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Rambling Remarks

By Dick O'Brien

Is there somebody living at your house who is always "smelling something?" As you sit quietly reading, relaxed and easy, giving yourself completely to your book or magazine, she or he will sniff a time or two and say, "Do you smell that? Something is burning and I can't rest until I find out what it is." She (or he) really means that nobody about the place will rest until she (or he) finds out what it is. And if they don't find it you may count on being bored the remainder of the day by constant references to it. In the late hours of the night when sweet sleep is upon you did you ever have your ribs prodded and a sleepy voice say, "I'm sure I smell a rag burning?" It is like trying to talk a youngster into going to sleep when he asks for a drink in the night to try to talk her out of her suspicions that she "smells a rag a burnin'." The sooner you get up and get the drink for the baby (and he'll probably drink about two sips) or get up and search the house for the burning rag, the sooner you will get back to sleep. You start some place in your car. All is going fine; the motor is purring like a contented kitten and the miles slip pleasantly by. Directly and unexpectedly she elevates her nose, sniffs a couple of times, and says, "Is that the emergency brake on, I smell rubber burning." "No the brake is off, then it must be something else." So the rest of that trip is ruined. . . . And to you fellows, like myself, who never smoke or use tobacco in any form, did you ever come home from lodge or a banquet and have somebody say, "You can't fool me, you've been smoking." If you ever need a good smelling committee I can furnish you one good member. . . . But there is another type of smeller that really does more permanent harm than this. I refer to the person who is constantly sus-

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EVANGELIST APPELMAN TO CONDUCT REVIVAL AT FIRST CHURCH

Cottage prayer meetings are being held in various sections of Abilene this week preparatory for the fall revival meeting of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, which begins next Sunday. Evangelist Hyman Appelman of the Baptist evangelistic force of Texas is to do the preaching in the meeting. Concerning the coming of this outstanding revivalist, Brother J. D. Riddle, educational director of the First Church, who will lead the singing, had the following to say:

"Twelve years ago there was a brilliant young lawyer connected with a prominent law firm in the city of Chicago. This highly educated, cultured, talented and successful young Jew was making lots of money. But one day he met Jesus of Nazareth and his ambition for glory and personal fame melted and vanished away." The persecution, suffering, soul-hunger, and loneliness that followed this young life would make a heart-breaking story.

"Dr. N. A. Moore of H.-S. U., who was then pastor at Lawton, Okla., came into this young life at its most critical period. He helped him in his Christian experience, assisted him in deciding to answer God's call to the ministry and had a part in securing

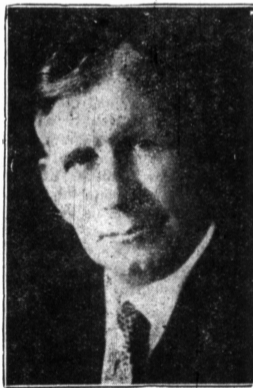
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Song Leader



J. D. RIDDLE

BAPTIST SEMINARY HAS LARGE OPENING FOR FALL SESSION



President L. R. Scarborough announces that Southwestern Seminary had had the most glorious opening enjoyed by this institution in recent years. Before the close of the first week the enrollment has reached a total of four hundred nineteen, which is more than were enrolled at the end of the first half of last year. The third day in chapel every state in the Southland, except Maryland, was represented. There were ten from other states and three from foreign countries in chapel that day. On Tuesday night the 7th, Dr. B. J. Cauthen, head of the department of missions, delivered the formal address on "The Products of the Missionary Enterprise" to one of the largest and most appreciative opening crowds Southwestern has had in her history.

Other students are expected to continue enrolling until September 20, after which no student will be permitted to enroll until the opening of the second quarter of the first semester beginning November 1.

But tonight is it still true that the

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Will Conduct Abilene Revival



EVANGELIST HYMAN APPELMAN

Water Baptism and Being Filled With The Spirit of Christ

Editorial From The Western Recorder

Some months since a ministerial friend left this notation upon the desk of the editor: "Please give us an editorial dealing with I Cor. 12:13, Romans 6:3-4, and Gal. 3:27."

These passages bring to the fore the difficulties which arise in interpreting teachings in the Acts and Epistles on the baptism of the Holy Spirit and on being filled with the Holy Spirit. These can scarcely be satisfactorily stated, much less weighed, within the space here available. But we may at least incite readers to pursue for themselves the study which the subject abundantly merits. The three passages are:

I Cor. 12:13 (Moffatt): "For by one Spirit we have all been baptized and into one body. . . . We have all been imbued with one Spirit."

Romans 6:3-4 (Moffatt): "All of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ have been baptized into His death. Our baptism in His death made us share His burial, so that as Christ was raised from the dead. . . . We too might live an entirely new life."

Gal. 3:27 (Moffatt): "All of you who had yourselves baptized into

Christ have taken on the character of Christ."

Indicative of the confusion of mind, even among scholars, that gathers around the subject, at least three distinct views are held and defended.

(1) Some identify the baptism of the Holy Spirit and regeneration. (2) Some declare that it is a separate experience from conversion, which may come at a subsequent, though not necessarily far-separated time. (3) Many insist that the term "baptism of the Spirit" is properly applied only to Pentecost and the parallel experience of the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius. These admonish that the terms "fullness of Spirit," "endowment with the Spirit," "filling with the Spirit," and the like, rather than "baptism of the Spirit," should be used in referring to the deepening of spiritual experience at a time subsequent to conversion.

We are persuaded that these and other difficulties should not be permitted to discourage sustained study on the part of all earnest disciples, and especially of preachers and Bible

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ACCEPTS POSITION WITH ABILENE FIRST CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The churches in this section will rejoice with the First Church, Abilene, in the coming of Miss Verna Lee Carson of Fort Worth as young people's director of the church.

According to Brother Riddle, "Miss Carson has had wide experience in the business world and is highly trained for her work. A few years ago she quit a splendid job to enter college to prepare herself for Christian work to which she felt definitely led.

Two years of her college training was received in Texas Tech and two years in Baylor University, from which institution she graduated last May.

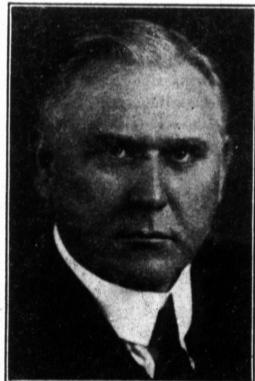
For sometime she has been employed by the State B. T. U. department. Her resignation will be a distinct loss to that department, but our distinct gain."

Young Peoples Leader



MISS VERNA LEE CARSON

DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT BEGINS 41ST YEAR WITH DALLAS CHURCH



DR. GEORGE W. TRUETT

Last Sunday was an eventful day for Pastor George W. Truett and the First Baptist Church, Dallas, when pastor and church began the 41st year of blessed labor together.

The daily press Sunday carried a detailed story of the life and ministry of Dr. Truett, and last week's Baptist Standard contained a story of his life together with many testimonials from members of his church and denominational leaders from over Texas and the Southland.

The legion of friends in West Texas join with gratitude and rejoicing, in paying tribute to the life and works of this beloved man of God. Gratitude that God has given to the world a man whose voice is being heard throughout this sorely troubled world. We rejoice because God has seen fit to spare him for such a time as this and to give our people the opportunity to pay this tribute of love to one of the outstanding preachers of this generation.

We are glad to report that Dr. L. R. Scarborough's youngest daughter and her husband, who were severely injured in an automobile wreck near Houston a few days ago, are both improving.

GIVES GOOD REPORT ON CONDITION OF DISTRICT MISSIONARY

Just a line to let you know how Brother A. A. Briar is getting along. The doctors are releasing him from the hospital today and he will be taken to his home in Plainview. Certainly the day of miracles is not past nor the power of prayers ceased. Brother Briar feels that his speedy recovery is almost miraculous and is the answer of God to the many prayers ascended to the throne in his behalf.

At first it looked like he might be left a cripple for life, that both limbs would have to be placed in casts and remain for several weeks, that an operation upon the left knee was unavoidable. The left knee cap was almost totally crushed, crumbled as you have seen bread crumbs. The doctor pronounced Friday that no operation was necessary as the shattered bones were adjusting themselves and the knee cap taking its rightful place. He also gave the good news that neither limb would have to be placed in a cast and that indications now are that he will walk two weeks earlier than anticipated from the beginning.

