

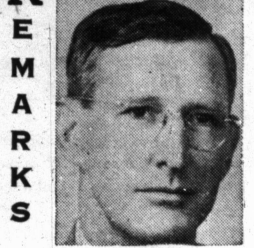
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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

As I take my Remington Rand portable in lap this morning about all I have in mind for the column is the title which heads it each week. And I was never more anxious to make a good impression than I am this morning. I have picked up three new readers in one week, and am so self-conscious about it as I write that it almost stops my normal train of thought. Two of my new readers are school teachers who told me at the Hardin-Simmons homecoming that they were readers of the column. That makes me uneasy about my spelling, sentence construction and other grammatical requirements as viewed by a pedagogue. I painfully remember that the writing I did specifically for them in school did not always meet with their enthusiastic approval. The two teachers are man and wife and as I recall now the lady very tactfully brought up the matter of spelling, sentence construction and punctuation, I am now wondering why she raised that subject at that particular time. Mr. and Mrs. Howell, please be patient with me, and in the words of Luther Jenkins, remember if I do not use correct English, that I am not an Englishman and had to learn all I know about the language after I came to America. . . . I wish people who appear before the public often to speak would remember that the often used word "program" should not be pronounced program. There is no rule of diction marking that could possibly make gram spell gram. And that goes for telegram also. I noticed that nine-tenths of the time the word program was used at Hardin-Simmons homecoming ceremonies it was mispronounced. Dr. Richardson and Prexy were the only exceptions. . . . But I most thoroughly enjoyed that affair. They said that Truett Walton was selected to preside because he remembered so many things that happened while he was in college. I dare say the program (not gram) would have been more exciting if the things most of us have tried to forget had been aired. With one exception I think it was the best balanced program (not gram) I have heard in many a day. If I may be forgiven for mentioning it, I do not think the religious life of the school through the past years was given quite the attention it merited. As I recall the activities of the old mission band and other religious organizations on the campus during the years I was there loom larger than all else that happened there. . . . But all this is too serious for rambling remarks. Oh yes, that other reader, it is Lee Haymes of Munday. Lee is a Methodist but means no harm by it. The Haymes were our nearest neighbors at Munday for three years, and we have never had closer friends. Maybe I should have said more delightful and intimate friends, because Lee is not Scotch either by ancestry or disposition. For three years we milked the same cow. We made her give Methodist milk in the morning and Baptist milk at night, and the cream never curdled during the whole time. Lee does not take the West Texas Baptist, but being post master he holds up the copy that comes to his office long enough to read it and then passes it on to the subscriber. He is said to be the most obliging postmaster in this section. Recently a woman came in to get her mail. She had none. She explained that she had been expecting word from her husband for several days and could not understand why he hadn't written. Lee's face brightened and he said, "Oh, I remember a card came for you a few days ago, and we misplaced it here somewhere but I remember every word that was on it." So she got her message just the same. . . . Well, I gotta go and help Philip McGahey in a study course, and run over to Dallas and advise Bob Campbell and George Mason on how to run denominational affairs during the next convention year.

DRYS ARE AROUSED OVER ACTIVITIES OF LIQUOR INTERESTS

Dry leaders in this section who attended the meeting of the United Texas Drys at Dallas last week returned home greatly alarmed over the activities of the liquor interests in Texas.

J. M. Cook, one of the Abilene prohibitionists who attended the meeting, states that the United Drys are organizing for a determined campaign in Texas next year to keep legislation from being passed allowing liquor to be sold at the bar.

The attitude of prohibitionists in general on the liquor question is well set out by Dr. Wallace Bassett in his report to the convention at El Paso on Civic Righteousness. Here is what he said on the liquor traffic:

The Liquor Traffic

"The repeal of the 18th amendment was the greatest moral calamity visited upon the nation in the last one hundred years. The repealists mobilized an army of a million women to help them overthrow the amendment, and promised everything under the sun if the people would only give them another chance—bootlegging would cease, crime would diminish, the nation would sober up, the budget would be balanced, taxes would be reduced, states that wanted to remain dry would be protected, all laws would be observed and the country would never more be infested with the open saloon. To those of us who had lived under the old regime, before the amendment was adopted, their promises were as a sounding brass and a clanging cymbal. However, a new generation had come to voting age who had never known the saloon days of former years, and with the force of the national government behind the demand, the repeal plank in the democratic platform, reinforced by the persuasive eloquence of the most popular president we have had in many years, the amendment was repealed by less than 30 per cent of the voting population.

"It is needless to say that every promise has been broken and we are confronted with conditions a thousand-fold worse than ever before in the history of legalized liquor in the nation. According to Arthur S. Maxwell, editor of 'Signs of Times,' 'Drink is back with us again in a stronger (Continued on page 3)

Men's Brotherhood of Abilene Church Will Sponsor City Mission Work

The second monthly meeting of the Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will be at the church Tuesday evening, 7 to 9 o'clock. The organization, which had its beginning last month, now has a charter membership of 90. Those who come in up to the time of the meeting Tuesday will be charter members.

One of the first things the brotherhood voted to undertake after its organization, was to sponsor mission work in the southeast section of Abilene. This is indeed a needy mission field, and one that will challenge these men.

The constitution and by-laws for the Brotherhood have been printed and distributed to its members. The committee was composed of E. S. Cummings, C. M. Caldwell, Thomas E. Roberts, M. A. Jenkins and J. D. Riddle.

The newly elected officers of the Brotherhood are, E. M. Collier, president; Bill Ledbetter, first vice-president; J. M. Cook, second vice-president; Harry Hayes, third vice-president; L. Q. Campbell, fourth vice-president; Joe Smith, fifth vice-president; secretary, Henry Todd; treasurer, Homer Scott.

In the mission work to be sponsored by the Brotherhood, a desire was expressed to do this work in cooperation with Trinity Baptist Church, located in southeast Abilene.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. C. D. Owens of Abilene is offering for sale about 100 books in his library at greatly reduced prices. This is a fine opportunity for some of our young preachers to make valuable additions to their libraries with a small outlay of cash. Brotherhood years. The repealists mobilized, Abilene, Texas.

It fell to the lot of the editor to conduct the morning devotional over radio station KRBC, Abilene, this week. The broadcast is for 15 minutes beginning at 7:45 each morning. The Sunday broadcast will be at 3 to 3:30 p.m. This daily broadcast is sponsored by the Ministers' Alliance of Abilene.

MATTHEWS TELLS OF BI-PRODUCTS OF THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

Editor's Note—Our readers will be interested in learning of some of the results of the campaign conducted last summer by Texas Baptists to win 100,000 souls to Christ. Dr. Campbell announced that, according to the best figures available, the number baptized was around 90,000. In his report to the El Paso convention on Evangelism, Pastor C. E. Matthews of Fort Worth gave some of the bi-products of this campaign, a digest of which is given below:

By C. E. Matthews, Pastor, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth

When we speak on Evangelism, we speak on the thing which has done more than any other one thing to make Baptists what we are today, and without it, the work of Baptists will die.

