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New Books Added To Local Library

Several new books have been contributed to the H.S.U. library recently. Will Rogers: Ambassador of good will, prince of wit and wisdom, By P. J. O'Brien, was presented by our two friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell. The book gives the complete story of Will Rogers life, personal and professional.

The complete works of John Galsworthy is now in the library. These books were presented by Dr. T. W. Riddle, D. D., of Plymouth, England, who is pastor of one of the largest Baptist churches in England.

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A GOOD DAY

It's great to be an editor, but there is nothing that brings joy to the heart of a preacher like performing the humble duties of an undershepherd to a good church. Early last Sunday morning the editor left for his regular Sunday appointment at Eliasville. There was a large attendance at Sunday school, in the absence of the teacher the pastor taught the men's Bible class. Preceding the preaching hour three speakers brought fine messages on the week of prayer program.

For the 11 o'clock message three texts were used: First, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Second, "Speak to the Children of Israel that they go forward." Third, "Let us go up at once and possess it (Canaan) for we are well able to overcome it." Some preachers can get along very well on one text, but sometimes it takes several texts for an editor-preacher. The two thoughts we tried to put over were that there are times when we need to stand still, wait on the Lord, and see that our salvation and our deliverance is from the Lord. Then there are times when we need to go forward—go forward because God commands it; go forward because this old sin cursed world needs the Gospel, the only remedy for the damning power of sin; go forward because we are able to conquer for God. Southern Baptists, nearly four million strong, can cross the Red Sea of difficulties, overcome the mountains of adversities in the wilderness deserts, cross the swollen Jordans and take possession of the land of promise in the name of our Joshua, who is at the right hand of the Father on high, where He ever lives to make intercessions for His people.

And greatest of all we should go forward and win for Christ because He won for us. His life here for us was a victorious life on every battle front.

We spent the afternoon visiting among the brethren, attended the B. T. U., heard the intermediates in an opening program that spoke volumes to the efficiency of B. T. U. training. The adult union had an exceptionally fine program.

At the evening service three deacons were ordained, and following this program one of our finest men, an oil field worker, for whom the church had been praying so long, joined the church for baptism.

It was about midnight Sunday night when we reached home after a 196 mile trip, with a good pounding the good people of the church had sent to the pastor's family. Tired? Yes, sort of tired, but awfully happy.

YES, EDITORS MAKE MISTAKES

Last week in commenting on Dr. W. F. Fry's new book, "Outline of the Books of the Bible," it was stated that the price of the book was \$1.50. Dr. Fry writes in to remind us that editors do make mistakes, for the price of the book is only \$1.25. We gladly make this correction.

SUNDAY THE LAST DAY

Next Sunday is the last day for the fall round-up for missions. God has greatly blessed our people in this section with good crops, and we should show our gratitude to Him by making a good offering to missions. Secretary Williams insists that the mission offerings be sent in to the Dallas headquarters at once so that the offerings may be counted on this year's work.

GOD OR MAN, WHICH?

John R. Hutto

It is limiting the wisdom of God, abasing the dignity of his greatness, and belittling his omnipotence to circumscribe his powers and plans within the limits of our own thinking. Man is too prone to circumscribe the powers of God within the limits of his own thinking. Jehovah becomes a God to whom he may dictate the terms of his own procedure. The Scriptures tell us over and over to the effect that: God created the world and the fullness thereof." In John 1 and 3 we are told that, "All things were made by him, and without him not anything was made that was made." What right then has the vessel to dictate to the potter, or the pitiably weak of creation to dictate to the omnipotent Creator?

Church dignitaries have prescribed ironclad forms of worship and have made it obligatory that their subjects, for such are their parishioners, conform their actions and thinking thereto. They have substituted these forms for simple faith of the individual in an omnipotent God. Formal ceremonies are an abomination to God. He speaks thus through his prophet Isaiah, "Incense is an abomination to me; the new moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth, I am weary of them. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yet, when you make many prayers, I will not hear." No system, forms, nor individual person should come in between man and his Creator. Thomas Jefferson was not far from wrong when he stated that all men are created equal. The poor peasant may have a far richer insight into the things of grace than his lord. The ignorant, unlearned whose faith rests in the power of Jesus to save has a knowledge of God far in excess of the rich-robed priest who poses as his intermediary.