We have made every annual associational meeting for him thus far and will continue to do so as they convene. A fine spirit prevails over our district and Brother Briar certainly has done a great work. Only fifteen of our 189 churches have not given to the Co-operative Program this year and from what I can learn they are so weak that they are not meeting regularly and have not had a pastor for some weeks and months. Communities where the schools have consolidated and left them without a community center.

Our work moves along very well here. Closed the year with 162 additions to the church, 79 by baptism. We have had 110 conversions locally and 115 away from home in other meetings. The church debt has been reduced from \$32,000 to \$9,000 by adjustment and cash settlement. We

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News Notes

The revival at Sylvester, in which I did the preaching, closed on August 22nd. Mr. Bee Nichols of Seminary Hill led the singing. There were 21 additions to the church, with 15 for baptism and six by letter. Rev. O. M. Jones, the pastor, has done a monumental work there, in that he has finished paying for the church, has built a new rock-veneer pastors' home, which will likely be paid for this fall, and has a fine spirit prevailing in the church.—P. C. Williams, Georgetown, Texas.

Closed an eight-day revival at McCaulley Baptist Church Sunday night. Fourteen were received; 10 baptized Sunday afternoon. Pastor John P. Hardesty and home forces conducted the meeting. D. L. Smith, choir director, led the music. Mrs. Levi McColum and Miss Bill Milsap served at the piano. Out of six summer revivals the pastor and church have conducted five of them, and souls have been saved in every one of them. More than 100 have been received for baptism in these meetings.—John P. Hardesty, pastor.

The pastor enters upon his 6th year September 1.

Pastor Hardesty and D. L. Smith closed a week's meeting at Moody school house on the 22nd. Had good crowds and much good accomplished. Pastor J. C. Parks of Gannon Church and his members gave valuable aid in the meeting.

D. C. Hamilton and I have just closed a meeting with the First Church at Floydada. Despite a paralysis scare the people came, and the Lord blessed us with a good meeting. Brother Hamilton is as good as the best; and the pastor, Brother Vernon Shaw is one of the finest pastors I have had the pleasure of knowing. He is doing a very constructive work in a great community that has been richly blessed this year. Some of the best men and women in Texas are following the sane leadership of this good pastor. Since they love the Lord, the church, and the pastor I predict great things for them in the future.—E. S. James, Vernon.

Gardners Letter From Europe

T. C. Gardner

At Rhodes Rhodes—"The Island of Roses"—is one of the most attractive little places that we have visited thus far. The island of Rhodes was colonized about 1000 B. C. by the Dorics. The present city of Rhodes was founded in 408 B. C. and soon became very powerful. It was about 300 B. C. when the Rhodians erected the famous Colossus, which rose to a height of over 100 feet and was considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. At one time Rhodes was the cultural center of the East. Here Cicero, Julius Caesar, Augustus and Tiberius studied philosophy and oratory.

The chief attraction at Rhodes now is found in the ancient city of the Knights with its formidable walls and medieval palaces which are still in a remarkable state of preservation and recall the faith, courage and sacrifice of the Crusaders. The Museum was one of the most interesting that we have ever visited. It is housed in an old palace and hospital of the Knights.

Just beyond the walled city lies the new town of Rhodes with its tidy tree-shaded streets, its colorful and fragrant gardens, its white villas and the fine public buildings which com-

pare favorably with the grandeur of the city of the Knights as well as our modern cities of America.

A City of Roses The climate of Rhodes is delightful; mild and sunny in winter; warm and dry in summer with clear blue skies and fresh sea breezes. To its climate the island owes the glory of its flowers, predominant among which are the roses and hibiscus which bloom in great abundance the whole year round. In addition to the attractiveness and beauty of the island, it is one of the most productive in all the world. It yields an abundance of fruits, vegetables and crops, and is especially known for its wines and honey.

The people at Rhodes seem to "like themselves," they are contented and happy. They were well clothed, well fed and well behaved. The city is the cleanest, best kept and in the best sanitary condition of any small city that I have ever seen. The beauty and cleanliness of the city is reflected in the homes and lives of the people who live there.

At Cairo "The King is coming—the King is coming to Cairo Sunday," was on the lips of every citizen of that ancient, cultured, historic and modern city.

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DR. GARDNER BACK FROM EUROPE

Our West Texas Baptists are proud of the fact that they were among the first to have Dr. T. C. Gardner, B. T. U. state secretary, who is just back from a trip to Europe, tell of his experiences in Europe. Our readers are enjoying the letters Dr. Gardner sent to this paper during his travels. These letters will continue for some time.

Tuesday night at the conference at Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Gardner told in person of his travels. The message made his listeners thank God they live in a country where religious liberty is still a part of our constitution. In most of Europe, the speaker stated, Communism, Modernism, Atheism and other anti-God and anti-Christ movements have about done away with religious liberty, and even religious toleration.

A FRANK STATEMENT

A lot has been said lately about the ownership of the West Texas Baptist. Next week we will try to make a statement that should clarify the matter somewhat. However, we feel that the matter of ownership is irrelevant so long as the paper stands four-square for our denominational program and for things Baptist people are standing for. Nevertheless we promise you some interesting reading matter next week.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT SWEETWATER

Mr. J. M. Cook, associational Sunday School Superintendent of Sweetwater Association, calls attention to an important meeting at the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, next Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30. At that time Miss Verda Von Hagan, of the Sunday School Board, who is touring the state in the interest of the extension work of the Sunday School Board, will conduct a conference on associational Sunday School work. Mr. Cook urges every church in the association to have one or more representatives at this meeting, to the end that the work of the association be placed in better condition for the fall and winter program.

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Ninety million miles come the sunbeams through space before they touch the roots and grasses and the flowers in the spring days, warming and quickening them into life and beauty. Through thousands and thousands of years out of the great past comes the love of Christ that today touches our hearts and blesses them with its divine tenderness. Christ loved His Church; He loved us from eternity. This dear love of His is not a sudden warmth, a recent affection, a thing of yesterday, an emotion kindled by our love for Him. He loved us when He hung on the cross; He loved us before He left heaven and came to earth, drawn by love of us; He loved us in the eternal ages and planned to redeem us. Then His love will be forever unchanging, everlasting. "Loved once" was never written or spoken of Him. Oh, love of Christ that passeth knowledge!—Author unknown.

LIBERTY AND OBEDIENCE

On any lawn is a goat tethered by a rope to a stake. He is not at liberty. Why not cut the rope and let him go where and do what he pleases? No, because if I do he will gnaw the bark of the young trees, trample down the garden beds, pull up the strawberry plants by the roots. In a word, because he is not able to perceive and be obedient to the invisible law, he must be subjected to a visible and tangible one. But I have a collie dog who has learned obedience and has accepted his right to liberty.—Lyman Abbott.

SIN

A man in the open country watched from a distance an American eagle mount into the sky upon its mighty wings. It was a magnificent sight; but it soon appeared that something was wrong. The king of the birds did not continue to rise in the sky with the same power and speed. His flight at first seemed hampered, then came to a stop, until at last the great bird fell down at the wanderer's feet.

Looking closely, the man saw that the eagle was dead. Searching still more closely, he observed that a small weasel had dug its claws into the abdomen of the splendid bird, had soared upward with it into the sky, and had drained the eagle of his life-blood while, the latter tried to escape. Sin is like that.—Jan Kerel Van Baalen, in The Journey of Man.

COURAGE

Courage does not lie
 Alone in dying for a cause. To die
 Is only giving;
 Courage is to feel
 The daily daggers of relentless steel
 And keep on living.—Anon.

Think On These Things

Mrs. E. H. Epley, Abilene, Texas

TEMPTATION

Why are we tempted? Are we made better through temptation? How should we bear temptation?

We know all temptations come from Satan. Let no man say when he is tempted—"I am tempted of God." God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man.—James 1:13. And we know God is stronger than Satan and will not let Satan tempt us above what we can stand. I Cor. 10:1: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what we are able; but will, with the temptation also make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it." So God will either give us strength to bear or escape from temptation when it comes on us, and if we bear temptations with God's help by praying and trusting fully in Christ to help us, it will make us stronger and more patient.

