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DRIVE NOW ON FOR 100,000 CLUB

SUGGESTS PROGRAM FOR WORKERS' CONFERENCE ON 100,000 CLUB

Dr. L. R. Scarborough has suggested a good outline suitable for associational workers' conferences to be held during the months of January and February. These suggestions should meet with the hearty approval of the program committees in the various associations in West Texas. Such programs would stimulate a great deal of interest in the Hundred Thousand Club and result in many new members for that organization that is meaning so much for the debt payment of Southern Baptist institutions. The suggestions by Dr. Scarborough follow:

1. A complete setting out of the 100,000 Club—its purposes, its achievements so far, the debts on the various boards, the progress made paying them, the reason for making the debts, the things we have to show for them, and the allocations to the different causes.

2. A message by an outstanding leader on one of the following scriptural texts:

(1) Romans 1:14—Our Universal Debtorship to a Lost World.

(2) II John, 8—"Look to yourselves that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full harvest."

(3) II Kings 4:7—"And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children on the rest."

This discussion ought to be a great message on the obligation of Baptists to save their honor and good name and to save the causes involved in these debts.

3. In the afternoon there should be an open discussion, a roundtable on our debts and an organization set up to push this matter of the organization of the 100,000 Club in every church, cards furnished and pledges made and report made to Dr. Tripp, as well as to Dr. Williams of the achievements. The entire workers conference in January ought to be given to a discussion of this matter, and then in February conferences, a checkup ought to be made to see what progress has been made.

ABILENE EVANGELIST IN SUCCESSFUL REVIVALS IN NORTHERN SECTION

Evangelist Alford R. Hardy of 1518 N. 21st St., Abilene, is at this time in a series of successful evangelistic campaigns in Colorado and other northwestern states. He is at the present time in a successful meeting at Fort Lupton, Colorado. In a letter to the editor last week, Evangelist Hardy gave the following report of his work in recent weeks:

"The Lord is blessing overflowing. Since closing a meeting with Brother Ashford at Southside, I have held meetings at Cheyenne, Wyoming; Anaconda, Montana; Darby, Montana; and now I am at Ft. Lupton, Colorado. Yesterday my first day here, we had 19 conversions. The people are hungry for the Gospel as we in the south preach it. In January I am at Albin, Wyoming and Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Then I hope to come back south.

"I would be happy to get started in Texas for a series of meetings for this spring and summer. We have come to Abilene to make our home and will continue to work out from Abilene. Naturally I would appreciate meetings closer home."

THIEVES PLUNDER HOME OF HOBBS PASTOR

The Baptist New Mexican reports that Rev. John W. Williams of Hobbs, previous to the recent serious accident in which he was seriously burned, had the misfortune of having a large number of items, consisting of furniture, clothing and personal belongings, stolen from the home while the family was at the Wednesday evening prayer service. We wonder if the time is really coming when a person cannot go to the house of the Lord to worship without having to set a guard?

MISSION RALLIES TO HEAR TOYOHICO KAWAGA SPEAK

Dr. J. Howard Williams, secretary of missions for Texas Baptist General Convention, has announced that Toyohiko Kawaga, the outstanding Japanese Christian, is to pay a visit to Texas and will be the main speaker at two rallies to be held, one at Houston and one at Dallas.

"This man, who has dedicated his life to the winning of one million souls to Christ," stated Dr. Williams in his department in the Baptist Standard last week, "is to spend several days in Texas. So earnest is this 'foreign' Christian to see the kingdom of our Lord established among men, that he is dedicating a fortune, year by year, for the spread of the Gospel. It is said he is living on a few dollars a week, and at the same time maintaining personally a thousand preaching stations scattered throughout the Japanese empire.

"It is not the purpose here to recount the remarkable achievements of this dynamic personality, but rather to make the announcement that after conference with those responsible for his coming to Texas, we have planned in collaboration with Dr. Charles E. Maddry of the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board, to have two mission rallies in Texas, at such times as that those who attend might hear Kagawa preach. These rallies are called for Monday, March 16, in Houston, and Friday, March 20, in Dallas.

"For many weeks the secretary has been in correspondence with representatives of our Southern work about having two state-wide, all-mission rallies. It was learned that we could secure the secretaries of our two mission boards, and representatives of other phases of our work, to attend such rallies. When we learned of Kagawa's coming, it was decided, as stated heretofore, to have the meetings at such times and places as to offer our people the opportunity to hear this Japanese Christian. The details will be given out later. Definite dates and places, however, are fixed, and we are hopeful that these meetings will prove to be significant days for our Baptist Zion."

It is to be hoped arrangements can be made to bring Kagawa to this section of Texas for a rally. Interest in this outstanding Christian worker has been aroused all over the nation, and a visit here would draw a record attendance from West Texas.

DUNLAP WILL REMAIN WITH SWEETWATER

Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, who was extended a unanimous call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Quanah, has declined the call and will remain at Sweetwater. Baptists of this section will rejoice with the Sweetwater church that this good pastor is to remain in this section. He has done an outstanding work, not only in Sweetwater, but all over this association and District 17. In last week's First Baptist Chimes, First Church Bulletin, Pastor Dunlap made the following statement in regard to the call:

"Last Sunday afternoon I received a long-distance telephone call from Quanah, apprising me of the fact that the First Baptist Church there had given me a unanimous call that morning to become their pastor, with a raise in salary over what I am getting here. I told them I would let them have my decision, if possible, by next Sunday. On Thursday of this week, after much prayer and consideration, I wired them that I feel led by the Lord to stay in Sweetwater.

"Several things entered into this decision. The first was our impressions after much prayer. Another is the co-operation of our people here. Although I do not believe the membership is doing enough work for the church, I feel that we have a co-operative spirit and my hope is that our people will start work in earnest at the beginning of the new year. Another thing is that I feel that we have not reached our goal in Sweetwater. I feel that we have gone a long way with the church, but the one thousand unsaved and unenlisted in

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TEXAS LEADS IN RECEIPTS FROM 100,000 CLUB

Hundred Thousand Club members in Texas have contributed \$66,859.68 of the total amount of \$395,515.16 paid into the movement, according to a recent statement issued by Dr. Frank Tripp, who is leading in this phase of the work. Tennessee is trailing Texas with \$45,000 plus and Kentucky is third with \$38,000 plus. Oklahoma Baptists, with \$22,652.41, leads the states in per capita gifts to the movement.

Below is given the receipts to January 1, from the various states in the Southern Baptist Convention, to the 100,000 Club, together with the disbursements:

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| Alabama | \$25,934.96 |
| Arizona | 879.25 |
| Arkansas | 14,131.80 |
| District of Columbia | 2,112.27 |
| Florida | 21,137.34 |
| Georgia | 38,072.01 |
| Illinois | 3,544.39 |
| Kentucky | 39,569.44 |
| Louisiana | 21,993.59 |
| Maryland | 1,182.35 |
| Mississippi | 30,416.64 |
| Missouri | 26,985.41 |
| New Mexico | 2,806.28 |
| North Carolina | 10,016.38 |
| Oklahoma | 22,652.41 |
| South Carolina | 5,220.83 |
| Tennessee | 45,034.53 |
| Texas | 66,859.68 |
| Virginia | 3,801.32 |
| Direct to Exec. Committee | 13,163.78 |
| Total Receipts | \$395,515.16 |
| Disbursements | |
| Foreign Mission Board | \$119,331.16 |
| Home Mission Board | 79,290.97 |
| S. Bapt. Theo. Seminary | 71,192.72 |
| South. W. Theo. Seminary | 55,672.81 |
| Bapt. Bible Institute | 39,476.32 |
| New Orleans Hospital | 8,232.31 |
| Edu. B. and Am. Seminary | 22,318.87 |
| Total Disbursements | \$395,515.16 |

The Central Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, has called Rev. Victor F. Crabtree for another year. During the year he has been on the field the membership has increased from 45 charter members to a present membership of 117. All phases of the work are making fine progress. Before going to Arizona, Brother Crabtree was for several years a student in Hardin-Simmons and has served a number of churches in this section as pastor.

