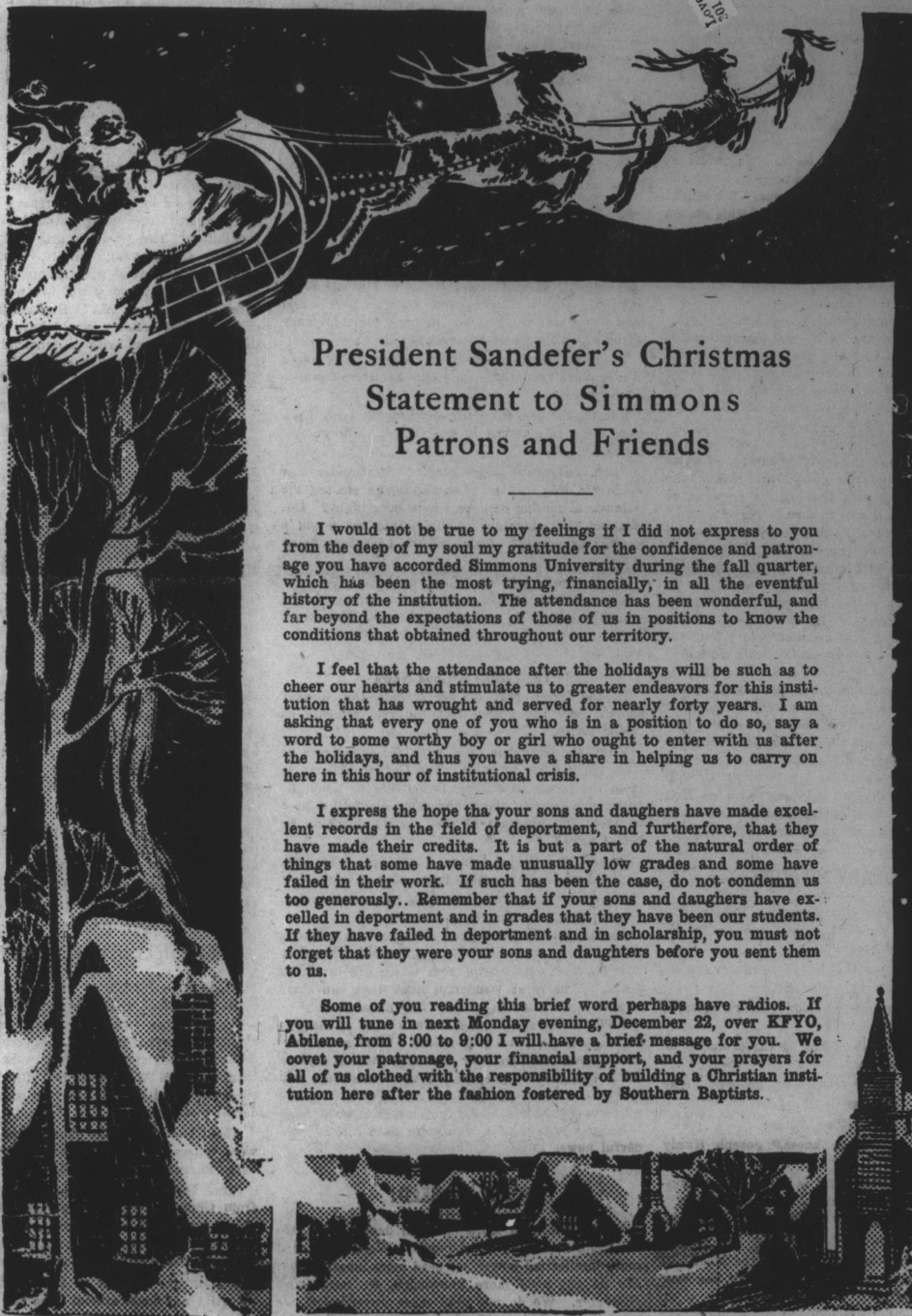


WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

Vol. 7

ABILENE, TEXAS, DECEMBER 15, 1930

No. 1



President Sandefer's Christmas Statement to Simmons Patrons and Friends

I would not be true to my feelings if I did not express to you from the deep of my soul my gratitude for the confidence and patronage you have accorded Simmons University during the fall quarter, which has been the most trying, financially, in all the eventful history of the institution. The attendance has been wonderful, and far beyond the expectations of those of us in positions to know the conditions that obtained throughout our territory.

I feel that the attendance after the holidays will be such as to cheer our hearts and stimulate us to greater endeavors for this institution that has wrought and served for nearly forty years. I am asking that every one of you who is in a position to do so, say a word to some worthy boy or girl who ought to enter with us after the holidays, and thus you have a share in helping us to carry on here in this hour of institutional crisis.

I express the hope that your sons and daughters have made excellent records in the field of department, and furthermore, that they have made their credits. It is but a part of the natural order of things that some have made unusually low grades and some have failed in their work. If such has been the case, do not condemn us too generously. Remember that if your sons and daughters have excelled in department and in grades that they have been our students. If they have failed in department and in scholarship, you must not forget that they were your sons and daughters before you sent them to us.

Some of you reading this brief word perhaps have radios. If you will tune in next Monday evening, December 22, over KFYO, Abilene, from 8:00 to 9:00 I will have a brief message for you. We covet your patronage, your financial support, and your prayers for all of us clothed with the responsibility of building a Christian institution here after the fashion fostered by Southern Baptists.

West Texas Baptist

SAM MALONE Editor and Publisher

Published Semi-Monthly, on the first and fifteenth of each month, at 241 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas, in the interest of Kingdom work in the West.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Single Copy, per year \$.50
The West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard
One year \$2.00

Entered as second class matter December 5, 1924, at the postoffice at Abilene, Texas, under the act of March 3, 1879.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

With this issue the West Texas Baptist begins its seventh year of service. Volume seven, number one begins with the current issue. We would at this time bring the season's greetings to each and every friend and reader of the paper. We realize full well that we are facing at this Yuletide season the most serious conditions this old world has seen in a long time. There is a spirit of restlessness and distrust in every walk of life. This critical attitude is affecting the business world, the social world, the political world and the religious world.

