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## MISSIONARY MESSAGES FROM DISTRICT 17

By J. Henry Littleton  
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Let's make as our motto in our own district: "The 17th District for Christ with every church giving to missions monthly."

### Cooperative Gifts

Each month we will give the amounts given to the Cooperative Program. The following is for December:

Callahan, 16 churches, 8 giving \$94.53  
Cisco, 36 churches, 18 giving 733.72  
Haskell, 27 churches, 7 giving 171.68  
Fisher, 22 churches, 5 giving 193.44  
Jones, 28 churches, 12 giving 419.53  
Stonewall, 15 churches, 5 giving 29.38  
Sweetwater, 36 churches, 19 giving 1,356.83.

Seven associations, 180 churches, 74 giving, total \$2,999.11.

On percentage basis Sweetwater Association led the district in having the largest number of churches (according to number in association) giving. Cisco and Callahan came second. Out of the 180 churches 106 did not give anything to missions in December. We can do better than this in January. Pastors, you will help, won't you?

Our goal is each church giving to missions, each month. We can if we will.

Just fifteen days ago I began work as your missionary. They have been busy days. We feel so little; the task so great. Pray for me daily.

The first six days were spent in conferences, visiting several associations in the interest of the Sunday School meeting to be held in Dallas. The first Sunday was my last day with the Hamlin Church. If I should pastor a thousand churches, never would I find one more loyal to their pastor and to every phase of Kingdom work. It was hard to say goodbye.

The Stonewall Association met with the Swenson Church on Monday, January 8. It was a very cold day and snow covered the ground, but there were several present. Brother Ross Respass has just moved on the field and we are expecting good things from them.

Fisher County met also on Monday the 8th. We arrived three after noon. They had a large crowd and a good program. Fisher County is doing things in a good way. They met with the Highland Home Church. Brother Nipp is their pastor.

Tuesday morning, January 9, we drove to Albany for the Workers Conference of the Cisco Association. Brother Henry Weldon is pastor there. They had a large crowd, and were  
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## EVENTS TO COME

January 22-23—District VII Bible and Evangelistic Rally, Pecos.

January 25—District 11 Evangelistic Rally, Seymour.

January 29—Spring semester registration, H-SU.

February 5-6—District 16 Pastors' Retreat, First Church, Coleman.

February 5-7—Panhandle Pastors and Laymen's Conference, Wayland College, Plainview.

February 12-15—West Texas Bible Conference, Hardin-Simmons U.

February 27-28—District 16 Convention, Park Heights Church, San Angelo.

February 29-March 1—District 7 Convention, Alpine.

March 5-7, annual state Sunday School Convention, Harlingen.

March 11-12—District 9 convention, Tahoka.

March 11-17—Religious Emphasis Week, H-SU.

March 13-14—District 10 Convention, Borger.

March 15—District 11 Convention, Olney.

March 26-27—District Eight convention, Midland.

March 28-29—District 17 convention, Breckenridge.

May 13-16—Evangelistic Conferences, Seminary Hill.

June 12-16—Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore.

June 17-23—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.

July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.

## H-SU BIBLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM HEADLINED BY DRS. TIDWELL AND RALEY



DR. JOHN W. RALEY

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University and popular inspirational speaker, will deliver five addresses and Dr. J. B. Tidwell, for 30 years head of the Bible department of Baylor University, will give a series of lectures on the Book of I Timothy at the mid-winter Hardin-Simmons Bible conference, February 12 to 14.

Other outstanding denominational leaders of West Texas were invited to have part on the program by the planning committee, which met at H-SU Friday. The completed program is expected to be ready for announcement within a week.

The conference will open at 7 Monday evening with a welcome from Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, executive vice-president of Hardin-Simmons, and will close at noon Wednesday.



DR. J. B. TIDWELL

Both the distinguished guest speakers will appear at the university chapel hour. On Sunday, February 11 at the morning service Dr. Raley will occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist Church and Dr. Tidwell will be at the University Baptist Church.

Preachers from all West Texas are being invited to attend the lectures, as are all others who are interested. Visiting pastors from West Texas will be furnished with bed and breakfast by members of the Baptist churches of Abilene.

The occasion will be among the first of a series of gatherings in connection with the Hardin-Simmons Golden Jubilee celebrations which will be held at the university during 1940-41, states Dr. Clinton E. Adams, chairman of the jubilee commission.

## PANHANDLE PASTORS AND LAYMEN MEET FEB. 5-7

Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas, Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo, and Dr. B. H. Coppel of Southwestern Seminary will be out of district speakers at the Panhandle Baptist Pastors' and Laymen's conference which will meet at Wayland College, Plainview, February 5 to 7.

Several pastors of District 9 will also appear on the program. A. O. Thompson of Hereford is president of this organization and J. A. Fortenberry is vice-president.

## RICHARDSON SPEAKS ON SOUTHWESTERN HISTORY

Dr. R. N. Richardson made the second address in a series of Southwestern history to the A. A. U. W. last Thursday evening. The first of the speeches was given January 4, and the third will be delivered January 18. The association met at the Hilton hotel.

## ALTON REED PASTORS NEW DALLAS CHURCH

Unusual among new churches is the Park Cities Baptist Church of Dallas, worshipping temporarily in the University Park school building. Rev. R. Alton Reed of Lamar Avenue Church, Wichita Falls, has accepted the call to become pastor, a budget of \$250 per week was adopted and 142 charter members were enrolled, 18 of whom came for baptism.

Jack Gardner, Hardin-Simmons student, lays claim to being first charter member. His father, Dr. T. C. Gardner, is one of the deacons and his mother is the W. M. U. president. John L. Boggs is superintendent of the Sunday School and Mrs. O. D. Bates is Training Union director.

Dr. W. M. Wright, one of the members, was guest preacher on January 7, and Pastor Reed was in the pulpit for January 14.

Dr. Wright called the first meeting looking to the organization of this church some months ago. Surveys showed that some 35,000 people live in the Park Cities and that 250 Baptists attend S. M. U., 95 of whom are residents of this area.

The church budget calls for \$100 per month for the Cooperative Program and \$4,000 for the year toward a building fund.

## DIST. 10 BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE MADE PERMANENT

By E. L. Bowman

On January 6th, District 10 met in the First Baptist Church of Amarillo for five days. District Missionary McKensie presided over the several sessions. Harry Miner superintended the fine hospitality extended by the several churches and their people. Dr. J. Howard Williams met us with his warm greeting. Brother J. T. Sizemore, Jr., led us right into the services each time with a good song and devotional service. At times the preachers got so happy they all sang in high tenor. At intervals of the conference, Brother Sizemore and his wife sang some special songs. Also, Rev. Bryant brought some good messages in song.

A reviving spirit held sway throughout the conference. The speakers brought their messages in the Spirit of the Lord. Dr. Tidwell thrilled our hearts with his messages on creation, and Noah's Ark. Then, C. Gordon Bayless gave a preaching to the preachers, and did an excellent job to our own liking. The writer of the report had just read "Some Preachers Do," and then following the reading of this book, he heard Brother Bayless on his subject "Some Preachers Don't."

Later in the conference, J. Perry King suggested that the conference have a speaker on our next program for a message on "Ministerial Ethics." The secretary thinks Rev. Bayless has the aptness to preach to preachers. Perhaps the committee will put him on the next conference program. Dr. Cobb, instructor of Wayland College Bible department, spoke on the Holy Spirit. Brother Cobb's messages unfolded his subject in fine scriptural terms. His preaching and teaching manifested spiritual power, and great love for the Holy Spirit.

