

Rambling Remarks

By Dick O'Brien

Well I am trying another environment this morning, not by choice but by necessity. I waited, as usual, until the last minute to write the remarks and found that my typewriter had twinitis. You may not know what that is and you never will until you have twin boys at your house. The symptoms of the disease are roller-skates in the living room floor, comic pages all over the beds, baseball bats in the hall, overalls half on and half off chairs in bedroom and bath, dishes, glasses, spoons, half emptied milk bottles and scattered sugar all over the kitchen following an afternoon between meals lunch. And this morning the ribbon removed from my new typewriter to see what makes it move, and now it won't. So am down at the chamber of commerce office using a borrowed machine. . . . We well know the symptoms of the above mentioned disease and the effects it has on parents and older sisters, but do not ask us for the remedy, for we don't know. . . . You heard about the proud father who declared that he would not be satisfied if his young son did not grow up to be president. When the lad was ten the father said he would be satisfied if he could be a supreme court judge or governor. At fifteen he entertained the hope that the boy might become deputy constable or something, and at eighteen his only remaining ambition was to keep him out of the penitentiary and the parents out of the insane asylum. . . . But they are great institutions and I am for them. If ours did nothing else they furnish me all the illustrative material I need in my preaching on the subject of total depravity. My mother says they are just like I was at their age, and that the eight boys she raised kept the guardian angels working double shifts and overtime to take care of us, and then she doubted that it was worth it. . . . The other day one of the twins was writing a letter on the typewriter to one of his recent teachers. He turned to me and asked, "daddy how do you spell bettern?" I assured him that no such word existed to which he replied with no little evidence of disgust, "I know there is and I am telling Miss Blank that I like her bettern the teacher I have now." . . . I am particularly interested in the new book from the pen of Dr. J. B. Cranfill on the interesting experience he has had and the funny things he has observed through life. To me that is the most refreshing reading in the world. There are many actual experiences and realistic situations in life which cannot be matched by the imaginations of fiction writers. That is why I liked Dr. I. E. Gates book, "Watching the World Go By." Last week in the Anson meeting, where Roy Camp did the singing, we lived over again the grand yesterdays of life when we were associated together as friends and co-workers in the church at Carbon for six pleasant years. . . . My time is so limited this morning that I dare not enter that field of memory, but from time to time I expect to give those incidents through the medium of Rambling Remarks, just as a means of bringing back the pleasant things of the past. . . . To me the things of the past hold more of good than of bad, the present is sweet beyond description, and the future most glorious of all.

FORMER TEXAS PASTOR TO ENTER EVANGELISTIC WORK

Gentry, Arkansas, July 6, 1937.

After nearly eight years in the Pastorate here I am resigning and will re-enter the evangelistic field. My Ozark address will be Lowell, Ark., but my Texas home is Glen Rose. From there I can reach Texas and other southern points. My northern headquarters will be Columbus, Ohio, 44 N. Wayne Ave. I am happy in the prospects of visiting the brethren where I have preached the gospel in other years and see how they do. To re-enter the field where the major part of my ministry has been spent—the field of evangelism—fills me with joy. Lowell Ark., till August.—Joe W. English.

Rev. A. O. Wilson began in June his twelfth year as missionary to the deaf under appointment of the Home Mission Board.

MISS LUCILLE REAGAN, MISSIONARY TO AFRICA, DIES AT LAGOS NIGERIA

A cablegram to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Reagan of Big Spring, brought the sad news of the death of their daughter, Miss Lucille Reagan, Missionary in Lagos, Nigeria, Africa. Yellow fever was given as the cause of death.

Miss Reagan, 40, had served as a missionary in Nigeria 16 years. She was a native of Coleman but went to Big Spring with her parents at the age of two years. Following graduation from Big Spring high school she attended Hardin-Simmons university two years, and received her degree from Baylor university. After two years' study in Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, she went on duty in Africa.

Arrangements were being made at Big Spring for a memorial service in memory of Miss Reagan, who was principal of the Baptist Academy at Lagos, one of the largest foreign mission schools on the continent. Her work on the foreign field had been an inspiration to members of her church both at home and in other foreign mission work. Women of a number of leading Baptist congregations of West Texas had honored her in naming their circles for her. Lucille Reagan circle in the First Baptist Church, Big Spring, and the First Baptist in Abilene are well-known.

Miss Reagan, is survived by her parents, a sister, Mrs. Tracy T. Smith, and a brother, Horace Reagan of Big Spring; a sister, Mrs. Seth H. Parsons, Lockhart, and a brother, Paul Reagan, widely known mining engineer. Her father was among founders of the West Texas chamber of commerce, president of the First National bank here, and was postmaster under the Wilson administration.

BALMORHEA PASTOR COMMENDS YOUNG SINGER OF ABILENE



DEXTER RIDDLE

Pastor Aubrey W. Smith of the Balmorhea and Barstow Churches has written Dr. N. A. Moore of the Bible Department of Hardin-Simmons University, commending Dexter Riddle, gospel singer of Abilene.

