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Drive Launched for Hundred Thousand Club

Callahan Workers Hold Fine Meeting With Eula Church

The editor took time off yesterday to run out to Eula where the regular monthly meeting of Callahan Association was in session. We arrived in time for a fine feast of good things to eat at the noon hour, and in the afternoon a delightful spiritual feast was enjoyed by a crowd that almost packed the church auditorium. At the morning hour Brother C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, brought a fine message on "The Church of Tomorrow in Training Today. Special music was rendered by the boy's quartet of Hardin-Simmons University. The district missionary, Rev. J. D. Brannon preached a great sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. The song services were conducted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baird. At the beginning of the afternoon session, the three Wiman sisters of Hardin-Simmons rendered a fine program on "The Surrendered Life." Following this feature the editor presented the 100,000 Club movement, and the audience seemed interested in the outcome of this cause. As a closing number Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department of Hardin-Simmons brought a wonderful message from the text, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." At the close of this message an old fashioned consecration meeting was held and everybody went away happy and determined to do more for the cause of Christ than they have done in the past.

It was a joy to visit in this community because of the fact that the editor was pastor of this church for about three years, and has conducted four revival meetings in the community.

DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

SUMMARY OF GIFTS TO CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER, 1935

Churches	No. Giving	Per C. P. Cent.
Total No. in Dist.	183	64
Full-time churches	43	36
Half-time churches	68	21
Fourth-time churches	72	7

GOALS FOR 100,000 CLUB FOR DISTRICT NO. 17

The following goals to the 100,000 Club were arranged by the leaders of the associations and in most cases if not all, were accepted by the Associations.

It is hoped that each Association will complete their goals before the last of February.

As soon as each church has completed their pledges please send to your Associational Organizer the list of names and addresses who have made pledges.

Association	Goals
Callahan	30
Cisco	100
Fisher	50
Haskell	80
Jones	75
Stonewall	30
Sweetwater	100
Total	465

CHURCHES THAT HAVE RECENTLY NAMED PASTORS

Churches	Association	Pastor
Salt Branch, Sweetwater, Fulghum, Abilene.		
View, Sweetwater, Clyde Jackson, Abilene.		
Centerview, Stonewall, H. C. Bristow, Rotan.		
Valley View, Stonewall, Lee Dowdle, Jayton.		
Longworth, Fisher, H. C. Bristow, Rotan.		
Cottonwood, Haskell, T. J. Brittain, Weinert.		
Gillespie, Haskell, Brother Badgett, Seymour.		
Knox City, Haskell, W. D. Green, Sylvester.		

PASTORS RETREATS MEET NEXT WEEK

The Pastors Retreats that are nearest to this section of the State will meet next week at Midland and Childress, beginning Monday night and going through Friday noon.

Excellent programs have been planned for both of these meetings and we take pleasure in urging every pastor to attend one of them. The nights lodging and breakfast will be furnished free. The only expense will be traveling and two meals each day.

Every pastor needs to draw aside from his strenuous tasks occasionally to study, to get a closer contact with God, and new handshakes with the Brethren. The purpose of these meetings is to deepen spiritual life.

TWO NEW PASTORS COME TO STONEWALL ASSOCIATION

There has recently come to Stonewall Association two very fine young pastors. Both have taken half-time churches and have gone to full-time, and are putting on a real program for the Lord. They are: Rev. Silas Williams, has gone to Peacock. He comes from Brother Clyde Campbell's church in Mineral Wells. He is a good speaker, an excellent singer, thoroughly co-operative, and knows the work of both the Denomination, and the local church. This church is making wonderful progress under his leadership.

Rev. Fred McPherson, has gone to Jayton. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university, and the Southwestern Seminary. He two is interested in a great denominational program. His good church is thoroughly cooperating with him and are highly pleased with his work.

We welcome these good men to our District.

SOME IMPORTANT ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The churches of Stonewall Association will meet at Aspermont next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 for the purpose of organizing the Associational Sunday School work. Rev. Harvey Dennis is president.

Fisher County Workers Conference will meet at Newman next Monday, January 21. During that week Fisher county will be in a Sunday School Study Course, lead by the State Sunday School worker, W. J. Lights. At least three more churches in that association plan to become Standard in the next two months.

On account of the Pastors Retreat, the Jones County Workers Conference will be changed this month from January 22 to January 29, at which time it will meet with the Stith church.

JONES COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

The meeting was held this month at Anson.

Plans for Associational-wide study course were made and Rev. Kelly Barnett gave a very inspirational address.

We are endeavoring to have monthly meetings in which Sunday School Teachers may get inspiration from departmental conferences.

ENTERPRISE SUNDAY SCHOOL CALLAHAN COUNTY

The B. S. U. from Hardin-Simmons took a program to Enterprise Sunday School, January 31. The subject of the program was "Christian Service." The personnel of the program was: Rose Ross, Edna Ardis, Rose Mary Malone, Fred Jones, and Paul Wright.