The giver of this report is unable to say whether the speakers who were to preach, preached; or, whether the speakers who were to lecture lectured, but our missionary says that Brother McBeth did both preaching and teaching at the same time. Brother McBeth's lectures treated the Epistles to the Seven Churches in Asia. Many deserving compliments were paid to this devoted student of the scriptures. Perhaps another book will arise out of these unusual studies of Revelation by Brother McBeth.

Rev. Neal of Wellington, pictured "Chaotic Conditions of the World and the Remedy." Brother Neal gave a very interesting discussion. Also, in a very unique manner, Dr. J. N. Hunt presented the subject "The Chief Attraction of Jesus." Brother Hunt's second message on "Eternal Life and Its Evidence" was a fine sermon and food for the sheep. Brother Beavis, new pastor of Plainview First, gave a very happy word for Wayland College and its honored president, Dr. McDonald.

Also, Dr. Williams made a plea for Buckner Orphans Home. He pointed out that the institution was free of debt, but the mighty dreams of its venerable founder, Dr. Buckner, (Continued on Page 8)

## ORGAN FOR H-SU PLANNED IN CONNECTION WITH FAMED ARTIST'S CONCERT

Appearance of Dr. Frank W. Asper, noted organist at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, in a concert here Friday night, January 26, will afford West Texans an opportunity to hear one of the nation's distinguished "poet-organists."

Dr. Asper will be presented in the Hardin-Simmons university auditorium, as an H-SU artist course attraction.

For his concert, a valuable Hammond electric console organ is being specially brought here from Chicago, G. B. Sandefer, H-SU artist course manager, said today.

The instrument is to be shipped in a few days in plenty of time for its installation before the concert. Later, Dean E. Edwin Young, head of the H-SU school of music, may be presented in concert at this console.

This type console is highly recommended, is approved by the American Society of Organists, and at present there are only two to equal its tone and quality in Texas, the manufacturers have informed H-SU officials.

Out on the H-SU campus, plans are already under way to raise funds to purchase this exceptional organ as an addition to the University's equipment.

Dean Young favors the movement as one that will provide a fine addition to the school of music's facilities, and already has a waiting list of prospective students.

The faculty is already at work to raise its share of the funds, with Dr. R. N. Richardson appointing Prof. W. A. Stephenson and H. R. Arrant to lead the drive.

The student body has also endorsed the plan, with the student council, headed by Jack Dean, student president, unanimously endorsing it. Last year, H-SU students raised several hundred dollars to join trustees, friends and faculty in raising the campus circle drive paving fund.

Also to be heard with Dr. Asper is the widely acclaimed Hollywood contralto, Beatrix Mayo.

Dr. Asper selected Miss Mayo to accompany him on tour because of her rich voice, and attainments.

Dr. Asper has appeared in organ concerts throughout the nation.

At the Mormon tabernacle, he has appeared at some 3,500 recitals and broadcasts. At one of these recently he played for three songs by Deanna Durbin, as admirers of the 'teen age star of screen and radio had gathered to pack the auditorium to its capacity of 10,000.

One of the most interesting experiences Dr. Asper relates is that of playing on the organ at St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H.

This rare instrument was imported from England to be used in the King's Chapel, Boston, and when it was unpacked was left on the porch of the church for seven months as its members debated whether or not it was a device of Satan. Both George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, in their time, had heard its music.

## NUGENT CHURCH GRIEVES PASSING OF MRS. ROGERS

Mrs. Mary Rogers, a beloved member of the Nugent Baptist Church, passed away on November 15, 1939.

Mrs. Rogers was 65 years of age and had been a resident of Abilene for a period of 31 years. The last eight years of her life were spent at Nugent. She was a native of Germany, coming to America with her parents when only five years old.

She was a devout Christian. Her love for her Lord and her undaunted faith in His mercy have brought for her a just reward.

We, her personal friends, are deeply grieved at her passing, but, as members of Christ's kingdom, must bow our heads in humility, acknowledging that "Thy will be done."  
—Nugent Baptist Church.

## CLYDE CONTINUES FORWARD

Under the leadership of Pastor J. S. Tierce, Clyde Church is progressing steadily. Superintendent M. L. Green, who has been absent only two or three times in five years, has applied for the standard banner for the Sunday School. The two adult Training Unions have attained the standard. Fine work is also reported from the W. M. U. Much credit for this good record is given to the loyal membership who have individually shown a willingness to work.

## OKLAHOMAN TO PREACH IN SWEETWATER REVIVAL



DR. W. A. CRISWELL

The First Baptist Church of Sweetwater has secured the services of Dr. W. A. Criswell of Chickasha, Oklahoma, to do the preaching in a revival January 21 to February 4. Dr. Criswell is a native Texan, having been ordained in Amarillo, was graduated from Baylor University in the class of 1931, received his Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary in 1934, and his Ph. D. in 1937.

He came to the First Baptist Church of Chickasha, Oklahoma, in the fall after finishing his doctor's work in the spring and has been there two years and two months. During that time the Sunday School average attendance has increased from 380 to more than 900. They have received more than 900 members into the church, the membership growing from 1,524 members, November, 1937, to 2,160 members, November, 1939.



WOODROW HARRIS

In the anniversary bulletin, the secretary writes, "He verily has the faith of Abraham and he drives his chariot like as unto Jehu." In addition to his remarkable work as pastor, he is in constant demand as speaker at other gatherings and has conducted revivals in California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Indiana. He is one of the most forceful, spiritual and compassionate preachers in our land.

Dr. Criswell will have a worthy associate in Woodrow W. Harris of Seminary Hill, who is pastor's assistant.  
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## CONVERSIONS CONTINUE AT ABILENE MISSION

Twenty-two conversions during December at the Friendship Mission, Abilene, with 16 baptisms and 20 additions by letter were reported by Rev. and Mrs. James Alexander, missionaries. This work was formerly called Community Center Mission, and is a project of the First Baptist Brotherhood.

In the medical clinic which is conducted with the co-operation of Hendrick Memorial Hospital and some physicians on the staff, 84 patients were treated and three were taken to the hospital, two of whom received x-ray and surgery.

A good Christmas program was held with toys and candy for all the children. There were 205 in attendance at the watch-night service. Garments were distributed to 110.

The average Sunday School attendance was 169 in 11 classes, while 159 were on an average in six Training Unions.

January 8 to 12 a Training Union study course was conducted with 185 enrolled and 105 completing the course.

## REBUILDING BODIES FOR LIVES OF SERVICE IS TASK OF CHARITY WARD

By E. M. Collier, Superintendent Hendrick Memorial Hospital

The Board of Trustees, medical staff, and hospital personnel are indeed grateful for the extra assistance that the First Baptist Church is going to give the hospital during this coming year. We have always had a \$30 a month allotment in the budget. That was increased to \$100 a month, which I believe is one of the largest contributions made to any church hospital in the state of Texas. Our hearts are over-joyed that the good people in the First Baptist Church believe in us that much and back us with their money. It certainly has encouraged us and makes us want to do a better job in taking care of the sick and honoring Christ with this hospital.

This week a young man 18 years old visited your superintendent and requested admission to the hospital, stating that he had a hernia that had prevented him from working or obtaining work. He said that he had been stealing, had been arrested a number of times, and had lived a hard life—all because he was not able to hold a position. He said he could go to the C. C. C. camp if his hernia were repaired, and if the hospital would only trust him that much he would see that some day we were well paid. Of course we are going to take care of the young man and thus enable him to start anew in life. The \$100 a month from the First Baptist Church will help us to take care of this case and others similar.