The past year witnessed the first state-wide organized effort of Evangelism which Texas Baptists have ever undertaken. The movement started definitely at our last convention in the city of Mineral Wells. A state-wide organization was set up and led by our secretary, Dr. R. C. Campbell. This organization reached every district, association, and community in Texas. Plans were made to conduct a revival in every Baptist church and community in this state during the period from June 13 to September 5, of which a definite report of visible results will be made by our secretary.

On May 31-June 4 a four-day meeting of the preachers of Texas was held at Seminary Hill. This was pronounced by those who attended as the greatest preacher's meeting of its kind from the standpoint of inspiration, prayer, and power that was ever conducted by Baptists anywhere in the world.

(2) The second by-product was the resurrecting or bringing to life again hundreds and hundreds of rural and urban churches which were all but disbanded. Only heaven can tell how many of these situations whose actual existences were saved by this movement. Many of these churches which had long been pastorless were revived, Sunday Schools and B. T.

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from THE WATCHTOWER

Meditations of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

An Appreciation

My Dear Brother Malone: Please accept heartiest congratulations on the 14th anniversary of the West Texas Baptist. You have succeeded in making the paper most interesting to read, and, I must believe, exceedingly useful. It is a welcome visitor to my study each week. I read every line of it. May you live long and prosper, in your noble endeavor to bring the Kingdom to West Texas!

Fondly and fervently,

J. M. DAWSON.

I do not know of a person anywhere from whom I had rather receive a word of commendation like the above. Dr. Dawson has been editor of a Baptist paper in Abilene, and was editor of the Baptist Standard for several years. He is also one of the outstanding authors and writers of the Southern Baptist convention. For these reasons I value his literary judgment very highly. I do not have words to express my appreciation of these good words of encouragement. One of the joys of reward that will await the final day of account will be for a great and busy pastor-author who took a few minutes off to send a little bouquet to a poor editor who stood greatly in need of a little lift along the way.

Why It's Better

A friend remarked this week that the West Texas Baptist is much better than it used to be. There are two reasons for this. One of them is that I have had more experience than I used to have. I have been in the newspaper business only 30 years, and you know it takes time as well as gaul, patience, brains, and ability to take punishment, to be a successful newspaper editor. Another reason why the paper is better is that I am putting more into it. During most of the past 13 years I have been trying to do about three men's jobs all at the same time. In this way I have succeeded in keeping at least two jumps ahead of the proverbial wolf, but it has made it hard on me and the jobs.

If I should follow my own judgment and feeling in the matter this would be the last issue of the West Texas Baptist to be published. But others with better judgment and less sensitive feelings think the paper should be continued. And, as someone has to be the goat, it might as well be me.

The Woman And The Word

Mrs. Pat Boone, Littlefield, Texas

(Concluded from last week)

If we look for women of talent in other fields, there are many notable examples in the Bible.

Deborah, whom we have already mentioned as a prophetess, was one of the six major judges of Israel and a warrior as well. No modern organizer has excelled her. We are indebted to her for the greatest war song of any age or nation, a true gem of Hebrew poetry. When God gave her and Borak victory she sang—Judges 5:

2. "Praise the Lord for avenging Israel, when people willingly offered themselves.

3. Hear, O ye Kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the Lord, I will sing praises to the Lord God of Israel.

4. Lord, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchest out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped water.

5. The mountains melted from before the Lord, even Sinai, from before the Lord God of Israel.

31. So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord; but let them that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest for forty years."

Because, then, of the ability and faith of Deborah, Israel was blessed and enjoyed peace with the war like tribes about them for forty years.

Abigail's brains and resourcefulness made her a remarkable woman. She was first the wife of Nabal, and after his death, she became the wife of David. She was a woman of "good understanding and beautiful countenance."

The Shunamite woman with her dignity and decision gives us a beautiful lesson in charity and hospitality. It was she who gave Elisha food and shelter.

Woman has also been permitted to hold high positions in the political

realm. Esther, a beautiful Jewish girl, became a noble queen of the great Persian empire. She won the heart of the King, yet she maintained her courage and firmness in His court. The religion of Jehovah made his court, her home—a place of love and confidence, and because she was willing to sacrifice her crown or even her life, she was able to save her people from death.

There are many excellent examples of Christian women in the home.

Hannah's deep mother - instinct found happiness at last in four sons and two daughters, and the child, Samuel, whom she lent to God became the most distinguished man in Israel. Hannah showed rare spiritual insight and rose high in poetic power in her song of thankfulness to God for hearing and answering her prayer.

Hannah is a beautiful example of the influence of a consecrated mother, but mothers are not the only ones of influence, grandmothers, too, are to be considered, and Lois is a good example. She, you remember was the grandmother of Timothy. Eunice was his mother. They were commended by Paul for their faith and for the instruction which they had given the young Timothy.

Unlike the modern witticisms directed toward mother-in-laws, is the story of the relationship between Ruth and her mother-in-law, Naomi. Nowhere do we find greater love and devotion than that expressed by Ruth when she said:

"Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and Thy God my God.

"Where thou diest will I die and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me and more also, if ought but do for thee, except thou tell me." (Continued on page 4)

Gardner's Letter From Europe

By T. C. Gardner

At London, England

The British government is so sure of another terrible war that they have decided not to erect certain attractive sky-scraper. The reason given is "fear of aerial attacks for which the new buildings would be at once a guide and a target." This is an illustration of the war fever in Europe. It seems to be a universal assumption that another terrible war is eminent.

I have visited within the last 60 days more than twenty nations. The people everywhere are talking about the war in Spain and the war between Japan and China. It appears from what I have seen and heard in this brief time that all around the world war drums are beating and soldiers are marching. Nations are mobilizing armies, manufacturing airplanes, building warships, making huge guns, experimenting with poisonous gases and making the finest possible preparation for war.

England Making Preparation for War

I have just had a conversation with one of the leading citizens of England and he said, "England is making the finest possible preparation for war. Our government is using all the steel it can buy in building airplanes and warships. You will observe that no new buildings in England are now under construction where it is necessary to use steel. All the steel that we can get is being used for war purposes."

Another British ship was attacked by aeroplanes, believed to belong to the Spanish Nationalists in the Mediterranean today. Bombs were dropped but failed to hit her.

Other British ships which have been seized are the Molton, seized by an insurgent cruiser Almirante Cervera off Santander on July 14, and the Candleston Castle, seized off Gijon by an insurgent armed Minelayer on July 17. Last week British warships were ordered to fire on any plane attacking British ships on the high seas.