New Testament Christians used the simplest methods in administering their church affairs. Christians that have born the earmarks of Baptist since the apostolic days have followed their example. The Holy Spirit is given a better right-away. When Baptists discontinue this simple procedure, they will cease to be Baptists.

Devotional Thoughts

CHRIST HAND-PICKING DISCIPLES

Today we hear much about "mass movements." Jesus hand-picked His disciples. He singled out the ones He wished to believe on Him and represent Him. Large numbers may be a weakness rather than a strength. Witness Gideon's forces. There is too much "dead wood" in many Christian churches. It is bad enough to have a wooden head; but a wooden heart is more fatal, to the Cause.

Jesus used the work of His agents. Two of John's disciples were the first Jesus chose, "Come and ye shall see." He does the same today. He works through us, who are animated by His Spirit, guided by His Spirit, energized by His Spirit. This is our inspiration, and our responsibility.

Christ spoke to each one personally. "Thou art Simon. Thou shalt be called Cephas, Peter." "Follow me." By the "still, small voice" Christ today calls His disciples. Some do not listen, do not heed the voice; and they lose the greater opportunity of life, fail of their high destiny, and live disappointed lives. Those that follow the gleam, enter into the light of life.

"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." Christ shows His knowledge of us; and is willing to praise where praise is due. God does not send His Son into our life to condemn our life, but to save. Jesus at once won the heart and the confidence of Nathaniel, for a glorious life.

"Thou shalt see greater things." We never follow Christ to defeat, but to victory; never to smaller things, but to larger; never to a lower plane of character, but to a higher. Our vision of Christ is ever clearer and more ravishing. It is a tragedy, if we lose our "first love." Christ wishes to become more and more to us every day; and we should be abjectly ashamed of ourselves if our love for Him cools. I never ask any choir to sing the words "Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord." That would be an insult to any right minded Christian. Our blessedness is greater and greater. "Ye shall see the heaven opened." "Who is this King of glory?"—The Bible Champion.

DENYING THE FATHER

Those who assert the universal Fatherhood of God do not realize that they are denying the Father. God's Word states very plainly that only to those who receive Christ as their Savior does God give "power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12). The Lord Jesus spoke with terrible plainness to certain men who claimed God as their Father but who were rejecting Christ. They said, "We have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me. . . . Ye are of your father the devil. . . . He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (John 8:41-47). If God were the Father of all men, no Savior would be needed; as God's children we should need only to claim and enjoy our relationship with Him. But the Word declares the necessity of being born again if we would be members of the family of God. The universal Fatherhood of God denies the unique Sonship of Christ, and the necessity of the atoning work of Christ. It denies the words that the Father has spoken about the Son; and here is the solemn denunciation spoken by the Holy Spirit through John concerning this denial: "He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father" (1 John 2:22-23). Only those who know the meaning of the Fatherhood of God who, seeing themselves as "strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world (Eph. 2:12), come to Christ to be saved, pleading his shed blood as the only way to become God's children. They know, then, that "They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God" (Rom. 9:8); but they rejoice that, through faith in Christ, they "have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:15).—Sunday School Times.

RECONCILIATION TO GOD

Years ago France and England were at war. A French whaling vessel went off on a long voyage. On the return trip the drinking water gave out and they were about to perish of thirst. The signal of distress was seen as they passed an English port, and word was sent them that the war was over, and they might sail in and get all the water they wanted. At first they would not believe it, but later they did believe and were saved. The war between God and man, mad by man's sin, is over if man will only believe. The blood makes reconciliation. "The carnal mind is enmity against God" (Rom. 8:7), but "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).—George H. Gilmer in Moody Monthly.

THE VENTURE OF FAITH

"Professor James has a striking illustration of the justification of faith by faith. Imagine, he says, a man climbing a mountain who has slipped into position in which he can maintain himself for perhaps half an hour but by no possibility longer. His only possible escape is to jump across a terrible chasm on to a ledge from which a path leads to safety. Now the longer he delays and argues the question as to whether he can safely make the jump or not, the weaker and more incapable he becomes, and when at the last moment he jumps in desperation he will probably fall short and be dashed to pieces. His best and only hope is to say to himself, 'I am sure that I can just do it,' and to jump at once before he is weakened by argument and imagination of failure. He will probably succeed, and faith will have justified itself.