Will Stress Debt Paying Movement for Southern Baptist Thru February

January and February have been designated by the Southern Baptist convention as the time to make the second membership drive for club members for the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club, a movement organized less than two years ago at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in session in Washington, D. C. (May 1933). After discussion of the debt situation from every angle this club plan was selected as the best practical plan to retire the debts of Southern Baptists.

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Fort Worth last May, after the reading of the report by Rev. Frank Tripp of St. Joseph, Mo., general leader of the movement, the plan was again endorsed by the convention.

Plan Very Simple

The plan is so simple that its very simplicity is probably one of its handicaps. Baptists no doubt would rather be asked to do some great thing than to share their nickels and dimes in an effort to save their denominational agencies. Here is the plan in nut-shell brevity:

(1) It is proposed to enroll at least one hundred thousand Baptists, each paying \$1.00 a month "over and above" the regular subscription to the church budget.

(2) It is agreed between the subscriber or member of the Club and the Southern Baptist Convention that every cent of the money raised is to be applied on the principal of the debts of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Seminaries and the Hospital.

(3) In order that this may be done, the Sunday School Board is paying all necessary expenses of promoting the movement, such as printing, postage, office help, traveling expenses of the General Leader, etc. The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Missouri, has released its pastor for as much time as is necessary to promote the movement and is paying his salary. The interest on our debts is provided for out of the receipts of the Co-operative Program, thus allowing every cent of the money contributed through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club to be applied on the principal of Southwide debts.

(4) To join this movement you simply sign a pledge card, promising to pay \$1.00 per month for a period of time you indicate. The card is left with your church and your name, along with any others who may join the Club in your church, is sent to Frank Tripp, General Leader, St. Joseph, Missouri, by your pastor or someone in the church serving as leader of the movement. A membership report blank is provided for that purpose.

(5) As soon as your name is reported to the General Leader's office, envelopes to be used in making monthly payments will be furnished without cost to you or your church. Some time during the month simply put \$1.00 in the little envelope and drop it in the regular church offering. On the first of each month the church treasurer should send all Baptist Hundred Thousand Club money to the State Secretary as a designated gift. The State Secretary then forwards it to the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, who distributes the funds to the several agencies of the Convention in ratio to their debt needs.

Urges Immediate Action

Rev. Frank Tripp, director of the Hundred Thousand Club movement in a statement to Southern Baptist leaders recently, urges all pastors, and other church leaders to take steps at once to interest and enlist churches in putting on drive during January and February with the end in view of reaching the goal of 100,000 members by the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn., next May. Dr. Tripp's statement follows:

January and February have been designated as the time for the second membership drive. It is our purpose and our hope to reach the one hundred thousand object by the

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PROGRESS OF HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB IS ENCOURAGING

While the progress of the Hundred Thousand Club movement during the first year was not what it could have been, yet our leaders are gratified and encouraged over the progress made. Up to November 30, 1934, \$187,781.69 had been received from club members and applied on the debts of our Southern Baptist agencies in the following amounts:

Foreign Mission Board	\$57,011.11
Home Mission Board	37,744.28
Southern Bap. Seminary	33,800.70
Southwestern Seminary	26,590.14
Baptist Bible Institute	13,702.98
New Orleans Hospital	3,454.45
American Seminary and Education Board	10,781.69

If and when the objective of 100,000 Southern Baptists join this club and pay \$1.00 per month into the fund, it will retire Southern Baptist debts at the rate of \$1,200,000 per year. The saving in interest alone to Southern Baptists per year would place 90 new missionaries on the field. By the end of five years, at which time all debts would be retired, the saving in interest alone would place 450 new missionaries on the field. In view of these facts it seems there has never been a greater challenge to Southern Baptists in the past generation.

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PRESIDENT SANDEFER IMPROVING

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IMMANUEL PASTOR MAKES FINE REPORT FOR PAST YEAR'S WORK

Rev. W. R. Derr, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene, has been one of the busiest pastors in all West Texas last year, according to the annual report he made January 2 to his church. The report showed 292 sermons and addresses delivered and fifteen funerals conducted, making a total of 307 addresses. The report also showed 199 visits to sick and shut-ins, 132 conferences with officers and teachers, 109 conferences with other individuals, and other visits made 582, making a total of 1,022 visits made during the year.

The report also shows that this busy pastor had 67 meetings and conferences with S. S. and B. T. S., 21 visits in the interest of the work in the city and 54 meetings attended outside of the city, making a total of 142 meetings attended.

The report also shows that Brother Derr traveled 18,131 miles, read 67 books, and was absent from his pulpit only four Sundays during the year.

Our readers will regret to learn that the Baptist Church building at Bunker in Young County was destroyed by fire on January 5. The fire was discovered early Sunday morning, about 1:00 o'clock and the building was completely destroyed. Origin of the fire is unknown. We understand that \$1,000 insurance was carried on the building and that plans are under way to rebuild right away.