There is never a day goes by that we do not receive appeals from someone that needs hospitalization and could not be cared for if it were not for the assistance of our Baptist people. We have a young lady in the hospital now that has been with us since the first part of August last year. Her people are poor. She has an affliction that we hope to cure in time, but to remove her from the hospital at this time would mean that she would die shortly. It is costing us a great sum of money to take care of her. She is a member of one of our Baptist churches in Abilene, a fine, young lady. We believe that she is worth our time and effort, and I am sure that every person who knows her would want us to take care of her.

We have a little boy from Odessa, Texas, that fell in the fire and burned the little finger off his hand, and all of the flesh in the palm of his hand. There has been skin grafted in the  
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## PAMPA CHURCH ORGANIZES MISSION IN DANCE HALL

Dear West Texas Baptist:

Yes, it has been cold up here, and lots of snow, but we like it that way. The work is in fine shape. We led Texas in November in our Cooperative gifts, and was second in December, according to Dr. Campbell's report. One of our associations, the Canadian, was 100 per cent in churches giving to the Cooperative Program in December. One other association only lacked two churches being one hundred per cent for the month.

We have a "baby" church in our district. The Kings Mill. It was constituted October 22 with 22 members. It meets in an old dance hall near Pampa. In fact it was a roadhouse—whatever that is. They immediately organized a Sunday School, B. T. U., and W. M. S. They have had conversions, and additions right along from the first. We began by taking a good offering for missions, and they have not failed a single month to have a nice amount sent in to our Cooperative work. They have some 75 in Sunday School now, and are growing every day. Rev. T. M. Gilliam is the pastor. He works in one of the banks in Pampa each day in the week, but is leading the church until they are able to pay him a salary that they can live on. He is one of our very finest young pastors. This church was begun as a mission from the Central Baptist Church, Pampa.

We had a great Bible conference January 1-5 in Amarillo. Dr. J. B. Tidwell was with us all the time. So was J. P. McBeth and Dr. John Cobb of Wayland. Our district convention meets March 14-15 at Borger. Come over and be with us.

Fraternally,  
J. C. MCKENZIE.

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### "BAPTISTS KEEP THEIR PROMISES"

Dr. Louie D. Newton tells the story of being introduced to a meeting of bankers as "one of these Baptists who keep their promises." He gives major credit to the Hundred Thousand Club for that reputation.

We have now set our hearts upon a "Debtless Denomination by 1945." With denominational receipts continuing as they were for last year it will be done. But either there can be no further expansion of our work during those years or greater gifts must come in somewhere along the line.

Yet who is so bold as to dare a prediction of the economic, political, or even religious atmosphere which may prevail in our country five years hence?

During those years the second major war of our generation will have been fought, or will be dragging out its ruinous course. By 1945 our nation will have held two presidential elections. In the tumultuous currents and cross-currents of our time, who can plot his course with any assurance for the next five years.

In view of this uncertainty and in a day which is relatively prosperous and promises to become more so, let Baptists make haste to pay their debts while they can.

All over our land are sober and learned Baptist preachers who are pointing to signs of the early return of our Lord. Shall we grieve Him in that holy hour to find His work all shackled with debt?—shackled with debt that you and I could have helped pay?

Or will we present Him the fruits of our labors without spot or blemish. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

### "FOR SWEET CHARITY"

In the budget of First Church, Abilene, for 1940 is the item of one hundred dollars monthly for charity work in Hendrick Memorial Hospital. On another page Superintendent Collier tells of some of the cases which will benefit from this generous income.

This is a great gift from the mother church to her daughter in the service of healing broken bodies. Not only is it the greatest gift that any church has made for charity work in Hendrick Hospital, it is also doubtful if any other church in the state has budgeted so great an amount for such a cause.

Yet this twelve hundred dollars, plus the hundreds to the same cause which First Church contributes annually on Mother's Day will only equal about a month's care of charity patients in our West Texas institution.

More and more each year, churches and church organizations are contributing to the hospital. Superintendent Collier has repeatedly stated that seldom a day passes without some gift which lightens the charity load. Notwithstanding these gifts, thousands of dollars must be taken from the earnings each year to provide care for needy sufferers without funds.

When that day comes in which churches assume the full burden of caring for charity calls, then our Christian hospitals can in every way easily keep up with the great strides of modern sciences of healing.

By the way, does your church provide for hospitals in its budget? If it is too late to do that this year, it is not too early for planning a worthy offering on Mother's Day.

### WET PROPAGANDA

A sign that the liquor question will be a very live one in the Texas political campaigns this summer is the barrage of wet propaganda which is opening up in the form of press releases to daily papers, prepared by skilled news writers.

They tell us that the wet sentiment is increasing; that there are fewer traffic deaths per capita in wet areas than in dry. This stream of propaganda will continue, ad infinitum, ad nauseum.

One of the big loopholes in their argument is that, under present legal loopholes in our state, no county or town can be sure that it is really dry.

So long as greedy men who call themselves druggists and licensed physicians without conscience continue to sell prescription whiskey at the retail price plus five or ten cents for the prescription, and so long as there is no legal way of stopping them, any town is likely to be a wet town regardless of the decision of the majority of voters.

Such a situation can be remedied. It must be remedied. And the place to begin is in the election of a legislature which will take the necessary action, backing their laws with local officers who will do their duty without fear or favor.

After this paper comes out there will be only eleven days in which citizens may pay their poll tax and have the power to register their opinion. Regardless of their notion as to the fairness or unfairness of the poll tax law, no Christian voter should neglect this opportunity.

Never mind the wet propaganda, it is only a sign that the people of Texas are becoming aroused over the continued slaughter on the highways; over the increasing debauchery of school boys and girls in hell-dives with a drug store front.

Never fear, the wets are lining up their voters for the battles of the summer. We must not be caught napping.

## News Notes

Rev. J. W. Sailors has resigned at Paint Rock.

Hatchel Church gave Pastor Harold Russ a fine Bible as a Christmas gift.

Menard Church is making plans for a new home for Pastor J. H. McClain.

Dr. N. A. Moore of the H-SU faculty is acting as temporary supply pastor at Odessa.

Fort Worth "Gideons" are placing a Bible on the desk of every teacher in the Fort Worth schools.

Missionary W. C. Harrison preached Sunday at the Second Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of Southwestern Seminary has been in a revival in his home town, Pickney, Illinois.

Rev. Dick O'Brien will begin a revival on January 21 with Pastor W. C. Ashford and South Side Church, Abilene.

Dr. T. C. Gardner and J. D. Riddle are scheduled to appear on the program of District 9 convention at Tahoka March 12.

Evangelist W. D. Green has consented to act as supply pastor of the new Clark Street Baptist Church, Houston, until May 1.

A banquet for the Training Union officers of Runnels Association is planned for February 15. It will be held in the First Church, Winters.

Speakers at the Menard Encampment for 1940 will be headed by Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo, president of the Texas Baptist General Convention.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins is assisting Dr. John Pearce in a mid-winter revival at Saint Cloud, Florida. He preached in a revival with this church last January.

J. D. Riddle, president of the Training Union Convention of Texas, was the principal speaker at the Runnels Association Training Union meeting at Winters on January 14.

Rev. J. H. Dean has resigned at Blackwell to accept work at Stratford on the North Plains. Both Rev. and Mrs. Dean have been active leaders in Sweetwater Association and in District 17.

In addition to paying the salaries of Dr. Carroll O. Gillis, a missionary in Argentina, and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, now in China, the Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, where Rev. E. D. Dunlap is pastor, raised \$1,070 for the Lottie Moon offering, which will more than support another missionary.

At the monthly meeting of the West Zone of Sweetwater Association Sunday afternoon, January 21, Rev. Clyde Campbell, assistant pastor of University Church, will speak on Sunday School work and J. D. Riddle will discuss promoting the Sunday School and the Training Union in the local church.