In our own nation millions of our people are without employment, and are facing the discomforts of winter with depleted fuel and food supplies. In the past few months many fortunes have crumbled and faded away, a grim reminder that this old world is very material and that we have no permanent abiding place here.

Surely at this blessed season of the year we need to get a fresh vision of the lowly Nazarene, who two thousand years ago left the glory world and set the Judean hills echoing with the angel's message of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Yes, this old sin cursed world today is sick—and the only physician who can cure its ills is Jesus, the God-man who paid the price of our redemption from bondage on Calvary's rugged cross.

As we face the Christmas season let us turn away from our mad pursuit of material gain; let us forget our backbiting, and distrust, and let us resolve to help a little more in making this old world a little better place in which to live. What opportunities we have now to help our distressed brother bear his burdens; what an opportunity we have of magnifying Jesus in our every lives and deeds.

We wish to thank our readers for their support and friendship in the years ago. Won't you remember to pray for us as we try to carry on with our multiplicity of duties, and pray with us that we may feel his guiding and sustaining hand every day as He walks with us along the way.

MISSIONARY MOTTOES

Here are some missionary sayings which you might like to use when you make posters to advertise a missionary program:

"The world is my parish," Rev. John Wesley quoting from Augustine.

"Now let me burn out for God." Henry Martyn, upon landing in India.

"The prospects are as bright as the promises of God," Adoniram Judson.

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God," William Carey.

"I'll tell the Master," Eliza Agnew.

"Let us advance on our knees," Joseph Hardy Neesima.

"The word 'discouragement' is not in the dictionary of the Kingdom of Heaven." Melinda Rankin.

"Keep to work; if cut off from one thing take the next," Cyrus Hamlin.

"I have seen on the morning sun the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been." Robert Moffat.

"I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes." William Carey.

"Oh that I could dedicate my all to God. This is all the return I can make Him," David Brainerd.

THE EDITOR AT STAMFORD

Last Sunday it was the editor's pleasure to preach at both morning and evening hours for the First Baptist Church, Stamford. This week's issue of the Stamford Leader gave the following report of the evening sermon:

Rev. Sam Malone, editor of the West Texas Baptist of Abilene preached at the First Baptist Church here both morning and evening. Rev. Malone has been preaching fifteen years but has been in the newspaper business for seventeen years. For two years he taught journalism in Simmons University and this year teaches Bible there besides being editor of the West Texas Baptist and a Baptist pastor.

Rev. Malone's evening message was in keeping with his experience in the newspaper world, his subject being "The Gospel as Good News." He defined news as anything timely that was of interest to a large number of people. Saying that the more people it was of interest to the better news it became. He declared there were six essentials to good news in the gospel story of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is News

First, it must be something extraordinary. Surely Christ's birth and death were extraordinary.

Second, where there is a struggle for supremacy, speaking of the universal interest in football as an example of this. Jesus came into the world and held with Satan the greatest struggle for supremacy about which the world has ever heard.

Third, anything romantic is news. Was there ever a more romantic event than Jesus' appearance in the world?

Fourth, the element of mystery makes good news. Yes, there is mystery in the Gospel. Many mysteries.

Fifth, adventure is good news. Remember how the world was thrilled when Lindbergh crossed the Atlantic alone and became a hero over night? But was not the adventure of Jesus into the world a greater adventure? Think of the adventure Jesus came on.

Sixth, things which concern the lives of men or human welfare make good news. Things which appeal to human interest are good news. The gospel story is full of human interest. It concerns everyone.

The Gospel is Good News

In the latter part of his sermon the speaker showed how the gospel met the requirements as "Good News."

First, the Gospel is good news for it delivers us from three great enemies. The Gospel delivers us from the power of death. It delivers us from the power and penalty of sin and some day will deliver us from the presence of sin. Could anything be better news?

Second, the Gospel brings reconciliation between God and man. That makes it the best of news.

Third, the Gospel is good news because it is universal. It is intended for all.

Fourth, the Gospel is good news because it brings pardon from sin. Rom. 8:1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." The most wonderful news that can come to man is that he has pardon from his sins.

Fifth, the Gospel is good news because of the joys and the eternal place it promises. What more wonderful news could we hear than that there is a place Jesus has gone to prepare for us where there will be no more heartaches, no more pain or sorrow and no more good-byes. Yes, the Gospel is good news—because it tells of a wonderful Savior it is wonderful news.

WHAT WE NEED!

We do not need more material development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more government, we need more culture. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen.—Calvin Coolidge.

DOES PROHIBITION CAUSE CRIME?

By H. BEAUCHAMP

The wets continue to babble their assertion that crime grows out of prohibition. Necessarily, the illegal sale of liquor is a crime, as is the violation of any other criminal law. But the repeal of the prohibition laws in order that the sale of liquor will not be a crime would be a foolish, weak and cowardly surrender to criminals.

That prohibition does not increase other crimes is abundantly and conclusively shown by government statistics that are available to all, and which are far more reliable than individual opinions, based on limited observation.