DEBT PAYING PLAN RETARDS DEBTS OF 400,000 IN 3 YEARS

The months of January and February have been set aside as time for enlistment of our churches in the Hundred Thousand Club. Since this movement was started three years ago there has been a reduction of \$1,000,000 in Southern Baptist debts and \$400,000 has been provided through the Hundred Thousand Club movement.

The Hundred Thousand Club plan in brief is for individual Baptists to agree to pay the sum of \$1.00 per month, over and above the regular contributions to the causes, this sum to be applied on the indebtedness of the institutions owned by Southern Baptists. These institutions include the three Seminaries, at Fort Worth, Louisville and New Orleans, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and Baptist Hospital at New Orleans.

Dr. Frank Tripp of Missouri, as a result of the kindness and generosity of his church in lending him to the denomination to take on the added burden of directing the campaign, has done a fine work in enlisting the churches in the Club Movement.

In many of our churches, where individuals do not feel able to pledge the extra dollar per month, different organizations within the churches have

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DR. CRAIG TO ASSIST IN SWEETWATER MEETING

Dr. Marshall Craig of Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, is to be with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the First Church, Sweetwater, in a two week's revival campaign beginning January 12. Mr. Harry P. Wooten of Dallas will direct the music for the meeting. The date of the meeting was changed in order that Dr. Craig might more fully recover from a minor operation. Dr. Craig has conducted two meetings in Abilene, one at Hardin-Simmons and one with the First Baptist Church. He has greatly endeared himself to our people in this section by his simple, earnest, heart searching Gospel appeals and his modest, consecrated life. We feel sure many of our people in this section will take advantage of the opportunity to attend some of the services in the Sweetwater meeting.

Fourth Street Baptist Church Big Spring, Texas

Bulletin for Sunday, Jan. 12.

SUNDAY—

9:45—Sunday School.

11:00—Preaching service. Subject: "The Cost of Being a Christian."

6:15—B. T. U. meetings.

7:15—Preaching service. Subject: "What Life is For."

MONDAY—

3:00—W. M. S. circles meet at church for missionary program.

6:30—Y. W. A. meeting at the church.

TUESDAY—

4:15—G. A. meeting with Mrs. Joe Wright.

7:15—Choir rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY—

7:00—Teachers' meeting.

7:45—Missionary program by Circle 5 of W. M. S.

Notes From Last Sunday

The Sunday School attendance was 314 last Sunday. The preaching services were well attended, with seven conversions, five additions to the church for baptism and one addition by reorganizer.

The men's brotherhood met Monday evening, reorganized, enjoyed an impromptu program, and were served refreshments by Circle 2 of the W. M. S.

Coming Events

In order that we may concentrate our interests and efforts, the following schedule of work has been arranged:

For January—Study. We may well take the first month of the new year in study and preparation for better service. We are in a Sunday School training course at the church this week. January 20-24 other classes will be offered. Books are being offered that lead to the teachers diploma.

For February—Get acquainted. We are making definite plans for all of our members to visit each other during February, so that we may know each other better and work together more successfully.

For March—Soul winning. During March we plan to have a special revival meeting for the young people and one for the men. During this month we plan for all departments of the church to make special efforts to win people to Christ.

For April—Enlistment and training. During April we are to have a B. T. U. enlargement campaign with all ages working to enlist and train the new and old members of the church.

Marvelous things can be accomplished for the glory of God if we will do our best during these four months.

Talpa Church Has \$385.00 Surplus, Result of Tithers Test



KELLY BARNETT

Immanuel Baptist Church, Talpa, in Coleman Association, is one of the many half-time churches that have tried out the tithers test and have found it to be a happy way of financing the Lord's work at home and abroad. Rev. Kelly Barnett, senior in Hardin-Simmons University, is pastor of the church.

The Talpa church tried the tithers test movement for three months and they were so delighted with the results that the church enthusiastically adopted it for another year. Last year this good church gave \$340.62 for missions, paid all bills and now has a balance of \$385.00 in the church treasury. Beginning January 1, this church plans to pay its budget month by month and divide the surplus 50 per cent for the co-operative program and 50 per cent is reserved for the budget. The 50 per cent of surplus for missions is in addition to the regular amount set aside in the 1936 budget for missions.

The Talpa church has had the West Texas Baptist going into the homes of every member of the church for the past two years, and the pastor says the members like the paper and are delighted with the club plan arrangement whereby each member can receive the paper at a very nominal cost. Of course the editor would be too modest to say so, but he can't help from having the feeling that the weekly visit of this paper into the homes of these good people each week for two years has helped the pastor create an atmosphere in which a financial program can thrive. Brother Barnett is also pastor of the Tuscola Baptist Church, and the West Texas Baptist has been going into 80 homes in this church for nearly two years.

Plans All Arranged For Pastors' Retreat For District 8 and 17

J. D. Brannon, Missionary, Dist. 17

The Pastors Retreat for Districts 8 and 17, to be held January 13-17 at the University Baptist Church, Abilene, has plans all arranged for a great spiritual feast and fellowship.

Dr. Julian Atwood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roswell, New Mexico, and one of the main Baptist leaders of that state, will be the preacher for the Retreat, bring a sermon at 11 o'clock and 7:30 each day.

Dr. W. T. Conner, head of the department of Christian Doctrine in the Seminary at Fort Worth, will teach the Book of Philippians two hours daily.

There will be at least two local speakers each day, and much time given for prayer and open discussions.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, the state secretary, will be present Thursday and will speak and lead a conference. All the preachers in this section of the state, whether pastors or not, are urged to attend. Bring along a notebook and Bible.

The expenses will be very small. There will be no registration fees. Bed and breakfast will be furnished free. The only necessary expenses will be traveling to and from Abilene, and buying dinner and supper. Please contact your neighbor preachers and bring along a car load. It will make the fellowship greater and the expenses less.

Missionary in Meeting at McCauley

This week the missionary is in a meeting at McCauley, where Rev. John P. Hardesty is pastor.

Be sure to get in a mission offering to the Co-operative Program this month. This will be the last month of the first quarter of the new convention year.

Stamford Co-operatives Call Pastor

The Co-operative Baptists of Stamford, who meet in the city auditorium, have recently called Rev. P. C. Williams of Glen Rose, as pastor. We understand that he plans to accept the work and will move on the field the latter part of this month.