### BAYLOR MARCHES EN MASSE TO CHURCH SERVICE

Days when the denominational colleges marched their students and faculty to church each Sabbath morning were renewed at Baylor University on Wednesday night, January 10, at President Pat M. Neff led the majority of his 2,400 resident under-studies to the Waco, Texas, First Baptist Church.

The occasion was a special service honoring this largest church school in the world. Chester Swor, youth leader on leave of absence from a professorship at Mississippi College, was the speaker. Dr. J. M. Dawson is pastor.

### DR. TRUETT FOUNDER'S DAY SPEAKER AT BAYLOR

Baylor University's 95th birthday will be celebrated in Founder's Day exercises February 1, as dedication ceremonies are held for \$250,000 Pat Neff hall and the \$15,000 Cullen F. Thomas carillon in the hall's 150 foot tower. Dr. George W. Truett, former president of the Baptist World Alliance and alumnus of the school, will be one of the speakers. Alumni will have complete charge of the day's program. Baylor is the oldest institution of higher learning in Texas and the third oldest coeducational college in the United States.

## News From District Seven

By J. A. Kidd, District Missionary

Report for December:  
Days of work and study ..... 30  
Miles traveled ..... 3112  
Sermons preached ..... 10  
SS Classes taught ..... 2  
Churches and pastors visited ..... 20  
Pastorless churches supplied ..... 2  
Tracts distributed ..... 200  
Religious visits made ..... 33  
Asstd. in dedicating churches ..... 1  
Letters, cards and reports sent ..... 200  
Funds raised in the churches ..... \$57.65  
Cooperative program ..... \$10.00  
(Clint \$8, Mentone \$1, Valentine \$1)  
District Missions ..... \$37.65  
(Imperial \$1.65, Mentone by Brother and Sister Guy Porter \$3, Valentine \$2, Fort Davis for Brother Abbett \$3, Highland Park \$2, Personal \$25).  
Buckner O. Home, Fort Davis ..... \$10.00  
Attended State Board meeting.  
Pecos Valley Workers meeting.  
2 evangelistic com. meetings.

We have heard excellent reports of conversions and additions in the services of the Kermit church recently. We rejoice with Pastor Watson in these spiritual blessings and pray that they may continue and abound, in 1940

### Temple Church Ordains Pastor

Brother Lester Kirkpatrick was ordained last Sunday afternoon, the presbytery being Brother J. Fred Cole, L. L. Kent, A. L. Leake, Mark Reeves, Jr., J. A. Kidd, Pat Johnson, R. S. Hollomon, A. Risinger and Cary Daniel.

Brother Kirkpatrick gave evidence of soundness in the faith, and promise of becoming a good minister of Jesus Christ.

We bid him and his church God-speed in their large field in El Paso. They have our prayers.

### Wickett Church Has Revival

During latter part of December Brother Rickles led his church in a series of revival services resulting in a number of conversions and additions and a revived condition of the church membership. They are going forward with all phases of the work.

### Grandfalls Dedicates New Building

Pastor E. C. Hecksher preached the dedicatory sermon at the services in that church December 17, appropriately dedicating their new building to the worship of God.

He has resigned his work there after a useful ministry. We trust this good man will be kept busy as he will make some church a good pastor and leader.

He will be missed from this field and our meetings.

### Marfa Church Has Good Year

Brother H. O. Malone has made progress with the district BTU work, and plans an advance for 1940—2,500 awards in BTU work, which is three times the number received last year. Let us all join him in reaching this worthy goal by having as many study courses in all our churches as possible in 1940.

We should enlist more of our people in daily Bible reading, the plan is more inviting than ever before, and more needful.

During the 14 months of Brother Malone's ministry in Marfa there have been 100 additions, many of them conversions.

We rejoice and give thanks with him to the Lord for these manifold blessings.

Hundred Thousand Club will be emphasized in all our churches in January and February.

Payment of our debts is one of our most religious duties, and has done more to command respect and advance mission work than any one thing among Southern Baptists.

### Progress in Mexican Mission Work

Brother John Abbott has been busy directing building a church for the Mexican people in McCamey, and Brother Funderburk and church are rendering much aid, having taken an offering which encouraged much. The Mexican people had been saving a long time to build this house.

### SS Rooms Being Added to Ysleta

Brother Reeves and people find need of more room and are adding some Sunday School rooms and more space in the auditorium. They need some funds very badly, and we hope some timely helper will come to their aid. This is a growing church and in the midst of a strong Catholic center. God has wonderfully blessed them in conversions.

Pastor Judson Prince of Cisco is in a revival with Rev. C. E. Poe and the church at Cross Plains.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 21, 1940

By Hight C Moore

### A NEW STANDARD OF GREATNESS

Matthew 20

In the early spring of A. D. 30 Jesus made his final journey to Jerusalem, knowing exactly what awaited him there. He was accompanied by the apostles who felt that a crisis was coming but were still hoping that the Messiah would beat down all opposition, throw off the Roman yoke, and ascend the throne of universal empire. Therefore in the present scene which occurred somewhere in Perea, it was necessary for the sorrowing Master to set up before the ambitious two and the indignant ten a new standard of greatness, attainable only but gloriously through sacrificial service.

#### The Divine Standard

1. Sacrifice marks the divine standard of greatness reached by Christ. "Up to Jerusalem" he was going, where they had mobbed him, sought to assassinate him, ordered his arrest, practically banished him, and were determined to kill him. The disciples were awed by the majestic heroism which moved grandly toward the hostile capital. But Jesus knew that "up to Jerusalem" meant "on to Calvary." Hence in a private interview with the twelve he drew aside the curtain of the future.

In the clearest possible terms he told them how at the end of the present journey he would be delivered up to the ecclesiastical authorities who, after condemning him to death, would deliver him over to the Gentile or Roman authorities, by whom under show of law, he would be mocked, spit upon, scourged, and slain; but beyond the awful storm of human fury he would rise from the dead on the third day.

#### The Human Standard

2. Selfishness marks the human standard of greatness as shown by the ambition of the two apostles and the anger of the other ten. Note:

(1) The request of James and John, intimate associates of Jesus, was courteously presented by their mother, Salome, who was probably a sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus. They still held a material view of the kingdom, and perhaps misinterpreted what Jesus had just said about the twelve on the thrones of the tribes. Hence their desire to sit next to him, right and left, in his coming glory. They sympathized with his mission and were willing to endure privation, but their ambition was unworthy.

(2) The response of Jesus was neither an express denial nor a stern rebuke. To show them they did not know what they were asking, he inquired if they were able to drink with him his cup of sorrow and undergo his baptism of suffering. Was there a tinge of presumption in their affirmative answer? At any rate, looking onward to the death of James, first of the apostolic martyrs, and of John, after surviving fiery persecutions, he told them that in the fullness of time they would drink the same cup as their Lord. Let them know that precedence in the kingdom is determined not by any arbitrary appointment on the part of the Messiah, but as a matter of reward to those for whom it is prepared on the basis of their fidelity and sacrifice.

(3) The reaction of the other apostles was instantly antagonistic to James and John. Were they also hungry for place and power? Did they feel themselves outwitted in the race for prominence and pre-eminence? So Jesus had not only to rectify the ambitious two but also to pacify the indignant ten.

#### The Christian Standard

3. Service marks the Christian standard of greatness as enjoined and exemplified by Jesus. See the Master contrast greatness in civil and spiritual life. Among rulers in this world the great ones are esteemed greatly simply because they exercise authority over their subjects or subordinates. But in the kingdom he who becomes and remains great must do so by being servant and helper of others. He who is foremost in the realm of the good must be first and foremost in sacrificial service. No other path leads to the summit of true greatness.