"Mr. Eden and Mr. Chamberlain will be back in London tomorrow morning. They will discuss the increasingly serious situation in China with other ministers and heads of the defense departments," local dispatches declare.

German and Italian Soldiers Marching

All of the nations that I have visited are alert to the war situation and are reinforcing their war departments. In Germany and Italy we saw soldiers in every direction that we looked. On the surface they seem to be ready for another war. The economic condition in both of these nations is not in a healthy condition, however. It takes huge sums of money to wage, manipulate and win a war. Germany and Italy do not have the money at present.

Mothers Pray for Peace

In addition to talking to war leaders and government officials, I have talked to the people on the streets, in the homes and shops, and in every case have found the people do not want another war. The people want peace. They are frank to tell you that. In Germany mothers told me that they prayed daily for peace. One German mother said, "The mothers in Germany never want to see another war. We do not give birth to our boys that they might be used as cannon fodder." I heard practically the same expressions in Italy, Belgium, Holland, Scotland, England, and in fact, in more than 20 countries that I have toured.

Will the People Have a Voice

It has only been 19 years since the World War came to an end. It was said by statesmen, politicians and world leaders that the war of 1914-1918 was the last World War. It is my opinion now, based upon contacts with the people of 22 nations, that if the people, the common people, have a voice in the matter, that we will not soon have another World War. Will the people be given a voice, is the great question.

I Say Amen

Last week President Sandefer, in speaking to the Alumni and Ex-Students Association, said: "If I knew of a graduate of this institution who would move into the territory of another institution, and not be loyal and cooperative with that institution I would feel like taking his diploma away from him." Prexy is dead right about this matter. I believe a preacher ought to be loyal and cooperative with the institutions within his territory.

For Business Men Only

Some time back one of the West Texas Baptist advertising representatives approached the manager of a large business firm in Abilene and solicited some advertising. The business man replied, "No, I cannot give you an ad; I've done all the charity work I can afford at this time." This would be a good subject for "How to Torture An Editor." I have been in the newspaper business a long time and I've never been able to understand the point of view of business men in regard to advertising in a religious publication. Business men will advertise in almost every sort of advertising proposition that comes along except a religious paper. Why is it?

The West Texas Baptist and its predecessor, The Western Evangel, has been a business institution in this city for over 40 years. While other business institutions by the hundreds (Continued on page 4)

Miss Amelia Diaz, graduate of Mexican Baptist Institute, Bastrop, Texas, who opened a mission in her home in San Antonio immediately after her graduation last summer, has been appointed a missionary of the Home Mission Board.

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SAVING OUR SCHOOLS

This issue of the West Texas Baptist contains a statement from Dr. J. D. Sandefer in which he warns of the perils confronting our denominational schools. In a statement to the Hardin-Simmons Alumni Association last week Dr. Sandefer said: "When our Christian Schools die, our churches as orthodox churches will die with them."

This noted college president, who has given over forty years of his life to the training of young men and women, is not far from the truth in this statement. Too many of our tax supported schools are hot beds of communism, materialism and atheism. To save the situation two things are necessary: First, save our Christian Schools by endowing them sufficiently to make it possible for them to meet the demands of accrediting agencies. In the second place our Christian Schools must be kept Christian. If the denominational schools do not give the patrons something more than the tax supported schools give, there is no possible excuse for their continued existence. An unorthodox church school is far more dangerous to the spiritual welfare of a student than are the tax supported schools, for the simple reason that students attend the religious school expecting proper guidance in the fundamental verities of the faith. On the other hand the student attending the tax supported institution is not expecting spiritual guidance, and in most instances is on guard against false teachings.

Some of our church leaders have, for several years, set as their goal, the endowing and maintenance of our denominational schools through the regular cooperative program channels. This has been an ideal objective, but it is clearly evident that if this goal is ever reached, it will be in the far-distant future. At least it cannot be reached in time to save our schools.

As a result of this conclusion our school leaders are going about in a quiet way seeking men with wealth who might be interested in giving large sums of money to endow these schools, and thus save them for the training of future generations.

The Southwestern Seminary now has an endowment secretary who is devoting his time to this sort of work. His salary has been provided in such a way that it does not draw from the funds provided by the cooperative program. Nearly a half million dollars has been added to the institution in the past three months. And this is money that perhaps would not have found its way into our regular cooperative program channels.

The time seems to be right for this kind of enlistment of money for the service of God. Men of large means are beginning to realize that state and federal taxes will get a large part of their fortunes when they are gone, and naturally, if they are Christians they had rather see the money left to help save Christian Schools than for it to go the tax route.

Our preachers and other friends of Christian education have a fine opportunity to render a worth while service finding men and women of means and then helping our institutions contact them.

It is high time our church leaders were realizing that Christian Education is in great peril, and that something must be done about it, and that soon.

GRAND JURY SPEAKS OUT

According to a story in the Wednesday morning local press, the 104th District Court grand jury which has been in session for some time spoke out very decidedly in its report Tuesday, on some of the evil influences surrounding the youth of our city.

The grand jury condemned some of the club houses being run adjacent to the city as places where our school boys and girls are allowed to congregate, and where the general environment is decidedly detrimental.

In dealing with the drug store saloon situation the report stated that "some 17 drug stores in Abilene are selling whiskey in unlimited amounts under the guise of prescription whiskey for medicinal purposes, when as a matter of fact, peace officers and drug store owners and operators know that 99 per cent of all whiskey sold is bought and used for beverage purposes."

The report further recommended to our state representative Bryan Bradbury and state senator, Welbourne B. Collie, that at the next session of the legislature a bill be introduced and passed to "rid us of the drug store saloon."

This paper has had protested several times against the state law that allows the drug stores to make almost every dry precinct in Texas dripping wet by selling whiskey under the guise of "medical prescriptions." So far we have been unable, seemingly, to arouse a protest. We do not know whether this lethargy is due to ignorance of the real conditions or to pure and unadulterated indifference. Prohibitionists should make the drug store liquor law an issue in the coming election.

"RICHES IN GLORY"

Here is an ocean, bottomless and shoreless. God is sufficient in and with Himself; we draw physical and spiritual life from Him. Without Him, soul and body would die. He, Himself, is life. He draws nothing from anything or anyone external to Himself. God is to God all sufficiency. Surely that which fills the ocean will fill a thimble. The revenue sufficient to maintain the Court of the King of kings certainly is more than enough to meet the budget of a pauper's hut. If God can satisfy Himself, surely He can satisfy us.

Open your heart to Him, dear soul; receive His fullness.—Roy Talmage Brumbaugh.

President Sandefer Makes A Brief Statement Of Facts

"It is not necessary for me to say to our alumni, exes, and friends how happy we were to have had you as our guests at our Homecoming. It is our desire, and all of you know it is from our hearts, that this day and its experiences be rich in your memories as you re-live it down the years.