"So it is with faith in God. We can argue and waste our days in imagining all sorts of theories until all our life's opportunities are gone. The wisest course is to trust the natural instinct that God has implanted in us, and cast ourselves upon His power and His love, lead us astray, the goodness of God is something to which the experience of life bears unshaken witness, something to which we can safely trust ourselves even in the hour of death."—Gilbert White in "Fifty-two Short Sermons."

WISE WORDS

Thomas Edison once said, "I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore

Oct. 27, 1935

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST

(International Temperance Lesson)

Golden Text—Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.—Proverbs 20:1.

Wine makes a man a scorner. It makes him scoff at holy things. It deafens him to warning and reproof. It causes him to ridicule everything serious. He becomes insolent and intolerant.

Waywardness is the inevitable effect of strong drink. It causes its victim to stumble. It hurls him helplessly into the gutter. It shackles him and sends him to prison. He loses his liberty and often his life.

Wisdom calls for total abstinence. Beware the thrill and taste and touch of mocking, brawling wine!

The city of Babylon, 538 B. C., was one of the greatest cities of ancient or modern times. Its walls and hanging gardens constituted one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. In this great capital Belshazzar was nominal king (his uncle, Nabonidus, being actually on the throne). He was commander-in-chief of the army which just now was defending the city against a siege by the Persians under Cyrus. But why should Babylon fear? Its walls were impenetrable. Its armies were invincible. Its resources were inexhaustible. Perhaps it was to celebrate some petty victory that Belshazzar gave a feast to a thousand of his war lords. Wine flowed freely. The occasion degenerated into a debauch. But the intoxicated princes were startled and shocked to see a mysterious hand appear upon the walls of the banquet hall tracing familiar letters in such combination that nobody could understand them. The wildest consternation ensued. The astrologers were called but sat speechless and aghast. Finally Daniel was summoned. Faithfully he told the king of his sins and accurately interpreted the sentence of doom which on that very night was fulfilled in the death of Belshazzar and the fall of Babylon (Daniel 5:1-31).

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The message from the prophet was delivered to the madman king. Daniel refused to accept financial reward, but proposed to read and interpret the writing on the wall. But before revealing the awful message that glared down upon them, the seer unfolded the causes that led to it. Belshazzar should have been a better man. He was reminded of the conduct and retribution of his illustrious ancestor, Nebuchadnezzar, to whom God gave the kingdom with greatness. All peoples trembled before him as a mighty despot who according to his own will slew and kept alive. But when his heart was hardened by pride he was deposed from his throne and sent forth as a madman into the fields with the beasts for his associates, the grass for food, and the dewy earth for his bed. Not until he recognized the Most High God was the scepter of power again placed in his hands. All this Belshazzar knew. Yet he sank deeper and deeper into sin. He was indifferent to instruction. He was inflated with pride. He was ungrateful to God who gave him every blessing. He was basely irreverent in the desecration of the vessels taken from the Temple in Jerusalem, and used them in disdainful insult to Jehovah. He was guilty of intemperance, for freely flowed the intoxicating wines, dulling sensibilities, clouding reason, undermining empire. He was guilty of persistent idolatry when he knew that Jehovah was ruler of heaven and earth.

2. The message from the wall was explained as the aged Daniel finished his fearless address to the young Belshazzar, and the mysterious hand disappeared. The characters were familiar but the arrangement baffled solution by the astrologers who were accustomed to read from left to right. Daniel made out the words (according to Talmud) by reading from the top to the bottom. But what did the words mean? Expositors answer: Mene, repeated for emphasis, is for mina, a pound, being derived from a word which means to number; tekem, meaning shekel, is from a word signifying weight; upharsin, the plural of peres, represents a half-mina, and comes from a word meaning to divide. So literally, the writing could be translated—"Numbered—weighed—divided." With the prophetic insight Daniel filled out and read the message of God to Belshazzar. His power was at an end. He had been weighed and proved wanting. His kingdom was rent and transferred. No wonder the king and his courtiers were alarmed.

The Lesson of the Lesson—Sin Ends in Woe

1. **The Sin of Pride.** "Hast not humbled thy heart." The king was haughty. His heart was hard. He was selfish. He was arrogant. He would not fall into the dust before Jehovah.
2. **The Sin of Indifference.** "Though thou knewest." The example of Nebuchadnezzar, the dealings of Providence, the presence of the 100,000 Jews in his kingdom had no moral effect on him. He turned a deaf ear to instruction.
3. **The Sin of Intemperance.** "Have drunk wine." Wine is not good for warriors. Strong drink weakens soldiers. Drunken captains lead to defeat. Where liquors flow, empires go down.
5. **The Sin of Immorality.** "Thy wives and thy concubines." The social evil is a cancer on the body politic. Impurity is putrefying to society. No nation can be safe when its homes decay.
6. **The Sin of Idolatry.** "Hast praised the gods." He knew that idols were powerless. He realized that no image of precious metal and costly stone was worth even a passing thought not to say assumed and continued adoration. Yet he praised false gods whom he knew to be false.