Jesus himself is the eternal example and illustration of what he said. He is the greatest earth ever knew because by life and death he rendered the greatest service. He came to minister, and none ever served our sinful race as he did. He came to give his life so that the world's greatest Servant is its only Savior and its supreme Sovereign.

#### Attain True Greatness

(1) The Greatness of Following.

"Jesus . . . going." We likewise are going. But where? If after Jesus, we serve him and others. If not, we disobey him and delude others.

(2) The Greatness of Hearing. "Said unto them." Good listeners are as rare as good speakers. Sometimes it is easier to speak for God than to listen to him. But we must hear before we can heed and help.

(3) The Greatness of Praying. "Worshipping him, and desiring." They came with a wrong motive and request, but they came. Not all our prayers are good. But we ought to lay open our whole hearts before Jesus. He will do right.

(4) The Greatness of Learning. "Ye know not." Ignorance is a curse. Yet a man may know much and miss the thing he needs most. Learn of Jesus and know his will. Then do it!

(5) The Greatness of Suffering. "To drink of the cup." Bitter may be the potion, but radiant is the sequel. The glory-light shines on the farther shore. Indeed, it even shines on this "bank and shoal of time."

(6) The Greatness of Deserving. "For whom it is prepared." We cannot buy salvation, but we can earn reward. Tickets to heaven are free through Christ, but treasures in heaven are laid up by fidelity to Christ. Be divinely thrifty!

(7) The Greatness of Understanding. "It shall not be so among you." The Gentile goal of power is false. The world standards of eminence are not trustworthy. It is character that counts. It is humility that uplifts. It is service that attains.

### GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8.

The greatest life that was ever lived on earth reached its climax and crown in the greatest death that ever closed a career in the annals of mankind from Eden to the New Jerusalem. Much as he served in life, he served far more in death. The sinless Christ died for sinful men that they might have eternal life and thus escape the penalty and power of sin. The incarnate God himself could do nothing greater or better for a sinner than to save him. In service and sacrifice he wrought and brought salvation to men. Let the saved serve him with sacrifice!

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Jan. 15—True Greatness. Matt. 20:17-28.
- Jan. 16—Humility in Prayer. Luke 18:9-14.
- Jan. 17—Humility in Service. 1 Peter 5:1-7.
- Jan. 18—A Parable of Humility. Luke 14:7-11.
- Jan. 19—"The Reward of Humility." Prov. 22:1-9.
- Jan. 20—Christ Our Example. John 13:12-20.
- Jan. 21—The Mind of Christ. Phil. 2:1-11.

### Rebuilding Bodies—

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palm of his hand. Of course the little fingers were very rigid and no movement in them at all, and now he is in the hospital having those fingers limbered up to where he can use them. This will mean that we will probably spend on this child several hundred dollars, but we will be giving him a hand that he can use the rest of his life.

We have another baby from Hamelin that has a type of eczema that makes the little fellow the most hideous looking person you have ever seen. Brother Littleton has seen everything, but he said he had never seen a child look like this one. After many weeks of hospital care it looks as though we are going to save the child. Our patients come from everywhere; of course we receive more from Abilene and the towns near Abilene than any place else. It is also true that we receive most of our financial support from Abilene and surrounding towns.

I believe that 1940 will be one of the biggest years for our hospital and for West Texas Baptists. I sincerely hope that each and all of us will get in the harness and do all we can with our hands and our heads and our hearts, and with our pocket books. This is truly a time when God needs all that we can give.

May we count on your prayers and your support for this year.

If a preacher will take care of the spiritual life of his people, they will take care of the church and the Kingdom.—R. D. DeWeese.

"Many a man saves everything but his soul."

# Leprosy in Nigeria

By H. Glenn Walker, M. D.

Dr. Walker went out from Midland to serve as a medical missionary for Southern Baptists in Nigeria. His home town is Midland, Texas. He and Mrs. Walker expect to return to the States for a rest in the summer of 1940. This article was written for original publication in the Nigeria Baptist.

—Editor.

The articles that are written are only an opinion and an observation and in no way reflect the thoughts of the Mission and the Missionaries or those of the Government.

Leprosy is a disease thought to be a result of the civilization of a people. It is contagious to the people of certain levels of civilization and of certain religious developments. In Nigeria in the olden times it is thought that leprosy was not prevalent, as the skeletons and the bones of the ancients have no fingers and toes missing, and that there are no bony changes as one would find with lepers of today.

It was the custom in most of the tribes for the lepers as soon as spots developed to be burned, or killed in some way or other, in places it was death by torture. Probably it was not a matter of people not having the disease, but they were killed when it was discovered, and it was never allowed to get much headway. The right of life or death hung in the power of one man or of a small group, it was tribal law. Tribal law was the great law and no one dared to disobey, and although from the present state of things that law was somewhat crude and somewhat cruel; it was one of the things that kept leprosy from spreading, and the thing that when broken down led to the increase in the leper situation.

In parts of Nigeria, where there has never been a well knit tribal system, the increase of the lepers is most marked. In the Western Provinces there has always been highly developed tribal systems, and there still is a rule by the natives, which is largely tribal in system. These tribal laws are slowly but surely being supplanted by civil laws. We hope that civic laws will entirely supplant them and leave no stone unturned. The great problem of leprosy rests with the native here in the Western Provinces. We are ruled by the Native Administrations and they must realize the importance of their position in relation to leprosy or the disease will spread as it has done where other peoples have not for a few generations done anything with the situation.

Under the civil law the lepers cannot be put to death, and there are only a few places that have made any attempt to even do the least thing about the situation. The kings and other rulers must be made to realize that they are responsible for the lepers under their towns and the people from whom they receive their salaries, that one of the major health problems can be solved when leprosy is controlled. There are a number of us here trying to help these people in showing them a way that it (the leper problem) can be solved, or at least can be finally solved.

The best way to explain any situation is to give an example, in this case we wish to use the Ogbomoshole Leper Colony. The founder of this colony to the best of our knowledge is Dr. Basil Lee Lockett, who conceived the idea years before actually he began the work. For a number of years he had treated patients as out-patients from the hospital and dispensaries in which he operated. He had several cases that had been arrested and were apparently cured. Some of them went ahead to receive a college education, and some went to trade and they came to the attention of the Resident of Oyo Province. He gave some money to really put up some good buildings to house the lepers, and Dr. B. L. Lockett worked for a number of years, bringing in patients and working with them.

Some of these early patients are now quite high in positions and are doing well for themselves and their families. One of these men is the present Headmaster at Ilora. He is entirely free from leprosy and could be drawing much more money but feels that he loves his people well enough that he wants to help them rather than going somewhere else. The spirit of Christ, like this man has, needs to be developed more among all of our people and it is stressed weekly at the Leper Colony here in Ogbomoshole.

Other patients came and the colony began to grow, and now we have seen and treated more than 1,000 lepers. There are cured lepers in hospital, government offices, Higher College (Yaba), girls schools, boys schools, training colleges, sewing schools, and in most any walk of life

that you wish to name. Dr. Lockett dreamed, I feel sure, of some day giving his whole time to the leper work. He dreamed of big buildings and of developing a large group of healed lepers. Many other doctors and nurses have labored in this field and have found it one of the most receptive for religious teachings.