"Since the responsibilities are incomparably heavy upon the trustees and presidents of all our denominational schools, I need not apologize for calling your attention to the resolution passed by our Board in June of 1935, to the effect that the objective for this institution and its friends be to make every legitimate effort possible before our 50th anniversary to add two and one-half million dollars in endowment and equipment to our present plant. If you are keeping abreast of educational movements, you are aware of the fact that higher education under state control, with Federal subsidization, creates a situation that cannot but give serious concern to all those friends who believe in the type of education that is fostered by our Christian schools.

"It means that more contributions must be secured, either in cash or in material assets, to increase substantially our endowment and to add new buildings. These things must be done at a very early date, if we are to maintain our institutional rating with the highest accrediting agencies. I would not be perfectly frank with you should I not say to you that Hardin-Simmons must have an adequate new library building very soon if we are to meet the demands being made upon us by these same accrediting agencies. If this, or any other institution of its rank, should lose its rating, then it would be but natural for friends and exes alike to lose much of their concrete interest in it, both now and in the future.

"It is true that practically all of our denominational schools are now reaching out for buildings and equipment as they have not done heretofore. Those friends who are able to make generous contributions to these worthy causes can find a way to do so without serious impairment to their financial interests. If they will consult an able attorney with reference to taxes and incomes of various kinds, they will find that much of these amounts can be directed to causes such as Hardin-Simmons University represents. I am asking every friend and former student of this institution to do, I repeat, what many other institutions are doing; that is, find friends to whom they can sell the ideals of this institution, urging their concrete support of this school in a way that will not impair their own interests nor the denominational programs of the churches in our state convention. I think it is not too much to ask that you send to me or the Board the names of any friends who might be induced to aid this institution that has wrought for nearly half a century in the west in making it rich in man power to direct the development of the material resources with which God has so richly endowed this section.

"Our final appeal is to each of you that you do individually all that you can do, whether it be large or small, and that you aid us in securing students each year, who, if possible, are able to take care of their own expenses in large part. It is my prayer that friends in Abilene and in territory contiguous to Abilene give serious thought to these objectives. This is not a sectional appeal, but it must be admitted that all institutions draw their students and their contributions in the main from those who live closest to the school and who know first hand the merits, scholastic and spiritual, of that school.

"Yours in continued service for Hardin-Simmons University,
 "J. D. SANDEFER."

Devotional Thoughts

THE EFFECT OF AFFLICTION

"Perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10)

Polish comes through trouble. All the difference there is between what looks like a worthless stone and a gem is in the cutting and grinding. All the difference between bullion and coin stamped with the king's face is in the smelting and the minting. All the difference between a wilderness and a garden is wrought by weeding and pruning. All the difference between a block of marble and a statue is produced by the mallet and the chisel. This principle in nature and art is no less controlling in human life. The best and truest and most sympathetic men and women are the ones who have denied themselves, and have suffered. If I wished to go to a man for help, I'd seek out one who had met loss and trial. If I wished to find a woman to employ in some work of mercy or salvation, I'd search for one who had felt the cold wrench of pain at her heart, and had learned the lesson of weeping. God has for us up yonder, by and by, I know not what noble ministries and what exalted places of beauty and of power. Since He knows what niche we are to fill, trust Him to shape us to it. Since He knows what work we are to do, trust Him to drill us to the proper preparation.—Streams in the Desert.

"PEACE"

Said Jesus, "My peace I leave with thee."
 What! Dear Lord, are you speaking to me?
 You surely don't know the troubles I bear,
 You've forgotten the duties and worries I share.

Why, the world all about us is war and strife
 'Tis "the might" in power, who scorns at life,
 I'm only a mother with children to train;
 Do you tell me that I, this peace may claim?

Could there be time my cup to fill,
 When moments go by all in a thrill;
 Tell me kind Master as I hurry about,
 Do you expect one to be so devout?

I have no time to learn at your knee.
 Yet you say grace is sufficient for me—
 That Peace reigns within our hearts sublime;
 It's light give to others, if we want it to shine.

Yes, Dear Master, give me this peace and rest;
 May I so live and it's glories request;
 That I may claim your promise, and share—
 With others, to others, for others;
 My prayer.

—MRS. B. C. ROGERS.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HIGHT C. MOORE

December 12, 1937

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I John 1:1-7; Revelation 21:1-7

Fellowship with Christ and Christian should be happily experienced in this life and joyfully expected in the life to come.

1. Fellowship on Earth (I John 1)

Enjoy Christian fellowship in this life. Out of comradeship with Christ comes comradeship with Christians thus affording the richest and rarest fellowship, human and divine, that can be found in all the world.

(1) **The Source of Fellowship.** It was "from the beginning"; or, eternity unbegun; the dateless era antedating creation. The Person (John 1:1) who was in the beginning with God and was God was the infinite Word or "Logos of Life," self-existent, eternal, merciful, and holy. He was God manifest in the flesh, the Father unveiled in the Son, our Elder Brother who brought brotherhood to man.

(2) **The Secret of Fellowship.** It is "eternal life." That means more than existence that is endless. It is the life capacious and abundant; the life that overcomes human handicaps; the life that is perfectly adjusted to the will of God. It therefore produces a fellowship with celestial flavor. It is the central dynamo of all our harmony with each other and with God.

(3) **The Revelation of Fellowship.** The "Logos of Life," or the World, was made visible in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior and our Lord. Face to face and identical with the Father he existed "in the beginning." By him were the worlds created. Yet he came into the flesh as a tiny and helpless babe; dwelt in mercy among men; died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and rose from the sepulcher and ascended to the right hand of the majesty on high. Such fellowship was never shown nor seen except in Christ the Lord.

(4) **The Experience of Fellowship.** Comradeship with Christ is not a fiction nor a fancy. The Apostle was one of those who heard the voice of Jesus and who listened to him again and again. He had seen the Lord with his own eyes, looking upon him intently. He had touched the body of Jesus with his own hands, both before and after his resurrection. In brief, he had experienced personal, intimate, and long continued fellowship with Jesus.

(5) **The Testimony of Fellowship.** Many years had passed since the ascension of Jesus and the Apostle had tested his faith and fellowship in the fires of trial. Now he dares witness to its abiding and enriching value: "We testify to it"; "we are announcing it to you."

(6) **The Outreach of Fellowship.** The Apostle gave his testimony with hand outstretched in invitation to his readers that they might have the two-fold fellowship graciously available to them: First—"that you may share our fellowship," "or that ye also may have fellowship (or, partnership) with us"; and second—realize that our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. What wider outreach or higher outreach can there be for our fellowship?

(7) **The Joy of Fellowship.** As John wrote these inspired and inspiring words the stream of his happiness ran deeper and stronger than before: "We are writing all this to you that our joy may be complete" (Montgomery). But also he contributed to the joy of his readers, and that aspect is brought out in another rendering of the passage: "We write this to you to make your happiness complete" (Goodspeed).