"I just want to drop you a line of thanks," Brother Smith wrote, "for your service to the Balmorhea Church in sending Dexter Riddle to us. We were in hard straits for a leader, and dared not hope to get such a good one on so short notice."

"Dexter is fine help, and will be unsurpassed when he has had a little more experience. Do not hesitate to recommend him to others who need a singer and worker in their meetings."

Dexter is the son of J. D. Riddle, Education and Music Director of First Church, Abilene. He has been singing with his dad in meetings off and on since he was eight years of age.

He has conducted music for meetings this summer at Sunset Church, Abilene, at Balmorhea and is now with Rev. Kelly Barnett and the church at Talpa. He will be at Talpa through July 18. He is open for singing engagements throughout the rest of the summer, till the opening of Hardin-Simmons in September. He ought to be kept busy. Any church needing his services can communicate with him at First Baptist Church, Abilene. He also is to be with Pastor and the Gorman church the latter part of August.

All officers of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, which met in twenty-sixth annual session in Del Rio in June, are missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

Revival Gleanings

Rev. C. O. Hitt of Lancaster began a meeting at Putnam Wednesday evening. Clark W. Lanson of Goldthwaite is leading the singing. Miss Elsie Kelley of Putnam is pianist. Pastor F. A. Hollis and this good church have made extensive preparation for the meeting. Prayer group leaders are, Mrs. John Cook, women; Mrs. S. M. Eubank, senior; Mrs. F. A. Hollis, young people 14-17; Rev. Clark Lawson, intermediate band 13 down; Mrs. Fred Cook beginners.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap of the First Church, Sweetwater, is to be with Pastor T. L. Nipp and the Moran Church in a meeting beginning Friday night. Brother Dunlap was with the church in a very successful spring revival.

Rev. E. T. Cole is doing the preaching in a meeting with his church at Lamesa. Evangelistic singer Joannie Cohen, a converted Jew, has charge of the music. The evening services are being held out of doors.

Rev. James Easterwood of Roscoe is doing the preaching in a revival at Hatchel, Runnels county. The meeting began July 4.

As usual Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor at Baird, is a busy man in the Lord's work. At this time he is right on the front line of battle in the simultaneous evangelistic campaign. Last Sunday he closed a meeting at Midway. This week he is at New Hope in Stephens county, in a meeting. Following this meeting he is to be in a meeting at Hart, near Putnam.

Rev. J. Ralph Grant of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, is with Pastor Lewis Stucky and the Bront Church in a meeting this week.

A meeting began Sunday at Stanton with the new pastor, Rev. Fred McPherson, recently of Jayton, doing the preaching. Preceding the meeting the pastor taught a book on soul-winning to members of the church. On their arrival at Stanton Brother McPherson and family were given an entertainment and an old-fashioned "pounding."

State Evangelist C. Y. Fossey is with the First Baptist Church, Brady, in a fine meeting.

Rev. M. R. Soileau of Cuero is with Pastor J. T. King and the Rising Star Church in a ten day meeting which began Sunday.

The First Baptist Church, Merkel, is in a revival meeting with Dr. J. Frank Weldon of Jacksonville doing the preaching and Mark Short of Fairfield leading the singing. The meeting will continue through Sunday, July 25.

Rev. A. F. Johnston, evangelist, is leading the Santa Anna Church in a meeting this week. He was with the church in a fine meeting last fall.

Rev. D. G. Reid of Roby supplied the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Slaton last Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Boyd of Grandview preached at the First Baptist Church, Brownfield last Sunday. This church has been pastorless since the first of July.

Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible Department of H-S. U., preached at the First Church, Haskell last Sunday.

Girls Camp To Be Held at Lueders July 19-21

The annual girl's camp will be held at Lueders Encampment July 19 to 21. All young ladies of the following ages are invited to attend:

Y. W. A.—for grown young women; Intermediate G. A.—for Intermediates, ages 13 to 16; Junior G. A.—for Juniors, ages 9 to 12.

The camp is expecting from 400 to 600 girls and leaders and sponsors. The program begins Monday afternoon and runs through Wednesday noon. There will be a registration fee of fifty cents and a charge of seventy-five cents for the five meals served in the cafeteria. (Monday night's supper will be carried from home). There will be a cold drink stand on the grounds.

Special feature of the program will be the directed recreational program each afternoon and evening in charge of Miss Clara May than whom there is no finer director. She will be assisted by a splendid group of helpers.