The Colony, as it exists today, is seeing many gloriously accepting Christ. During a BYPU program on last Sunday afternoon two young lepers came out and took a positive stand for Christ. Hardly a service passes but what some young person gives his life in service for his people and for Christ. Many of them on discharge have proved that their Christian zeal is genuine. They have done as the apostles of the Scriptures and have spread the message in any place that they have found themselves. We have a letter in hand now from one of the churches in the Shaki district that has received a leper that was active in the church work here in the Colony. He is now working in his home church, and the pastor says that he is a reliable Christian and is filled with joy at the work the man is doing in the vineyard of Christ.

Another man is in a small heathen village. He is building, with the help of some of those interested in Christ, a small church building, and I feel sure that there will be a congregation when the building is finished. The Pastor is one of the students in the Seminary, he is developing into one of the better type of young men for pastorate work, and the leper church is fortunate in having such an outstanding young man. We are glad that the Seminary does have a part in the leper work.

At present we have teachers for the leper work and are teaching up to the 5th Standard, we hope to have a certified teacher for next year. There is some one hundred pounds for the leper school for next year, and if we can find such a certificated man then we have permission that we can carry on the school through standard six for the year 1939-40. The school is managed by the manager of the Ogbomoshole Day School and is up to the standard as set forth by that school, and students here are received in all the schools that they have desired to attend when they leave.

The school is the center about which all our leper program is built. As it were, it is the sheet-anchor from which we must take all bearings to keep any kind of leper control program balanced. The WMU of Nigeria, realizing this a number of years ago, started the school and for a few years supported the school. Recently it has been supported by the Leper General Fund. We are glad that the WMU has had a part in the leper work.

The school has sent students to the College and they have been among the honor students of the college, and now one of them has gone on to the Higher College, Yaba, one of our missionaries has made it possible for him, with the help of a scholarship. This fine young man plans to help in one of the higher schools in teaching, or in one of the institutions of healing. We are glad that he has planned to have a part in the work to help his fellowmen, and we are glad that the Baptist Boys High School has a man for principal that is helping the leper work.

The Leper Day School is helping in the training of leper nurses. For a long time the leper Colony had nurses from the hospital come out twice weekly and give the injections, but recently some of the lepers have been trained as nurses. They give all the hydrocarpus oil and have done well in this work. We hope that in the near future some of these specially trained nurses can be placed in out-patient dispensaries or leprosy centers at such towns as Shaki, Oyo, Iwo, Ilesha, and Ibadan.

These boys are all Christians and will be trained in farming, building, and in administration before they are allowed to be head men of the leprosy centers. It is hoped that all the native chiefs will be as cooperative as the Alafin of Oyo who has sent us word to come and start such a place at Oyo.

One may ask, "What can I, a simple man of the ordinary type, do to help in the leprosy program?" We can say to you as a committee of the Leper Colony that you can first stimulate interest by finding out about the work yourself. Perhaps a visit to the colony when you are in Ogbomoshole will help you to get a better understanding of the situation, would suggest that you try it anyway.

We were rather disappointed that during the convention more of the missionaries did not visit the colony. Of the many that were here only one actually paid a visit on their own initiative to the Leper Colony. That

one can vote and talk leprosy intelligently, and as far as I know, is the only one that can. Some of the pastors paid a visit to the colony and I find that they are the ones that are sending patients to the Colony. They are really doing a great work also in other lines of the church work, they are real shepherds for the church, and have the interest of their people at heart. Many of the laymen have come, seen and gone home to send people with leprosy back to us, and we are happy that most of our patients come through this channel, as it rightly should be in this case.

For those that are unable to pay a visit to the colony or are afraid to talk with lepers, we will try and give some idea of the administration of the colony. One of our doctors asked a question at a meeting of the board, and that was, "How will the Leper Colony be managed?" There is a committee appointed by the mission to act on the religious side of the situation, and to stimulate interest among the people in America, and in other countries, and to help with the propaganda.

The way other colonies of Nigeria manage the situation, and we try to do the same, is to have the Native Administrations give approximately half of the funds, the Mission to furnish half the funds, and the patients to support themselves. It works out usually that the Native Administration has the leprosy committee of the province. It is, like the Mission committee, more or less an advisory committee. It helps with the finances and recommends to the Council the grants for the year for the colony. The missionary committee advises with the doctor in charge, and the Mission's part is to furnish the money for the salary of the staff. The patients themselves furnish the money for their medicine and drugs, and furnish their own food. Usually they pay this in the first of the year and then during the year they are given the money weekly to spend as they see fit. The doctor usually advises them the kind of food that will make their bodies strong. The fee at present is five pounds per year.

One may say, "Treatment of leprosy cannot be afforded on this scale by the masses." In the last year we have devised a means by which lepers can be treated without expenditure on their part and it is being adopted all over Nigeria. These methods are called the Propaganda-Survey-Treatment. By this means out-patients are treated without charge. Papers like this to inform the public of the general work, visits to the kings, district officers, and to those that are in charge of schools and to those that are inspectors for the districts, are some of the forms of propaganda. By survey is meant finding out how many people have leprosy in a certain area. In Onitsha Province the people are agrarian and there are some three hundred and twenty people to the square mile. Of these 8 per cent have leprosy in the area surveyed.

This is the main place that the average native can help in the control of leprosy. The African in the Western Provinces does not recognize leprosy unless there are spots on the body that are visible. But when a man complains of his feet being asleep, or an arm, then it is likely that he has leprosy, again if the skin has a thin onion like covering, it is highly probable that that person has leprosy. These people should be sent for examination, preferably to an outpatient department where smears are taken, and it will cost little for transportation.

The idea is highly developed that leprosy is gotten by swallowing poison prepared by Juju. This is not the fact. Leprosy is caused by a germ just like smallpox is caused by a definite organism. We can take the skin and take some of the scrapings and find the cause of leprosy stained on the slide, we look at it under a microscope and are sure about the people before they enter the Colony. For this reason leprosy is contagious and some people fear it very much, but if you are an adult and just occasionally come in contact with a leper then you are not as likely to get it as you would be to catch a cold, or tuberculosis. The easiest way to get leprosy is for a child under one year to come in contact with a person having leprosy.

The cruelty of driving lepers with spots out of compounds should be stopped. Some are even beaten to death, even as our Christian martyrs were stoned. The Christian attitude should be to do something for the man, and not drive him away and disinherit him just because he has leprosy. We implore those that read this article to be kind to lepers. I hope that after this you will not be afraid of them, but will be cautious about living with them, and not allow them to live in your compound. But the way is not to drive them out in the bush to die. If impossible to have them come to the leper colony, then build them a house by themselves, al-

lowing no one that is clean to eat, sleep or use any article of clothing or personal belongings.

Sixty per cent of the lepers will get better without treatment, that is the reason that so many of the Africans tell me that they know a native doctor that for fifteen or twenty pounds guarantees a cure of leprosy. So many come to us without money that have been tricked by these men. Good food, especially foods containing vitamins, cleanliness and the raising of the hope of these people will often lead to a cure. The injections given here at the leper colony are not specific treatment as we once hoped, but this is just one step in the general treatment of leprosy. Most lepers have other sickness besides leprosy, such as yaws, and worms.

Some of our more educated persons, if asked about lepers, say that they have none in their compound and none in their town. Such a man was a pastor in Ogbomoshole. From this man's compound I have been able to trace seven lepers. I have insisted all the time that there was an old mother that took care of the children that had leprosy, because most of the cases have been children of 10 to 15 years of age. Recently before a crowd of natives I asked this pastor how many lepers were known to have been in this compound, rather having him tell the story than myself. He denied any knowledge of such a thing, and went on to say that he had never known a leper. I was amazed. When reminded that he had brought me a leper from that compound only a week before, he then confessed that he had known many, and hung his head in shame. He has come to me privately and told me since that by custom he could not afford to say that a single soul was ever sick in his compound, even though they were dying. I hope that this attitude will slowly change. I think it will when the people in general realize that leprosy is not a Juju, and that it is caused by a germ. That there is no evil spirit in the leper, that he is just sick, and that by proper treatment even the worst sort of cases can be helped.