Mrs. L. B. Lockett spoke last Sunday for the Co-operative Baptists of Stamford on the Hundred Thousand Club, and presented pictures of Africa in her address in the evening service.

One Hundred Thousand Club

January and February are the months set apart by the Southern Baptist convention to emphasize the Hundred Thousand Club. To date there have been about 32,000 members of this club. Yet it has saved many of our Baptist institutions, and has aided many others. The following—

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THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

January and February are the months in which our pastors and churches are to stress the Hundred Thousand Club movement. When we consider the fact that approximately \$400,000 has been paid on the debts of Southern Baptist institutions during the past three years as a result of this plan of debt paying, the plan is presented to us in a way that its merits cannot be ignored. This reduction in indebtedness means a saving in interest alone of around \$25,000 a year, enough to place at least twenty-five new missionaries on the field. It has certainly been demonstrated that the plan is practical, and an effort ought to be made to build the club up to the goal of 100,000 members. Think of it! One hundred thousand Baptists paying each one dollar per month on indebtedness would mean that \$1,200,000 of debts would be paid each year. To reach this goal it would be necessary to enlist one Baptist out of every forty. There ought to be that many members of each church who would be both able and willing to sign a pledge card to give one dollar per month above his regular contributions to pay the debts of Southern Baptists. One of the most appealing things about this plan is that every cent of every dollar paid in goes to apply on the indebtedness. This was made possible by the generous offer of the Sunday School Board to underwrite the expenses of the campaign.

CAN THE LIQUOR DEALERS BE GOOD?

This question was suggested by a timely editorial in Monday's Abilene Daily Reporter. The editorial follows:

"State and municipal authorities are joining hands to enforce the new liquor law which forbids the serving of drinks on the premises where liquor is sold.

"In Dallas a number of raids and arrests were made, and the liquor control board announces that similar raids will be made in Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston and other cities.

"If the new liquor law is to be made workable and win the respect of the public just such vigorous enforcement is necessary. If it is flouted and its plain provisions violated on every hand, conditions will soon become such that the prohibition movement will start once more and eventually sweep legalized liquor out of the state.

"Those engaged in the legitimate liquor trade should join hands with the authorities in putting the chiselers out of business. If they don't, they'll soon find themselves out of business.

"The traffic is on its good behavior and if it expects to survive it had better toe the mark."

To be sure it is encouraging to know that law enforcement officers are making an effort to enforce the prohibition laws past by the last called session of the legislature. Judging from the past records of the liquor interests it would be a pipe dream to even suggest that there is a possibility that the liquor crown would try to obey the law and confine their sales to packages. To be sure some few will obey the law, but it is to be expected that a big majority of them will not. However, the warning issued by the editorial writer above is timely. If the liquor interests do, as they have done in the past, violate the laws with impunity and reach out and try to dominate politics, then within the next few years history will repeat itself, a reaction will set in that will bring national prohibition again.

KAGAWA, NOTED JAPANESE EVANGELIST, AUTHOR

Kagawa, the outstanding Christian evangelist and author of Japan, who is touring the United States, is being warmly received by our people. Kagawa is considered by many as the world's outstanding Christian at the present time. We are looking forward to the time when he comes to this section for a visit.

In last week's Baptist Messenger, Editor Routh, in commenting on Kagawa's theology, gave some interesting quotations from the latter's writings, together with some interesting observations. We quote from the Messenger:

In some of Kagawa's book we have seen statements which do not accord with our beliefs. But there are two things which we need to keep in mind in our estimate of this great Japanese Christian leader. The first is, he had a spiritual experience which can be explained only by regeneration.

We do not know of any man in modern times whose career has been more of a miracle of grace than Kagawa's. Born and reared in the most unfavorable surroundings, he has been a flaming evangel of grace since his conversion when he lived in the home of a foreign missionary. He has brought multitudes to know and love Christ as their Savior and Lord. He has been utterly unselfish in his living, he and his family existing on a very small budget; although he has a large income from his writings, the most of it goes back into the service of Christ.

He bears the cross daily and has a stronger grip on the multitudes of Japan than any other man in that nation and is constantly pointing them to the Savior who takes away the sins of the world. We have just read his latest book, "Meditations on the Cross," (Willet, Clark & Co., \$1.50) which came from the press a few days ago. We quote from that book, which teaches salvation by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"A great many people are not willing to accept literally this thing called the Cross. During the 19th century, the opinion prevailed that the cross was unimportant, but I think that the Cross is Jesus' central idea. . . .

"Through offering his body, Christ annulled the law, and acquitted us of the charges against us. This is a sublime idea, excellently depicted in the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Romans. . . .

"The Old Testament teaches that the Righteous One must surely

die and that through this vicarious substitution, others will be acquitted. Christ believed that, and died in this spirit of the Old Testament. . . .

"This is the blood which is to save mankind, to redeem sinners, and make the human race into children of God. . . .

"For nineteen centuries this blood has been the fountain of life and healing for the souls of countless millions. . . . Through this blood-stained love which gave up life itself, we must receive the forgiveness of all our past sins, and healing of all the wounds of our hearts. Through this marvelous fountain of Emmanuel's blood we are to accept healing from all sin—sins which others see, and sins they cannot see—our individual sins, and the sins of society."

We must remember, too, that Kagawa, an Oriental, who has lived such a strenuous life of service since his conversion, has not had the theological training that many of our preachers have, and does not, therefore, always speak their language. When Paul went to Ephesus he found an eloquent young preacher, Apollos by name, who had been converted, and had become an effective preacher. But Apollos had to learn from Priscilla and Aquilla the way of the Lord more perfectly.

CHRIST'S CHALLENGE TO MEN

The Kingdom of God has ever challenged Christian manhood. Great men like Paul and Luther and Carey have dared to accept its challenge.

During the first century men were challenged to espouse publicly the cause of Jesus and to proclaim His Gospel to all men. They dared to do it, and in the face of bitter persecutions and unspeakable privations they carried the Gospel to all nations.

Fifteen hundred years later men were challenged to stand for the truth and to proclaim it in the face of opposition from a powerful and cruel Roman church. Luther and Zwingli and Calvin and a host of others dared to accept the challenge, and ushered in the reformation.

During the last hundred years Christian men have been challenged anew to take the Gospel to all the world. Many have accepted the challenge, and into every land they have gone with the Gospel of salvation and healing and teaching. In courage and faith and patience they have won.

Today men face a new challenge. It is the challenge of a world plowed like a garden, waiting for the planting. Great nations are questioning traditions of the past and are looking for something more satisfying. Will it be communism, fascism, or Christianity? Christian men must answer the challenge. The challenge is for manhood and material wealth to be dedicated to the cause of Christ.

—W. S. GARNETT, Big Spring, Texas.

OUR PARAMOUNT NEED

By J. O. Heath

This article will deal with an old subject, with a modern application. It is common information that we think we have many needs. We know that some things which we imagine we need, we do not need at all. Yet we are stupid enough to worry over large catalogues of unnecessary needs. But there is one need that we do need, though we do not often feel our need of it. Because we do not realize this need, we are where we are in some serious matters. If I must needs use a big word to emphasize this need, that word is "paramount." For this need is greater than all our other needs. Of course I am excepting salvation, for it is in salvation that we are to find grace to help us in this need.