The young people of the Haskell Association gave \$96.31 to the Lottie Moon offering in December as against \$25.00 last year. Some of the incidents of this victory have inspired Mrs. J. W. Ware of Rule to write an interesting story which appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough Makes Appeal For the 100,000 Club

CAN SOUTHERN BAPTISTS SAVE THEMSELVES— WILL THEY DO IT?

By Dr. L. R. Scarborough

In the period of January and February, Southern Baptists are on trial as to their ability and willingness and capacity to save their honor, their credit, their good name, and their chance to witness for Jesus Christ around the world. The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club facing all the circumstances has had a remarkable record of achievement. Already the debts have been materially reduced. Already there is a growing success psychology and purposefulness and determination to win on the part of our pastors and people. I am sure if all of our people realized the ease with which it can be done and the value of its achievement, it would be done far more quickly than we are even now planning. The success already achieved has put a new radiance, a new hope, a new encouragement, a challenging spirit of conquest in the hearts of the institutions involved and many beyond.

Shall we go on with this good work? There is no question about our ability to do it. There are certainly more than 100,000 Baptists in the South who can give, without hurting anything else, over and above all the other they are doing, a dollar per month until the debts are cleared. It is not a question of our ability; it is a question of our willingness. So, I am urging all who read this, from the point of view of the Southwestern Seminary, to give their best to it and see that all the people have a chance to get in a this remarkably wonderful achievement.

How grateful we all ought to be to dear Dr. Tripp and the church that he is pastoring for their self-sacrificing and co-operative spirit in this matter! Eternity alone will be able to reward him and them for their unselfish service. We owe it to ourselves, we owe it to this noble pastor and generous church, we owe it to the causes involved, we owe it to the credit and honor we possess as Baptists and our chances to witness in a distressed world to give our best—ourselves and sufficient sums of money—to the achievement of this great movement.

Surely it can be done; surely it ought to be done; surely it will be done.

The Southwestern Seminary has already gotten a great blessing, far greater than the sum of money would indicate which we have received—in a new morale, a new courage, a new encouragement. It has put a new rainbow in the horizon of our future. Our forces are 100 per cent and beyond in on this movement, and we are grateful beyond words to express for what it has already done for us, and we are singing a song in our hearts for what it will do for us.

Let us save ourselves from dishonor and the discredit that shall surely come to us unless we pay our debts, save ourselves and our institutions to a larger achievement in the realms of the gospel. The heart of the Southwestern opens itself with an appealing plea to the dear Baptist of the South to help us and our other causes win in this worthy undertaking.

CHURCH NEWS

TRINITY CHURCH, ABILENE

We had a good attendance this Sunday for both church services and B. T. U. Our B. T. U. won two banners at the City Federation last week, they were the banners for "Best Senior B. Y. P. U." and "Attendance."

An unusually fine spirit was manifested in all our services this week.

EULA

A group of Hardin-Simmons students attended the Workers Conference at Eula, Tuesday.

The male quartet rendered a program and the Wiman sisters gave talks on "A Surrendered Life."

The personnel of Hardin-Simmons quartet is as follows: James Rosser, Payne Hatcock, James Rodden, and Ray Mathis.

Several others from the faculty and student body of Hardin-Simmons attended the conference, among them was Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department.

The Eula church is making fine progress under the leadership of the new pastor.

UNIVERSITY CHURCH, ABILENE

Rev. Powell delivered two sermons on "Faith" this Sunday, both were very interesting and inspirational.

We are to have special musical numbers for both services next week, at the morning service the Hardin-Simmons male quartet will sing and the High School girls quartet will be with us for the evening service.

Our offering continues to increase steadily and the church as a whole seems to be progressing in a wonderful way.

BUFFALO GAP PLANS BIG DAY WITH ROLL CALL

The Buffalo Gap Baptist Church is making plans for a big day the fourth Sunday, January 27, with three services. Special songs are being prepared for every service under the direction of our choir director. The Roll Call of the membership at 11 a. m. will be a high point, don't miss it. Following the roll call our pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, will bring a message on "The Roll Call in Glory."

The B. S. U. of Hardin-Simmons University, known far and near for their helpful programs, will have charge of the afternoon service beginning at 3 p. m. under the direction of Miss A. M. Carpenter. Mark that hour down.

At 7 p. m. a program will be given by a group of the Buffalo Gap church, followed by a sermon on "The Silver Cross," by the pastor.

Every effort is being made by the committee under the leadership of our superintendent to make it one of the great days in the history of the church. Additional seats are being secured from other churches to take care of the large crowd expected. Everybody is invited. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

HATCHELL

Rev. N. J. Westmoreland reports that the work is going well at Hatchell.