We don't always know why temptation is put on us, but sometime we look back and realize that it was for our good and was a blessing in disguise. Other times, we may never know why. I think, sometime, we are tested and tried and fitted for better service. In Matthew we have Jesus' temptations. He was baptized then tempted before he began preaching. Teaching and healing the sick. Then, we have Joseph's temptation and the life he lived afterward. If he had given way to temptation his life would have been a wreck and we would never have had a record of his good and great life. Then, there is Paul's temptation which was so hard to bear that he cried to God the third time to remove it. Did God remove it? No, he only gave him a greater strength sufficient to bear it. Paul afterward seemed to be glad it was put on him for he saw it was for his good. It kept him humble so he could do more good and live nearer to God by having the thorn in his flesh. We also have Job's life. Who of us could go through what he did and love and trust God through it all? He says in Job 13:15: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Again we have in I John 4:11, "Perfect love casteth out fear." So if we have perfect love and faith in God we will not fear Satan's worst dealings with us. I do not think we should put ourselves in the way of temptation, and should shun them whenever possible to do so, but if that is impossible ask God to remove or give us strength to bear it.

I Thes. 5:22 says: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Therefore if we are in any kind of business or doing anything that has the appearance of evil in any way, we should quit it. We should study the Bible—such verses as "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," Romans 8:21. Then in Rev. 2:19, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasteneth." Also Hebrew 12:19, "Chastening for the present seemeth not to be joyous but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." II Peter 2:35 says, "Pray lest ye enter into temptation." There is a saying that it makes Satan tremble to see the weakest saint on his knees. Then James 1, 2, 3, says, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into temptations, knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Then, James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love him." Rev. 2:10, "Temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth."

So when trials, temptations and troubles come upon us, let us go to the Giver of all good tidings for help and "If God is for us, who can be against us," Rev. 8:18, "For I reckon that the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Mrs. L. H. Epley, 1149 Peach St., Abilene.

Devotional Thoughts

WHY SHOULD A MAN GIVE?

It has been said that human nature is extremely selfish; that if one makes a sacrifice he does so expecting something in return. I am glad I do not share in this belief. I know many thoroughly unselfish people. I know that my mother was unselfish, and no doubt you can say the same of your mother. Mothers go down into the Valley of the Shadow to bring into this world their most precious treasures, with the hope that they will become worthwhile men and women.

My life and yours have not been given us to while away. As stewards, we must render the greatest worthwhile service. Therefore, sooner or later, there must come a day of accounting. We shall be compelled to strike a balance. If we have lived for self alone, the figures will be in red. If we have been thoroughly unselfish and have given for the advancement of others, the balance will be on the right side.

And so a man should give because it develops a generous nature, for then he becomes a channel through which God ministers to the benefit of the needy and worthy.—J. C. Penney.

16,291,000 JEWS

Jews throughout the world today number 16,291,000 as compared with an estimated 4,200,000 in 1850, according to a summary of the work of the noted Jewish statistician, Dr. Erwin Rawicz, appearing in the C.-V. Zeitung, of Berlin. The rapid increase coincides with the emancipation of the Jews in most European countries and the growth of industrialization, it is declared, following a heavy decrease in the Jewish population in the previous twenty or twenty-five centuries. Since 1800 the general population of Europe rose from just below 190 millions to some 500 millions today. The summary shows that there were about three Jews per thousand in 1800, about seven in 1900, and about eight in 1935.

The Jewish population of Great Britain is 340,000 of Germany, 400,000, compared with an estimated 550,000 at the time of Hitler's advent to power. Jews in Palestine numbered 395,000 in 1935. By continents, there were 9,736,000 Jews in Europe, including Turkey in

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HIGHT C. MOORE

September 19, 1937

CHOICES AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES IN A NATION'S LIFE

Deuteronomy 11:8-12, 26-32

The welfare of a nation depends upon the right moral choices of its people both individually and collectively. As we learn from Moses in the present passage, choices vitally affect a nation's power, prosperity, and permanence. Not only must every one of us give account of himself to God, but also the same must be done by all of us together.

1. God Commands National Obedience

National power is discovered and developed by right choices. The people who make right choices are on the open highway to national greatness. The five things here: (1) Righteousness. The commands of God are received and respected. They are heard and heeded. The people in a corporate capacity keep all the commandments of God. That involves and insures the personal and civic righteousness that exalt a people. (2) Strength. The mightiest power is moral might. Compare with it financial, political, even cultural power; they dwindle before it. The strength of right is the secret of a nation's might. (3) Progress. Nations are forward-looking or they fall. Israel had before it a program of progress. It must go on to go in. It must go over or go under. (4) Possession. The goal of a goodly land must be reached. The possession must be possessed. It is an entreatment from God and the trust awaits those who are ready for it. (5) Permanence. Pilgrims in the wilderness are to be permanent residents in Canaan. Yet the length of their occupation of the milk-and-honey land depends upon their loyalty to God. The land that is given in grace may be taken in judgment if its people become irreligious and depraved.

2. God Promises National Prosperity

National prosperity is granted and guaranteed by right choices. From God must come the prosperity that makes a nation truly prosperous. Note five things here: (1) Abundance. "A land that floweth with milk and honey"—a picture of plenty with herds innumerable and honey even in the rock! (2) Freedom. How different Canaan from Egypt—slaves in the past, sovereigns in the future. They who were a possession in Egypt will have a possession in Canaan. (3) Opportunity. In servitude the children of Israel sowed and irrigated (watering with the foot, opening sluices or diverting runlets) and cultivated herb gardens, rescued from the desert. But in the land of future liberty they would be in a region of hills and valleys, fertile and fruitful, with springs and showers, capable of supporting a vast population. (4) Providence. Let Egypt depend on the Nile for water and the slaves for irrigation, but Canaan is "a land which the Lord thy God careth for" sending the dew and the rain in season and providing limitless natural resources. (5) Accountability. As God cares for his land he keeps his eyes upon it. If it goes wrong, it cannot last long.

3. God Fixes National Responsibility

National possibility is utilized and

energized by right choices. Two tests are made: (1) The Divine Test. God says to the chosen people, and to every people: "I set before you this day a blessing and a curse." The line is clearly drawn between them; only one can be chosen; it is definitely conditioned; and the people themselves must decide. The one and only but absolutely imperative condition is hearkening or not to the commandment of God. Obedience and blessing; or disobedience and curse. Choose between God and the god you have not known, and should not know! (2) The National Test. After crossing Jordan and reaching the heart of Canaan "thou shalt set the blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and the curse upon Mount Ebal," two peaks with altitude of about three thousand feet, and separated by a valley a few hundred yards wide running east and west. From Ebal on the north let the curses upon disobedience be read and from Gerizim on the south let the blessing upon obedience be read to the host in the tiny plain below and let them decide. They must decide! And their future depended upon such decision by them and their descendants.

4. God Conditions National Security

National permanence is forecast and fostered by right choices. A single right choice, though at a crisis, is but preliminary to a course of right choices. So we note two things about the obedience that stands the test and wins the triumph: (1) Privilege. "Ye shall possess." The people will pass over; they will go in; they will be given title to the land by its owner; they will possess it; they will dwell therein. (2) Duty. "Ye shall observe."

Not one of the statutes and ordinances of God can be safely neglected and certainly none can be despised and disobeyed without danger and downfall. The piety of the people is the best possible insurance of their permanence as a nation.

Choose Wisely for God and Country

Gold in the Golden Text

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Joshua 24:15.

We are servants, though we may think and boast otherwise, for there is a power above to impel us and a goal ahead to lure us on. We must serve either the true and living God or one or more of the many false gods in the world, for there is nobody else and nothing else to claim the homage of our hearts and lives. We must make our own choice, for God does not force any one into his ranks nor will he accept insincere service. We ought to choose the service of God and to serve him continually this day and all the days to come. We have good examples before us from Joshua to the present time.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Rewards of Obedience. Deut. 11:8-12.

Tuesday—A Blessing or a Curse. Deut. 11:26-32.

Wednesday—A King Chooses Wisdom. I Kings 3:4-14.

Thursday—Choosing the True God, Ruth 1:11-18.

Friday—A Nation's Wise Choice. Joshua 24:14-19.

Saturday—Jerusalem's Choice. Matthew 23:37-39.

Sunday—The ew Jerusalem. Revelation 21:1-7.

MR. MOODY'S METHOD

Mr. Moody's keen wit and practical common sense is illustrated by the following incident recently told by the Watchman-Examiner, New York City:

On board a train in which Mr. Moody was riding the newsboy came through shouting, "Ingelsoll on Hell." Mr. Moody caught the boy and placed one of his own books, a book on heaven, in the boy's hand, saying, "Here, my lad, is another book. Give them that at the same time." In a few minutes the boy came through the train shouting, "Ingersoll on Hell, Moody on Heaven."

Mr. Moody was a firm believer that the best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or spend your time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick beside it.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now and all they expect to have.—E. E. Hale.