HE IS THE RICHEST MAN

- Who values a good name above gold.
- In whose possession others feel rich.
- Who can enjoy a landscape without owning the land.
- Who has a mind literally stored, cultivated and contented.
- Who can face poverty and misfortune with cheerfulness and courage.
- For whom plain living, right thinking and grand effort constitute real riches.
- Who has a hearty appreciation of the beautiful in nature and in human beings.
- Who carries his greatest wealth in his rich personality and fine character.
- Who absorbs the best in the world in which he lives and gives the best of himself to others.—Tradesman.

Hardin-Simmons University News

Stephenson Says League of Nations Holds Solution of World War Problem

The League of Nations, in the application of its sanctions, holds the key to the possibility of a world war at the present time, in the opinion of Prof. W. A. Stephenson, Hardin-Simmons government professor.

"If the League applies its sanctions against Italy as seems likely," he said, "it will be necessary to use military force to uphold its policies. It Duce has already taken his stand upon such a move and war is the only feasible outcome of such a situation."

"Mussolini may be able to forestall a war at the present if he wins a victory in Ethiopia, quickly and decisively. If, however, the League is able to put its machinery into action and make it felt before the Ethiopian war is ended, a world war is very likely.

"An Italian victory in North Africa without interference from the League will only postpone a world war, however; because Italy entrenched in Africa is a threat to the English interests, and England will not let her power, which depends upon open trade routes, be hampered.

"Ethiopia in the hands of the enemy is much too close to the Suez and could easily control the Red Sea. Eng-

land will not allow such a move without opposition, and opposition to Italy means war.

"In other words, it is the selfish interests of Italy opposed to those of England, and economic reasons motivate all moves. Of course, if these two countries war upon each other a European war is the natural result.

"France is 'on the spot' but is stringing along with the English faction. France must back England in her stand against Italy in order to gain the English support in case of a German uprising.

"Germany, like Italy, is a seat of dissatisfaction at the present time, and is likely to attempt to regain the territory lost to France. Germany and Italy are strongly nationalistic, and the people of these countries are in the frame of mind for a war.

"This gives a basis for two sides; one including Italy, Germany, Austria, and Hungary, the other including England, France and Russia, who is in alliance with the French."

"A world war will bring into conflict all important nations because of economic complications, which are stronger today than ever before in the world's history," said Prof. Ste-

phenson. "I believe that the United States could not stay out of a world conflagration for long.

"Naturally, the people of the United States are not in a frame of mind for war at the present time. This country is strongly in favor of peace, but it would be only a matter of days until the people could be converted to warlike interests. Propaganda would sway the masses as it did in the late war.

"If the United States could be kept from taking sides it would be possible to remain neutral, but even today we find students taking sides with such expressions as, 'I hope those Negroes give Italy a good licking,' and we would soon be lined up on one side or the other.

"It is very difficult to tell about the Italo-Ethiopian situation at the present time. Propaganda is a large factor and the outside world is receiving only 'highly colored' reports.

"Each side is rigidly censoring all information and reports until it is impossible to tell about conditions in the Ethiopian war. Indications are, despite newspaper reports to the contrary, that Mussolini is having more difficulty than he anticipated in Ethiopia.

"Egypt is chafing at the present, and if given an opportunity will side with Ethiopia. Egypt is dependent, financially and agriculturally, upon the waters of the Blue Nile, and Italy would make short work of this supply if she gained control in Ethiopia.

"War is a racket pure and simple, and money or finance is the guiding hand behind every war. It will always be so selfish interests guide all warlike moves.

"These deductions are merely opinions at the present time and changes might take place tomorrow which would change my whole idea about the war situation," Prof. Stephenson added.

"War seems to me to be inevitable. Nationalism is rampant in Germany and Italy and they are not to be stopped without a war, perhaps not in the immediate present but in the near future.

"The set-up was never more favorable for a war and it seems unlikely that one will be averted. If the world war should come and continue for any duration, then the United States would become involved because she couldn't help it in all probability.