The church is looking forward to the Sunday School study course and attainment of the Standard

Frank Burress reports good services at Mann this week. The people seem to have taken new hope at the beginning of the new year and the pastor is very much encouraged over the situation.

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HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB MOVEMENT

This week we are featuring the Southern Baptist Hundred Thousand Club movement, which had its beginning at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington, D. C., in May, 1933. January and February have been set aside as months in which this phase of our work is to be stressed. In his department in the West Texas Baptist this week, Rev. J. D. Brannon, missionary for District 17, gives the suggested goals for each of the Associations in the district. The goal in the Sweetwater and Cisco Associations are 100 each. The other associations run from thirty to eighty each. The total for the entire district is only 465. In other words our Southern Baptist agencies, including the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards are counting on our district to enlist 465 of our Baptists to agree to give \$1.00 per month to retard Southern Baptist debt.

The West Texas Baptist joins our missionary in urging our pastors and other leaders to put forth every effort from now till March 1st in reaching this goal. In our smaller churches, where there are not individual members who are able to pay \$1.00 per month above their regular contributions, a fine plan would be to enlist different groups in the church to form a club. For instance, the men's Bible class, the women's class, young people or B. T. U. could each form a club and pay the \$1.00 per month.

One matter that should be especially stressed in placing this movement before our people is that every thin dime of the amount is to go directly to paying the debts on the institutions. The Sunday School pays all expenses in connection with the campaign. The church at St. Joseph, Mo., pays the salary of Dr. Frank Trip who is directing the movement, and the interest on the debts of the institution is paid out of the regular cooperative program funds.

HELP US REACH THE GOAL

The West Texas Baptist has set as its goal for the next two months 2,000 new subscribers on the club subscription plan. We are asking our pastors and other church leaders to help us reach this goal. The price of the paper, where there are as many as ten in a club is only five cents per month. At the present we have over 25 clubs with a membership of over 1,500. Since we have adopted the club plan, we have lost only one club from our list. This shows that the people like the paper and like the club plan. We would suggest three ways of presenting the club plan: First, let some interested individual in the church get up a West Texas Baptist Club. Collect from each member fifteen cents for three months subscriptions and send the amount to us, together with the name and address of each member of the club. The secretary of the club will collect each three months from each member and send it in. The monthly payment plan is allowable on the individual club plan, but it is a lot of trouble for the secretary to collect each month, we suggest that the quarterly plan be adopted.

The other plan suggested is for the church to send the paper to each home represented in the church and either pay for it out of the regular budget of the church, or take a plate collection once each month and let the people pay for the subscriptions. A number of churches have adopted this last mentioned plan and they do not have any trouble getting enough in each month to pay for the subscriptions.

Brother Pastor, won't you see that a club is organized in your church? Get them to try it out for at least one month; if they do not like it, the cost will be only one small five cent piece. This is also a challenge to our W. M. U. organizations over the district to help us make the West Texas Baptist effective in serving the Cause.

SINCE REPEAL

In the Dallas News of Friday, January 11, Dr. N. A. Moore, head of the Bible Department of Hardin-Simmons University, had an interesting and convincing article on the liquor question. We are publishing the article in full:

Inasmuch as the question of retention or repeal of our Texas prohibition laws will, in all probability, come before the electorate of the State this year, I think it well to submit a few findings on the subject which were assembled by Thomas H. Steele of North Carolina. Notice that in each case the source of information is given. Arrests for drunkenness after repeal increased 113 per cent in twelve principal Southern cities (compiled from court records).

Convictions for drunken drivers have increased 60 per cent (Governor Ely, Massachusetts).

In Boston drunken women increased 75 per cent in three months after repeal (New York Times, March 10, 1934).

Our highways are more dangerous and drinking is more freely indulged in than before prohibition (Boston Herald, which favored repeal).

After repeal deaths from auto wrecks increased 77 per cent (United States Division of Vital Statistics).

If this keeps up we will have prohibition back in two years (Judge Scheffler, with 200 auto accident cases in Chicago Safety Court, July 17, 1934).

Tragic accidents caused by liquor in Detroit increased 164 per cent after repeal (official police traffic survey).

The year before beer was legalized in Chicago auto deaths decreased 162, but in the year following repeal increased 195 (official records, Chicago).

After trying legalized sale of liquor for four months twenty-one out of twenty-three suburban precincts of Chicago voted dry (official returns).

Also, let us consider further that repeal has as signally failed to reduce unemployment, taxation, public or private drinking, eliminate the bootlegger, save the young people or dispel political hypocrisy.

Alchemists have tried for ages to change the baser metals into gold; Christ has power to change base men into God's own redeemed children.—J. E. Berkstresser.

DID YOU KNOW, THAT—

From Southern Baptist Handbook

One hundred years ago there were 463,419 Baptists in the United States. The present Baptist population is 9,500,000.