I have now come to where I should name this need. Well, then, courage is what we need in these soft and slippery times. We are not as deficient in physical as in mental and moral courage. Observing the boldness of some daring automobile drivers, I am conceding that we possess physical rashness. Admitting that we constantly manifest that kind of courage, I am eliminating the physical from this discussion. But that does not dispose of the fact that our need of mental and moral courage is large and lamentable.

Let us, first, consider our need of mental courage. Surely courage is vitally essential in the process of sturdy thinking. It is also very necessary for the right sort of mental living. To be independent in thought requires, it is said, a high degree of courage. It probably does. As many of us have never tried to do any independent thinking, we really do not know whether courage is needed. We move along familiar and deeply beaten paths, unconscious of the mental cowardice that dominates our reasoning faculties. If it takes courage to think independently, then it is apparent that we are sorely in need of that grace. As we live on borrowed thinking, we should realize our need of a courage that would enable us to make an independent use of it.

But there is not much evidence that we have any realization of our need of mental courage. Take the ministry as an example. There is in the average sermon an absent note; it is the note of mental independence that is missing. The present day sermon has a way of impressing one that it has been purloined from a book of sermons or else that the preacher has borrowed out beyond his ability to be independent in the handling of the material. Now of all men, preachers should be independent in their thinking. I gladly recall that in my boyhood years, preachers who had not been much in school, preached with a mental independence that produced the impression that they had gotten their sermons out of the Scriptures. It was fortunate for them and glorious for their congregations, that those preachers did not know that they could have bought books of sermons.

Well, speaking of books, I am weary of this book preaching and still believe that a bright and popular preacher should not publish his sermons. I have heard enough sermons from Clovis Chappell's books to do me for a long time. Having heard some of them from prominent and well-paid preachers, I decided to try my skill with one. But I made such a pathetic failure with its financially, spiritually and in mental independence, that I penitently and firmly resolved to quit that kind of stealing. When we preach after that fashion, it is no surprise that the independent note is lost. Nor will it be recovered until preachers shall turn from such folly and mentally wrestle with the Scriptures for their own sermons. When alone they wrestle with God's Word, then they will prevail and the churches will flourish under their ministries. For God has promised to bless His Word, but nowhere has He promised to bless a plagiarized sermon. Now courage is needed in breaking away from the "pernicious habit" of pilfering sermons. But it will be worth any effort just to be free from a practice which, if continued, will grow strong enough to lay prostrate the mental independence of any preacher. Garden City, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore

January 12, 1936

A PROPHETIC VISION

Luke 2:25-35, 40

Golden Text—Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.—Luke 2:30-31.

The second census ordered by Augustus Caesar, the Roman emperor, as taken in Palestine during the first term of Quirinius as governor of Syria, provided for the enrollment of the Jews in their ancestral cities. Hence, Joseph and Mary, being both of the line of David, made the mid-winter journey of eighty miles from their home in Nazareth to Bethlehem six miles south of Jerusalem where Jesus was born. That night the angels sang their glory song in the nearby fields and the wondering shepherds came to the city and worshiped the new-born child in the manger.

The naming and circumcision of Jesus occurred when he was eight days old. On the fortieth day afterward during presentation in the Temple at Jerusalem, the child was recognized as the Messiah by aged Simeon and Anna.

Jesus was about two years old when the Wise Men came from the East through Jerusalem to Bethlehem and worshiped the child, pouring out their treasures at his feet. Under angelic direction events moved swiftly, perhaps overnight, the Wise Men turning hastily homeward another way, while Joseph took Mary and Jesus on sudden departure to Egypt. It must have been very soon after Christmas Day, 2 B. C., that Herod slew in Bethlehem and vicinity all the male children two years old and under, expecting to catch "the king of the Jews" in his murderous dragnet. Upon the death of Herod a year and a half later Joseph was directed by the dream angel to return from Egypt. It appears to have been after Passover that he reached Palestine, not to locate at Bethlehem as he probably hoped but at Nazareth in Galilee, Jesus now being three years and four months old.

Since Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem every year to the Passover it is likely that Jesus accompanied them. But as he entered his 13th year the trip had special significance because he was then confirmed under the law, as the Jews are to this day. Savage thinks that Jesus spent this entire Passover-Pentecost period of 53 days in the Temple ritual and study, starting home June, 12 A. D., to remain in obscurity at Nazareth until in March, 27 A. D., he descended to the lower Jordan valley where John baptized him and pointed him out as the Lamb of God.

1. Vision of the Aged Simeon

The Consecration of Jesus at Jerusalem. Note: (1) **The Ceremony.** According to the Law of Moses there were two requirements of Mary and Joseph which since they were near Jerusalem were performed in the Temple. The first was a ceremony of dedication for the child and the second was the ceremony of purification for the mother (Exodus 13:2, 11-15; Leviticus 12:1-8). As the firstborn son was spared when the destroying angel passed through the Land of Egypt so every first-born son among the Jews through all the coming generations was to be laid when forty days old before the Lord and consecrated to his service. Since Mary was too poor to bring for the burnt offering the yearling lamb, she presented herself with either two turtle doves or two young pigeons, and, the offering being accepted by the priest, she was pronounced ceremonially clean. (2) **The Seer.** During the Temple ceremonies an aged seer, Simeon by name, appeared. He was righteous in his external life. He was devout in his spiritual life. He was expecting the Messiah to come as the consolation of Israel. And the Holy Spirit was upon him in power. Indeed, he had been assured by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death till he had seen the Lord's Christ. Thus confident in a serene old age and definitely led by the Holy Spirit, he arrived just now in the Temple court. Finding Joseph, Mary, and Jesus there, Simeon at once recognized the Messiah in the infant, whereupon he took the child eagerly and exultingly in his arms. (3) **The Recognition.** The song which Simeon now sang called "Nunc Dimittis" from its first words in the Latin version, magnified the Lord for letting him, according to divine promise, depart in peace only after having seen the medium of the world's salvation thus presented before the face of all peoples. It was a salvation which means revealing light to the Gentiles and Messianic glory for the people of Israel. (4) **The Benediction.** From praising God, Simeon now turned with blessing upon Joseph and Mary who marveled at the prophecy he had just uttered. To the mother in particular he declared two things concerning the child: First, he is set for the downfall of those who reject him and the rise of those who receive him; and, second, he is assigned or marked for the spleen and scorn of those who in speaking against him reveal the evil thoughts of their hearts. Yet even now the shadow of the awful cross fell upon the infant's pathway. For to the fond mother Simeon further declared: "A sword shall pierce through thine own soul," for she must suffer with her suffering son! Thus benediction was linked with prophecy and present happiness tinged with future sorrow.

2. Growth of the Boy Jesus.

The childhood of Jesus at Nazareth. Note: (1) **Growth.** The boy Jesus grew normally in body. There was no dissipation, no disease, no decay, no defect. It was necessary for him to grow because he put himself under the limitations of human development. (2) **Strength.** The infancy of Jesus like that of every one else was beautiful in its helplessness and dependence. But helplessness must not continue always. Limb and lung, muscle and mind, bone and sinew, character and conduct must be matured into strength and stature. So Jesus "waxed strong." (3) **Wisdom.** More was needed even for Jesus than a beautiful face and figure. It is not enough to have a strong arm and a stout heart. Even in childhood he had the wisdom that cometh from above. (4) **Spirituality.** The favor of God insures the favor of good men. Power with God guarantees power with men. Far more than we think spiritual power is the chief dynamic in the world. Upon the child Jesus rested the grace of God.