"No one can predict with accuracy, and the only thing to do is to hope for a peaceful outcome to the troubled conditions at the present; hoping above all that the United States will not become involved in the turbulent European complications."

Merle H. Tucker, native West Texan and former student at Hardin-Simmons university, has been selected to direct all radio publicity activities for the Texas Centennial celebrations.

THE WORD OF LIFE

(Continued from page one)
Word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon.

And though the sound of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed, the hammers gone."

2. History Arises to Speak.

Says Dr. M. S. Kyle, "After testing at 100 points, today the whole historic field of the Old Testament, has been proved up."

Prof. Noldeke wrote a book to prove that the four kings in Gen. 14, Amraphel, king of Shinar; Arioch, king of Ellasar; Chedorleomar, king of Elam; and Tidal, king of nations were mere myths, and had no place in history. But in 1902 the code of Hammurabi was discovered and deciphered giving accuracy to the whole story. They have denied the story of King Mesha of Moab, because he is not mentioned in Xenophon, Herodotus or Josephus, but the discovery of the Moabitish stone proves the Bible story true.

Likewise the book of Daniel was declared spurious because Babylonian history showed that Belshazzar was not king of the Chaldeans. But tablets were unearthed recording the fact that Belshazzar was the reigning prince, and that while his father was out at Borsessa leading the armies against the Medes and Persians, he was temporarily in charge as king. And the historic discovery puts the seal of authority upon the book of Daniel. The flood in Noah's day has been the jest of scoffers, but only half a dozen years ago at the point of pick and spade the Bible story of the flood was revealed as historically true, written in the formation of the earth, and on preserved tablet. And in every other instance where Biblical history has been disputed, historic tablet and monument have proved its accuracy.

3. Science Adds Its Voice.

Says one, who doesn't know, "The Bible is unscientific; we are not to be expected to believe the Bible in this scientific age." Well, let's see. The ancients believed the earth rested on the backs of elephants; and that earthquakes were the elephants shaking themselves. Copernicus discovered that it is suspended in space, but 3,000 years before that time, the Bible declared, "The Lord hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7). Thousands of years before Galileo

discovered the world was round, the Bible declared that God "sitteth on the circle of the earth" (Isa. 40:22). Only recently astronomers have discovered a great space in the north where there are no stars. But the Bible declared long ago, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place" (Job 26:7). It has been only a few score years since it was discovered the moon does not shine, that it only reflects the light of the sun, but in Job, the oldest book of the Bible, it is affirmed, "The moon it shineth not." Anticipating the telephone, the Bible asks the question, "Canst that send lightnings that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are" (Job 38:35)? We do that every time we talk over the telephone.

After all the noisy materialistic philosophy to which the world has had to listen for half a century the evolution theory remains but a theory, and great scientists like Osburn, and Milliken, declare there is no scientific proof that man was not

created upon the earth just as it is recorded in Genesis.

4. The Voice of Experience Brings Its Uncontrovertable and Unanswerable Testimony.

The nurse who attended Voltaire in his last illness said, "Not for the wealth of Europe would I see another infidel die." To the contrary, how blessed the dying testimony of God's own Polycarp, early Christian martyr, pupil and friend of the Apostle John, when at the age of 84 they were about to nail him to the stake before applying the fire, said, "He that hath enabled me to brave the fire, will so strengthen me without fastening me with nails, I shall unmoved endure its fierceness."

Dwight L. Moody, whose voice had been heard throughout America and England, whose printed message had gone around the world, and who had won to Christ hundreds of thousands of people, said, "Do not pray that I shall live. I have seen Dwight and Irene. And I have seen the face of Jesus, and am satisfied. Earth is (Continued on page four)

Dr. Olsen Presents Issue Of First Ethiopian Coin

Dr. Julius Olsen, head of the Hardin-Simmons university physics department, has in his possession a coin which comes direct from Ethiopia and is one of the first silver issues printed in that country.

Dr. Olsen was given the coin thirty-one years ago by a man who was one of a party of three that was sent up the Blue Nile by James Gordon Bennett. These three were the first white men ever to set foot on this territory and had fifty natives in their party.

The coin was given to Dr. Olsen while he was attending the University of Berlin in Germany. He added it to his collection of rare and foreign coins and had thought little of it until the outbreak of hostilities in Ethiopia.