The population of the United States 100 years ago (1830) was only 12,860,702 persons—with one Baptist to every 31 persons in the population; at the close of 1933 there were 126,144,000 persons in the United States with one Baptist to every 13 persons in the population.

Baptist growth has been much more rapid in the South than in the North. One hundred years ago there were 235,428 Baptists in the South and 167,991 in the North. Today there are 7,000,000 Baptists in the South and 2,500,000 in the North. These figures include both white and colored.

Religious liberty, or even toleration, were bitterly denied the Baptists in America during the first 100 years. During that time the gain in numbers was only 34,000. During the next 100 years of religious liberty the gain was 2,000,000.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Dr. E. P. Aldredge

Let me repeat and put some teeth in what I suggested a year ago—that the trouble with Southern Baptists may be summed up in three points, viz:

1. **We are still 68 per cent unenlisted**—and there is no South-wide effort, nor concerted movement, nor effective organization, and, apparently, no great desire to solve this problem or even to get at this biggest of all tasks among Southern Baptists. We are going on defaulting in the face of our biggest challenge!

2. **The 32 per cent who are enlisted do not dare to give as God has prospered them!** We dare to talk about "sacrificing for Christ," but if this 32 per cent of Southern Baptists had honestly given the tenth last year, our mission and benevolent causes alone would have received \$2,000,000 more in 1933!

3. **The churches are giving too large a proportion of their gifts to their own local work.** In 1932, the churches gave \$1.9 cents out of every dollar to their local work, and only 18.1 cents out of the dollar to all missions and benevolences. In 1933, however, it was still worse—only 16.6 cents out of the dollar went to missions and benevolences, while 83.4 cents out of every dollar was used on the local work of the churches! If the pastors and deacons in our local churches continue that sort of division of their budgets, even for a few years, then no power on earth can save Southern Baptist work!

Sayings of Dr. A. T. Robertson

Compiled by Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, Tenn.

"God goes to strange places for his agents—to the wilderness for John, to despised Nazareth for the Messiah, to fishermen and publicans for the Apostles, to the jail for the dreamer, to the cobbler's bench for the great missionary, to the priest for a revolutionist against the papacy, to the ring leader of the Pharisees for the spiritual emancipator of Jew and Gentile."

"A real prophet will always get a hearing if he has a message from God."

"Jesus pointedly takes Mary's side against Martha's fussiness."

"Martha had inward anxiety and outward agitation."

"There is no such thing as God enticing one to sin."

"Both inside and outside should be clean, but the inside first."

"Do not become anxious."

"There is no excuse for neglect in pulpit preparation."

"Their ignorance of the signs of the times is colossal."

"Martyrdom should be an ever-present possibility to the Christian, not to be courted, not to be shunned."

"The opponents of Christianity have always perceived that the resurrection of Jesus and Saul's conversion were two great historical pillars that had to be overthrown."

"One can endure much in a young preacher if he is steadily increasing in knowledge and power."

"Paul was the most famous Christian in the world."

"Pity the old man who does not love books."

"A mob is not very discriminating."

"There is nothing more helpless than a lost sheep except a lost sinner."

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Marian Phelps

What do we see in the candle's glow?
Holly, and tinsel, and mistletoe,
Trinkets and gifts, on a Christmas tree,
Frolic and feasting and gaiety?

Visions of happiness all our own,
With ne'er a thought of the joys unknown
To souls in darkness who haven't heard
The Christmas story, the blessed Word?

What do we hear on the midnight air,
The angel's song, or some gay fanfare?
Are ears attuned to the rev'len' cry,
Or Mary's voice, in a lullaby?

Do candles symbol the wondrous light
O'er Judah's hills, on that holy night
When to the inn at Bethlehem town
The Light of the World to earth came down?

Our Christmas candles, will the not dim
Should we forget those who know not Him?
Oh, tell the Story! Send out the Light!
For so shall we keep our candle bright.

—Home and Foreign Fields.

Devotional Thoughts

AFTERWARD

There's never a storm so wild
But after it followed a calm;
There's never a hurt so great
But somewhere's provided a balm;
There's never a night so dark
But after it follows the dawn.

There's never a shadow falls
But after it follows the light;
There's never a sorrow comes
But after it comes the delight.

There's never a sky so great
But after it follows the blue;
There's never a false friend found
But later you'll find a true.

There's never a heart that breaks
But after a while it will heal;
There's never a moan of pain
But after a laughter peal.

There's never a sin so black
But forgiveness is found at last;
There's never a weary day
But sometime 'twill be past;
There's never a night so dark
But dawn will come at last.

—Selected.

A CHEAP DEVICE

One of the cheapest devices of some evangelists is promiscuous denunciation of the churches. The people outside the churches enjoy these passages immensely, but it is not easy to see what ground the speaker has for supposing that these tirades will win them to church association and Christian life. The churches have shortcomings enough, every one knows, but why parade them before those who delight in them and exaggerate them? Newspaper headlines and large audiences attracted by such methods do the cause of Christ more harm than good. Sensationalism never pays in the long run.—Curtis Lee Laws in Watchman-Examiner.