England is wet, and its government furnishes criminal statistics in which it is shown that with them crime has greatly increased since the pre-war period, each crime named in the list more than doubling except one, and that increasing 72 per cent. America has prohibition, and our government furnishes similar figures, showing that all crime, including liquor selling, has decreased in this country 37.7 per cent from what it was before we adopted prohibition. These figures also show that criminal offenses among young people, whom some would have us believe are so greatly injured by prohibition, have decreased 43 per cent. We would necessarily conclude, therefore, that if England had prohibition, crime in that country would have decreased more than one-third, as with us, instead of increasing more than double, as it has with them.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson, in a first-hand investigation of conditions in wet Canada, found that there drinking and crime are on the increase; and the cost of maintaining penal institutions "steadily mounting;" year by year; the young are learning to drink in "unaccountable numbers;" "Ontario is making a nation of drunkards;" and the government, controlled by, instead of controlling, the liquor traffic, is engaged, as salesman and collector, in making vast fortunes for privately owned distilleries and breweries.

Crime costs this country a billion dollars a month. Why should sensible people listen to what Arthur Briggs calls the "soggy-brained wets" and increase this burden on the tax-payer in these hard times, as well as this drain on the economic, moral and religious resources of the country. Wet leaders are now admitting the impossibility of repealing prohibition, for at least years to come, but are resorting to the despicable expedient of preventing law enforcement by endeavoring to withhold the necessary funds from the government. This is the spirit of anarchy.

Prohibition will stay with us, for our business men of good, hard sense will not consent to its repeal. The only argument (?) for liquor that isn't a cowardly fear of the criminals, or those advanced by drinkers, are based on an avaricious spirit that would sell virtue for money.

MITCHELL-SCURRY ASSOCIATION

Workers conference of the Mitchell-Scurry Association met with the Loraine Church December 9, 1930. A large attendance was registered and a splendid program rendered. Several preacher students from Simmons University were present, among them Brothers A. V. Loller and Rev. Brian. Each of them appeared on the program and brought wonderful messages.

About one half of the churches of the association were represented and the association debt was reduced approximately \$150.00.

Mrs. (Coffee) Chambers, returned missionary from China, brought a report of the work, needs and general conditions there which was well received by the entire congregation. An urgent appeal was made for Baptists to support missions.

The entire program of the day was along constructive and inspirational lines and the dinner and entertainment of the Loraine Church and their pastor, Rev. Altie Hardin, were up to their usual fine standard.

—J. E. McDermott, Cor. Sec'y.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AS FOSTERED IN SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

By REV. SAM MORRIS Pastor First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas

It is my good fortune and happy privilege to hold degrees from two institutions of higher learning. I received by A. B. degree from Simmons University in 1927 and last June I received my M. A. degree from Brown University. Both of these institutions accorded to me the very best of treatment while I was a student in them. I found their instructors to be sympathetic, courteous, considerate and inspiring to me. I could in no way differentiate between them in this respect. I spent six years at Simmons and one at Brown. Quite naturally I was bound a little closer to Simmons in those six years than I could become attached to Brown in one year. However, the one year in Brown affected my life, ideals and Christian beliefs more deeply than any two years at Simmons.

Thus you will see that in my message on "Christian Education as fostered in Simmons University" I am constantly referring to institutions that I love and that I am indebted to. I use them as concrete examples of two types of Christian education. Simmons represents the orthodox type and Brown represents the liberal type. Simmons would not appreciate being recognized as fostering the modernistic religious views of Brown and Brown would just as deeply depreciate being recognized as fostering the fundamentalist religious views of Simmons.

A Contrast

Now, that you may get clearly before you these two types of Christian education I want to contrast the two schools. Brown University, located in Providence, Rhode Island, was the first institution of higher learning to be founded by Baptists in America. Simmons University is one of the youngest Baptist institutions. The evaluation of Brown can only be estimated and that is perhaps thirty or forty millions. Simmons University's evaluation is slightly beyond the million mark. Brown University has an endowment of eleven millions; Simmons University has a half million endowment. Brown University's running expenses total approximately a million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Simmons University's annual expenses run in the neighborhood of \$200,000.00. Brown's enrollment is restricted to 1500 and Simmons' unrestricted enrollment last year was beyond 1400. Brown is open nine months in the year while Simmons is open twelve months. Brown University is of course recognized as a great, outstanding institution of higher learning. Simmons University is a member of the State Association of Schools and Colleges, the American Association of Schools and Colleges and the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. An A. B. degree from Simmons University is recognized at its face value by all the leading universities of America. An M. A. degree from Simmons University, and we only confer the two, is recognized as a year's work toward acquiring the doctor's degree by such universities as Harvard, Yale, and the University of Chicago and George Washington University, etc. Simmons University being located in Abilene, Texas, is dominated by the western spirit. Brown University, on the other hand, located in Providence, Rhode Island, is surrounded by the atmosphere and dominated by the spirit of New England.

The Evolution Question

Take the attitude of these two institutions relative to the question of evolution—the attitude of Brown University is that of a wholehearted acceptance of the theory of evolution, in fact, we are told in our Bible class that "the religious value of the Old Testament lies in the fact that it gives us the record of the religious evolution of man." In contrast to this, Simmons University holds to the position of orthodox Christianity and rejects evolution by endorsing the McDaniel statement made before the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Houston in 1926. That statement reads as follows: "This convention accepts Genesis as teaching that man was the special creation of God, and rejects every theory, evolution or otherwise, which teaches that man originated in, or came by way of, a lower animal ancestry."

Contrast in Social Life

I would have you to notice the contrast in the social life of the two institutions. Take for example the matter of cigarette smoking. Brown, as is customary in all the great universities, does not prohibit cigarette smoking except in the class room during discussion. Simmons, on the other hand, prohibits it even on the campus. You will find no faculty member or student smoking cigarettes on the Simmons campus. Of course, privately in their rooms and in town they, some of them, do smoke. But even then it is without the endorsement of the

University. Take the attitude of the two schools on the question of the modern dance. In Brown University the fraternities sponsor dances nearly every week-end. The chapel building was used, until this past year, by the junior and senior classes in their annual functions as a dance hall and this year the Brown Christian Union, the religious organization of the campus, sponsored a big dance. This is not a strange attitude among the larger universities of the North and East but with Simmons no such thing can take place. There is not an organization of any kind in Simmons that is permitted to sponsor a dance and the president has even refused to allow young men to pay their way through Simmons University by playing for dance orchestras. This does not mean, of course, that no Simmons student ever dances for no doubt when they go home and even in Abilene many of them do dance occasionally, but it does mean that Simmons University as an educational institution is officially and practically opposed to the modern dance and students participate in this form of social activity over the protest of the University just as many young men and women participate in this form of social life over the protest of their fathers and mothers.

