would so direct our lives that our influence would pattern, even in a very small degree, that of Chas. Spurgeon. Doctor Samuel J. Arthur said that thirteen years after the passing of Chas. Spurgeon he was in London and went alone to the Norwood cemetery where the great English preacher was buried. Finding the grave, he placed on it a bit of evergreen with which he had entwined some red and blue flowers which he had picked along the path. As he stood in silence, the chaplain, who proved to be a graduate of Spurgeon's College approached him. Were you acquainted with Spurgeon, he asked. "No," Doctor Arthur replied. I placed this twig and flowers on his last resting place as my tribute to his devoted life and triumphant ministry. The blue for his kingly loyalty to truth; the red for the blood never absent in his message and the evergreen for the fadeless life into which he had entered.

Then again, God wants YOU. I call to my mind the story of a man who made his way to California in the days when gold was being discovered in great quantities, and staying a way from his eastern home for years, but he never allowed a month to go by when he did not send back to his loved ones some token of his love. The finest pictures were in their home. The finest adornments of every sort were in every room; but at last, after years of separation, his wife wrote him saying, "My husband, we are pleased with your offerings, but the time has come when we want you." My friends this is what God is saying. We have offered him a little of our time and a very little of our money, and occasionally displays of our strength; but he is saying to us today, "My child, I want you and all there is of you.

We often speak of our sacrificial giving. I seriously doubt whether many of our gifts are really and truly sacrificial. I feel sure mine are not. When we think of supreme gifts made by our Father as recorded in John 3:16 same being so familiar to all of us as well as the gifts and sacrifices made by those of our own acquaintance, we should hang our heads in shame

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SOUTH PLAINS CHURCHES MAKE NOBLE GIFTS

Spareberg and Wilson churches in Lamesa Association have gone over the top in a great way in our state mission offerings. The suggested quota for each church was \$20. Wilson Church gave \$2447 and Spareberg Church would not be outdone so they responded with an offering of \$4281.

No high pressure methods were used. The pastor did his best to lay upon them the worth and weight of lost souls, then gave an opportunity and they came down front and put the offering on a table.

These two churches are missionary to the very core. Spareberg Church, with a membership of 70, have given \$210.02 to the Cooperative program this year, which is \$3 per member. Wilson church has put \$100 in the budget for the Cooperative program next year, which is more than double what they have ever done before.

We are striving to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
ERNEST PHILLIPS, Pastor.

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Saturday, October 29—Miss Josephine Ward, educational worker, Kaifeng, Honan, China; Miss Martha Thomas Ellis, educational worker, Ramon Falcon 4100, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Sunday, October 30—James W. McGavock, evangelistic worker, Casilla 3388, Santiago, China; Miss Hanna J. Plowden, former educational worker, Shanghai, China (now on pension, Route 1, Sumpter, South Carolina).

Monday, October 31—W. W. Lawton, former evangelistic worker, Kaifeng, China (now on pension, Kuling, Ki, China); Effie K. Marrs (Mrs. Frank), former evangelistic worker in San Antonio (now on pension, 112 Glenwood Courts, San Antonio, Texas); Edith Deter Oliver (Mrs. A. B.), evangelistic worker, Caixa T, Curitiba, Brazil; Buford L. Nichols, educational worker, College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, China.

Tuesday, November 1—L. C. Quarles, evangelistic worker, Bolanos 262, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Miss Grace Stribling, evangelistic worker, Chengchow, Honan, China; Miss O. Elizabeth Gray, medical worker, Lanchow-Fu, Shantung, China.

Wednesday, November 2—Artie P. Bratcher (Mrs. L. M.), educational worker, Caixa 2844, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Thursday, November 3—Mr. and Mrs. Heriberto Rodriguez, missionaries in Cuba, Arriete, Santa Clara Province.

Friday, November 4—Everett Gill, educational worker, Str., Berzei 29, Bucharest, Roumania.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

(Continued from page 1)
goal. Look in the West Texas Baptist and see just what churches are behind. Pray a lot and do your best for HIM WHO DID HIS BEST FOR YOU.

Up to the writing of this squib Wednesday a. m., there have been five additions to the Temple Church, Abilene, Bro. C. D. Owen, pastor. Four of them are for baptism. The revival started Sunday. The missionary is doing the preaching. Curtis Owen is leading the music with Mrs. Curtis Owen at the piano. Please pray for us.