2. Fellowship in Heaven (Revelation 21)

Expect Christian fellowship in the life to come. In supernal splendor, the Apocalyptic Seer sketched the ultimate glory of the Redeemer and the redeemed in heaven. That perfect fellowship we glimpse with John.

(1) **Fellowship Without Sin.** Gone was the old earth, corrupted by wickedness and consumed were the heavens that had looked down upon a sinning race. A new heaven and a new earth now came into view. It was the Holy City without trace or taint of sin. It was the New Jerusalem rid at last of its age-long iniquity. Here finally was freedom from sin and fellowship without sin.

(2) **Fellowship Without Separation.** "And there was no more sea." As he wrote the Revelation, John was an exile on the Isle of Patmos cut off from the mainland by the unquiet waters of the Aegean Sea. To him therefore the sea was a barrier, an obstruction, a wall of separation from friends and freedom. So he foresaw the period and the place where he could enjoy fellowship without separation.

(3) **Fellowship Without Solitariness.** Was John lonely on Patmos? No Christian homes; no worshipping churches; no congenial comrades? Yet he was not alone. He saw the Holy City coming down like a bride adorned for her husband. He heard the loud voice from the throne and perceived its truth: God was making his tent or dwelling-place among men; "They shall be his people and God will himself be with them" (Moffatt). No soul can be solitary with such fellowship.

Gold in the Golden Text

Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.—I John 1:3.

Fellowship with God comes before fellowship with each other. We have fellowship with the Father who loved us with an everlasting love and welcomed us into his family. We have fellowship with the Son who saves us from the dominion and consequences of sin to a cleansed and consecrated life on earth and in heaven.

Fellowship with each other comes after fellowship with God. True brotherhood rests on that basis and on no other. Any other fellowship is forced and not free. We are brothers in Christ or we are brothers only in name. The comradeship of Christians comes out of comradeship with Christ.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Christian Fellowship, I John 1:1-7.
 Tuesday—God with His People, Revelation 21:1-7.
 Wednesday—Fellowship with Christ, I Corinthians 1:1-9.
 Thursday—Fellowship in Service, Colossians 4:1-12.
 Friday—Sharing What We Have, II Corinthians 8:1-9.
 Saturday—Christian Brotherhood, Acts 2:41-47.
 Sunday—The Ever-Present God, Psalm 139:1-12.

Six Girls Out of Ten Attend Church, Recent Survey Shows

NEW YORK. — A nation-wide "cross-section" survey, just completed, brings to light the fact that apparently six out of every 10 American girls between the ages of 18 and 25 attend church regularly. The percentage of young city church-goers was a trifle higher than that of country girls.

Results of the survey, which was made to discover facts about the coming generation of housewives shopping at the nation's half million retail food stores, were quoted today by C. M. Chester, General Foods chairman, speaking here before the seventh annual forum of the Herald Tribune Institute at the Waldorf Astoria. The data, Mr. Chester said, presented a "composite picture of the American girl, 1937 model."

The complete tabulations regarding question No. 15 ("Do you attend church regularly?") follow:

	Rural	Urban	Total
Yes	62.8%	63.0%	62.9%
No	37.2%	37.0%	37.1%

If not, why not? (The percentages in this section are based on those not attending church regularly.)

Too lazy	31.7	39.5	36.5
Lack of interest	17.9	35.4	28.5
Too busy, works	16.6	20.6	19.0
Inconvenient	22.1	0.9	9.2
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.9	0.5
No answer	11.7	2.7	6.3

Next, the interviewers asked: "Do you consider it more desirable or less desirable, than it was in your mother's day, to take an active part in church affairs?" (By this we mean charities, socials, ladies aid work, and so on.) The nation-wide replies were:

More	43.9	33.1	37.3
Less	19.2	30.9	26.3
Same	36.4	35.2	35.7
No answer	0.5	0.8	0.7

Modern Girls Ambitious

"One significant thing that we noticed," Mr. Chester commented, "is the modern girl's ambitions. She seeks self-improvement and financial independence. She wants marriage, children, and a college education, and she is willing to accept sacrifices to achieve her destiny. The 'clinging vine' type of girl apparently is gone from our midst."

The survey, Mr. Chester told the forum, which had Mrs. Roosevelt as guest of honor, indicated that 94 per cent of American girls consider a college education more desirable than it was in their mothers' day. A majority of the girls questioned said they intended to work after marriage.

"Marry for Love"

Seven out of every ten girls said it was "less necessary" to get married now, compared with their mothers' day. Asked what they thought was the smallest weekly income that a young couple could get married on and get along, the majority of girls estimated between \$20 and \$30. The lowest estimate was \$2.50 a week and the highest was \$80. One girl said: "A young couple can get along on love."

Commenting, Mr. Chester said: "As a manufacturer, I should prefer to hear that marriageable girls fixed a higher standard of family living, for business will prosper more surely when we have increased the nation's purchasing power. The young ladies seem modest in their demands."

When asked to fix the ideal number of children for a modern family, a third of the young women said, "Two," and about two-thirds said, "Two to three." The highest figure was ten children and one girl in every hundred said, "None."

Active in Politics

The survey further indicated that more than three-fourths of the young women in the United States feel today that it's more important to take an active part in politics than it was in their mothers' day.

Refuting, apparently, various charges of radicalism allegedly rife among American youth, only three girls in every hundred questioned said they were "radical." Fifty-four per cent said they are "conservative," and the remainder said either "liberal" or gave no answer.

Significant was the young women's comment that, outside the United States, the countries to which they feel most friendly are England, France, and Canada.

Seven out of ten girls declared it was more important than ever to save for old age, and more than half said it's more important today to own one's home than in former years.

According to Mr. Chester, more than half of the girls questioned said it was more important to have post-marriage careers than it was in their mothers' day, and four in ten said it was "more important" than it was in

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN - SIMMONS PREACHERS

J. William Arnett

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A week's revival meeting was recently held with the Baptist Church at Forsan and Pastor Aubrey Short, a former student of H.-S. U. Brother Loyal E. Brown did the preaching and reports a splendid meeting with 34 answering the call, the majority of which united with the church. He reports that of these 17 were professions of faith. The Forsan Church, under Brother Short's ministry, is doing great things and moving forward by great strides.

Brother A. B. Moseley reports that the Sagerton Church registered an all-time record last Sunday in attendance. They had just placed their new pews in the church (which was recently built). A fine spirit was had and this church is looking forward with interest.

The Methodists and Baptists are cooperating in the plans for a Christmas program and tree.

"Our attendance was somewhat low in the services Sunday at Champion," was the report from Pastor Cone Merritt.

Brother Merritt preached to a large congregation at Buford Sunday night.