The coin bears an imprint of the Conquering Lion of Judah on one side. The lion wears a crown on which is stamped an impression of a cross and carries a staff on which is another cross. This signifies the subjects of the country are of Jewish faith.

The reverse side of the coin is stamped with the picture of King Menelik II, who was the grandfather of the present king, Haile Selassie. The crown of the emperor is also adorned with a cross. This ruler relinquished the throne to the present emperor in 1908 because of ill health.

Inscriptions on the coin are in Arabic, and Dr. Olsen has been unable to find anyone to translate it for him. Instead of the serrated edge such as American money has, this coin has a lettered edge.

The coin is a trifle heavier than the American dollar. It is larger in diameter but is not so thick. The silver is probably of a little better grade than found in the American money.

In addition to being one of the first official coins in Ethiopia, it is probably one of the very few now in existence.

Pete Tyler, all-conference H-S. U. back of last year, is near the top in the individual scoring race of the current season, with 2 touchdowns to his credit.

Richardson Speaks To Magazine Club

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, vice-president of Hardin-Simmons university, was the chief guest at a luncheon held by the Magazine club of Haskell. The meeting was held in the Magazine clubhouse and marked the thirty-third anniversary of the opening of the club. Dr. Richardson gave a discussion of the first West Texas inhabitants, the Comanche Indians.

Sixty women were present for the luncheon program. Mrs. J. U. Fields, past president of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs, gave the invocation, Mrs. Ferves Leon gave greetings, Mrs. Wayne Koonce presented a vocal selection, and Mrs. O. E. Patterson gave Paul Whiteman's arrangement of "Rhapsody in Blue."

Thirty-five Attend Ministerial Party

Thirty-five members of the local ministerial council, together with the Precillar Helpers, women's auxiliary to the group, attended an informal party held in the home economics department of the Science hall Monday night.

Potato lifting, and barbering contests, along with numerous other games furnished entertainment for the group. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McClure and Carroll Robertson were chosen as sponsors for the junior class in a meeting held Tuesday night in the reception room of Mary Francis hall.

History club members visited the historic Fort Phantom hill, the afternoon of October 17. The group took their lunch and enjoyed a picnic supper. Dr. R. N. Richardson gave an interesting account of the history of the fort.

SEVEN WAYS OF GIVING

First—The careless way: To give something to every cause that is presented, without inquiring into its merits.

Second—The impulsive way: To give from impulse—as much and as often as love and piety and sensibility prompt.

Third—The lazy way: To make a special offer to earn money for benevolent objects by fairs, festivals, and so forth.

Fourth—The self-denying way: To save the cost of luxuries and apply them to purposes of religion and charity. This may lead to asceticism and self-complacence.

Fifth—The systematic way: To lay aside as an offering to God a definite portion of our gains—one-tenth, one-fifth, one-third, or one-half. This is adapted to all, whether rich or poor, and gifts would be largely increased if it were generally practiced (1 Cor. 16:2).

Sixth—The equal way: To give to God and the needy just as much as we spend on ourselves, balancing all our personal expenditures by our gifts.

Seventh—The heroic way: To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum and give away all the rest of our income. This was John Wesley's way.—A. T. Pierson.

Delegates Go To Huntsville Meet

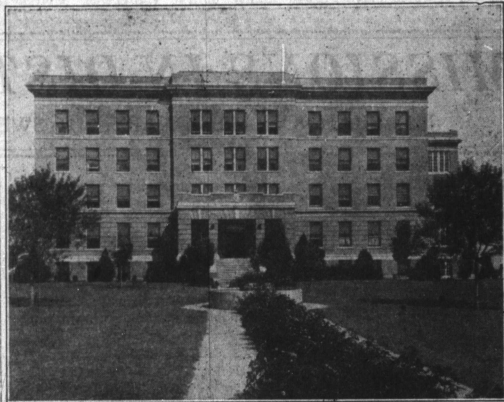
B. S. U. Sends Twenty-five To State Convention Oct. 25-27

Plans to send at least twenty-five students from the local campus to the state Baptist Student Union convention to be held at Huntsville October 25-27 are being completed this week by officials of the Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. council.

The quota for Hardin-Simmons has been set at the above number by a state committee," said Douglas Kelly, student B. S. U. secretary. "Present indications are that we will not be far short of the set number and arrangements are being made whereby a special bus will be chartered for the trip if a sufficient number of students go," added Kelly.