Methods of Selecting Faculty

Another contrast that I would have you to understand between these two institutions is that of their attitude in selecting instructors. Brown University, as is common with the great universities holding the modern viewpoint of religion, asks no questions as to the creed of the instructor or whether he has any creed at all or not. This is the statement of Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, for thirty years president of Brown University. He says, "A college that prescribes a definite creedal statement and compels teachers or students to sign it is a mere engine of propaganda whose teachers are discredited in the eyes of all thoughtful men." As a result there is no way of learning what the instructors in Brown University believe religiously. I did learn that the instructor in the Bible Department, where I took my degree, were none of them Baptists even though it was called a Baptist school. Simmons on the other hand requires her instructors to subscribe to a definite creedal belief. Moreover, every teacher in Simmons University, unless it be maybe an assistant, is a Baptist and most of them offer their service to teach Sunday School classes in the local churches in Abilene.

Contrast in Doctrinal Beliefs

Let us likewise contrast the doctrinal belief as taught in the Bible Departments of these two institutions. In Brown University we are told that the story of creation as contained in the first three chapters of Genesis is contradicted by geology, biology, and archaeology and that the story of the creation, the fall, and the flood are just myths handed down by primitive man. We were likewise informed that in all probability Moses wrote little if any of the Pentateuch, that David wrote few of the Psalms, and that there were no prophecies of Christ to be found in the Old Testament, that even Isaiah fifty-three was not a prophecy of Christ but merely a Jewish servant song. Coming to the New Testament they quite naturally rejected the virgin birth of Christ, his supernatural power to walk on water, multiply the loaves and fishes and raise the dead. His death as an atonement for our sins and his bodily resurrection from the grave were rejected with equal positiveness. Now, in contrast, Simmons University will allow no teacher to instruct who rejects these great orthodox, fundamental beliefs.

As may be supposed from the statements above the religious life of Brown University is quite different from that of Simmons University. In conference with the president, Dr. Clarence A. Barber, I inquired how I might learn what the religious beliefs of the students were. Dr. Barber informed me that there was no way of getting this information except for the freshman class. "But," said he, "the freshman class is a cross section of the University." I went to the office of the Brown Christian Union and secured from the files the information that out of the 516 students in the freshman class only 211 professed interest in any church; 306 did not even answer the question, "What Church Do You Prefer?" In other words, dear friends, if the freshman class is typical of the rest of the University, less than half of that great University make any pretension at being Christians. With this condition existing it would seem that efforts would be put forth to win them to Christ. The truth, however, is that during the entire year there was no effort made to win these students. They were not urged to attend Sunday School and out of the fifteen hundred stu-

dents in Brown it is safe to estimate that not more than 150 regularly attended Sunday School and church. Simmons on the other hand seeks to win all students who come there to a definite decision to Christ before they leave the institution. Each year a revival meeting is conducted for this specific purpose. We have chapel service every morning during the week and all students are required to attend that chapel service. Prayer meetings are conducted daily upon the campus and all students are urged to attend church and Sunday School at the church of their choice in Abilene. It is conservative to estimate that 75 per cent or more, of the Simmons students attend church and Sunday School every Sunday.

Responsible to Constituency

Another contrast between these two universities is the way they take their responsibility to the peoples supporting them. Brown University, as is in keeping with a number of large universities, takes it that they are not directly responsible to their constituency and that their constituency does not necessarily need to know what they teach; with them what they teach is their own business. To give you an example—nine of us young preachers boys, from the South, sat in conference with President Clarence A. Barber and discussed the viewpoint of religious teaching in the North as contrasted with that in the South. In the course of our discussion I asked, "Dr. Barber, if we go back to the South our people are going to want to know if we have changed our point of view. If we tell them that we have it will be almost impossible to secure a church or a teaching position. What would you advise in a case of that kind?" The president made this reply, "You go right on back to the South, accept your church, say nothing about your change of point of view and preach or teach in keeping with the ideals down there. After a while, when you have entrenched yourself in the hearts of the people you can then begin to gradually teach the new point of view. They will not know what it is all about at first and by the time they catch on you will be so firmly entrenched in the hearts of your friends until you cannot be dislodged and will win over all opposition by the strength of personal friendships." You see, ladies and gentlemen, he took the position that it was no business of the church or the patrons of a school what a man believed or taught. Now Simmons University is the direct opposite of that. To give a concrete illustration of Simmons' attitude I shall relate the following incident. We were securing a coach. Letters and telegrams had been received from a number of people recommending a certain man to coach in our institution. President Sandefor went over all the matters pertaining to his contract and coaching obligations and closed his conference with the man by saying, "There is just one other question that I wish to ask you and everything hinges on this question—Do you believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures, the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, his supernatural power to perform miracles, his substitutionary death for our sins on the cross, his bodily resurrection from the grave, His second coming, the necessity of regeneration and repentance and faith in Him as the means of salvation?" The prospective coach replied, "Yes, Mr. President, I believe all of these things as firmly as you do." "Well," replied President Sandefor, "I am very happy to know that you do for I could not employ you otherwise. You see it is like this—we are seeking to run this university in keeping with the ideals and beliefs of the men and women who put their money into the university and we would be untrue to them to pay out money to any instructor or even a coach who did not hold to the ideals for which men and women contribute money to be fostered here in Simmons." Now, ladies and gentlemen, by this series of contrasts I have set before you the two types of Christian education as it is fostered in America today. One type represented by Brown sets forth the modernistic religious beliefs of today, the other type as set forth by Simmons University represents the orthodox fundamentalist's view.