The Boyd Chapel Church, Jones County, has paid their church debt and have set Sunday, December 12, as the day to dedicate the house to God. They have asked Brother Clyde R. Campbell to deliver the dedicatory message. Rev. J. D. Vaughan, Sweetwater, is the pastor.

Brother S. L. Tidwell is with his people at Potosi this week in the Sunday School training school.

The Parks Church and Pastor Moseley are engaged in a Sunday School training school this week.

Also in connection with the Sunday School work we find that Clyde Jackson and the Caps Church are in training. And at Hamby we are studying "Building a Standard Sunday School."

The attendance upon the services at Denton Valley was low Sunday due to illness, coldness and deer hunting. (J. W. A.)

The work at Riverside, Jones County, is being revived and Brother Clyde R. Campbell, pastor at Truby and Hodges, preaches for them on special occasions.

Pastor Alexander reports fine services for Sunday and Saturday night at Hitson. Brother Oscar Bird preached Saturday night. Brother L. A. Doyle, pastor at Anson, preached Wednesday night at the prayer meeting service.

DISTRICT MISSIONARY'S REPORT

For Month of November Churches contacted: City and town, 6; village and rural, 15; pastorless, 2.

Sermons and addresses, 28; conventions, 4; additions, 3; baptisms, 3; reclamation, 1.

Workers' meetings attended 4; conferences group, 6; B. T. U. association, 1; private, 73; attended State Central Conference, 1; Pastors' and Layman's conference, 1; deacon's ordination, 2; W. M. U., 1; Board meetings, 1; long distance telephone calls, 3; Cisco Association B. Y. P. U. revival, 26 outside workers used; enrollment about 700, conversions, over 30.

B. N. SHEPHERD, Missionary.

Rev. Pascual Hurtiz, Mexican missionary of the Home Mission Board, held a fruitful revival recently with the Mexican Baptist Church in Magnolia, a suburb of Houston.

mother's day to be a good house-keeper.

"Three-fourths of those questioned," Mr. Chester remarked, "said it was more important, or at least, just as important, to be a good cook now compared with their mothers' day. More than half said they had taken cookery courses in school or college. Apparently tomorrow's housewives are going to make husbands eager to come home for dinner!"

JONES COUNTY WORKERS TO MEET AT AVOCA

The December meeting of the Jones County Workers' Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 14, with the church at Avoca. The following program will be rendered on the subject of the Church:

10:15—Devotional, Orvil Richardson.

The Church—Acts 2:47.

10:30—The Head, Fred Moreland.

11:00—The Mission, J. H. Littleton.

11:30—Sermon, P. D. O'Brien.

12:15—Lunch.

Ordinances of—

1:30—Baptism, L. A. Doyle.

2:00—The Lord's Supper, J. H. Skiles.

2:30—Enlisting the Young, Mrs. P. D. O'Brien.

3:00—Sermon, Clyde Campbell.

BAYLOR-KNOX BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of the general Workers Conference met with the Benjamin Baptist Church December 2. The principal speakers were Rev. Roy Shaahan of Rule, Rev. R. O. Barker of Denton, Missionary John Riddell, Rev. T. J. DuBose of Wichita Falls.

The next meeting will be with the Truscott Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Thursday, December 30.

Many of our churches report a decline in attendance during the latter part of November. Just the exact cause of this decline is not certain unless it was due to the cold weather and the Thanksgiving season.

Many people, upon being asked why they were not at church, say that they had company. We wonder just how many of these same people would stay away from their places of business during the week to entertain company. After all, which is man's greatest obligation? Wouldn't it be nice if visitors would always have it understood that they expected to attend church when they arrived?

It was the writer's privilege and joy last week to receive a copy of Rev. J. P. McBeth's Exegetical and Practical Commentary on Romans. The book is everything that the title would indicate. While we are not in the book selling business we think that it is the best book of its kind that we have ever seen and at its price, a good investment for preachers and other Christian workers.

The question of God's plan is receiving much emphasis in our churches today and rightly so. If tithing is God's plan can a church afford to foster any other plan of finance? Can the individual afford to practice any other plan?

MUSIC CONFERENCE TO BE AT SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

U.'s were established and pastors were called.

(3) Another by-product of this campaign was its effect on the ministry of our state. It put spirit and encouragement into the hearts of hundreds of discouraged pastors, and provided employment for scores of others who were unemployed.

(4) It created a spiritual atmosphere and cemented a Christian fellowship among pastors and people in our churches which made it easier to enlist our people in giving and serving to where we have had one of the best all around years of work from this standpoint on record.

(5) Its influence actually spread to and set on fire other states in our convention territory to where many of them will have a similar campaign next year. But, its influence did not stop there. It actually led our Methodist people to adopt a similar campaign, to establish a chair of Evangelism in their leading educational institution; and to set a goal of 125,000 additions to their churches by May 7, 1938.

(6) We would not claim too much, but we sincerely believe that this campaign helped greatly in the repealing of the gambling laws of Texas and the bringing about of one of the greatest reformations on gambling known in American history.

We must not overlook the fact that this movement was started in the face of conditions such as we have never seen. The general state of mind of the people of Texas from a spiritual standpoint was never worse. The moral standards of church people generally was never known to be lower. Surely these have been greatly changed.

Our recommendation: That we go

on record as adopting permanently an annual state-wide Evangelistic campaign in Texas.

The moral and spiritual conditions in our state surely demand such a concerted effort on the part of Baptist people. The more than one million lost souls in our state justify it. We have learned much from experiences of the past campaign which will help us in the future.

DRYS ARE AROUSED OVER ACTIVITIES OF LIQUORITES

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position than ever. More arrogant, more lawless, more devastating. Consumption of liquor has become a national menace, a threat to every noble thing for which the country stands, an awful peril to the health, morals, prosperity of the rising generation. Again we witness the shameful sight of drunken men and women staggering along city streets. Intoxicated drivers terrorize the highways, wounding and killing thousands. Multitudes of young people are being debauched by this unholly and degrading traffic.

Saloons Greatly Increased

"In the same issue, John Barleycorn speaks for himself. Among other things he said: 'There were only 177,000 saloons before prohibition came, and right now I am operating 432,000. Not only has the number of saloons more than doubled but we have boosted our patronage, too. In the old days saloons were frequented mainly by men. But say, you should see who's in them now! I dolled the saloon up a bit—fancy furniture, thick, luxurious rugs, soft lights and softer music. In the better places I dress my "beverage dispensers" in evening clothes. I threw those old crudely lettered signs away, and replaced them with multi-colored neon signs reading, "Cocktail Lounge." Has it paid? Paid!! Why man, I am making millions! These places are jammed with women, girls and boys instead of the old soaks I used to get.