After some five or six weeks of waiting and anxiety the fine 15-year-old son of Bro. and Mrs. Partin, Rule, is home from the hospital on his way to health again. Charlie is one of the finest boys I know. He and I have been pals for several years.

The Haskell Association met with the Rule church in its monthly Worker's meeting last Tuesday with a good attendance. Bro. C. A. Powell, Abilene, was the preacher for the eleven o'clock hour. It goes, without saying, that it was done well. Every message was up to par. Bro. Whatley brought the inspirational message at the close. It was really inspiring. A committee was appointed to work out a program and select the place and time for an associational wide Brotherhood meeting to be held in the near future.

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Something to Think About

Much of what is being done in our complex world today is based on the theory that the end justifies the means. On this basis many evils are tolerated which should be condemned as un-Christian and vicious in their far-reaching results. Many today are tolerant in their attitude toward the liquor traffic because part of the proceeds of the tax is used to pay old age pensions. This tolerance permits open violation of the laws on the part of the drug stores in dry territory, thus creating disrespect for other laws as well as the liquor law.

We hear much of the gambling craze that is sweeping our country. Not that we do not have anti-gambling laws, but that they are not being enforced. As we approach the Halloween season, many boys and girls will get their first taste of gambling, since many schools will sponsor games of chance at their Halloween carnivals. Of course the teachers in these schools are opposed to gambling, but thinking of school needs for which the money is to be spent, they lose sight of what they are planting in tender and impressionable hearts.

Two boys walked into a place where gambling devices were displayed, paid five cents for a chance and won twenty-five dollars. They got something for nothing and with that planted in their hearts may go on the rest of their lives trying to get something for nothing.

A question was raised as to laws prohibiting the display and operation of such devices. A citizen of that town remarked, "What can we do about such things when the school and even some of the churches sponsor the sale of chances in order to raise money?"

Many seek to justify the various gambling devices by saying that life is a gamble anyway. They say that the farmer is gambling when he plants a crop. Let us note that the farmer, though he runs a risk, is not trying to get something for nothing, and that his gain will not be another's loss. While gambling makes some men wealthier, it also makes others poorer.

Let us keep in mind that the end does not justify the means and that God's word does not approve a Christian who takes part in or tolerates such business. The Bible brands them as worldly.

Those who sow in the field of gambling, regardless of what the money is used for, will reap a harvest of broken lives. Christians, wake up! Keep yourselves unspotted from the world.

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5. Your hospital is the only church controlled hospital west of Fort Worth. Christian hospitals are like Christian homes; they are scarce but we still have them.

FINE PAMPA REVIVAL

I have recently closed a gracious revival with the Central Baptist Church Pampa, Texas. Rev. John O. Scott pastor. The Lord blessed us with forty conversions and forty-three additions; 33 additions by baptism, eight by letter and two by statement. The music was under the direction of Brother O. H. Gilstrap, the local choir director. Brother Gilstrap is an excellent musical director and Christian gentleman.

The men especially of the Central Baptist Church are the most consistent and efficient group of personal soul winners that I have ever seen. The church is literally on fire spiritually.

Brother Scott has done a remarkable work in the almost four years he has been with the church. The first three years of his pastorate they had 759 additions, 490 for baptism with close to a hundred that went to other churches. They have just finished a beautiful brick veneer church building. The building is adequate for their growing needs.

We are in a revival here in the First Baptist Church Breckenridge now. Mr. J. D. Riddle, of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, is directing the music and the pastor is doing the preaching.

PHILIP C. MCGAHEY.

TOURING TEXAS WITH B. T. U. WORKERS

AT MEMPHIS: Rev. J. Wm. Mason, pastor, First Baptist Church, Memphis, writes, "The First Baptist Church, Memphis conducted a great trapping school last week. There were 220 enrolled in the B. T. U. Classes. There were twenty additions to the church; ten by baptism and ten by letter. Five seminary students taught books and assisted us in this great training school."

AT SAN ANGELO: Dr. A. D. Foreman, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Angelo, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the State B. T. U. Convention in Wichita Falls. Nine thousand messengers are expected to attend this convention. It will meet November 24, 25, 26.