I do not hesitate to say that though I appreciate very much Brown University and the benefits derived by attending school there I whole heartedly agree with the ideals of Christian education as fostered by Simmons University. It seems to me that unless a so-called Christian institution stands for beliefs, principles, and practices not held by state institutions that university has no real excuse for a separate existence. It is not enough to say that we will teach the same things in the same way as the state school but surround this teaching with the

(Continued on Page 8)



GREETINGS TO SIM



SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our friends throughout West Texas, who during the past year have helped make it possible for us to render service to suffering humanity, we send these words of Christmas Greetings. We are grateful to God for His many blessings, and to you for every assistance you have rendered us. May the Christmas season be one of gladness to you is the best wishes of.

The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium

E. M. Collier, Superintendent



No gem can surpass the diamond in brilliance. Of purest ray, perfect cut and exquisite setting in mountings by Trench, our diamonds are good value at the prices we ask. We invite your inspection.



C. M. Presley

JEWELER

"House of Quality"



Please Don't Overlook Our Message of Yule Cheer!

MODERN CLEANERS

Tartt & Sons



Happy Days! Christmas A General Motor tend the Christmas the year.

SUN ELEC Everything 1151 N. 3rd



Christmas Fr MARINELLA SAI GEO. W. 12 Booths, Sun Re 266 1-2 Cypress



MERRIE C

YOU CAN'T LEARN IT IN BOOKS!



Xmas 1930

That good old-fashioned Christmas Good Will and Jollity must be read in the smiles of our friends. To you and your dear ones we proffer our expression of sincerest Good Cheer.

Independent Ice and Refrigerating Co.



Best Wishes

W. C. FISHER

Jeweler Optometrist

Service for Over Quarter Century

975 So. 1st

Dial 8567



A Feast Of Good Will

Yuletide is the time of good cheer and good will. We are in tune with the times: for we wish all the blessings of Providence upon our friends.

Hilton HOTEL



Schultz

hopes that brings you good things

MAY THE

protect you and from all ills for day forth — our wish.

The Army W. A. TURN



CHRISTMAS UNIVERSITY



Glad Days!
Greetings
Radio will ex-
pand spirit through

TRIC CO.
Electrical
Tel. 4224



Greetings
BEAUTY
ON
S, Owner
Reception
Phone 5388



Sweet

be your rest on Christ-
mas Eve. Gay be your
fun on the Yule. All
good things go with
you!

HALL
MUSIC CO.



One

day stands out beyond all others
as a day of Good Will and Jollity.
On that day—Christmas—we wish
a lifetime of Peace and Prosperity
to our friends and their dear ones.

Simmons Shoe
Shop

C. A. ARLEDGE, Prop.
On Simmons Corner



The Fruits
Of Effort

May your efforts for prosperity and security throughout the
year meet with fruition on this Christmas day. Success attend
your striving!

BANNER CREAMERY

14th and Butternut

Dial 3211



XMAS 1930

For some of us 1930 may have had its share of
gloom and worry. But now is come the golden
tide of Christmas, bringing with it joyous serenity
and genuine good cheer. May the Christmas spirit
last during all the New Year.

PIGGLY-WIGGLY

4 STORES—4 MARKETS
Owned and Operated by
J. P. NICHOLS & SONS

CHRISTMAS



Grocery
at Santa
u all the
of life.

GUARDIAN
GBL

yours
a this
Yule



Abilene
Store

EDGE, Prop.



The season's greetings
to our friends. May
the joy of Christmas
be yours in full.

PANGBURN'S



FIRST

last and always we
wish you the choicest
blessings of Provi-
dence. May this Christ-
mas and many others
see you in health and
wealth.

University
Cleaners

Christmas.....



—a day of Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men.
It is the day when we express our gratitude and
friendship to those patrons to whom we owe suc-
cess.

Abilene Laundry Co.

"Launderers and Dry Cleaners of the Dependable Kind"

PHONE 8866

A WORD FROM N. M.

I greatly enjoy the West Texas Baptist, you are giving us a good paper. Our work here at Lovington is doing very well, yet not all that we would like. Our Lea County Workers Conference will meet with the Tatum Church next Tuesday, December 9th.

Our Senior B. Y. P. U. from Lovington and the Tatum B. Y. P. U. are to have a joint quarterly social meeting at Tatum Friday night of this week, December 5th. The Tatum young people to furnish the "eats" and the Lovington young people to put on the entertainment part of the meeting.

The New Mexico State Board has elected Rev. John Williams of Hob Springs, as state evangelist. He has accepted and will soon be on the field at work. Rev. Williams is a product of Simmons University. New Mexico is proud of him. A large majority of the New Mexico preachers are from somewhere else to New Mexico via of Baylor or Simmons or the Southwestern Seminary. Most of the others are from some other of our great institutions. The others are from the "University of Hardships" which to them has been a wonderful teacher and institution, and has fitted them in a good way for their work here in hard fields, and they are making good where they serve.

The friends of Rev. C. E. Ball of Portales, N. M., will not forget to pray for Sister Ball who is in Baylor Hospital in a very critical condition, and for Brother Ball and their children. They all need or prayers just now. May God be gracious and spare the wife and mother.

W. C. Garrett,
Pastor, Lovington, N. M.

Christ established the world's best code of living. Use it.

The man without a hardship is the man without a successful record.



WE DO BOOK BINDING

Let us Rebind Your Valuable Books and Thus Save Them For You

The Charge will be very reasonable

We also do all kinds of good printing and invite you to see our beautiful STATIONERY STORE at 1083 North Second Street.