"Another big improvement I have made is that I don't bunch my saloons in cities and towns only, as I used to do. I now string them along the pikes and highways also, I have put a dance floor on one side and a bar on the other, and have a jazz orchestra and "eats" as a bait. This is a wonderful

boon to the younger generation—high school boys and girls and college youths. You know they like to get out of town a bit where their parents won't cramp their style, and where my roadhouses are not so closely watched by authorities. I know they have a good time, for when they leave they are always exceedingly amorous and lightheaded. They get in their automobiles and go zigzagging up the highway at 60 miles an hour looking for a place to "spoon." Some of them never get there, but go to the hospital or morgue instead. Of course there is some talk about "moral turpitude" and "juvenile delinquency" but I don't know what that sort of talk means. The only kind of talk I understand is the kind that money speaks; and I know my old cash register is speaking faster than chain lightning in these days. Its music is so sweet to my ears I can't hear crashes on the highways.

Floods of Liquor

"With 269 distilleries and 376 rectifying plants turning out 25,000,000 gallons of liquor a month—a quantity double the average from 1910 to 1917—and with 275,000,000 gallons in storage—which is liquor enough to supply every man, woman and child in this country with more than two gallons each, the saturation point is almost in sight. The brewers and distillers in consequence are working night and day to recruit millions of new drinkers. Last year they spent \$20,000,000 for newspaper and magazine advertising, and enough more for radio, billboards and electric signs to bring the grand total up to \$25,000,000. A prominent New Yorker, a drinker himself, distressed about the present deadly trend, declares publicly: "A lot of us steady drinkers are beginning to worry about our little girls—and the kind of mothers they are going to make. They see the society pages full of swell people giving "cocktail parties." They see a lot of magazine ads that glorify drinking in such a way that booze seems as right as rain, wholesome as fresh air, and as safe as certified milk." Some of their striking slogans are: "Make youth liquor conscious," "Appeal to the coming generation," "We don't want people to drink more beer, we want more people to drink beer."

Drunkards Increasing

"The tragic part of it all is that

they are succeeding in making men, women and youth 'rum conscious.' The Keeley Cures are multiplying, enlarging their quarters, in creating their nursing staff and leasing additional facilities to take care of the ever increasing alcoholics, Martin Nelson, secretary of the Keeley Institute of Dwight, Ill., reports that the first three months of this year, showed an increase of 27 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, with a mounting number of women patients, 77 per cent of whom were housewives. A great life insurance company is responsible for the statement that, "Indulgence in alcohol since repeal shows an increase of 183 per cent as a cause of uninsurability among men and women under thirty."

Traffic Tells

"War, as horrible and unjustifiable as it is, alone holds a parallel to the death and destruction of our traffic accidents. Dr. Walter R. Miles, of the Institute of Human Relations, Yale University, discussing the mad driving that kills 38,500 annually and injures nearly a million more, says it is the belief of the traffic officials that one-third of such accidents are at least partly chargeable to use of alcohol by the drivers.

"In a report for the month of August by Clay Taylor, statistician of the Dallas police traffic division, 42.2 per cent of all accidents at night, were caused by drunken drivers. Unless our present record improves, the time is not far distant when it won't be safe for anyone to venture out on the streets after the cocktail hour."



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W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

THE WOMAN AND THE WORD

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death part thee and me."

So Naomi, through her goodness and spirituality was enabled to bring Ruth to a knowledge of the true God; while Ruth, because of her loyalty, devotion, and faith was blessed by God, and through a Moabitess she became the ancestress of our Lord.

No better example can be found of the influence and love of a sister than that in the story of Martha, and Mary, and Lazarus. They were close friends of Jesus and had great faith and unflinching trust in Him.

At the death of Lazarus, it was to Martha that Jesus spoke His memorable and sublime words on immortality, and here in the teaching of Jesus is the basis of our hope of an eternal home.

You remember that Martha went to meet Jesus on His return to Bethany, and we read in John 11:21-26: "Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died, but I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it to thee."

Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha saith unto Him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

The women of the New Testament are all presented in relation to Christ and the work of the Christian Church.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." John 1:1.

Elizabeth is the mother of the great forerunner of the Word; Mary is blessed among women, the mother of Jesus. Again we pause to read Mary's magnificent hymn of praise, uttered after the angel Gabriel had told her that she was to be the mother of the Messiah. Luke 1:46-55.

"And Mary said, my soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior for he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name."

"And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts: He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever."

When Christ's public ministry was at its height, a group of women followed Him as He journeyed about Galilee, and down into Judea. They were women of maturity, good position and means. Two were mothers of apostles, Salome, the wife of Zebedee, mother of James and John, and Mary, the mother of James the Less.

Others were Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, Mary Magdalene, Susanna, and many others. We are told that they "ministered their substance," and we think that they did personal work among women. This group has been called the first Woman's Missionary Society.

Mary and Martha, whom we have already spoken of, joyfully opened their home to Jesus and the 12 apostles, and were the forerunners of the numerous women who later had church meetings in their homes. Thus, we find Mary, the mother of Mark, in Jerusalem, Lydia in Philippi, and Priscilla wherever she might be living.

Not only did the women attend the public ministries of Christ, but they were His sympathetic friends. It was a woman who broke the alabaster box and anointed Jesus before the crucifixion, and on that dark day of Calvary, women were the last who lingered at the cross. John 19:25.

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene."

Christ, looking down from the cross, saw his mother and commended her to John's care.

Reading Matthew's account of Calvary (Matt. 27:55-56):

"And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto Him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's children."

Mark also gives us a like list of the women present.

After viewing the tragedy of the cross, they still were not ready to leave the body of their Savior for we read (Mark 15:47):

"And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph beheld where he was laid."

Luke says, "And the women also, which came unto him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid."

On that glorious morning of the resurrection, it was to woman that Christ first appeared (Mark 16:9):

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene."

We know further, following the story of Christ's triumphant victory on that resurrection morn that women were the first divinely commissioned heralds of our risen Lord.

Turning from the beauty and the glory of Christ's life on earth to the present time, we do know that there are still brave women, loyal and true to the Word of God. They are working side by side with the men both at home and on the missionary fields. Many have been called to make the supreme sacrifice—the giving of their lives to His cause. Christ is still saying, as He did to Mary when she broke the alabaster box, "She hath done what she could."

"The Word of God has shown its molding power; And so a threefold bond I gladly own. For past and present, here and far away, Our thanks we render to our God above Whose Word has been the source of all that's good. For bodies healed, for minds enlightened, trained, For souls reborn and lives with purpose filled. Ours be the task through the coming years To build on all that has been wrought. Give more, do more, pray more to spread the word, Until all the men in earth's good field Have heard of Christ and His great, saving power."