REAL VIRTUE'S "APPEAL"

A Scottish preacher of the modern school closed a sermon with these words: "Virtue is so attractive that, if she were to become incarnate, and walk the world in human form, men would fall down and worship her."

The pulpit of that church was occupied the same evening by a different type of preacher, a humble, evangelical man who loved the Gospel of a crucified Redeemer. He preached Christ crucified, and, at the close of his discourse reminded the congregation of the statement made in the morning by the senior preacher, and then added:

"I am very sorry to say that Virtue did once walk the world in human form, in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and men, instead of falling down and worshipping Him, crucified and nailed Him to a tree."—Heart and Life Magazine.

THE CHRISTIAN'S GROWTH

The God of all grace . . . shall Himself perfect, stablish, strengthen you.—I Peter 5:10, R. V.

Because you are saved (Eph. 2:8), work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12, 13). Because you have been sanctified (Heb. 10:10), become sanctified (Heb. 10:14). Because you have acknowledged the passover you should keep the feast (1 Cor. 5:7, 8). Because you are saints (1 Peter 1:15, 16).

Having been planted in heavenly soil, grow like heavenly plants. Relying on what Christ has done for you, let His Spirit work mightily in you. Assured of union with Christ, enter into the secret of abiding communion with Him. Turn your inheritance into possession. See to it that your holy standing in Christ be also your happy state.—W. Graham Scroggie in Evangelical Christian.

IN THE MIRROR TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW

What will you see reflected in your mirror twenty years from now?

Will the happy curve of your mouth still be there, and the hopeful light in your eyes?

Of course, you will see the same face, with its same nose and eyes and chin, but the thoughts and actions of twenty years will have written their story there.

Will worry have plowed two disfiguring furrows between your eyes?

Will constant fear of misfortunes that never occurred have drawn a network of lines on your forehead?

Will irregular habits have robbed your cheek of its rounded bloom?

Will discouragement have put out the light in your eyes?

Will nagging and fault-finding have chased away your smile?

And will careless slipshod habits have passed a disfiguring hand over all?

Or will love have strengthened and deepened the light in your eyes?

And the satisfaction of work well done have brought dignity and honor to your brow?

Will lines and wrinkles show only where smiles have been?

And hope and faith in humanity and understanding years alone have carved and moulded your cheeks?

Will the desire to serve others—to spread sunshine wherever you go—have shed a radiant glow over your countenance so that in spite of gray hairs and wrinkles and added years people will say—"What a lovely face!"—Margaret A. Frost, in Kind Words.

—During the past three years of the depression there has been a gain of 361 church houses in the Southern Baptist Convention, but the value of church property has decreased in the same length of time \$13,602,823.

BATIST SANITARIUM NEWS

Lifting the Banner Through Our Hospital

Address of Miss Stella McCullough, R. N., Director of Nurses, To Women's Auxiliary at Salt Branch.

Much is said about the cost for hospital and medical service. Statistics show that we spend for:

	Per Family Per Year
Patent Medicine and Drugs	\$25.00
Physicians	24.00
Hospitals—non-Governmental	15.00
Non-trained nurses and practical	8.00
Dentist	6.00

These figures seem to be very large, but when we compare them with non-medical expenditures we find them to be very reasonable.

	Per Family Per Year
Passenger Autos	\$150.00
Tobacco Products	67.00
Candy	37.00
Theaters and Entertainment	35.00
Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Gum	34.00
Perfumes and Cosmetics	15.00

The doctor and the hospital is trying to give the patient what he pays for. Most of them get more than they pay for. Hundreds pay nothing for all they get. Nearly every notable addition to equipment costs the doctor and patient more. Every conquered disease means less expense to the patient and less income to the doctor. We must inform our public as to the above facts.

In speaking of hospitals, the hospital has always been a sacred institution, the first one was established by the Good Samaritan, when he found a wounded man, placed him on his own beast and took him to an inn. We are told that he took care of him, and in the morning when he departed, he endowed the first room for this patient. Thus, we can consider this as the beginning of hospitals. For speaking of healing, Jesus said, "Go and do thou likewise."

Hospitals are Human Laboratories and many if not all of the greatest lessons in medicine and surgery have been learned in them. The world would know little of the control of typhoid fever, diphtheria, scarlet fever, cancer, and the eradication of yellow fever, and many of the achievements of modern science, if a profound study of these problems under competent supervision had not been offered by our hospitals.

Our hospital constitutes an endless road, which twelve thousand patients travel yearly to health and happiness. To keep this road up we spend one billion dollars not only in the care of the sick but in training doctors, nurses, technicians, and Health Workers, the nucleus for Nation, State, and City Health Programs.