Drop in and Weigh FREE

Abilene Printing and Stationery Company

Store 1083 North Second Street
Factory and Office
1274 North Second Street

Lottie Moon Painting Made by Peter Plotkin of Abilene



The above is a photographic reproduction of the painting of Miss Lottie Moon, who for many years was a noted Southern Baptist Missionary in China. The women of the Southern Baptist Convention are now in a campaign to raise the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for missions. The above painting by Dr. Plotkin, famous artist of Abilene, was made last year and presented to the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last year. The painting which was made possible through the splendid co-operative efforts of Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Douglass of Abilene, is now in the Lottie Moon room of the training school of the Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Ky. Shown in the picture with Miss Moon are a number of her Chinese workers. Dr. Plotkin, who painted the picture, will leave next week for California where he will make his home.

REVIVAL IN TENNESSEE

I want to tell you about our good revival meeting which closed Sunday November 16th. Rev. J. A. Wilson of Springfield, Missouri, did the preaching. Brother Wilson is a good, gospel preacher. He enjoys preaching and he loves lost souls. He preached ten days and announced on Sunday morning that he was closing the meeting. But the meeting would not close. One man who stood on the water's edge and watched his daughter baptized became convicted of his own sins. He sent for the preacher to come to his house and talk to him about Jesus. When we got to the home we found the man praying and weeping. This man was gloriously saved. The people would not consent for the preacher to go away without one other service. That night four other men were saved and joined the church. We baptized, in the two baptisms, thirty eight candidates. Brother Wilson did the preaching in two country churches near here this summer

and fall. We received in these two meetings twenty nine for baptism.

Watauga Academy has been greatly blessed by the coming of this good man. A large number of our students were saved and joined the church as a result of the services. I feel that my three churches will do better work and live closer to Christ as they follow his example.

C. A. Todd, Pastor.

Butler, Tenn.

CISCO ASSOCIATION

Cisco Workers Conference met with the First Church Cisco, December 2. Most all churches in the association were represented. We had a number of visitors from other associations among whom were the president of the W. M. S. of Callahan association, Mrs. Cook, and the president of the District W. M. S., Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene.

Mrs. R. E. Chamber of Shanghai, China, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Chamber is better known by her

AN APPRECAITION AND REQUEST

By W. C. GARRETT

My language is wholly inadequate to express what I want to say, but it is regarding Sister and Brother R. C. Pender. While the body of Sister Pender was waiting between death and the cemetery, on October 17th, I wrote to Brother Pender the most tender and consoling letter I knew how, and also sent the same day a letter of appreciation to the Baptist Standard. But when on yesterday, I had from the pen of Brother Pender a letter which reveals the most crushed heart any one could imagine, I felt that I must say again some things concerning the blessed life of Sister Pender and make an earnest request that every one of us constantly bear Brother Pender to the throne in our daily supplications. Brother and Sister Baptists please don't forget to pray for him, he needs our most prayerful sympathy right now.

Having been for several years passing through the same deep and troubled waters, I know his heaviness of heart and feeling of loneliness and his craving for our prayers. Let's not forget him. No man ever had a more faithful companion nor did two people ever walk more sweetly together than did Brother and Sister Pender. She was so quiet and modest and unassuming, always thinking of others and doing all possible to make the life and ministry of her husband honorable and useful to the limit of her ability. Also mothering children, not hers as though they were her very own. No minister of God's grace has been more faithful than has Brother Pender, and as useful as faithful. For 42 years she faithfully held up his hands while he went to the battle, but now she can only look down and pull from above. Brother Pender needs us who are left to lift his hands from beneath that he may yet press the battle on till God takes him home. May God give him yet years of fruitful service.—Lovington, N. M.

RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A significant workers meeting. The Runnels associational worker's meeting was held with the Bronte church on December the second with good attendance. The Bronte church entertained in a fine way. All items on the program were ably discussed. Bro. C. A. Powell of the University church, Abilene, brought a really great message on the Budget. The meeting was characterized by very deep devotional spirit and a wonderful optimistic outlook. The Baylor campaign was graciously considered, every pastor present gave promise of going in for their very bet in fact every one present gave like promise. This sort of spirit has characterized every meeting since the convention.

W. L. Rodgers.

To have a good time you must spend your time doing good to others.

many friends as Miss Christine Coffee.

Cisco entertained us in a whole-hearted way in their beautiful new church.

Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, District No. 17

WATCHWORD—"BE YE STEADFAST." 1 COR. 15:58.

OFFICERS
 Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, 790 Orange St., Abilene.....President
 Mrs. Robert J. Jones, 1546 N. 5th St., Abilene,Treasurer
 Mrs. L. W. Dixon, Roby, TexasRecording Secretary
 Mrs. Jessie Hunter, 1132 N. 4th St., AbileneCor. Secy.
 Mrs. Oscar H. Cooper, 1842 Parramore, Abilene
 Editor Woman's Page West Texas Baptist

METHODS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
 Mrs. Robert J. Jones Abilene
 Mrs. D. W. Arnett Abilene
 Mrs. Oscar H. Cooper Abilene

VICE-PRESIDENTS
 (Associational Auxiliary Presidents)
 Callahan County Mrs. John Cook, Putnam
 Cisco Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Ranger
 Fisher County Mrs. D. G. Reid, Roby
 Haskell County Mrs. L. W. Kay, Rochester
 Jones County Mrs. George W. Thomas, Anson
 Jewell Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton
 Sweetwater Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene

CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 Y. P. Leader Mrs. L. B. Howard, Abilene
 Historian Mrs. Oscar H. Cooper, Abilene
 Personal Service Mrs. S. C. Walker, Eastland
 Mission Study Mrs. R. A. Bible, Stamford
 Missions Mrs. J. N. Cook, Breckenridge
 Education Mrs. Jentry Holmes, Abilene
 Benevolence Mrs. George L. Paxton, Abilene
 Stewardship Mrs. G. C. Cowan, Rochester
 Margaret Fund Mother Mrs. J. Feden, Abilene
 Periodicals Mrs. Graves Darby, Cross Plains

**STAMFORD BAPTIST W.M.U.
 OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER**

With one of the very best attendance records, the Stamford W. M. U. observed the Week of Prayer with great spiritual interest. There were from twenty to thirty-six women present each afternoon in the W.M.S. observance. And the Sunbeams, Junior and Intermediate G. A.'s, two circles of Y. W. A. and Junior R. A.'s all observed their programs with a total attendance of sixty-four young people. The offering for the graded W. M. U. has already reached eighty three dollars and the women hope to bring it up to a hundred by January 15th. The great climax of the observance of the Week of Prayer came Sunday night December 7th when Mrs. R. E. Chambers of Canton, China, spoke to the Sunday evening congregation. She told of the plans of the China Baptist Publication Society, of which her husband, Dr. R. E. Chambers is manager, to sow China down with Christian literature with the hope of changing the attitude of China in five or ten years. Since the Communists who were brought in from Russia have changed the attitude of China in five years with their influence and propoganda, why can't Christian America help these missionaries change in the opposite direction the attitude of China in the same length of time and prepare her to become a Christian nation. "When she shall become a Christian nation she will be a powerful nation and at peace with the world," declared Mrs. Chambers.

BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP GIRL FOR DISTRICT 17

When a girl of West Texas was chosen to hold this scholarship we did not know that she was going to be providentially hindered from accepting this honor. At the last hour she could not accept. The school term was about to begin and Mrs. McGarrity was asked to find for us a girl at Seminary Hill. She chose for us Katherine Sullivan.

Katherine was born in Arkansas and is 21 years of age. Her father died when she was nine years of age and her mother moved to Jackson, Tenn. Left in good circumstances everything was lovely, until later when all was swept away.

Katherine always loved music, so the pastor of her church became interested in her future and began paying for her music lessons. He was the father of seven children! Soon he was unable to continue this and her heart was broken.

But God answered her prayers and the richest man in Jackson heard of Katherine and that she was a talented girl, longing for an education. About this time she was a graduate of Jack-

son high school. This man put her in Union University and kept her there until she graduated from the conservatory of music last year.

In 1928 Katherine won the prize of the best pianist in Tennessee. The contest was held in Jackson and she was awarded a gold medal and a scholarship to Lambuth College. After this she had several offers to go on the stage. But her life had been inspired by Mr. Charles Butler, an evangelistic singer when she was younger and a Christian mother wanted her to go to Seminary Hill.

About a year ago Dr. Scarborough held a revival at her college and plans were made for training at Seminary Hill.

So now our scholarship girl is training so as to glorify God with her music, and already she is organist at one of the churches in Fort Worth.

This month, we, the women of the 17th district are sending Christmas gifts to our girl, whom we pray God may bless abundantly.

Mrs. Jentry Holmes,

W. M. U. HYMN FOR YEAR

"Joy to the World," written by Isaac Watts in 1719 is his interpretation of the last five verses of Psalm 98, beginning: "Sing Unto the Lord with the Harp." Well may the women of the Southwide W. M. U. learn this hymn of praise and joyous worship and sing it at their meetings through the year.

"Joy to th world; the Lord is come;
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing."

"Joy to the earth the Savior reigns;
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills
 and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
 "No more let sins and sorrows
 grow;

Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings
 flow

Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as the curse is found.

"He rules the world with truth and
 grace,

And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders of His Love."

CALLAHAN COUNTY WORKERS ASSOCIATION

The Callahan County Workers Association was held with Baird

Baptist Church Wednesday December 3rd.

The speakers for the morning were Brother Black of Putnam, Brother Collier of Abilene, Brother Darby of Cross Plains and Brother Pender of Abilene. Each one brought a great message and I am sure every one there went away with a greater determination to be of more service to our Master.

Lunch was served by the W.M.S. and the hostess made every one glad he came.

After the lunch hour Brother Satterwhite and Brother H. D. Blair sang a duet. Brother W. R. Underwood of Albany then brought a fine message on stewardship of giving. A very interesting program was arranged by Mrs. John Cook of Putnam, president of the W. M. U. Mrs. C. B. Holmes

of Baird sang a solo.

Mrs. C. W. Caldwell of Abilene made an interesting talk on prayer.

The chief speaker of the day was Mrs. R. E. Chambers, our own Texas girl who is a missionary to China. She has spent some seventeen years in that great field and gave us a "real" glimpse of China, picturing the dark side with revolutions breaking out here and there, then the bright side with the people casting aside tradition and accepting our Saviour.

China is beginning to realize that if the son hath made you free, you are free indeed not free to do evil, but free to live and love and serve.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6th with the Cross Plains church. Mrs. J. H. Strahan, Publicity Chairman.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this time, when all the world relaxes from the excitement and tension of everyday business life—when on every hand one sees practical demonstration of the true Christmas Spirit of "Good Will Toward Men"—it is fitting that this company should bring to its many friends and customers the sincere Christmas Greetings of more than one thousand loyal employes.

Throughout the year, 120 prosperous cities, towns and communities in West Texas, "The Land of Opportunity," are served efficiently with dependable electric service from the three major generating stations of the West Texas Utilities Company.

Hundreds of farmers, ranchers and small communities are served over the same high tension transmission lines, which, 2,500 miles in length, interlace this great West Texas Empire.

To this progressive citizenry—by whom and for whom the growth of West Texas and the West Texas Utilities Company has taken place—this company extends cordial Season's Greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

West Texas Utilities Company

IS GOD WAITING?