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DR. GARDNER BACK FROM EUROPE

Our West Texas Baptists are proud of the fact that they were among the first to have Dr. T. C. Gardner, B. T. U. state secretary, who is just back from a trip to Europe, tell of his experiences in Europe. Our readers are enjoying the letters Dr. Gardner sent to this paper during his travels. These letters will continue for some time.

Tuesday night at the conference at Hardin-Simmons, Dr. Gardner told in person of his travels. The message made his listeners thank God they live in a country where religious liberty is still a part of our constitution. In most of Europe, the speaker stated, Communism, Modernism, Atheism and other anti-God and anti-Christ movements have about done away with religious liberty, and even religious toleration.

A FRANK STATEMENT

A lot has been said lately about the ownership of the West Texas Baptist. Next week we will try to make a statement that should clarify the matter somewhat. However, we feel that the matter of ownership is irrelevant so long as the paper stands four-square for our denominational program and for things Baptist people are standing for. Nevertheless we promise you some interesting reading matter next week.

IMPORTANT MEETING AT SWEETWATER

Mr. J. M. Cook, associational Sunday School Superintendent of Sweetwater Association, calls attention to an important meeting at the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, next Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:30. At that time Miss Verda Von Hagan, of the Sunday School Board, who is touring the state in the interest of the extension work of the Sunday School Board, will conduct a conference on associational Sunday School work. Mr. Cook urges every church in the association to have one or more representatives at this meeting, to the end that the work of the association be placed in better condition for the fall and winter program.

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Ninety million miles come the sunbeams through space before they touch the roots and grasses and the flowers in the spring days, warming and quickening them into life and beauty. Through thousands and thousands of years out of the great past comes the love of Christ that today touches our hearts and blesses them with its divine tenderness. Christ loved His Church; He loved us from eternity. This dear love of His is not a sudden warmth, a recent affection, a thing of yesterday, an emotion kindled by our love for Him. He loved us when He hung on the cross; He loved us before He left heaven and came to earth, drawn by love of us; He loved us in the eternal ages and planned to redeem us. Then His love will be forever unchanging, everlasting. "Loved once" was never written or spoken of Him. Oh, love of Christ that passeth knowledge!—Author unknown.

LIBERTY AND OBEDIENCE

On my lawn is a goat tethered by a rope to a stake. He is not at liberty. Why not cut the rope and let him go where and do what he pleases? No, because if I do he will gnaw the bark of the young trees, trample down the garden beds, pull up the strawberry plants by the roots. In a word, because he is not able to perceive and be obedient to the invisible law, he must be subjected to a visible and tangible one. But I have a collie dog who has learned obedience and has accepted his right to liberty.—Lyman Abbott.

SIN

A man in the open country watched from a distance an American eagle mount into the sky upon its mighty wings. It was a magnificent sight; but it soon appeared that something was wrong. The king of the birds did not continue to rise in the sky with the same power and speed. His flight at first seemed hampered, then came to a stop, until at last the great bird fell down at the wanderer's feet.

Looking closely, the man saw that the eagle was dead. Searching still more closely, he observed that a small weasel had dug its claws into the abdomen of the splendid bird, had soared upward with it into the sky, and had drained the eagle of his life-blood while, the latter tried to escape. Sin is like that.—Jan Kerel Van Baalen, in The Journey of Man.

COURAGE

Courage does not lie
 Alone in dying for a cause. To die
 Is only giving;
 Courage is to feel
 The daily daggers of relentless steel
 And keep on living.—Anon.

Think On These Things

Mrs. E. H. Epley, Abilene, Texas

TEMPTATION

Why are we tempted? Are we made better through temptation? How should we bear temptation?

We know all temptations come from Satan. Let no man say when he is tempted—"I am tempted of God." God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man.—James 1:13. And we know God is stronger than Satan and will not let Satan tempt us above what we can stand. I Cor. 10:1: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above what we are able; but will, with the temptation also make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it." So God will either give us strength to bear or escape from temptation when it comes on us, and if we bear temptations with God's help by praying and trusting fully in Christ to help us, it will make us stronger and more patient.

We don't always know why temptation is put on us, but sometime we look back and realize that it was for our good and was a blessing in disguise. Other times, we may never know why. I think, sometime, we are tested and tried and fitted for better service. In Matthew we have Jesus' temptations. He was baptized then tempted before he began preaching. Teaching and healing the sick. Then, we have Joseph's temptation and the life he lived afterward. If he had given way to temptation his life would have been a wreck and we would never have had a record of his good and great life. Then, there is Paul's temptation which was so hard to bear that he cried to God the third time to remove it. Did God remove it? No, he only gave him a greater strength sufficient to bear it. Paul afterward seemed to be glad it was put on him for he saw it was for his good. It kept him humble so he could do more good and live nearer to God by having the thorn in his flesh. We also have Job's life. Who of us could go through what he did and love and trust God through it all? He says in Job 13:15: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Again we have in I John 4:11, "Perfect love casteth out fear." So if we have perfect love and faith in God we will not fear Satan's worst dealings with us. I do not think we should put ourselves in the way of temptation, and should shun them whenever possible to do so, but if that is impossible ask God to remove or give us strength to bear it.

I Thes. 5:22 says: "Abstain from all appearance of evil." Therefore if we are in any kind of business or doing anything that has the appearance of evil in any way, we should quit it. We should study the Bible—such verses as "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God," Romans 8:21. Then in Rev. 2:19, "As many as I love I rebuke and chasteneth." Also Hebrew 12:19, "Chastening for the present seemeth not to be joyous but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." II Peter 2:23 says, "Pray lest ye enter into temptation." There is a saying that it makes Satan tremble to see the weakest saint on his knees. Then James 1, 2, 3, says, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into temptations, knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience." Then, James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love him." Rev. 2:10, "Temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth."

So when trials, temptations and troubles come upon us, let us go to the Giver of all good tidings for help and "If God is for us, who can be against us," Rev. 8:18, "For I reckon that the suffering of this present time is not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Mrs. L. H. Epley, 1149 Peach St., Abilene.

Devotional Thoughts

WHY SHOULD A MAN GIVE?

It has been said that human nature is extremely selfish; that if one makes a sacrifice he does so expecting something in return. I am glad I do not share in this belief. I know many thoroughly unselfish people. I know that my mother was unselfish, and no doubt you can say the same of your mother. Mothers go down into the Valley of the Shadow to bring into this world their most precious treasures, with the hope that they will become worthwhile men and women.

My life and yours have not been given us to while away. As stewards, we must render the greatest worthwhile service. Therefore, sooner or later, there must come a day of accounting. We shall be compelled to strike a balance. If we have lived for self alone, the figures will be in red. If we have been thoroughly unselfish and have given for the advancement of others, the balance will be on the right side.

And so a man should give because it develops a generous nature, for then he becomes a channel through which God ministers to the benefit of the needy and worthy.—J. C. Penney.

16,291,000 JEWS

Jews throughout the world today number 16,291,000 as compared with an estimated 4,200,000 in 1850, according to a summary of the work of the noted Jewish statistician, Dr. Erwin Rawicz, appearing in the C.-V. Zeitung, of Berlin. The rapid increase coincides with the emancipation of the Jews in most European countries and the growth of industrialization, it is declared, following a heavy decrease in the Jewish population in the previous twenty or twenty-five centuries. Since 1800 the general population of Europe rose from just below 190 millions to some 500 millions today. The summary shows that there were about three Jews per thousand in 1800, about seven in 1900, and about eight in 1935.

The Jewish population of Great Britain is 340,000 of Germany, 400,000, compared with an estimated 550,000 at the time of Hitler's advent to power. Jews in Palestine numbered 395,000 in 1935. By continents, there were 9,736,000 Jews in Europe, including Turkey in

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HIGHT C. MOORE

September 19, 1937

CHOICES AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES IN A NATION'S LIFE

Deuteronomy 11:8-12, 26-32

The welfare of a nation depends upon the right moral choices of its people both individually and collectively. As we learn from Moses in the present passage, choices vitally affect a nation's power, prosperity, and permanence. Not only must every one of us give account of himself to God, but also the same must be done by all of us together.

1. God Commands National Obedience

National power is discovered and developed by right choices. The people who make right choices are on the open highway to national greatness. The five things here: (1) Righteousness. The commands of God are received and respected. They are heard and heeded. The people in a corporate capacity keep all the commandments of God. That involves and insures the personal and civic righteousness that exalt a people. (2) Strength. The mightiest power is moral might. Compare with it financial, political, even cultural power; they dwindle before it. The strength of right is the secret of a nation's might. (3) Progress. To stand still is to slip back. Nations are forward-looking or they fall.