Jesus Is the Hope of All Nations

(1) **His Revelation.** "It was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost—a light to lighten the Gentiles." Christ reveals God and the will of God. The Holy Spirit reveals him as our Savior and Lord. The light of his glorious Person shines to all the world, Jew and Gentile, Greek and barbarian.

(2) **His Salvation.** "Thy salvation—prepared before the face of

all people." Christ saves from the power and penalty of sin. He prepared himself through manger, cross, and sepulcher. And before everybody he made it available for everybody.

Home Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—The Promise to Simeon. Luke 2:25-35.
Tuesday—The Savior Promised. Matt. 1:18-25.
Wednesday—A Happy Future Promised. Isa. 35:1-10.
Thursday—Everlasting Salvation. Isa. 51:1-8.
Friday—A New Day. Isa. 65:17-25.
Saturday—A New Heaven and a New Earth. Rev. 21:1-7.
Sunday—Righteousness and Peace. Isa. 11:1-9.
Devotional Reading—Isaiah 49:6-13.

JOINT MEETING OF WORKERS' CONFERENCE And Quarterly Associational W. M. U. Meeting Of The Sweetwater Baptist Association

With the First Baptist Church, Merkel, Jan. 9, 1936

Theme: "Following the Master Through 1936."

Scripture: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."—John 20:21.

- 9:45—Song Service, Mr. A. Avery Lee.
10:00—Devotional, Rev. C. R. Joyner.
10:15—W. M. S., Mrs. C. C. Compere in charge. Three minute reports from local presidents.
11:05—Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer Report, Mrs. Boyd King.
11:15—Special Music, H. S. U. Ministerial Quartet.
11:25—Announcements.
11:30—Sermon, Rev. J. H. Dean.

LUNCH

- 1:15—Board Meetings: Associational and W. M. U.
2:15—Song Service, G. Avery Lee.
2:25—Special Music, H. S. U. Ministerial Quartet.
2:30—"Following the Master."
(1) "Through Missions," Mrs. W. C. Ashford, chairman; Rev. C. A. Powell, speaker.
2:50—(2) "Through Benevolence," Mrs. W. F. Joiner, chairman; Mr. E. M. Collier, speaker.
3:10—(3) "Through Young People's Work," Mrs. D. C. Fulker, chairman, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, speaker.
3:30—Adjourn.
P. S.—In keeping with their custom, ladies will please bring covered dish.

100,000 CLUB MOVEMENT RE-ESTABLISHES CREDIT, SAYS DR. C. E. MADDRY

"One of the blessings that has come to Southern Baptists as a result of the Hundred Thousand Club Movement, has been the reestablishment of Baptist credit in the banking and business world," says Dr. Charles E. Maddry, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a recent statement Dr. Maddry gave out the following statement and appeal in regard to the debt situation and the Hundred Thousand Club movement:

"Three years ago the financial rating of most of our Baptist Boards and agencies was distressingly low. Banks and bond companies had advanced millions of dollars on the honor and integrity of Baptists. Then came the world crash in financial circles and we were all in distress.

"In the business and banking world, there were hundreds of failures and many of our people lost everything—the savings of a lifetime. Our mission boards, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and churches suffered a fearful and disastrous loss in gifts and current income. The income of the Foreign Mission Board dropped from \$2,300,000.00 in 1926 to \$602,000.00 in 1933, a loss of \$1,700,000.00 in seven years.

"During the seven-year period, 1929-1935, inclusive, the Foreign Mission Board paid out the staggering sum of \$385,507.20 for interest on borrowed money. This amount paid out for interest in seven years would have employed sixty-one missionaries for seven years at a salary of \$800.00 each. What a colossal and sinful waste of money! Today the credit of many of our denominational institutions and agencies has been re-established. Our debts are slowly being paid. The Foreign Mission Board has received the sum of \$117,821.00 from the Hundred Thousand Club. We long for the day to come when we can say that all of our debts are behind us, and we can plan for the rehabilitation and enlargement of our badly shattered program of work in the fourteen countries where we have mission work.

"Now is the time, during January and February, for our people to have a part in the payment of our debts by subscribing to the Hundred Thousand Club. We appeal to every loyal Baptist in the South to have a worthy part in this effort."

DR. W. Y. POND TELLS OF ARIZONA VISIT

Having been elected by the Baptist General Convention of Arizona to the position of superintendent of evangelism for the state, I was invited by the executive board to visit the State of Arizona and conduct a revival in Phoenix, the capital city, with all the Baptist churches co-operating. The meeting was under the direction of the general secretary and the local pastors of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pond of Phoenix were chosen to direct the music and I was to visit all the churches.

Mrs. Pond and I drove through to Phoenix via El Paso, Globe, and Miami. This was a great trip for many reasons. The state of Arizona is a scenic and romantic state, rich in Indian lore, natural resources and scenic beauty—noted for sunshine, climate, majestic mountains, fertile valleys and great irrigation systems. It is a virgin territory; full of game fish in its sparkling waters, a land of sunshine, health and happiness, destined to become much larger in population. The state is blessed with one of the finest public school systems in America.

The City of Phoenix is located in the heart of the great valley with 250,000 acres under irrigation. It is a beautiful city of palms, fruits and flowers, with a population of some 100,000 souls. The luscious dates, oranges and grapefruit are now ripe and the olive trees are burdened with their load of fruit. Around the city are to be seen the beautiful citrus groves, the white-faced cattle, fat on the alfalfa and hundreds of acres of whiteheaded lettuce ready for market.

The people of Arizona and the city of Phoenix gave us a wonderful reception. They are a lovely people who know how to make you feel their welcome. Pastors came in from over the state to lend their words of welcome. We were honored with the presence of Mrs. W. C. Henderson, president of the State W. M. U., Reuben Smith, president of the convention, S. S. Bussell, general secretary and all the pastors of Phoenix, Pastors Campbell of Tucson, Wilkerson of Globe, Butler of Glendale, Jack Mahen of Tolleson, and John Johnston of Young, attended the meeting.

We spoke in all the southern churches in Phoenix, but most of the services were held in the Grace Baptist Church where Dr. W. W. Taylor is the beloved pastor, and in the First Southern Church where Dr. C. M. Rock is the honored pastor. Great crowds attended and I have never preached to a more appreciative audience than I found in Arizona. We had many high hours and the fellowship could not have been sweeter. The pastors and churches are burdened for the salvation of the lost in Arizona. Fifty souls were saved.

W. Y. POND. Breckenridge, Texas.

Miss Blanche Rose Walker Writes Interesting Letter From China

Kaifeng, Honan, China. November 14, 1935. The First Baptist Church, Abilene. Dear Home Church:

A recent letter gives the good news: "Abilene First now claims you as their missionary to China and all are happy about it."

Thank you from my heart, even as I thank your beloved "Better Half" (The Women's Missionary Society), who, with some other dear societies, sent me to China, one year ago.