I was standing on the wall of a great lock. Outside was a huge lake vessel about to enter. At my feet lay the empty lock — waiting. For what? Waiting to be filled. Away beyond lay great Lake Superior with its limitless abundance of supply, also waiting. Waiting for what? Waiting for something to be done at the lock ere the great lake could pour in its fullness. In a moment it was done. The lock-keeper reached out his hand and touched a steel lever. A little wicket gate sprang open under the magic touch. At once the water in the lock began to boil, and seethe. As it seethed I saw it rapidly creeping up the walls of the lock. In a few moments the lock was full. The great gates swung open and the huge ship floated into the lock now filled to the brim with the fullness impoured from the waiting lake without.

Is not this a picture of a great truth about the Holy Spirit. Here are God's children, like that empty lock, waiting to be filled. And, as that great inland sea outside the lock was filling and waiting to pour its abundance into the lock, so here is God willing to pour His fullness of life into the lives of his children. But He is waiting. For What? Waiting, as the lake waited for something to be done by us. Waiting for us to reach forth and touch that tiny wicket gate for consecration through which His abundant life shall flow and fill. Is it hard to move? Does the rust of worldliness corrode it? Do the weeds and ivy-vines of selfishness cling about and choke it? Is the will stubborn, and slow to yield? Yet God is waiting for it. And once it is done, He reveals Himself in fullness of life even as He has promised; even as he has been all the time willing and ready to do. For all the barriers and hindrances have been upon our side; not upon His. They are barriers not of His unwillingness, but of our unyieldedness. And so you say you got all of Christ when you were saved? Doubtless you did, but the point at issue is not whether you got all of Christ, but did Christ get all of you?

James H. McConkey.

Assurance is equally open to all believers. It is not the exclusive privilege of great services or sufferings; it is not confined to ministers, martyrs, or apostles; but it is a prize set before all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, being no other than the growth and establishment of that faith which they have already received.—John Newton.

St. Jerome tells us that in St. John's extreme old age, while he yet tarried until his beloved Lord should come, he used to be carried into the assembly of the Christians and say to them, again and again, "Little children, love one another." "For," he once added, "it is the Lord's commandment, and if only it be fulfilled, it is enough."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AS FOSTERED IN SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

(Continued from Page 3)

Christian atmosphere because as everybody very well knows the teaching and the practices of the instructors and organizations in the institution create the atmosphere of that institution.

Ladies and gentlemen, you have all heard about, and no doubt many of you heard my address over the hook-up last Sunday and you know that I am seeking to raise \$500,000.00 for Simmons University by the first of January and I am basing my plea for this money upon the principle that men ought to do right because it is right to do right irrespective of whom it favors or whom it opposes. We believe that a great university that stands for the things that Simmons University stands for is entitled to a continued existence but unless the men and women who know about Simmons and endorse the beliefs and principles for which she stands come to her aid in the immediate future her usefulness will be seriously impaired. Simmons can not look for this money from the denominational efforts for the simple fact that Simmons is not in the correlation of Baptist schools in Texas but is controlled by the Sweetwater Baptist Association and quite naturally Baylor University, Baylor College, Howard Payne College, and the other Baptist schools that are in the correlation will be taken care of and have their debts paid before Simmons University. This is quite natural but at the present rate of financing our schools, before our organized efforts in Texas can

care for these schools and turn their attention to Simmons she would inevitably have to close her doors. In reality the question is this, do you want Simmons University to perish from off the face of the earth? If you do, withhold your support from her. If you do not, then you must come to her aid.

My simple plan is that those hearing my address are requested to pray and seek the will of God. Then after they have prayed to take an envelope and in that envelope place an offering of anything from a dime to one million dollars for Simmons University and mail that offering to Sam Morris, Citizens National Bank, Abilene, Texas. Not an envelope will be opened until the first day of January. If on the first day of January there is the sum of

\$500,000.00 in cash, notes, bonds, stocks or other physical properties we shall take that money, pay all of Simmons' debts, add to her endowment, pay the expenses of this broadcast and pay for a nationwide hook-up and tell America about Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. If, however, we find on the first day of January that there is not the sum of \$500,000.00 in cash and properties every donation will be returned to the donor unless requested in the letter not to return and I shall shoulder the outlay of these expenses. Thus you will see, that you have everything to gain and nothing to lose by accepting my proposition and making a simple offering to Simmons University and I am making this plea upon its merits alone. May the Lord bless you.

Hospital and Medical Directory

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST SANITARIUM



A West Texas Christian Hospital operated by the Baptists of Texas, for the relief of suffering humanity. The most modern Clinical facilities are at your service under the care and direction of a highly competent staff of physicians and surgeons.

E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

COMPTON'S

Three Drug Stores

All Good Ones

Your Trade Appreciated

Montgomery Drug Company

Drugs and Sundries

158 Pine Street

Kiker - Knight Company Ambulance Service

1257 N. 2nd St.
Phone 5225

ESTES & RAMSEY

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

J. M. Estes, Surgery, Diagnosis

W. B. Ramsey, A. B., M. D., Dermatology - X-Ray, Radium

Mims Building

Office Phone 7221

COOPER & HEDRICK PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Stwerat Cooper, M. D., Diseases of Kidney and Bladder

T. Wade Hedrick, M. D., Diseases of Colon and Rectum

Medical Arts Bldg.

Office Phone 3456

W. C. NEAL

DENTIST

311-12 Mims Bldg.

Abilene, Texas

Phone 7148

MINTON T. RAMSEY

DENTIST

X-Ray and Diagnosis

313-314 Alexander Bldg.

Abilene, Texas

JNO. DRESSEN, OPH. D.

Eyes Only

303-304-305 Mims Bldg. Phone 224

Abilene, Texas