AT DIMMITT: Dr. J. N. Campbell has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Dimmitt. He is moving on the field this week. The Baptist Training Union at Dimmitt is making large plans to send many of its members to the State B. T. U. convention at Wichita Falls. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell both have a part on the program of the convention.

AT FRY OIL FIELD: Rev. W. H. Colson is the pastor of the Baptist Church at the Fry Oil Field. Although this is not a large church, it maintains one of our best Baptist Training Union organizations. The B. T. U. enrollment is 118 and the attendance for the last three Sundays has been 118. It is interesting to observe that one hundred per cent of those enrolled in B. T. U. are attending it. Mr. William Brown, route 2, Santa Anna, is the B. T. U. director.

AT VERNON: Dr. E. S. James, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Vernon, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cisco, is leading Vernon Baptists in a marvelous way. The Baptist Training Union in that church is growing by leaps and bounds. An effort is now being made to bring every organization up to stardardization. Dr. James has accepted an invitation to speak at the State B. T. U. convention in Wichita Falls. His subject will be "Onward With Christ, Our Challenge."

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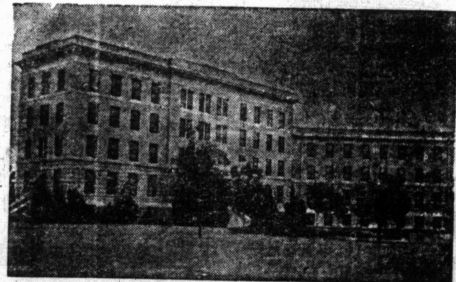
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J. H. PACE, THE FRIEND

By F. S. Groner

In writing the following appreciation I do so, not at the request of his family, but at the request of numerous friends.

At eleven a. m., Sunday, October 9th, the hour when he usually stood in his pulpit to preach, the soul of Julian Harrison Pace was borne from earth to Heaven by a convoy of holy angels. No nobler saint ever lived among the Baptists of Texas and the Southland than this soldier of the cross, ever faithful and true.

His was one of the most impressive funerals and one of the most largely attended that I have ever witnessed. The seating capacity of the immense church auditorium was taxed to overflowing. An audience of two or three thousand of every shade of political and religious opinion was packed in the great building and hundreds stood outside. A representative group of negroes gathered in one corner of the building in honor of him who loved all mankind, white and black. It would require pages to write this appreciation which I must crowd within two columns. I can hardly mention a few salient things about this cherished friend of the long years.

A preacher. As a preacher he ranked among the best in Texas and the Southland. His sermons always contained a message fresh from his heart, warmed by the love of God. No one ever intimated that his sermons were stale or without rich thought and fervent concern. His great church would never have, if the opportunity could have been offered, exchanged their pastor for any other preacher in the world.

A patriot. Dr. Pace participated in civic and patriotic affairs. He was true to his country, his state, and his city. He always stood for the right things in the social order and was fearless to express himself, and so expressed himself as not to offend.

A pastor. No flock ever had an under-shepherd that tended them more faithfully and systematically than he. No one ever heard him accused of being negligent of his personal duties. He was ready to help the sick, the distressed, the poor, and the forgotten of his community. His large sympathies extended to the utmost individual in his parish, regardless of denominational connections. The fact that a sick or afflicted person was a human being was enough to provoke his interest and concern.

His character. No man ever consistently intimated hypocrisy or irregular living on his part. I confess to having recommended him to the pulpit committee when he went to the First Church at Beaumont. A member of that committee told me that he had written to every church where Dr. Pace had been pastor to find if he owed any obligations or had ever been suspected of un-Christian conduct in any way. When they asked Dr. Pace, "Do you owe any debts," he smiled and answered, "Only unrepresented current bills." They smiled and responded, "We have investigated and we know your statement is true." As one man said, "His life was as clean as a hound's tooth." A crude expression but one that clearly epitomizes the character of this true man of God. He was one man to whom the word "good" could definitely be applied. He was a good man in the loftiest sense. This explains his natural and irresistible leadership, both in civic and denominational life.

In a letter read at the funeral from Dr. Mills, pastor of the First Methodist Church, who represented the ministry of the city, this expression was used, "Of a truth, his character was without spot or blemish or any such thing."

A potent and effective life. He helped every cause, every church, and every individual whom he ever contacted. An editorial in one of the Beaumont papers said of him, "When serious illness overtook him and he may have known or suspected the end was near, he had to comfort him the knowledge that he had labored to some purpose." His was a purposeful life. It was his earnest desire to make the world better for his having lived. And this he did.