Since writing you last time, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Green have sent a generous check and again the Lord seemed to say that He wanted it for His tortured ones in Russia. It has probably reached them by this time. The White Russians, fleeing from the "Red" Russians, are all about us here and it smother's my heart to see them. Their singing of sacred music is the most touching that I have heard in the world.

The True Light book room of our Drum Tower Church, is used for the Lord every day. The evangelist there pleads with the men even while they are reading their papers. This book room is the only place in Kaifeng where Baptist Bibles may be bought and many university students buy them. Miss Ann and Miss Harriet Evans, in their own lovely way, have adopted this book room as a memorial to their mother.

When our nice Lee lad came before the church for baptism, Pastor Fan asked, "How long have you believed in Jesus?" "Since before I was born," he humbly replied. I could understand why he spoke like that, having had a probing of his heart the day before, and having heard his tender story of how his mother had believed for him, a long time before his birth.

The Tither's Test came along joyously at Drum Tower Church. We "patterned" after you! There was enough at the close to divide with our flood-stricken Baptists in Shanghai. Such rare pleasure, seeing most of the members keeping accounts with the Lord and getting so

much better acquainted with Him. He has given them undreamed of joy in tithing. Each first Wednesday of the month, the Drum Tower Missionary Society fails not to have an hour for thanking the Lord. It is delightful. One hour in NEVER enough. The Tither's Test has given them a rare theme to "thank on."

Three men and three women saved at prayer meeting last night. We, "down here" keep on rejoicing in you, "up there."

BLANCHE ROSE WALKER.

Honan University, Nov. 12, 1935.

Dear Miss B. R. Walker,

May we have the honour and pleasure to hold a meeting for twenty-three freshmen in your home 2:30 P. M. 17th, inst. (Sunday)? Through such fellowship meeting, the boys' interest in the religious activity of Church, their sympathy toward the sacrificial living of missionary, and their mental eye to see the glory of our Lord may be kindled, and inspired. Besides intensive intellectual training in the university, religious inspiration is desirable for us. May Christ be with us!

The programme for the meeting is: (1) you give fifteen minutes' talk in so simple English that every one of them can understand, on any subject you prefer, (2) Pastor Fan speaks of his choice of calling, (3) I prepare tea and refreshment with game, (4) meeting adjourned 4:0 P. M. May we use your cups and dishes?

Pardon me for I trouble you. Your favor will ever deeply be appreciated by us.

Your Christian Brother, LOU NAI HSIUNG.

Of course I told him I would be glad for the meeting, also to furnish refreshments, but no games please, on the Lord's Day. Then he sent the following note: "Dear Miss Walker, It is better to omit game and refreshment on the Lord's Day, for I remember 'Thou shalt keep holy the Sabbath.' Your Christian Brother, Lou Nai Hsiung."

HODGES CHURCH MAKES GOOD REPORT OF WORK

As it has been a long time since there has been any news from Hodges, I want to say we are still on the map—and doing things for our Master.

Brother C. D. Owen is leading us in a great way. We thank God for him. Saturday night was conference night. We had a good crowd, a fine sermon and meeting. In the conference we voted to organize a W. M. S. We are going to organize Tuesday evening, January 7. Mrs. Owen, our pastor's wife, is helping us. Pray for us, that we may have a good W. M. S.

Sunday morning we had a great hour. Our pastor preached a New Year's sermon. Then he read the church covenant. At the close of the service we all gave our hand to our pastor, telling him we would stand by him, and live up to our church covenant, and make this year count for Christ.

Brother and Mrs. Owen joined our church. It was good to be there. Sunday night we had a great B. T. U. service, and another fine sermon.

The Men's Bible Class gave Brother Rister a suit of clothes for a Christmas present. Brother Rister is the teacher of the Men's Bible Class and also the senior deacon of our church. How we do love him—and thank God for his life.—Reporter.

PROGRAM OF WORKERS MEETING TO BE HELD AT BAIRD Jan. 14, 1936

- Theme: Stewardship.
10:00—Devotional.
10:30—Stewardship, the Meaning of the Term, M. F. Richardson.
11:00—Stewardship of Time, Dick Griffin.
11:30—Stewardship and the Every-Member Canvas, J. D. Brannon.
LUNCH.
1:30—Devotional and business.
2:00—Stewardship of Mission, W. T. Priddy.
2:20—Stewardship of Preaching, Roy O'Brien.
2:40—Stewardship of Teaching, F. A. Hollis.
3:00—Stewardship and Hundred Thousand Club, V. W. Tatum.

FORMER WEST TEXAN ON EVANGELISTIC STAFF OF STATE BOARD

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Leake have been elected to the staff of State Evangelists in Texas—at the recent board meeting in Dallas.

Rev. Leake has served some of our best churches as pastor and has been in his present pastorate 12 years. While in Ranger there were some 1,200 additions to the church in three years. He is an evangelist of marked ability. His wife an outstanding pianist and soloist, having played at state conventions, etc., and is an excellent worker. This young couple are now open for revivals and the churches will receive credit on the co-operative program for offerings contributed to the support of the meeting.

Those desiring their services may write them at Baptist Headquarters, Burt Bldg., Dallas, Texas. Secure them early for your spring and summer meetings.

PLANS ARE ARRANGED FOR PASTORS RETREAT FOR DISTRICTS 8 AND 17

(Continued from Page 1) ing gives a report of the gifts through this club:

Table with 2 columns: Organization, Amount. Includes Foreign Mission Board (\$115,921.05), Home Mission Board (77,017.57), Southern Seminary (69,146.66), etc.

Total \$384,148.14. It is hoped that every church will do two things during January and February. First, check up and get those who are behind to catch up with their pledges. Second, try to secure as many new pledges this year as possible.

Baptists are coming out of debt, and there are lots of Baptists who will be glad to have a little part in their coming out, so let's ask them to take this part.

Southern Baptists are gaining ground in Arizona. May the Lord's rich blessings be upon those struggling churches

Hardin-Simmons University ABILENE, TEXAS

SPRING SEMESTER OPENS JANUARY 29



SCIENCE HALL

Hardin-Simmons University takes this opportunity to congratulate graduating seniors at Abilene High School. Throughout the years Hardin-Simmons has remained in close touch with Abilene High School activities and experiences pardonable pride in congratulating each graduating group.

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Gleanings From District Eight

WILLIS J. RAY, Missionary, Box 1291, Big Spring, Texas.

The Lamesa Associational Worker's Conference met at Midway this week with Rev. Leroy Smith host pastor. Brother Leroy is doing a great work in both his fields by presenting a challenging program to his people. He is pastor at Midway for one-half time and at New Hope for one-fourth time. These two churches are missionary and growing in New Testament style. Rev. W. S. Garnett of Big Spring, district president, and Rev. Ben Ferguson of Lees were visiting pastors who appeared on the program. The missionary also brought a missionary sermon on debtorship.

Rev. Willie B. Waldrop of Lamesa has been called to Grandview, Berry Flat and Woody, all in Lamesa Association. He is bringing the three churches together at Grandview the fourth Sunday in this month in an all-day meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint his people with the general denominational work and missionary program that they might have a part every month. Rev. Leroy Smith, Rev. E. F. Cole and Willis J. Ray have been invited to appear on the day's program which includes dinner on the ground. We know we can count on these three churches supporting all our work all the time under the leadership of Bro. Waldrop.