Israel had before it a program of progress. It must go on to go in. It must go over or go under. (4) Possession. The goal of a goodly land must be reached. The possession must be possessed. It is an entrustment from God and the trust awaits those who are ready for it. (5) Permanence. Pilgrims in the wilderness are to be permanent residents in Canaan. Yet the length of their occupation of the milk-and-honey land depends upon their loyalty to God. The land that is given in grace may be taken in judgment if its people become irreligious and depraved.

2. God Promises National Prosperity

National prosperity is granted and guaranteed by right choices. From God must come the prosperity that makes a nation truly prosperous. Note five things here: (1) Abundance. "A land that floweth with milk and honey"—a picture of plenty with herds innumerable and honey even in the rock! (2) Freedom. How different Canaan from Egypt—slaves in the past, sovereigns in the future. They who were a possession in Egypt will have a possession in Canaan. (3) Opportunity. In servitude the children of Israel sowed and irrigated (watering with the foot, opening sluices or diverting runlets) and cultivated herb gardens, rescued from the desert. But in the land of future liberty they would be in a region of hills and valleys, fertile and fruitful, with springs and showers, capable of supporting a vast population. (4) Providence. Let Egypt depend on the Nile for water and the slaves for irrigation, but Canaan is "a land which the Lord thy God careth for" sending the dew and the rain in season and providing limitless natural resources. (5) Accountability. As God cares for his land he keeps his eyes upon it. If it goes wrong, it cannot last long.

3. God Fixes National Responsibility

National possibility is utilized and

energized by right choices. Two tests are made: (1) The Divine Test. God says to the chosen people, and to every people: "I set before you this day a blessing and a curse." The line is clearly drawn between them; only one can be chosen; it is definitely conditioned; and the people themselves must decide. The one and only but absolutely imperative condition is hearkening or not to the commandment of God. Obedience and blessing; or disobedience and curse. Choose between God and the god you have not known and should not know! (2) The National Test. After crossing Jordan and reaching the heart of Canaan "thou shalt set the blessing upon Mount Gerizim, and the curse upon Mount Ebal," two peaks with altitude of about three thousand feet, and separated by a valley a few hundred yards wide running east and west. From Ebal on the north let the curses upon disobedience be read and from Gerizim on the south let the blessing upon obedience be read to the host in the tiny plain below and let them decide. They must decide! And their future depended upon such decision by them and their descendants.

4. God Conditions National Security

National permanence is forecast and fostered by right choices. A single right choice, though at a crisis, is but preliminary to a course of right choices. So we note two things about the obedience that stands the test and wins the triumph: (1) Privilege. "Ye shall possess." The people will pass over; they will go in; they will be given title to the land by its owner; they will possess it; they will dwell therein. (2) Duty. "Ye shall observe."

Not one of the statutes and ordinances of God can be safely neglected and certainly none can be despised and disobeyed without danger and downfall. The piety of the people is the best possible insurance of their permanence as a nation.

Choose Wisely for God and Country

Gold in the Golden Text

Choose you this day whom ye will serve.—Joshua 24:15.

We are servants, though we may think and boast otherwise, for there is a power above to impel us and a goal ahead to lure us on. We must serve either the true and living God or one or more of the many false gods in the world, for there is nobody else and nothing else to claim the homage of our hearts and lives. We must make our own choice, for God does not force any one into his ranks nor will he accept insincere service. We ought to choose the service of God and to serve him continually this day and all the days to come. We have good examples before us from Joshua to the present time.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Rewards of Obedience. Deut. 11:8-12.

Tuesday—A Blessing or a Curse. Deut. 11:26-32.

Wednesday—A King Chooses Wisdom. I Kings 3:4-14.

Thursday—Choosing the True God, Ruth 1:11-18.

Friday—A Nation's Wise Choice. Joshua 24:14-19.

Saturday—Jerusalem's Choice. Matthew 23:37-39.

Sunday—The ew Jerusalem. Revelation 21:1-7.

MR. MOODY'S METHOD

Mr. Moody's keen wit and practical common sense is illustrated by the following incident recently told by the Watchman-Examiner, New York City:

On board a train in which Mr. Moody was riding the newsboy came through shouting, "Ingelsoll on Hell." Mr. Moody caught the boy and placed one of his own books, a book on heaven, in the boy's hand, saying, "Here, my lad, is another book. Give them that at the same time." In a few minutes the boy came through the train shouting, "Ingersoll on Hell, Moody on Heaven."

Mr. Moody was a firm believer that the best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or spend your time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick beside it.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now and all they expect to have.—E. E. Hale.

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IF I HAD DIED LAST NIGHT

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Dallas, Texas, in Western Recorder

I have never been a good sleeper, even in church. I wake up under the duller sermons. It seemed to have been a congenital tendency toward insomnia, but I haven't been able, like the woman of whom I heard, to "go to bed and sleep it off!" Last night for long hours I did not sleep. My conscience was about as clear as usual. It's never too good, but has always worked over-time. Lying there in my bed (some men lie without being in bed!) I thought of the events of the day just passed, and reviewed them all. I wondered if it was the kind of day I would have preferred to live had it been my last day, and so I am passing the word on to you.

Monday at our home (yesterday was Tuesday) we bade farewell to Mrs. Waller Jones, of Lexington, Ky., who, en route to visit her sister in California, spent the week-end with us to attend my Bible Class and hear Dr. George W. Truett preach. She is really a wonderful woman, and has one of the queerest notions in the world.

She thinks that the Christians ought to take the Gospel to the Jews! It's a strange obsession, isn't it? She even quotes Scripture on it. This is one: "To the Jew first." It's a tragedy that some convention or board or individual doesn't take care of this fine woman's living expenses and let her give all her time to Christian work among our Jewish friends. She tells me that she finds many Christian leaders who shake their heads ominously when missions to the Jews are mentioned.

One leading pastor told her that his church was on good terms with the Rabbi and the members of the Synagogue, and he didn't want to do anything to disrupt that fine fellowship. He thought preaching the Gospel of Jesus to the Jews would be offensive to them so he's off of it. I wonder if that is traditional among our Christian brotherhood? There's a big field here for thought and investigation, and I hope the readers hereof will look into this matter prayerfully.

Humanly speaking, Jesus of Nazareth was a Jew. The entire Bible, with the exception of the books of Luke and Acts, was written by Jews. Jesus was of the lineage of David, the stateliest king who ever sat upon a throne. It was Monday, therefore, when we bade this dear friend adieu, and sent her speeding, smiling on her way.

Yesterday two impressive letters reached me. I have answered them both. I have a sensitive conscience on letter-writing. I try to answer every letter I receive the day it comes. One of these letters was from a dear friend at Tucson, Ariz. This brilliant young woman, once the editor of one of our leading magazines, fell ill and suffered long.

Finally, her physician advised her to seek another climate. This is reminiscent of what Dr. J. H. Kellogg said once in Battle Creek, as follows: "When we doctors do all we can for a patient and find we are at the end of our wits concerning the case, we advise a change of climate." This dear girl has almost recovered in Tucson from a combination of ailments, including asthma, hay fever, sinus trouble and a whole flock of kindred mischiefs. She is one of the dearest friends of my daughter, so we have kept in touch with her, and last year when I went out to Long Beach, Calif., she met me at the train and we had quite a little visit while the train waited there. I had sent her Dr. Victor Heiser's great book, "An American Doctor's Odyssey." She had read it avidly and returned it. It's to the credit of any human being to return a borrowed book!

In many ways this is the greatest book any doctor ever wrote. Dr. Heiser went around the world sixteen times as the medical director of the health activities of the Rockefeller Foundation. There never was another book like it, and, while it is, of course, of keenest interest to medical men, it is a book that every human-being should peruse.

When John D. Rockefeller died recently the world lost its greatest philanthropist. Some mud-rakers and vultures picked at his dead body, but those of us who sensed the high nobilities of this great man acclaimed him as the king of benefactors. There never was another man like him, and all his high motives came from Christ. That he had some faults he himself would not have denied, but if I knew how to do it, I would delight to place him alongside of the vampires that tried to suck the blood out

of his dead body, and each and every one of them would suffer by the comparison.