A friend. It was in this relationship that I knew him best. Such a friend! You must here indulge the writer for this personal reference. It was thirty years ago that our friendship began. Twenty-eight years ago he made his first love gift to me of a gold scarf pin. Gifts passed between him and the writer frequently. The last dozen years we exchanged gifts every Yuletide. He wore in his casket the last tie I ever sent him. As we stood in his study just before the funeral, Dr. Dawson called attention to the pictures that were hanging on the study walls. These pictures revealed his friendships and his loyalty to them. There was a picture of the covenanter, six in all. At his going there were left in this present world three of the covenanter, Dawson, Boone, and Muirhead. On the walls were likenesses of Brooks, Truett, Scarborough, and others. The fact that he had this writer among the list makes me conscious of my utter unworthiness. He never failed a friend. He was true to his friends when the sun shone brightly and likewise when the clouds gathered. It was almost a sure sign that one was right if Pace took his part. Others might falter and waver and fail but not J. H. Pace.

How modest his life. Never a self-seeker. From the chronicle in "Who's Who" we learn that he was ordained in 1899. From that time until he fell on sleep he was never without a pastorate. Think of the ways in which he served the cause. A pastor of some of the largest churches, president of the Baptist State Ministers' and Laymen's Conference, vice president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, one time a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, for a quarter of a century a member of the Convention Executive Board and at the time of his death was president of that board.

Those who knew him best loved him most. His devoted comrades gave direction to his funeral rites, J. B. Oliver, J. M. Dawson, and the writer. Dr. Dawson presided as one of the surviving covenanter.

His near relatives were present for the funeral. Two sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, one grandchild, a brother and a sister and with all the noble woman by whose side he had walked along the trooping years. Yes, they will miss him as the years come and go. They will never get over this loss but they will be sustained by the grace of God which grace also gave strength and encouragement to him.

The heart that offered its service to his brethren has ceased to beat; lips that were eloquent with the gospel he preached are silent; the arms that carried burdens for the needy are motionless; but his deeds, embalming all that is heroic in action, pure in civic righteousness, lovely in virtue, and sublime in Christianity, will "smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

"Nothing need cover his high soul but Heaven,
No pyramid set off his memories,
But the eternal substance of his goodness—
To which I leave him."

RAMBLING REMARKS

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has all the characters portrayed in the program. Brother Crawford, Henry Van Porter, the bombastic Kingfish, Lightnin and all the others live next door to me. And so with Major Hoople, Freckles and his friends, Wash Tubbs, Ally Oop and all the others except the "Our Way" gang, and they live in the house with me. Boy, don't I know why mothers get gray. . . . When I get too old to preach I have long planned to write a book on "Some Preacher's Wives I Have Known." I also think I shall add to that a series of cartoons on, "Why Preachers Get Gray." I could do that now but it might cut off my pay. . . . In fact I think she is better looking than your kid, so there!

Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—J. M. Barrie.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

W. M. U. MISSIONS REPORT FOR DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

Quarter Ending September 30, 1938

There are 66 members of committees on missions. Most of the chairmen reported that they use the circle plan. Some hold regular meetings for planning and discussion. In the Young People's organizations there are 51 mission chairmen.

At this time there are six missionaries on furlough reported in this district, including Miss Viola Humphries, Rev. and Mrs. J. Walton Moore, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Deter, and Mrs. B. L. Lockett.

Courtesies reported to missionaries home on furlough, 45; letters to missionaries from women, 20; number of boxes to missionaries from women, 19.

Volunteers for foreign service, one, Leta Rue Riddle, Abilene. Volunteers for home service, one, Walter Counts, H-SU, Abilene.

Regular monthly missionary programs: women, 100; young people, 48. Special programs: women, 38; young people, 24. Some reported the special season of prayer observed, women attending, 472; young people, 135.

MRS. ED HAHN,
Mission Chairman, District 17.

PRISCILLA HELPERS CLUB BEGIN WORK FOR YEAR

The Priscilla Helpers, an organization composed of wives of ministerial students of H-SU, met in regular session at the home of Mrs. N. A. Moore, Monday afternoon, October 17, the club meeting on the first and third Monday afternoons.