Rev. E. F. Cole has been suffering recently with a weakened condition of the heart due to overwork, and the doctors have placed him on a special diet with less work. He feels that he is improving and all his many friends in and out of the district wish for him a complete and speedy recovery. It was the joy of the missionary to preach for him last Sunday evening and thereby help to lessen his labors for a season. The writer enjoyed sitting in on the deacon's meeting at Lamesa last Sunday and learned one of the secrets of Brother Coles' great ministry—he has some great deacons. This church gave the largest amount to the co-operative program of any church in the district last year and at this meeting they raised their gifts to this part of our work \$200. The quota for our district has been increased 40 per cent for this year and with every church setting as their goal at least \$1 per member we will reach our suggested quota.

Dr. W. T. Connor of our Southwestern Seminary spoke last Sunday at First Church, Big Spring, and First Church, Colorado, in behalf of the One Hundred Thousand Club. His messages were praised very highly by members of each congregation. January and February has been set aside over the Southern Baptist Convention in a Victory Campaign to reach the goal of 100,000 giving \$1 each month to pay off our indebtedness. The professors at the Seminary are very graciously giving themselves to this campaign. The goal for district 8 is 400 members—sure we can reach that number. The goal for Texas is 15,000. It is hoped that every pastor will present the 100,000 club to his people before March 1st.

The missionary visited the new church at Three League in Martin County last Sunday and found the membership discouraged and about to disband. If we diagnosed the situation correctly the trouble is—some other people beside Baptists thought the Baptists were doing too much for Christ and might make the Sunday School Baptist instead of union, so some of the leading members of the new church decided they had made a mistake in organizing a church, because it seemed to offend some of their neighbors. Therefore, Jesus was offended and the work hindered that the Baptists might be well thought of by their neighbors. Of course I didn't dare to think out loud for Baptists sometime don't like to be told their faults. Isn't it surprising that a church organized with Christ as the head of it could die out in six months time. Is Christ the head of our church or are human desires and fancies molding our church to please man rather than God?

The First Church Midland is observing their Golden Anniversary this week with Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport preaching each night through Friday. Friday is set apart for an all-day service with Rev. L. R. Miliken and Dr. J. Howard Williams appearing on the program. Sunday each member is asked to bring fifty pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars or dollars and we hope this offering to go into their building fund will go into the thousands about ten times. Pastor W. F. Borum, wife and son, Val, are dearly loved by the mem-

bership and deeply appreciated by the entire city.

Dr. W. T. Connor met a class of 33 at the First Church, Colorado, last Monday evening and started an extension class from the Seminary. The class enrolled members from Sweetwater on the east, Big Spring on the west, Snyder on the north and we haven't learned just how far south, but think there will be some from San Angelo. Two classes are being taught, one of which is a popular course especially offered for Sunday School teachers and church workers which is the book of Luke. The other course is in theology and will give credit in the Seminary to all desiring credit and meeting Seminary requirements. This text is Dr. Connor's own book, "Teaching's of the New Testament."

The price of the courses are as follows: Five dollars for Seminary credit plus 50c Seminary recording fees. Six dollars if one cares to take both subjects and secure Seminary credit; \$2.50 if member wishes to sit in each class for benefit gained without taking examinations for credit and \$2.00 per member for the popular course. These terms are very reasonable when we consider that the class will meet every Monday evening for about 15 weeks. The popular class in which many ladies are interested will meet each Monday evening from 4:15 to 5:15, and the theology class from 7 to 9 each Monday evening. As Dr. Connor is the Bible teacher at the Pastors Retreat at Abilene next week the class will not start until Monday evening, January 20. It is hoped that at least 60 will enroll, for this indeed is a rare privilege that one can sit under such a teacher without the expense of leaving home and going to the Seminary or some college. Any one interested regardless of denomination is invited to join the class.

Pastors Retreat starting next Monday at University Church, Abilene, Dr. W. T. Connor teaching the book of Philippians twice daily, Dr. Julian Atwood, Roswell, New Mexico, preaching with some of the best of our local talent appearing on the program. What do you say, pastors, let us go 100 per cent strong from district 8. This is for our good, let's go if we have to hivy it and maybe miss a meal. However, bed and breakfast will be provided free, so if your purse is low we might get along on one meal a day. We shall be expecting to see you at Abilene next Monday at 2 o'clock sharp.

RAMBLING REMARKS

Dick O'Brien

I have done very little rambling but have listened to a lot of remarkable since last week. I have been host to a very tenacious head cold for the last few days and have spent most of my time in bed entertaining it. It is beginning to show signs of departing. . . . This reminds me of an incident which occurred in our community lately. It is a complete reversal of an old saying which we have heard from childhood. A man and his wife went over to "set 'till bedtime" with a neighboring family. They stayed until far, far into the night, and still showed no signs of going home. After a long, impatient wait the sleepy host got up from his chair, yawned and said to his wife, "Well, Alice, let's go to bed so these folks can go home." This story might come in handy as a hint sometime to folks who are inclined to "stay open all night." . . . O. D. Welch, who is pastor at Lowe, Fairview and Pleasant Hill, in the Mitchell-Scurry Association, plans to enter Wayland College about January 20. . . . He chose Wayland for two reasons, one is that he needs to do some academy work which is offered at Wayland and the other is that he can get railroad accommodations to his churches. . . . Dr. Walter T. Connor preached for the First Baptist church, Big Spring, last Sunday morning and for us at Colorado at the evening hour. He presented the plan of the One Hundred Thousand Club and secured a number of subscriptions at both churches. He will be in this section each Sunday for a month in the interest of this worthy cause. . . . While here Dr. Connor, who is head of the theology department of the Southwestern Seminary, organized a class for extension work which will meet each Monday afternoon and night here at Colorado. This is the first time an effort of this sort has been undertaken and the purpose is

to bring the Seminary in reach of many preachers and others who are anxious to do more thorough Bible study under competent teachers but would never be able to attend the Seminary. A class of thirty-three was enrolled and we believe the number will reach seventy-five within a month. Members were enrolled from three different associations. Brother Ray will give a fuller account of this work in his column this week. . . . A group of some ten or twelve preachers meet here at Colorado each Thursday night to study the Bible, talk about sermons and discuss our problems. We not only have a good time together but we have done some real work toward strengthening our ministries. . . . Brother J. W. Ware preached for us here a few Sundays back. Brother Ware married a Colorado girl. His sermon on Grace was well received by the congregation. He recently resigned as pastor at Rule to become a missionary under the Home Mission Board. But some changes in the plans of the Board due to the serious illness of Secretary Lawrence, who was unable to perfect his schedule for the new convention year, has left Brother Ware without work. He is a college graduate and holds a Th. M. degree from the Seminary. He has several years experience in the pastorate and should be in active service. Mrs. Ware also holds a college degree from Hardin-Simmons, and a religious education degree from the Seminary. He can be reached at present at 2540 Simmons Ave., Abilene. . . . It is our understanding that Pastor E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater has declined a call to the First Baptist Church, Quanah. E. D. is doing a very fine work at Sweetwater. At present they are beginning a new Sunday School annex. We hold nothing against Quanah but we are happy that he is staying in our section. We have a very sweet preacher fellowship in districts 17 and 8. . . . The church at Levelland has called Pastor Vernon Shaw of Dimmitt. We have not heard his answer. He has been at Dimmitt about one year. . . . Brother W. R. Derr should feel at home as pastor at Ralls, in the Floyd County Association. He did his first college work at Wayland College, and has served as pastor of several Plains churches. . . . Pastor A. L. (Happy) Jordan is doing a very constructive work at Matador. Happy is a very fine preacher and pastor and Matador is one of the most progressive towns, and has one of the best Baptist churches in that section. . . . Let me suggest a good text for the early part of the New Year: "And there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Joshua 13:1. When we have totaled up all that we, as Baptists have done, locally or denominationally, let us then survey our unfinished tasks and see how appropriate this text is. . . . I know a man with a degree from Baylor University, several years record as a successful pastor, a good reputation, and one of the best preachers in the land who is available for a pastorate. His reasons for being idle at this time are not against him. If any church is interested I shall be glad to get you in touch with him. . . . Dr. Connor said a thing in his sermon here Sunday night that the whole world needs to know, "He who lives for pleasure misses his aim, but he who lives for a great and worthy ideal finds the greatest pleasure as a by-product of his unselfish life." . . . This looks like a good place to quit. . . . Thanks for your card, Lowell Ponder. . . . Will see you at Abilene next Monday, the Lord willing.