The other letter was from a dear Christian woman of Waldo, Ark. This dear friend has for a long time been a patient and constant listener-in on our Sunday School broadcast. For fifteen years or more now I have been broadcasting our Sunday School lesson over KRLD. How many people listen in on this service no one ever knows. I meet it everywhere. I expect to meet it after I die.

This dear woman wrote, asking for our prayers. This very day she is in a Shreveport hospital, undergoing a major operation. Really, that's the only kind of operation there is. I've spoken to be kind to this unseen friend, and have prayed for her many times. She is young and has a husband and home, and much to live for.

Speaking of letter-writing, some of the ecclesiastical highbrows have sought to rob Paul of the honor and blessing of having written the letter to the Hebrews, but no man but Paul could have written the 11th chapter of that immortal book. All his work in the New Testament was made up of letters. He was handicapped, too. Doubtless, he was almost blind. That may have been his thorn in the flesh. Anyhow, having weak eyes is a thorn in the flesh, whether that was his particular thorn in the flesh or not. I have been troubled that way for nearly 50 years now. As a boy, I had the best eyes of any cowhand on the South Texas range, but, through most of my pilgrimage I have struggled along, much of the time in pain, and have had to do the major part of my reading through other eyes. I am glad everybody didn't go blooey in their vision when I did. I have had much gracious help from my dear daughter and my good secretaries.

Letter-writing is not only an art, but an accomplishment. The other day I had a letter from a friend to whom I had written about 16 letters without reply, and when I answered that final missive, I told him that our correspondence reminded me of William Jennings Bryan's political platform of 16 to 1. The neglect of correspondence is to me a strange complex. Bob Burdette told me once (he traveled a great deal) that when he would come in from a long trip and find his desk stacked up six inches high with unanswered mail, he would sweep it all, still unopened, into the wastebasket. I never thought him so great after he told me that. A man of conscience attends to his letter-writing regardless; and now, with splendid secretaries, dictaphones and the like, it is not difficult for a man to keep track of his correspondence promptly.

Last night I thought of a neglected duty, which I am going to seek to perform today. In the building where I have my office, there is a tall, handsome, able attorney, who listens in on my broadcast every Sunday. He is not a Christian, but he likes me and many a time I have planned to go to his office, and talk to him face to face on the subject of religion. He jokes and rallies me. He drinks his beer, and oftentimes as I meet him in the elevator he will say: "Doctor, come and drink a bottle of beer with me." He knows I do not drink beer or any other intoxicants, but he likes this little joke. The last time I met him in the elevator his little daughter, five years old, was holding his hand. She's a darling child, and the father loves her tenderly. I want to win this man to Christ, but here I have journeyed along, neglecting it for months on end. Last night as I thought about him, I was reminded of an incident in the life of Judge W. H. Jenkins, a great Christian layman. He was the father of Mrs. George W. Truett.

In Waco 50 years ago there lived U. S. Senator Richard Coke, one of the 'biggest-brained men who ever adorned official life. He was not a Christian. He thought he was an atheist. He and Judge Jenkins had been Confederate soldiers. One day Judge Jenkins, himself a lawyer, went into Senator Coke's office and asked for a private interview. The Senator thought that his long-time friend wanted to talk politics to him, but when the office door was closed, Judge Jenkins said: "My dear friend, I have come to talk to you about your soul. I have been praying for you through long years, and now I have come to urge you to give your heart and life to Christ." With that, he went on in affectionate appeal, closing with a request that the state-ly Senator permit him to pray there in the Senator's office. The consent

RAMBLING REMARKS

(Continued from page one)
picious of everything and everybody. No matter what you do or say or what position or attitude you assume, they can see something suspicious about it, and read into it a meaning you never dreamed of. (If you don't like the position of that preposition, then feel free to move it to suit yourself). People like this are never happy themselves nor do they allow others about them to be happy. If they feel better today that is always a sign that they will feel worse tomorrow. If the weather is fair and fine they can't enjoy it because it is a "sure weather breeder." If the preacher preaches against sin he is driving the people away, if he doesn't he is soft soaping and afraid of his job. Just please one of the folks with sensitive nostrils, and you could patent the process and sell it for a million dollars.

Sayings of children always amuse and interest me. At Colorado three or four years ago a kindergarten teacher was teaching her little folk about the five senses. After carefully explaining it she decided to review them to see how much had "taken." She asked one little boy, "How do you hear?" His answer was, "With my ears." Then she asked about seeing, tasting, feeling, and finally asked a little five year old, "how do you smell?" and received this startling answer, "I don't smell. I took a bath this morning." . . . But the most recent one happened here at Stamford one morning while I was preaching. A boy about four stood for it with varying degrees of impatience until about 11:45, when he slipped down from his seat and announced, "I'm fru, let's do home."

You know, that gave me something to think about, I imagine a lot of people get through before the preacher does, and that does not add to his popularity nor efficiency. . . . Did you hear the story about the little boy who kept asking his mother to get up in the night and get him a drink. She finally said, "If you don't stop calling me to get you a drink I am going to get up and spank you." There was deep silence for a few minutes, but just as the mother was gliding across the border into dreamland, again the boy said, "Mother." "What is it now," she said. "Mother, when you get up to spank me, will you bring me a drink?" . . . Well, I gotta go and help Big Chief run his big conference down at Abilene, then help Prexy open Hardin-Simmons, then I think I'll go fishing.

granted, the devoted Judge knelt there by the great statesman's desk, and made fervent petition to God that the great man's soul might be saved. I think of no more impressive incident than this.

Another incident yesterday was that I bumped into an old-time friend whom I knew when I was a country editor and doctor in West Texas more than 50 years ago. I was a Bible teacher in the Sunday School at Gatesville when this man was assistant superintendent and song leader. He was an enthusiastic leader and everybody loved him. Later, by what means I know not, he wandered away from his church affiliations and finally landed in the atheistic camp. He's 83 now, and is not very well. He told me yesterday that he was quite indisposed. I had my opportunity, and I hastened to assure him that I wanted to do anything on earth I could to help him. Many times I have talked to him on the subject of religion, but he is to all appearances now adamant to the Christian appeal. He is soon some time to die, and I tried to make it plain to him that I would come to his bedside any time when he needed me. He may come back to God at last, though few men change after they have reached his age.

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I have never been a good sleeper, even in church. I wake up under the dulllest sermons. It seemed to have been a congenital tendency toward insomnia, but I haven't been able, like the woman of whom I heard, to "go to bed and sleep it off!" Last night for long hours I did not sleep. My conscience was about as clear as usual. It's never too good, but has always worked over-time. Lying there in my bed (some men lie without being in bed!) I thought of the events of the day just passed, and reviewed them all. I wondered if it was the kind of day I would have preferred to live had it been my last day, and so I am passing the word on to you.

Monday at our home (yesterday was Tuesday) we bade farewell to Mrs. Waller Jones, of Lexington, Ky., who, en route to visit her sister in California, spent the week-end with us to attend my Bible Class and hear Dr. George W. Truett preach. She is really a wonderful woman, and has one of the queerest notions in the world.

She thinks that the Christians ought to take the Gospel to the Jews! It's a strange obsession, isn't it? She even quotes Scripture on it. This is one: "To the Jew first." It's a tragedy that some convention or board or individual doesn't take care of this fine woman's living expenses and let her give all her time to Christian work among our Jewish friends. She tells me that she finds many Christian leaders who shake their heads ominously when missions to the Jews are mentioned.

One leading pastor told her that his church was on good terms with the Rabbi and the members of the Synagogue, and he didn't want to do anything to disrupt that fine fellowship. He thought preaching the Gospel of Jesus to the Jews would be offensive to them so he's off of it. I wonder if that is traditional among our Christian brotherhood? There's a big field here for thought and investigation, and I hope the readers hereof will look into this matter prayerfully.

Humanly speaking, Jesus of Nazareth was a Jew. The entire Bible, with the exception of the books of Luke and Acts, was written by Jews. Jesus was of the lineage of David, the statelest king who ever sat upon a throne. It was Monday, therefore, when we bade this dear friend adieu, and sent her speeding, smiling on her way.

Yesterday two impressive letters reached me. I have answered them both. I have a sensitive conscience on letter-writing. I try to answer every letter I receive the day it comes. One of these letters was from a dear friend at Tucson, Ariz. This brilliant young woman, once the editor of one of our leading magazines, fell ill and suffered long.