I am sure any thinking African will agree that here is presented a solution to a problem that many have worried about and have not known what stand to take, and so have not done a thing about the problem and have tried to cover up the knowledge that leprosy exists. A leper father was asked if any more leprosy existed in his family. He has been treated for seven years at the leper (Continued on page 4)

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## District 10 Bible School—

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should be carried out. Then Brother Williams produced a beautiful picture which depicted the ideas of Brother Buckner for the future building of the home. Perhaps this vision will inspire Panhandle Baptists to put this matter of the Orphans Home into their church budgets.

One of the stream-lined thoughts of the whole Bible conference was presented in Dr. Tidwell's message on "Bible Evangelism." He directed all evangelism to the cross; that the heart of the Gospel was the cross. Moreover, it is sinful not to take to heart the Gospel of Christ and carry it out to the lost. Again, the debt of the Christian is to the lost people in the world. Also, Brother Tidwell emphasized that all authority was in Christ for evangelism, and that the appeal of evangelism is in the death and resurrection of Christ.

Resolutions were voted expressing thanks to Baptist people in Amarillo for their entertainment of visitors, and to the women for the good meals served to the visitors. Moreover, the conference expressed their fine appreciation for the publicity given the Bible conference by Mr. Kursey of the Amarillo Globe.

Brother Campbell's message concluded the Bible conference with a great spiritual climax. Our state secretary directed us to vision not localized. His optimism pointed to the conquest of the world to include every one and every Christian in the world. Moreover, with great compassion, Brother Campbell declared bad situations in the world, and lost people of the world offer Baptists the greatest challenge to strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords.

The District 10 Bible Conference became a permanent organization at the close of the meeting. District Missionary, J. C. McKensie was named

## TEXANS REMAIN LEADERS IN TRAINING UNION WORK

The records completed by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, show that Texas received more Training Union diplomas and seals during the month of December than eleven other Southern States. The states referred to are:

Arizona	1
Arkansas	435
Georgia	800
Illinois	410
Louisiana	421
Maryland	12
District of Columbia	0
New Mexico	205
North Carolina	639
South Carolina	780
Virginia	378
All foreign countries	255

Total ..... 4337  
Texas ..... 4499

The total number of seals and diplomas received by the states mentioned above plus all foreign countries was 4337, whereas, Texas Baptists received 4499.

It is interesting to observe the number of diplomas and seals all Southern states and foreign countries received during the year of 1939. The total number received was 265,776, whereas, the number received by Texas Baptists, during that same period, was 63,826. In other words, approximately 24 per cent of all diplomas and seals issued to Southern Baptists last year were issued to Texas Baptists.

president, and E. L. Bowman of Hartley was chosen secretary. The next Bible conference will be held January 6 to 10, 1941. The committee for working out the next program is as follows: J. N. Hunt, Borger; Sid Martin, Memphis; Vernie Pipes, Shamrock; W. A. Fite, Canadian; and Kenneth Marshall of Dalhart.

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### MISSIONARY WRITES NEWS FROM DISTRICT TEN

By J. C. McKenzie  
1318-A Harrison, Amarillo

**Missionary's Report**  
December, 1939.  
Days labored ..... 31  
Miles traveled ..... 3000  
Places visited ..... 20  
Churches visited ..... 11  
Sermons and addresses ..... 16

Attended the annual State Board meeting at Dallas at the request of Dr. R. C. Campbell, to represent the district.

Secured help for seven churches from the Board. Met in a night's session of all the missionaries, and the district directors for evangelism for 1940.

Raised \$5.00 for district missions. Raised for all other purposes, \$54.18.

Christmas has come and gone again. To many of us it was a joyous occasion. Our girls and boys came home to spend the holidays with us. Santa was as kind as he could be with ties, Sox and other things too. This Christmas was beautiful beyond words, as it was snowing all the day. It was very badly needed, then there is something in snow that calls for youth in one anyway.

Most of the farmers have a grin on their faces these days. If we were to have a half of a chance up this way, we would really "go to town."

Many New Year resolutions were made, and most of them already broken. But somehow I believe a fellow is better for having had the purpose to do better, even for a little while. The ground is still covered with ice and snow. The more that falls, the better we like it. Let it snow!

There have been quite a few changes made in our district lately. Bill Mason writes that he has been graciously received down at Edinburg, in the Magic Valley. Rev. Sid Martin of Fort Worth has already moved to Memphis to take up the work Bill left. We are glad to have "Sid" in our district. He and I were raised in adjoining communities. We know many things about each other that we are not going to tell. He was district evangelistic director in District 12. He came from Connell Memorial Church, Fort Worth, to Memphis. He is our kind, and will be found faithful to his task.

Rev. Lynn Richardson has moved from Stratford to Neosho, Mo. He was graciously received, he writes me, and thinks he is going to have a delightful work up there. He was one of our most faithful pastors in the Trans-Canadian Association. He was our evangelistic director for that association. The church at Stratford has already called Rev. J. H. Dean from Blackwell. It is thought that he will accept, and move on the field soon. He is as fine as the finest, and will make them a good leader.

Rev. Charlie Bryant has gone from Allison to Texola. We will miss him in the North Fork Association. He made a good record as a leader while he was at Allison. The Texola Church works with the Baptists of Oklahoma. He is a hard worker on his field, and will make himself known in Oklahoma. May the Lord bless him. I love him like a brother. I have known him for 20 years. They don't make Baptists who are truer to the Lord than he. We have no word about Allison, except they plan to secure a pastor from the Seminary, Fort Worth, and let him come to them on week-ends, as Rev. Fuqua is doing at Wheeler. We trust that they shall secure a good man, who will lead them on in the work.

Oklahoman to Preach—  
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ant at the First Church, Sweetwater. Brother Harris is much in demand as an evangelistic singer and is constantly used by both the Sunday School and Training Union departments on their state and district programs. He is not only a talented singer, but is a wonderful director of choir and congregational singing, a lovable person, deeply spiritual and effective in soul-winning. Since his decision to come to our church, three other pastors of larger churches have expressed regret that they could not have had him as their own assistant. A cordial invitation is extended to people in communities round-about to attend these services. It is an unusual opportunity that is offered in the teaming up of these two men. Morning services will be held at 10 o'clock and the evening services at 7:30 o'clock.

### FIELD SECTY. DISCUSSES MISSIONARY EDUCATION



DR. NOBLE Y. BEALL

"This is the beginning of a new year and the beginning of a period which offers to be one of the most fruitful in missionary history," writes Dr. Noble Y. Beall, field secretary of the Home Mission Board, in the February issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions.

In his article, Dr. Beall outlines the five-year program of missionary education being launched by the board, this program to be promoted through city-wide and association-wide schools of missions.

"During the next five years," the field secretary who is to direct the program continues, "we propose to renew and redouble emphasis upon missionary education with special emphasis upon the mission program of Southern Baptists in the 'homeland and the work of the Home Mission Board in its program of evangelism, stewardship, and missionary endeavor among the under-privileged peoples. We propose to acquaint the people with what our four hundred missionaries are doing on the field and the nature and scope of the Home Mission task today."

Any church desiring the services of missionaries on the fields during schools of missions is requested to contact the Home Board.