Seven new members were admitted and, according to custom, they related their Christian experience and their attitude toward their husband's call to the ministry. The following were heard and received: Mmes. T. J. DUBOSE, Earl Landtroop, David Counts, Vernon Bliss, S. E. Brian, J. G. Dandignac, and Manley Reynolds.

Plans were made for a joint social meeting with the Ministerial Council to be held Friday, October 30. The next regular meeting of the Priscilla Helpers will be November 7, with Mrs. Finis Williams, Elmdale.

The first meeting of the fall semester was held at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Thursday afternoon, October 11, in a business and social meeting. About thirty young women are eligible for membership.

Mrs. Finis Williams was elected president and Mrs. S. L. Tidwell, vice president and chairman of the program committee. Mrs. R. T. Barton is secretary.

The following were present for the opening meeting: Mmes. Jas. Alexander, R. T. Barton, Clyde Campbell, Sidney Cox, J. G. Dandignac, T. J. Dubose, Elmer Holt, J. D. Badley, Earl Landtroop, E. E. Latta, N. A. Moore, J. Manley Reynolds, S. L. Tidwell, Clint Irwin, Harold Russ, and Finis Williams.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The novelty of the sights and customs in a new country is soon obliterated by succeeding experiences, until all becomes usual and commonplace. To preserve some first impressions of Rio de Janeiro, the editor of Brazilian Snapshots requested the new missionaries, Misses Letha Saunders and Maye Bell Taylor, to recall some of their early comments for us. Here they are:

Miss S. (in the Custom House)—What a beautiful building; not much like that barn-y affair in New Orleans. . . . Goodness! Look at that porter bringing my trunk on his head. At home it took two men to lift it.

Miss T.—Have you noticed how many soldiers there are everywhere? I believe I never saw such a variety of folks. They seem to be all colors and from every rank of society. So many are barefooted or wearing wooden clogs without socks.

Miss S.—(riding along the streets) The sidewalks of blacks and white stone look like lovely mosaics. Their swirls are dazzling. . . . Wouldn't Amos 'n' Andy be delighted to see these open-air taxis?

Miss T.—The street cars are open too; just par benches on platforms speeding along with a roof over them. I wonder what they do when it rains. Perhaps there are curtains they can pull down at the sides. With the street cars, the buses, and the thousands of automobiles, the traffic is rather heavy. They rush more here than I expected to see in a tropical country.

Miss S.—Did you ever see so many modernistic homes? Some seem to be built after old-time European styles,

but there are countless houses of the ultra-modern architecture. The formal gardens in front of them are so attractive.

Miss T.—I'm seeing men in pajamas on the veranda and even in the street. See that man there buying a paper? He looks clean and scrubbed and his hair is combed, but he is in pajamas. It must be the stylish morning costume for the men folks.

Miss S.—That explains a joke one of the missionary housewives was telling. She said her servant remarked one day, "I don't understand why Mr. Blank always has pajamas in the wash yet I never see him wearing them."

(Comments on the weather were deleted. Only reliable conclusion: "Subject to change without notice.")

Miss T. (on shopping expedition)—These open-front shops have some advantages, but I should think all this beautiful material draped a round would get damaged by light and dust. . . . Oh, look this silk is only 37 cents a yard, I mean, a meter.

Miss S.—That must be the native Brazilian material. I hear that the French silk is \$1.50 and up. . . . Do you realize that we are on the famous Ovidor?

Miss T.—To be sure I've been seeing some very attractive shops. It is nice to walk on a street given over to pedestrians, but the crowd is getting so thick that soon we won't be able to see much. Do you notice that the men greatly outnumber the women.

Miss S.—Here on the Ovidor only the silk goods shops seem to have open fronts, but on the side street I saw toy stores and shoe stores entirely open to the street and with the articles suspended all around the doorways and hanging from the ceiling. There were rolled-up steel doors to be pulled down at night. . . . Oh, here's a Five-and-ten. Now I feel quite at home.

Miss T.—Look how the men are lined up along the curb. I wish you would look—all facing inward watching the women pass. I hope they get a big kick out of seeing us go by. . . . Oh, what a gorgeous stone that is in the center of that jeweler's display, an aquamarine, isn't it? But such a color! I feel I never saw anything blue before. And the size! It must be three inches long.