Finally, her physician advised her to seek another climate. This is reminiscent of what Dr. J. H. Kellogg said once in Battle Creek, as follows: "When we doctors do all we can for a patient and find we are at the end of our wits concerning the case, we advise a change of climate." This dear girl has almost recovered in Tucson from a combination of ailments, including asthma, hay fever, sinus trouble and a whole flock of kindred mischiefs. She is one of the dearest friends of my daughter, so we have kept in touch with her, and last year when I went out to Long Beach, Calif., she met me at the train and we had quite a little visit while the train waited there. I had sent her Dr. Victor Heiser's great book, "An American Doctor's Odyssey." She had read it avidly and returned it. It's to the credit of any human being to return a borrowed book!

In many ways this is the greatest book any doctor ever wrote. Dr. Heiser went around the world sixteen times as the medical director of the health activities of the Rockefeller Foundation. There never was another book like it, and while it is, of course, of keenest interest to medical men, it is a book that every human-being should peruse.

When John D. Rockefeller died recently the world lost its greatest philanthropist. Some mud-rakers and vultures picked at his dead body, but those of us who sensed the high nobilities of this great man acclaimed him as the king of benefactors. There never was another man like him, and all his high motives came from Christ. That he had some faults he himself would not have denied, but if I knew how to do it, I would delight to place him alongside of the vampires that tried to suck the blood out

of his dead body, and each and every one of them would suffer by the comparison.

The other letter was from a dear Christian woman of Waldo, Ark. This dear friend has for a long time been a patient and constant listener in on our Sunday School broadcast. For fifteen years or more now I have been broadcasting our Sunday School lesson over KRLD. How many people listen in on this service no one ever knows. I meet it everywhere. I expect to meet it after I die.

This dear woman wrote, asking for our prayers. This very day she is in a Shreveport hospital, undergoing a major operation. Really, that's the only kind of operation there is. I've sought to be kind to this unseen friend, and have prayed for her many times. She is young and has a husband and home, and much to live for.

Speaking of letter-writing, some of the ecclesiastical highbrows have sought to rob Paul of the honor and blessing of having written the letter to the Hebrews, but no man but Paul could have written the 11th chapter of that immortal book. All his work in the New Testament was made up of letters. He was handicapped, too. Doubtless, he was almost blind. That may have been his thorn in the flesh. Anyhow, having weak eyes is a thorn in the flesh, whether that was his particular thorn in the flesh or not.

I have been troubled that way for nearly 50 years now. As a boy, I had the best eyes of any cowhand on the South Texas range, but, through most of my pilgrimage I have struggled along, much of the time in pain, and have had to do the major part of my reading through other eyes. I am glad everybody didn't go blooey in their vision when I did. I have had much gracious help from my dear daughter and my good secretaries.

Letter-writing is not only an art, but an accomplishment. The other day I had a letter from a friend to whom I had written about 15 letters without reply, and when I answered that final missive, I told him that our correspondence reminded me of William Jennings Bryan's political platform of 16 to 1. The neglect of correspondence is to me a strange complex. Bob Burdette told me once (he traveled a great deal) that when he would come in from a long trip and find his desk stacked up six inches high with unanswered mail, he would sweep it all, still unopened, into the wastebasket. I never thought him so great after he told me that. A man of conscience attends to his letter-writing regardless; and now, with splendid secretaries, dictaphones and the like, it is not difficult for a man to keep track of his correspondence promptly.

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In Waco 50 years ago there lived U. S. Senator Richard Coke, one of the biggest-brained men who ever adorned official life. He was not a Christian. He thought he was an atheist. He and Judge Jenkins had been Confederate soldiers. One day Judge Jenkins, himself a lawyer, went into Senator Coke's office and asked for a private interview. The Senator thought that his long-time friend wanted to talk politics to him, but when the office door was closed, Judge Jenkins said: "My dear friend, I have come to talk to you about your soul. I have been praying for you through long years, and now I have come to urge you to give your heart and life to Christ." With that, he went on in affectionate appeal, closing with a request that the state-ly Senator permit him to pray there in the Senator's office. The consent

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The Products of The Missionary Enterprise

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missionary enterprise produces enough to justify the cost? Has an enterprise which at its maximum proportions eight years ago involved sixty thousand missionaries and a cost of \$90,000,000 produced what it should? Does the fact that the Orient is plunged in war—with the streets of Shanghai running blood, helpless women and children slain without mercy, hundreds killed by the bursting of one shell—indicate that the missionary enterprise has failed of its purpose?

It is our purpose tonight to examine this question and determine whether the products of the missionary enterprise justify the suffering, sacrifice and labor which have characterized that undertaking. We shall examine six of the products of the missionary enterprise in order to derive our answer.

From Darkness to Light

First, the missionary enterprise has resulted in bringing great numbers from the darkness of heathenism into the light of the Gospel of Christ. To some, this does not appear to be a great victory because in their minds the spiritual state of the heathen is not very serious. But such was not the position of the Apostle Paul. In speaking of the Gentiles he said that they "walk in the vanity of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart." It is interesting to know that when the missionaries first went to India, they were accused of having written the first chapter of Romans as a reflection upon Indian religion. No one could read Paul's descriptions of the Gentiles without Christ and fail to sense that the darkness of heathenism is a darkness indeed.

But this darkness has been penetrated by the light of the Gospel. Pioneers have gone and have given their best to the spreading of the Word. In their footsteps there has followed an army of earnest workers who have faithfully proclaimed the work by means of personal ministry, care for the sick, schools, books, and preaching. The result has been that thousands have turned away from heathenism and have embraced Jesus as their personal Savior. Now something more than 30 per cent of the world's population is nominally Christian.

What this means to those who have found Christ, you and I may well understand. What does Jesus mean to you? He means all—your very life. You can say with Paul "I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things and do count them but refuse that I may gain Christ." And if Jesus means this to you, He means just that to the throngs of people around the world who have embraced the good tidings of great joy. When one thinks of what Jesus means to the baffled young people of Japan and China, to the despised outcasts of India—considered less than human by their fellows—to the fear-ridden natives of Africa, and the hungry hearted people of South America, bound down by priestcraft and superstition, he senses immediately that this one product of missions—the bringing of multitudes into the glorious light of the Gospel of Jesus—makes the missionary enterprise worth all it has ever cost.

Correction of Evil Life

But the missionary enterprise has produced a second product, namely, the outstanding evils of heathen life have been corrected or improved. When our missionaries began their labors, horrible sights greeted their eyes. In the islands of the South Pacific, cannibalism had grown into a cult and unspeakable orgies resulted. In Africa the slave trade brought suffering and death to thousands. In India the missionaries had their hearts torn by the sight of the burning of widows, the marriage of children, the inhuman regulations of the caste system, flagrant prostitution in the name of religion and ignorance that beggars description. In China the binding of feet, the subjugation of womanhood, the ascribing of simple physical ailments to the effect of demons and the consequent superstitious and painful methods of seeking relief were common sights.

But now as a result of Christian missions this situation has become changed. The preaching of the Gospel called attention to the awful ills of human society, and remedies resulted. Students of the life of Carey recall how that as he was preparing to preach one Sunday morning an order to prohibit the burning of widows arrived from the government. It was Carey's task to translate this or-

der. Immediately he laid aside his coat and asked another to preach saying that every moment of delay might mean the death of another poor widow.

Christian missions have done much to lift the burden of the world's suffering. The slave trade has largely ceased, binding of feet is practically obsolete, strong efforts are being put forth to bring to an end all child marriage. Whereas the sick were once neglected and often shunned, there are hospitals and dispensaries to care for their needs. Whereas ignorance abounded, schools have been established for the enlightenment of both old and young.

But I would not leave the impression that all the problems have been met and all the evils remedied. Far from that. In fact, we have just begun. The burdens of the human race are still great enough to rend the heart of any humanity-loving man or woman. But how glorious the start has been! How infinitely worth while! If Christian missions had done nothing more than make lighter the burdens of humanity—borne by such a large portion of the race as a result of heathen religions—the enterprise would have been worth all it has cost.

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REV. J. K. FORD DIES

The many friends of Rev. J. K. Ford, pastor of Oak Street Church, Graham, will regret to learn of his death which occurred last Saturday. Brother Ford had resided in West Texas for many years. He was pastor of Trinity Church, Abilene, before going to Graham.

REPORTS GOOD MEETING

Rev. W. C. Taggart preached in a 12-day meeting at Dunlop in Cottle County. There were six professions and six additions to the church. The church had been without a pastor for six years and there had been no professions in the community for several years. The church plans to call a pastor soon.

GOOD RESPONSE FROM RADIO ADDRESS

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I shall be glad to have a copy of your August 5th issue carrying the address. I thank you cordially in advance for it.