Thirty-four missionaries of the Home Mission Board have given a quarter of a century or more to home mission service.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—BOAZ 19—ME
4—GALA 20—ELI
8—END 22—MAL
10—HOR 23—HIDE
11—TO 25—BERA
12—ANE 26—EVEN
15—SANTA 27—ESAU
16—LO 28—MES
18—SAC 29—A. H. S.

DOWN

1—BETHLE- 12—AAS
HEM 13—ETC
2—ONO 17—OLIVE
3—A. D. 19—MARA
5—AH 21—IDES
6—LOB 22—MESA
7—ARCHE- 24—EN
LAUS 25—BE
9—ANNAS

STAMFORD W. M. U. CONCLUDES WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

Miss Viola Humphreys of Cisco, returned missionary from China, spoke for the W. M. U. Week of Prayer service at the First Baptist Church, Stamford, on Thursday afternoon of last week, climaxing the week's program on the theme, "Looking unto Jesus." Members of the other women's organizations of the city were invited to be present and hear Miss Humphreys discuss her work in China.

The Week of Prayer services opened Monday afternoon at the church with the Ruth Ford circle in charge. The subject "Looking Unto Jesus in Mexico, Nigeria and Japan," was presented. The opening hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," set the keynote of the afternoon's meeting. Mrs. C. R. Sims, president, led in prayer. "Mission Work of South Mexico" was discussed by Mrs. H. C. Michael; "One of the Mexican Christians" was told by Mrs. Ike Harbison, and Mrs. W. H. Wright led in a prayer for Mexico.

"The Call of Nigeria" was discussed by Mrs. Ezell; "Nigerian Home Missionaries" were discussed by Mrs. W. C. Barrett, and "Japan's Urgent Need of Christ Today" was discussed by Mrs. Michael. "Yukiesaga" was the subject for discussion by Mrs. Sims. A prayer for the work in Japan closed the meeting.

The Laura Groner Circle presented the program for Tuesday afternoon on "Looking Unto Jesus in South America." The devotional was brought by Mrs. White and a solo, "We Would See Jesus," was given by Mrs. T. R. Tinsley.

On Wednesday afternoon the Elkin Lockett Circle discussed "Looking Unto Jesus in Europe, Palestine and Syria." The devotional was given by Mrs. Jim Martin, and special music was presented in connection with the program.

The Thursday meeting was an all-day meeting with the Cynthia Miller Circle in charge of the program which opened at 10 o'clock. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

Friday the Anna Held Circle led a special prayer service in keeping with the "prayer for the work around the world" project which all the Baptist organizations are observing at this time. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions amounted to \$61.02.

Mrs. C. R. Sims is president of the Stamford W. M. U.

THE WATCHTOWER (Continued from page 1)

and thousand have come and gone this paper has gone right on down the line contributing to the moral and religious development of Abilene and West Texas. This paper goes into the hands of at least five thousand readers each week; and I'll venture the assertion that a greater per cent of its readers than any other paper in this community.

And speaking of advertising in religious papers, last year the West Texas Baptist carried some political advertising for two certain candidates. There was no moral issue at stake in the race, but the campaign waxed exceedingly hot. I wish every business man in this city could have seen the reaction to some of this advertising. There went up a howl from one end of Central West Texas to the other. Fact of the business is this political advertising came very near killing this paper. Some of our preacher brethren who got so mad about it were big enough to get over it, and they are going right on down the line helping boost the paper.

How That Subscription Campaign Is Coming

We are grateful for the fine response from so many of our friends to my request for them to help me secure 2,000 subscriptions by January 1st. Unless some of these friends who were asked for a definite number of subscriptions will exceed materially the number asked for, indications are now that the goal will not be reached. At least I am feeling just a shade "shaky" about it, and not window shopping as much as I did for that new suit. Come on, fellows, let's keep hitting the line.

Reports from the meeting of the United Texas Drys at Dallas last week, indicate that there are going to be some red hot prohibition fights in Texas during 1937. This paper will not fail to speak out in the meetin'. Right here in our own local county the wets are quietly going about in an effort to pile up a big "wet" pole tax list, with the aim in view of voting Taylor county wet next year.

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A Bible Study Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1.—Husband of Ruth, and ancestor of David. Ruth 4th Chapter.
- 4.—A festive show.
- 8.—"There is a way that seemeth right, but the—thereof is the way of death."
- 10.—Mount where Aaron died.
- 11.—Preposition.
- 12.—Suffix, meaning "pertaining to."
- 14.—Period of time indicated by birth of Christ.
- 15.—We will all be expecting him Christmas.
- 16.—Speaking of the Wise Men visiting the babe Jesus, Matthew 2:9 says: "And—, the star which they saw in the east, went before them."
- 18.—A membranous pouch.
- 19.—Personal pronoun.
- 20.—Exclamation of Christ on the Cross, meaning "My God!" (Matt. 27:46).
- 29.—Last of O. T. prophets and writers.
- 23.—"Keep me as the apple of thy eye, — me under the shadow of thy wings." (Ps. 17:8).
- 25.—King of Sodom in the time of Abraham. (Gen. 14:2).
- 26.—Time of day, "and at— when the sun was set, they brought unto him all that were diseased." (Mark 1:32).
- 27.—He sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.
- 28.—A combining form meaning "middle."
- 29.—Home of the Abilene Eagles. (Abbr.)

DOWN

- 1.—A village of Judah (meaning house of bread) made famous by the coming of Christ.
- 2.—A city of Benjamin (1 Chron. 8:12).
- 3.—Period of time since the birth of Christ.
- 5.—Exclamation.
- 6.—A lumpy mixture.
- 7.—The ruler in Judea who was the cause of Jesus making his home at Galilee. (Matt. 2:22).
- 9.—The high priest before whom Jesus was first carried on the night of his trial. (John 18:13).
- 12.—(Abbr.) meaning fellows of the American Academy.
- 13.—And so forth (Abbr.).
- 17.—Most common fruit tree of Palestine. Its branches used as an emblem of peace.
- 19.—Where Moses sweetened the bitter waters (Ex. 15:23).
- 21.—A word designating the 13 and 15 of certain months in Roman antiquity.
- 22.—A high, broad, flat tableland.
- 24.—Half an em.
- 25.—Imperfect form of am.

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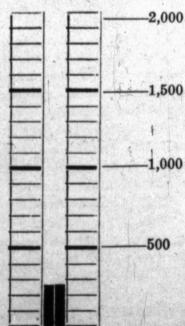
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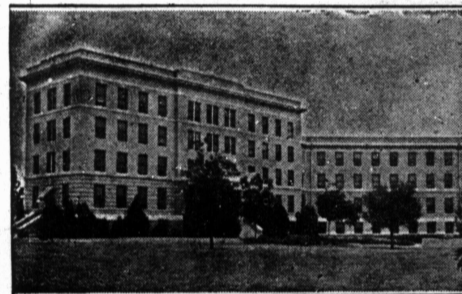
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