Miss S.—These orchids over here are thrilling me. Let's treat ourselves to a corsage piece. Of that more common variety it will be about 25 cents, and they are really prettier than the rare ones.

Miss T.—(on the way home from First Church) In spite of the strange tongue, I felt that the atmosphere was really spiritual didn't you? And the hymn-tunes were the same, which made me feel a little more at home.

Miss S.—I notice the hymn-books are brought from home, none furnished in the racks. And the majority have vest-pocket editions with the words only. I thought the choir sang rather well. Since they haven't a pipe-organ, it is a good thing they have the stringed instruments to reinforce the little organ and piano.

Miss T.—Most of the people bowed their heads and prayed immediately on reaching their seats. I think that is a beautiful custom. If it were possible to make the people stay in their seats during the service, it would be an improvement. I notice the pastor looks hard at disturbers but they seem utterly un-self-conscious. Otherwise they wouldn't get up and walk clear down the aisle, cross in front of the pulpit and out the side door.

Miss S.—Of course this doesn't have to occur more than twice in a service to make us feel the whole thing is in movement. Too, there are so many babies and small children in the audience that there is quite a bit of disturbance when they cry and have to be taken out.

Miss T.—Worse yet, when they cry and aren't taken out. But I suppose the poor mothers hate to miss any of the service.

Miss S.—I see they carry things on their heads even on Sunday. See that negro girl all dressed up with her pocket-book on her head. Behind her is a contrast—that poor ragged woman with those boards on her head. She must have got them somewhere where they were tearing down an old building. And see the children strung out behind her, each with a load of sticks on his head. That little fellow can't be more than four years old, yet he is carrying a load that is nearly as large as he is. Just look how skillfully he balances it without touching it. Poor little boy!

Miss T.—This is truly a land of extremes—such beauty and such misery. It is all so interesting and so appealing. I believe we are going to like Brazil.

Miss S.—I not only believe it I KNOW it.

NEWS NOTES

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Beaumont. Mrs. Deaton was also a speaker at the president's luncheon Saturday.

Professor H. R. Arrant of the department of chemistry was the inspirational speaker for the fellowship banquet of the young people, First Church, Sweetwater, Tuesday evening, October 26.

Dr. J. E. Davis of El Paso will conduct a revival at the Mexican mission, Abilene from November 7 to 13. Dr. Davis has been a beloved leader of Spanish speaking peoples for many years.

Dr. N. A. Moore was with Pastor Elmer Holt and Central Church, Lynn County, October 23. He spoke on the Cooperative Program and a splendid offering was received.

Admiral Church had two good services, well attended, last Sunday. Rev. J. D. Badley of H-SU was preacher for the day.

B. T. U. Director Ed Francis of University Church, Abilene, is leading his church in a training school this week.

Elmdale Church is having a study course this week with courses being taught by Rev. and Mrs. J. Manley Reynolds and Mrs. Ralph Antilley. There were 46 enrolled the first night.

Pastors C. A. Powell of Abilene and H. R. Whately of Haskell brought great sermons at the Haskell Workers meeting at Rule Tuesday. Pastors H. E. East of Knox City and Will Albertson of Munday gave inspiring addresses on the theme of the day, Stewardship. Associational Moderator S. E. Stevenson of Goree led in a spiritual devotional and Rev. Edward Freeland of H-SU conducted the song services.

GIVING OURSELVES

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because we have done so little ourselves. Sometime ago I read of "Two Gifts" which were made. Two men were walking on the wharves in New York. Said one to the other, "You seem to be very happy this morning." "I am," was the answer. Then he continued, "Do you see that vessel dropping out into the North River?" Well, I have on that vessel ten thousand dollars' worth of equipment for a hospital in China. I made that gift at the instance of a missionary friend; and I came down to see it off." "Well, that is very interesting," answered the other. "I also have a gift on that ship. My only daughter is on that vessel going to China as a foreign missionary." The rich man who had given the ten thousand dollars exclaimed, "My God, man, I haven't given anything, have I?" My friends, since God gave us His best, even His Son; and Christ gave us His best, even His life, shall we be satisfied to give less than our best to Him.

Finally and at last, when we are called from the walks of men, the main and most important things will not be; have you made a living but have you made a life; not, how much have you saved, but how much have you served?

In conclusion, let me say: the deepest satisfaction in life are those which come through sharing and serving.

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