Yours cordially,
CLARENCE E. MASON.

EVANGELIST APPLEMAN TO CONDUCT REVIVAL HERE

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his release from the U. S. Army. This charming young Jew preached his first sermon in Dr. Moore's Church. He was licensed to preach by the Church and sent out with the prayers of the people upon him.
"God has made of this Jew during these eleven years of his ministry probably the greatest flame of evangelistic fervor ever to arise among Texas Baptists during the last quarter of a century."
"Hymán Appleman is his name. He is coming to Abilene to preach in our revival beginning September, 19th. Everybody should hear him."

GIVES GOOD REPORT ON CONDITION OF MISSIONARY

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give God the praise for every forward step.
The organizers of the association's plan to meet with Brother Brian the afternoon of the 22nd at his home in Plainview at which time he will lay on our hearts the district program and we will go back to put the district program over in each of our associations. We are looking forward to a 100 per cent enlistment of all the churches in the district in the fall round-up. Please remember us in your prayers.—Willis J. Ray, Littlefield.

WATER BAPTISM AND BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

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teachers, to understand what the Holy Spirit has revealed in the Scriptures about His own work in disciples for spiritual growth and to empower them as witnesses to Christ.

Undoubtedly most of our ministers have studied the Bible teachings which hover around and explain regeneration and spiritual conversion incomparably more than they have wrought to understand what is revealed about the work of the Spirit of Christ within the converted disciple. The result has been that we have a Gospel for the lost and for spiritual infants, but very little Gospel—though it abounds in the Scriptures—to build the supernaturally-imparted new life by the supernatural provision of Christ through the ministry of His Spirit within the Christian.

II

In "Word Pictures," Dr. A. T. Robertson says, in commenting on 1 Cor. 12:13, that the reference is to a definite past event, when each of the disciples had "put on the outward badge of service of Christ, the symbol of the inward change already wrought in them by the Holy Spirit." Others who agree are Calvin, Lightfoot, Meyer, Schaff, Hodge.

"For by one Spirit we have all been baptized into one body" therefore refers to water baptism, as symbolically depicting an inward spiritual change already wrought in them by the Spirit of Christ. The latter clause of the verse—"we have all been imbued with one Spirit"—refers to a definite past inward experience of the Holy Spirit.

The passage in Romans 6 declares that the baptism of the disciple in water symbolizes his death to sin when he believes on Christ. Bishop Moule, in his Commentary on Romans, translates verse 4, "We were entombed therewith with Him by means of our baptism," and adds of this baptism, "as it symbolized and sealed the work of faith."

In Galatians 3:27 it is set forth that all who were baptized in reference to Christ, in this baptism put on a badge or uniform of service to Him. The Christian is justified by faith alone. But baptism symbolizes in public profession and pledge what has already been wrought by God's Spirit.

There are those who say that the believer is baptized by the Spirit of Christ at the time of his regeneration. In effect, they claim that regeneration is Holy Spirit baptism. Now, Romans 8:9 teaches that, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." The Holy Spirit is the agent of regeneration. But there are insuperable difficulties in the assumption that to be converted is to be baptized with the Spirit. One of them rises out of the fact that we are converted by "receiving Christ" (John 1:2), not by "receiving the Spirit." The Spirit is received not to conversion, but in order to spiritual fullness.

Undoubtedly the Spirit of Christ never deserts a genuine convert. The Christian has no spiritual life except that which is supernaturally implanted and maintained by God's Spirit. But the "born-again" disciple may—multitudes of them do—resist the Spirit, grieve the Spirit, or quench the Spirit. Though they are real disciples, and have the new principle of the God-centered life within, they habitually give lodging place to temptations of the old self-centered, self-motivated life of the flesh. Hence, it is that multitudes, throughout life, remain spiritual infants.

III

Controversy still lives over the question whether the spiritual Christian, as distinguished from the carnal Christian (1 Cor. 3:1), becomes spiritual merely through a spiritual process, or whether advance in spiritual life must be looked for only through a spiritual crisis which is followed by a spiritual process. Probably most of our readers have been unresponsive toward the idea of spiritual crisis. "Second blessing" is a term they dislike.

Back of their attitude lie several things. Among them perhaps the two larger are (1) their own long neglect of abundant New Testament teaching on spiritual maturity or victorious Christian living, and (2) antagonism toward the emotional extremes of some Perfectionist or Pentecostal sects. It is impossible not to share lack of confidence in much of the hyper-emotional, perfectionist teaching.

But it should be equally impossible to look with approval or conformity upon the vast indifference to inner spiritual life and victory exhibited by many who are outwardly orthodox, but whose "faith" is of the intellect rather than of the heart and will—the whole personality. The great body of evangelicals in America ap-

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ACROSS

- The good Samaritan was on his way to this place when robbed.
- A valley mentioned in Gen. 10:19.
- First two letters in initials of H-SU Bible teacher.
- "Now of the things which I have spoken this is the . . . : we have such an high priest, who sets on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1).
- " . . . will never leave thee nor forsake thee."
- "For the love of money is the . . . of all evil."
- Mountain in the land of Moab where Balak brought Baalam to curse Israel (Num. 23:28).
- Feminine pronoun.
- After the destruction of the prophets of Baal, it was said of Elijah: "And the hand of the Lord was upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and . . . before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel." I Kings 18:46.
- "The way of the transgressor is . . ."
- A son of Jophan, an Asherite (1 Chr. 7:36).
- "And let us go . . . unto perfection."
- "The mother of all living."
- Where the U. S. capitol is located (abbreviated).
- Scottish name for a child.
- Commander of David's guard (2 Sam. 8:18).

DOWN

- Abbreviation for "For Example."
- "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee . . ."
- Son of Caleb, son of Jephunneh (1 Chr. 4:15).
- It was said of Gideon and his 300, "And they stood every man in his place round about the . . ."
- Abbreviation of period of time. "Why stand ye in jeopardy every . . ." I Cor. 15:30.
- Eldest son of Moses (Ex. 2nd chapter).
- Wife of King Agrippa, before whom Paul was tried (Acts 25th chapter).
- A Rubenite for whom a stone was erected (Joshua 15:6).
- To lay up store.
- Poetical form of adverb meaning from beginning to end.
- Before; sooner than.
- A college official.
- Same as 22 across.
- By way of (abbreviation).
- "Therefore . . . ye also ready for in such an hour as ye thinketh not, the Son of Man cometh."
- First two letters in initials of H-SU Bible teacher.

pear to have fallen into their most tragic weakness and stalemate by living in this kind of dry-eyed, complacent orthodoxy.

What about the "second blessing?" Can we compose the differences of those who magnify spiritual crisis and others who magnify spiritual process? We have done so to our own satisfaction, but many may not agree that we have. Where Christians have lived through long years of the babe-in-Christ kind (1 Cor. 3:1, Hebrews 5:12-13), there certainly must somewhere be a starting point in experience, if they are ever to become what Paul calls spiritual Christians. That starting point is crisis! If one wishes to call it "second blessing," his verbiage will do no hurt, provided it connotes real spirituality.

But the Spirit-filled life is also a process. The disciples were filled with the Spirit over and again, as recorded in the Acts. The convert who FROM THE FIRST has exhibited warm spiritual life will likely later manifest less of the tokens of crisis as he is brought to open his heart and life to the teachings of fullness of the Spirit than one whose earlier religious life was weakened and blighted by carnality.

We have long preached justification from sin's penalty. Most of us still need to learn to preach with understanding the Christian's deliverance from the power of indwelling sin.

POTOSI CHURCH

Last Sunday was our regular preaching day. Our pastor preached at the regular hours, and we had 70 in Sunday School, with a good number in B. T. U. At the 11 o'clock hour Brother Fulgham resigned as our pastor.

Next Sunday, Sept. 19th, Brother S. L. Tidwell will preach for us. Brother Tidwell is a young man, coming to Abilene to enter Hardin-Simmons University. A collection was taken at the church Sunday to help purchase the Iron Lung for paralysis victims.—E. N. McCoy.

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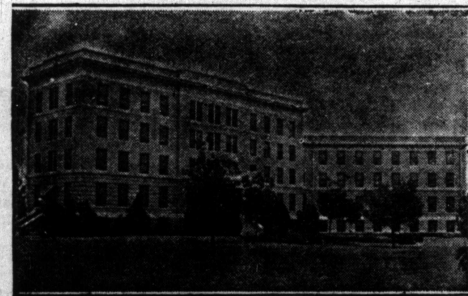
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