### NEW CHURCH APPEALS FOR STUDY-COURSE BOOKS

Dear Editor:

We are a new church in Colorado City and want to take all the training courses in B. T. U. and Sunday School work. We will appreciate any training course books sent us and will study them in class or individually. Our Training Union has joined the 500 Club to get 500 awards this year.

Yours to learn,  
Second Baptist B. T. U.,  
Colorado City,  
Mrs. Ben Parr, secy.

### SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley  
Christianity is the only eternal religion.  
Weather is not as important as worship.  
The devil's children honor their father.  
Friends are necessities not luxuries. Our creditors deserve credit.  
Only evil hearts seek evil haunts.

### Missionary Messages

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having a good program. Brother Hugh Blair, their missionary, was presiding. Under his leadership this association goes forward month after month. We thank God for him.

In the afternoon of this same day we met with the Callahan workers meeting with the church at Clyde. Brother Tierce is their pastor. They had a large crowd and a good meeting. They have their associational departmental work well organized. We will hear from them.

Wednesday and Thursday, January 10 and 11, we were in Dallas attending the State Sunday School Conference. This district was well represented. Every association had from 1 to 2 present. This was one of the best conferences I have ever attended. The five year program has accomplished much in this state. It has proven that the associational organization is the important unit in our work. Let us magnify our associational work. It would be hard to select any special event in the meeting as being the best. Every speaker and each conference seemed the best.

We were with Brother Fay Hinton and his church at Jayton Sunday morning. We had a good service. Brother Hinton is leading in a great way over there. Sunday was his first anniversary. Much work has been done. He has installed a baptistry and choir loft that is a credit to any church. He has remodeled the parsonage so that it is very comfortable. There have been 106 additions to the church during the first year. They are still coming. Mrs. Hinton works close by his side. Thank God for these two workers.

Sunday evening we spoke to a good crowd at Peacock. Brother George Thomas is pastor there and his people love him. All departments of the work are on the upgrade. Brother Thomas is moderator of the Stonewall Association. Mrs. Thomas is the President of the women's work. We will hear from this association from time to time under the leadership of these two workers.

Let's not forget the Hardin-Simmons Bible Institute, meeting with Simmons February 12, 13, and 14. Make your plans to attend.

### LEPROSY IN NIGERIA

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colony. Repeatedly he has denied any leprosy in his family. We have let him come more or less as an experiment in the treatment of out-patients from the town of Ogbomoso. No instruction was given as to prevention of contagion. Last year he brought his girl of 10, and said she had developed leprosy. We then pointed out the harm that had come to his children by living with them as an out-patient. He was very sorry and now lives alone, but comes and gets his injections and we have his girl as an in-patient who goes to the leper school. We will never stand for compulsion of the lepers in a colony or camp. We want the people to come because they want to be healed. We want them to come because they realize they are a

menace to harmless little babies and to those that they love most. We want them to come because they have faith in the treatment they will receive. Through kindness and a Christ-like spirit with love for our fellow-men is the only way such a program can be accomplished.

There are places set aside for lepers at Iwo and at Ilesha, and both Dr. Hunter and Mrs. McCormick are doing a sacrificial and heroic effort in leading a program for control of the lepers that beg them for treatment. We hope that in the near future that we can give them help in the way of staff and in the erection of buildings and also in the form of medicine.

We have not so far said much about treatment, but we have often referred to it. One reason for this is that in the past patients have been received without payment in the colony. We buy drugs with the money that is paid in by the patients as referred to before in this article. We sincerely believe that most of the patients need treatment for other things besides leprosy, and there has been no available funds for this sort of treatment. The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and the Nigerian government give us hydrocarpus oil that works marvelously in those that are strong and free from debilitating diseases, and often a man with his face covered with leprosy can be pronounced cured in six months. The worst punishment that I can inflict on the in-patients is to refuse them the needle.

We hope that each of you will try and help those that are sent to the main colony to get the necessary fees to become in-patients. Pointing out the advantages that I have above presented in the way of treatment, the hydrocarpus oil is the only treatment out-patients receive and many of them are helped and many are cured, and we hope that these people will be seen more and more in out-stations. For those people that are mutilated we can offer some help in the form of surgery. Unfortunately at the moment we cannot do any of this work.

A hospital such as we need will cost more than two thousand pounds, and we hope that we can, as missionaries, interest some of the people in America in this project. We cannot be satisfied with less and will not attempt hospital work on a lesser scale, believing that a job worth doing is worth doing well. One leper colony in Nigeria spends five thousand pounds from mission funds yearly on leper work, and we feel sure our people will help us if the problem is properly presented by those that tour the United States in their travel.

The American Mission to Lepers have given us two hundred pounds for the erection of a church, and the kind ladies of Virginia have given us another hundred pounds for furniture. We have gotten the lepers to do much of the work on the church, and have worked a lot ourselves. Some of the work has not been satisfactory because we were not so experienced in building, but we have up the pillars more than half way. We have most of the pan (corrugated roofing) and now we could easily finish the church for an additional hundred pounds. We have prayed about the matter and feel that there will be someone that will see that this much needed church building is finished. It is the greatest evangelizing agent for the num-

## CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

### WEST SIDE, BIG SPRING

Sunday, January 14, was a real happy day of spiritual victory for "Inner Circle" prayer folks. A man whose wife was saved in the home, came with her to service and was gloriously saved and shouted the praises of God about it. Both of them united with the church as did a 12-year-old girl, who came weeping and saying she trusted Jesus to save her. We have four waiting baptism for the first two Sundays of the year.

Please pray for us.  
Oh yes, we want many West Texas Baptist readers to send one dollar right away for the building fund. We want your name on our honor roll of friends who help build in this real Home Mission field.

I will be looking for your gift now.  
Humbly yours,  
E. E. Mason, Pastor.

### HATCHEL

Remember to do personal work in behalf of our Sunday School, Training Union and preaching services. There are several new Baptists in our community who need to be enlisted. "Lift up your eyes and look on the field for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

### DRASCO

On Saturday night, January 20, the Drasco Baptist Church will be called in conference to attend to regular church business. We should prepare for this conference and honor the Lord by prayer and planning.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

ber of people contacted that our mission has in Africa.

We pray that God will lead in the great fight against sin and leprosy. For we sincerely believe the only true solution to the leper problem is Christian healing.

He who doesn't attend public worship is not apt to attend to private worship.

### ABILENE FIRST

Adopted Budget for 1940	
Current expense:	
SS and B. T. U. literature	\$ 1,100
Lights, Gas and Water	1,000
Insurance	350
Flowers	125
Advance	450
Postage	200
Furniture and Fixtures	300
Building and Repairs	500
Printing, Office Supplies	300
Telephone, Janitor Supplies	300
Social, SS and B. T. U.	300
Brotherhood	50
Music	100
Student Work (bus)	200
Convention Expense	250
Pulpit Supply	150
Incidentals	750
West Texas Baptist	450
Janitor Salary	1,020
Other Salaries:	
Pastor	\$ 4,200
Dir. Edu. and Mus.	3,000
Young People's Worker	1,320
Church Secretary	1,020
Asst. Church Secy.	900
Organist	420
Pastor's Secretary	180
Nursery	104
	\$11,144

Annual Total \$19,039

Missions and Benevolences	
Mrs. B. L. Lockett	\$ 750
Co-op. Program	1,200
H-S. General Fund	1,200
Hendrick Mem. Hos. Charity	1,200
Woman's Mis. Society	840
Dist-Assn. Missions	360
Love Fund	120
Rev. Jas. Alexander, Salary	900
Rev. Alexander's car exp.	300

Estimated Specials during year 7,000

Annual Total \$13,870

Building Debt  
For Int. and Prin. (estimated) \$7,091

Total Adopted Budget \$40,000

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