FIVE MILE CHURCH HAS MISSION DAY

We had a great day at the Five Mile Church, Lamesa Association, December 22. All of our services were well attended in spite of the cold. Our regular mission offering was taken through our Sunday School. Then at the close of the 11 o'clock services they paid the pastor up, enabling him to get another car.

At night our B. T. S. put on a Lotie Moon Christmas program. It was very uplifting and inspiring. At the close a hat collection was taken—\$7.77 was taken and more to come yet. Last week the Intermediate B. T. U. fixed up the pastor's study for a Christmas present, (and we hear other things are to be done yet through the adults). We have a fine B. T. U.—adults, seniors, intermediates, and juniors.

DR. N. A. MOORE GIVES REPORT ON SOUTH-WIDE B. T. U. CONFERENCE

Mrs. Moore and I left Abilene on the morning of December 21 by automobile for Mississippi, where we spent the holidays visiting my aged father, and her mother, each 85, together with many relatives and old friends. We had the fat of the land in good old-fashioned country eats, and did full justice to it all. The only fly in the ointment was the nasty weather, snow, rain, freezing and slick roads. It made us appreciate the much superior climate of Abilene.

On Monday, December 30, we drove to Birmingham for the South-Wide B. T. U. convention, and to a preliminary meeting called by the Sunday School Board of the Baptist Religious Education teachers of the South. The education meeting was attended by representatives of 27 Baptist colleges and universities. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint and enlist the Bible departments of the various schools of the denomination in the religious education program of the Sunday School Board, also, to learn from the representatives in what ways the Sunday School Board can aid the colleges in their classes in providing suitable textbooks, awards, and credits. Secretary Holcombe outlined the enlarged five-year program of the board in its co-ordinated efforts to reach to the farthest smallest and poorest church in the south with a view to increasing its evangelistic fervor, missionary efficiency, stewardship ideals, denominational loyalty, and genuine Christian character. Dr. P. E. Burroughs was master of ceremonies, completing his 25th year of great constructive service with the Board, and also observing his 64th birthday. In the evening a surprise dinner was given in honor of Dr. Burroughs, many of his co-workers, and members of the Board spoke of his long and distinguished service, and a love gift of a handsome travelling bag was given him by those in the meeting.

Tuesday night, December 31, all attended the opening session of the great B. T. U. conference in the large municipal auditorium of the city of Birmingham. The sessions of the conference continued morning, afternoon and night through Friday and was climaxed by two stirring addresses of Kagawa from Kobe, Japan. The meetings were largely attended but the morning that Kagawa appeared for his first message the building was filled to capacity with some eight or ten thousand in attendance. I am sure none of them were disappointed in Kagawa, and all felt that in reality he is eminently worthy of the designation "the world's greatest Christian." All the speakers on the program were of a high order and included such men as Dr. Roy Angell, President Pat Neff, Drs. Lawrence and Maddy of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. One felt a new hope and saw new visions of the future of our Baptist work in such an assembly of clean, keen, and consecrated young Christians as were gathered from all the south. There was no hand clapping and a deep spirit of reverence and decorum prevailed in all the sessions superior to that observed in the Southern Baptist Convention. Probably the most interesting and inspiring five-minute speaker was a little wisp of a Japanese girl from the Hawaiian Islands now attending school in Dodd College.

We returned via Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburg, Shreveport, Marshall, and Dallas. We visited Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.; Ole Miss, the State University, Oxford, Miss.; Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.; the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and Clark College, Newton, Miss.; and called the dean of Marshall College over the phone as we passed through. We drove some two thousand miles with a minimum of one flat and that at night in a garage. We returned with a new enthusiasm for our Baptist world work, and for Hardin-Simmons in particular.

—N. A. MOORE.

Rev. Joe Burton, for several years pastor of the church at Big Lake, who took up his work the first of January as publicity secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, writes that his address is 734 East Lake Drive, Decatur, Ga. Brother Burton, before going to his new field, spent the month of December in the Panhandle visiting relatives.

The Pastors' Retreat for District 16 will be held at the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, January 13-14. The program will include two days and two nights of fellowship and inspiration with Dr. B. A. Copass bringing Bible study courses and Dr. L. R. Scarborough bringing messages on "Evangelism."

DUNLAP WILL REMAIN WITH SWEETWATER

(Continued from page one) Sweetwater, who prefer our church, weigh heavily upon my heart.

"I felt confident when we came here that the Lord was leading and I still feel the same way. I would like to build a church in Sweetwater with 800 in regular attendance in Sunday School, and every other department of our church built accordingly. This we can do with the Lord's leadership and the help of the people. There are many things that ought to be done now. I trust and pray that we will do them. With enlarged space for men we can enlist them.

I do not want to stay in Sweetwater and do nothing. Remember it is easier to carry on a big program than a small one. If we follow Christ, we will be forced to walk by faith at least a part of the time. Here's for a greater First Baptist Church in Sweetwater."

DRIVE ON FOR 100,000 CLUB

(Continued from page one) organized clubs and are contributing monthly to the movement.

Pastors in all our churches are

urged to give much emphasis during the next few weeks to the Hundred Thousand Club. The movement has been succeeding in a remarkable way. If the object of \$100,000 individual or units contributing monthly to this cause of debt paying on our south-wide institutions it would not be long before the debts would be paid and thousands of dollars saved to the institutions by way of savings on interest. One of the fine things about this debt paying movement is that every penny of the one dollar per month paid into the movement goes to retarding debts, as the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention underwrites every penny of the expenses.

Dr. W. T. Rouse, who for many years has been one of the leading preachers and Bible teachers in Texas, is now teaching Bible to students attending the two State institutions at Denton. There are 4,000 students in these two schools and 1,200 of these are Baptist students. Dr. W. F. Fry, for many years head of the Bible department of Hardin-Simmons, holds a similar position at Texas Tech. Parents having children attending these schools should, by all means, see that their young people take advantage of the Bible instruction offered.

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