Our doors are never closed, we care for the sick 365 days in the year, day and night. We must always be prepared for a peak-load. We must give continuous and uninterrupted service at all times. We cannot shut down our plant and lay off our people, we must carry on somehow.

During the depression and drouth many hospitals have closed their doors, and so many of the institutions have cut their forces to curtail production, but our Baptist hospital could not retrench during these times and we have been asked to do more in the way of charity and free service during the past months than at any time since the hospital opened in 1924.

I doubt if there is an institution or business in West Texas that has contributed so much to humanity in the past months as has your institution. Our aim is to continue this service to humanity. Funds must be provided to meet our obligations, I am sure that as long as we continue to do the Lord's work in caring for suffering humanity he will help us keep the doors of our institution open.

I shall take the time and liberty to cite you a few of the charity cases we have been able to take care of during these times.

Case Reports.

Mr. X, a young man of 28, father of one child, having been out of work for quite a while, was stricken with an attack of acute appendicitis. His appendix ruptured and he was a very sick man for many days, he was just regaining his health when his wife became desperately ill. She became ill while he was still in the hospital, and it was necessary for her to have an abdominal operation while he was still in the hospital.

Mr. X became ill again with an intestinal obstruction, the second ab-

dominal operation was necessary for him, and little hope was held for his recovery. It was necessary to keep him under the influence of narcotics for pain, which was very severe. He was in the hospital for quite awhile, leaving seemingly perfectly well.

About three months after this time, he was stricken with pneumonia, and it was necessary for him to have hospitalization again. Upon investigation it was found that he had become a drug addict after he was out of the hospital. A few days after leaving the hospital, this the third time, he was brought in again with what is known technically as Empyema, the common name for this being pus on the lungs following pneumonia. He was again admitted to the hospital and we had a very difficult time keeping him from taking too many narcotics. At times he acted like a mad man, in the meantime his wife had left him, and he felt very bitter towards the world and everything in it. But under the careful guidance of the nurses and the doctors, in about two weeks, Mr. X left the hospital apparently a well man with an entirely different outlook on life, and was very happy to return to the Valley to live with his mother and to take care of his baby boy, and as far as we are able to follow his case he was also cured of his drug habit.

Another Case

A colored man, age 33, married and father of five children, came to our door saying that he had a very severe pain, did not know a doctor, and would we please do something for him. He was admitted to the hospital, a good physician called for him, and he was found to be very ill with pneumonia. He remained several weeks in our hospital, was pronounced well and sent back to his family.

At Christmas time came a little note thanking the nurses for their kind attention and care for him while in the hospital. Of all the many joys and sorrows that come to us in this life, I think no joy can be any greater than to receive a word from some patient that we have been able to do something for.

Young Lady Ill

Miss X, a young lady, 16 years of age, came from a very poor family, her mother having died in her infancy, she kept house for her father, brothers and sisters. One day preparing to do the family washing, spilled kerosene on her trouser leg, not knowing this she struck a match to light the fire, and ignited her clothes, and but for her presence of mind, and jumping into a barrel of water, she would probably have been fatally burned.

She was carried to the hospital in her home town, and stayed there 2 or 3 weeks. She was progressing
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News Notes

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, left Monday for Homer, La., where he is to be in a two weeks meeting with pastor Vernon McKee and the First Baptist Church. L. A. Stulce, formerly with the First Baptist Church at Abilene, now educational and choir director of the First Baptist Church, Monroe, La., is directing the meeting. Next Sunday Brother McKee, pastor at Homer, will fill the pulpit of the First Church here, and on Sunday week the district missionary, Brother J. D. Brannon, will fill the pulpit for Dr. Jenkins.

Brother H. H. Summers, pastor of the church at Hodges, in Jones county, states that the Hodges church granted a letter of recommendation to two of its members, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. McCoy. On the following Sunday they presented themselves for membership to the church at Potosi where Brother Summers is also pastor. The editor has known this good man and his wife for—well, ever since we can remember, and you could always count on them being right up in the thick of the fight for the cause of Christ. For over twenty years Brother McCoy was an usher in the First Baptist Church. The Potosi Church is to be congratulated on having this family move to their midst.

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

Mary McCormick To Perform Here In Opera Jan. 21

Noted Metropolitan Star To Be Presented At Evening Show

Singers To Be Heard

"Hansel and Gretel"; "Faust" Offerings To Be Seen By Music Lovers

That Mary McCormick, noted Metropolitan Opera Star, is to take part in the performance of "Faust," is the latest development concerning the San Carlo Grand Opera Company which presents at Fair Park Auditorium January 21 its last performance before going to the Pacific Coast.

Fortune Gallo, impresario of the company, is demonstrating for the twenty-fifth year the soundness of his belief that grand opera should be for everyone rather than just the rich. To celebrate their silver jubilee, the opera company is making a forty-four weeks tour of the United States and Canada, an unprecedented achievement. The San Carlo Opera Company is the only one to survive the depression. It is the most stable organization of its kind, and it gives the best opera that can be heard outside the New York Metropolitan Opera House.