On the program at the three day meet in Huntsville will be men famous in the state and entire south in B. S. U. work. Speakers scheduled for the event include Dr. C. Roy Angell, San Antonio; Dr. Frank Leavell, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Baylor university; and Dr. J. Howard Williams, general secretary of the Texas B. S. U. Abilene will be represented at the convention by Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of the University Baptist Church, who will speak at a number of the sessions. A special quartet from the Hardin-Simmons voice department will also be on the program. "Students attending the assembly will be entertained on the Harvard plan, that is, bed and breakfast will be furnished everyone," pointed out Clark Jarnigan, president of the local council.

West Texas Baptist Sanitarium



The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium is the only Baptist or Protestant Hospital West of Fort Worth. It is strictly modern in every detail, has the highest rating given by the American College of Surgeons, maintains a first class Nurses' Training School, and has the largest body of medical workers in West Texas to serve you.

Rates—Wards \$3.00 per day, Private Rooms \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day, Maternity Cases \$50.00 for ten days. Average Hospital costs for Appendicitis Cases \$65.00. Oxygen Tent \$5.00 per day plus oxygen, and reasonable Laboratory and X-Ray charges.

The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium is owned and controlled by the Baptists of Texas, dedicated to God and the relief of suffering humanity, not operated for profit, ready to serve sick and injured humanity, regardless of race, creed, or color.

E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

Have You Organized a West Texas Baptist Subscription Club in Your Church

During the past months many churches in Districts 8 and 17 have organized West Texas Baptist Subscription Clubs. Others are working to that end. We expect within the next month or two to add around 1,500 new names to our subscription list. We are inviting every pastor and W. M. U. worker, interested in promoting the Kingdom work in this section to help us increase the circulation of The West Texas Baptist. Below we are giving some suggestions as to how to do this:

THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

The subscription price of the West Texas Baptist will remain at \$1.00 per year for individual subscriptions, payable in advance. In clubs of five, where paid in advance, will be 75 cents, and in clubs of ten or more, payable in advance, at 60 cents each per year. The club subscription rate when paid monthly or quarterly will be at the rate of 5 cents per month or 15 cents per quarter for each member receiving the paper.

SUBSCRIPTION CLUB PLANS

We are submitting three club subscription plans for the consideration of churches or church groups interested in promoting the circulation of the West Texas Baptist:

(1) The Individual Club Plan. The church, or some organization within the church selects a secretary who will get the names and addresses of those who are to receive the paper, and collects form each 15 cents for three months subscription. The secretary will send the subscription money, together with name and address of each club member to the West Texas Baptist, P. O. Box 918, Abilene, Texas. The paper will be sent to each individual club member each week. The club secretary will receive the paper as an expression of appreciation of the service rendered.

(2) The Church Club Plan. This plan calls for the sending of the paper to each family in the church. The church votes to place the paper in each home with a collection to be taken each month to pay for the subscription. If this collection does not amount to enough to pay the monthly subscription bill, the balance is to be made up from the church treasury. A number of churches are using this plan, and in nearly every instance the monthly collection takes care of the subscriptions.

(3) For the larger churches that will place the paper in every home, the West Texas Baptist will submit, on application, a plan whereby at least one-half the monthly subscription bill may be earned at only a little effort. We will be glad to give the details of this plan to any church interested.

PROVE ME CAMPAIGN

The Men's Brotherhood of Texas is launching a campaign in which an effort will be made to test the promises of God by agreeing to tithe for the months of July, August and September. During these same three months we are asking our workers in Districts 8 and 17 to "tryout" the West Texas Baptist as a medium to inform, inspire our people and to help enlist them in the great work that is being fostered by Texas and Southern Baptists. It will cost only 15 cents to try the paper for three months. Recently the Baptist Standard, which has the largest circulation of any denominationally owned paper in America, stated that there were 170,000 Baptist Homes in Texas that were not receiving the Standard. Surely this is a tragedy that so small a number of our Baptist people are receiving a denominational paper.

The management of the West Texas Baptist is anxious to help promote our causes in this great section of Texas. Brother Pastor, won't you see that a West Texas Baptist Club is formed in your church. Won't you cooperate with us in helping to make the paper better by seeing that some one in your church sends in the news from your section. Won't you get a club started in your Church by July 1, and remember, that 15 cents will pay for a subscription to October 1.

THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST
SAM MALONE, Editor.