Grand Opera For Everyone

Fortune Gallo was the first to sense operatic conditions in this country and quickly, with his customary daring, attempted what was considered impossible, giving magnificent performances of opera at the lowest prices in the history of opera, by playing in vast auditoriums, for thirty-five weeks. His motto, "Grand Opera for Everybody," and his slogan, "At prices within the reach of everyone," caught public fancy, and the huge spaces of the big auditoriums were filled by an eager opera-loving public.

Seen By Thousands

The high spots of Mr. Gallo's twenty-five years of operatic activities are a steady series of breaking world records, such as: Biggest receipts for a single outdoor opera performance, \$65,000, in New York, and the largest attendance for one performance, 60,000.

Mr. Bond Speaks To Regular B.S.U. Meet

Dr. W. D. Bond spoke on "Some Schemes of Life" at the weekly meeting of the B. S. U. Thursday night.

"The schemes of life include the plans and philosophies of life, and these are determined by a person's interpretation of life," said Dr. Bond. The different interpretations of life were pointed out to include sorrow, joy, opportunity, and self-satisfaction. The chief schemes of life, the choice of a philosophy of life, and what should guide in choosing a philosophy of life were the other high points brought out in the discussion.

H-S. U. Debaters To Attend Meet

Group To Enter Tournament To Be Held in Waco January 18

Members of the Oratorical and Debating council will leave on their first trip of the year January 18, when they journey to Baylor university to attend a debating and oratorical tournament there in which they will compete with college teams from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

Debaters making the trip with Professor Stephenson will be James K. Polk, Wallace Stark, Don Gayer, and Moxley Featherston. Kelly Barnett is to represent the university in Oratory. The group is scheduled to return January 20.

The subject of debate, which has been chosen as the regular inter-collegiate subject for the year is "RESOLVED THAT: The nations should agree to prevent the shipment of arms and munitions." Main features of the discussion will be the points concerning profit motives stimulating such shipment, and the fermentation of wars by the armament industry.

Here January 21



Carlo Peroni is conductor of the San Carlo Opera which will present "Hansel and Gretel" in the afternoon and "Faust" at night in Fair Park auditorium. Students will be allowed to see the afternoon show on their activity tickets.

Died Saturday



Funeral services for Bernard Seed, Rule high school coach and former Hardin-Simmons student, were held Monday afternoon at Hereford. Seed died in a hospital there Saturday, where he had been critically ill since an emergency appendix operation two weeks ago.

During his four years in the university, Seed started every basketball game and was a member of three championship basketball teams. He was selected as all conference forward in 1933. He lettered in football in 1933, and was awarded letters three years in tennis.

While attending the university Seed was active in pre-medical work and was a member of the "S" club, honorary organization for athletes.

Two Male Quartets, Girls Trio Formed

Rodden, Hathcock, Rosser, Suits; Ardis, Malone, Upshaw, Selected

The Hardin-Simmons choral club met last Tuesday night for the first time since the holidays.

The program of sacred selections has been completed and they are now working on some light opera numbers.

An opera burlesque is being arranged for the boys department of this club. The number is called, "Cleopatra."

There have been two boys quartets and a girls trio formed from this club. The boys in the first quartet are: James Rodden, first tenor; Payne Hathcock, second tenor; James Rosser, baritone; Gordon Suits, bass.

The boys in the second quartet are: Jim Wiman, first tenor; Woodrow Smith, second tenor; Fred Lieck, baritone; Bill Gaddis, bass.

The girls in the trio are: Edna Ardis, first soprano; Rosemary Malone, second soprano; Margaret Upshaw, alto.

Eva Morrison Named New Nurse For Girls

Miss Eva Lee Morrison, graduate of the Gainesville School of Nursing, will serve as nurse at Mary Frances hall for girls at Hardin-Simmons university next semester, it was officially announced Wednesday.

Miss Morrison will take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. W. G. Durnin, who until her marriage last month, was Miss Jane Guyton. The change will become effective February 1.

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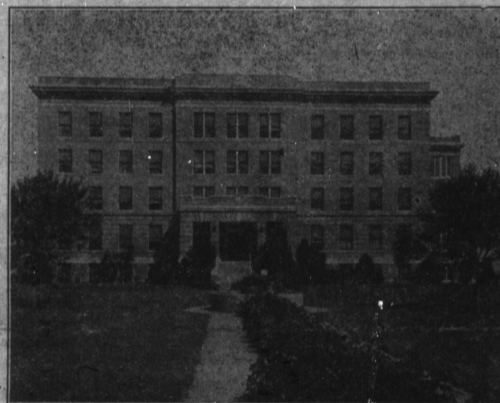
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