We give below the entire program as outlined by the committee:

- HOUSEPARTY THEME: "Serving Jesus"**
HOUSEPARTY THEMESONG: "It Pays to Serve Jesus"
WHAT'S WHAT AND WHO'S WHO
- "Y. W. A. Manual"—Mrs. Phil McGehee, Breckenridge.
 - "Intermediate Manual"—Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater.
 - "Stay-at-Home Journeys"—Mrs. P. L. Allan, Sweetwater.
 - "Questing in Galilee"—Mrs. Aubrey Foster, Stamford.
 - "Open Windows"—Miss Clara May, Wilson.
 - "Stewardship in the Life of Youth"—Mrs. J. C. King, Albany.
 - "Leaders Method Course"—Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.
 - "Good News Across the Continent"—Mrs. Crownover, Lueders.
 - Recreation—Miss Clara May, Wilson; Miss Doris Wayne O'Brien, Stamford; Miss Mae Zinn, Stamford.
 - Life Guard—
 - Pianist—Miss Virginia Ramey, Stamford, Miss Lillian Yates.
 - Chorister—Mrs. Phil McGehee, Breckenridge.
 - Registration—Rev. and Mrs. Ponder, Rochester.
 - Camp Counselor—Mrs. Dick O'Brien.

HOW WE SPEND OUR TIME AT LUEDERS MONDAY EVENING

- 1:00-5:00—"Finding a Place to Bunk."
- 5:00-6:00—"Meeting of all Counselors and Chaperons."
- 6:00-7:00—"Help Yourself to Your Picnic Supper."
- 7:00-7:30—"Vesper by the Clear Fork"—Mrs. H. R. Whatley, Haskell.
- 7:40-8:00—"Come, Let's Sing and Be Happy."
- 8:00-8:20—"What's What and Who's Who."
- 8:20-8:30—"Let's Get Acquainted."
- 8:30-9:00—"Serving Christ"—Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
- 9:00-10:30—"Play and Sing to Your Heart's Content."
- 10:30—"Goodnight and Sleep Tight."

TUESDAY

- 6:00-7:00—"How About a Swim?"
- 7:00-7:30—"Breakfast is Served at the Cafeteria."
- 8:00-8:20—"Devotional Under Tabernacle, 'Serving Christ by Serving Others'"—Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford.

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Rex Ray, Missionary to China, Writes of Work

MISSIONARY DISTRICT 10 MAKES GOOD REPORT FOR FOUR MONTHS' WORK

Rev. J. C. McKinzie, Missionary of District 10, is one of the busiest missionaries in the state. His report for past four months, published below, gives an idea of his activities in that vast panhandle section. Crop prospects are fine there this year and the Plains Baptists should begin to come into their own, after five years of adverse crop conditions:

905 Monroe Street, Amarillo, Texas, July 1, 1937.

"Dear Fellow Worker in District Ten: I think you will be interested in seeing the report I presented to the Board June 29th, so I am sending it on to you.

Time—February 15 to June 29—four and one-half months.

Miles traveled—estimated at 15,000.

Different places visited—62.

Sermons and addresses delivered—139.

Conferences held about the work—72.

Letters and cards written about the work—700.

Additions to the churches by letter—31.

Additions to the churches by baptism—15.

Backsliders reclaimed—8.

Many rededications.

Money collected on the field—Co-operative Work, \$90.57; District Missions, \$162.00; Gifts to Pastors, \$91.50; S. W. Seminary, \$12.00; Local Church Work, \$590.00; Total amount raised on the field, \$946.07.

Besides, there have been more than four thousand dollars given in the regular services where I have preached that I had nothing to do with the raising of it.

I have conducted four Training Classes with 244 enrolled.

I have attended one State Board Meeting at Dallas.

One State S. S. Convention at Dallas.

One State-wide Evangelistic Conference at Fort Worth.

One Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, La.

One B. M. A. fifth Sunday meeting at Liberty.

I have preached one time at Waco, and twice at Childress.

My salary has been paid promptly, and as far as I know the work is in good shape. We are already having some of our meetings. I know of five that have been held that have had more than one hundred baptisms, and that many joining by letter. Let us see that there is a meeting held in every community in our district. Make it your business to see that this is done.

Our district led the other districts in Texas—17 of them in all—in percentage of churches giving to our Denominational work in January, March, and May. It was second in February and April. Let's be first as many times as we can. Please see that your Church sends something to Co-operative work, and to District Missions every month.

I am to be in meetings every day until September. Pray for me.

Fraternally,

J. C. McKinzie, Missionary.

A CONFESSION: D. L. MOODY

"Friends, before beginning, tonight, I want to confess that I yielded just now to my temper, but in the hall, and I have done wrong. Just as I was coming here tonight, I lost my temper with a man, and I want to confess my wrong before you all, and if that man is present here whom I thrust from me in anger, I want to ask his forgiveness and God's. Let us pray." Moody's son, in his biography, informs us that the man referred to had grossly and deliberately insulted his father. But Moody's confession reflects not a hint of excuse or self-vindication for resenting the insult, and the meeting that followed was a scene of unusual blessing as a result of such a straightforward Christian confession.

THEN AND NOW

"Before my conversion I worked toward the Cross, but since then I have worked from the Cross; then I worked to be saved, now I work because I am saved."—D. L. Moody.

Rev. Rex Ray, Wuchow,

Kwong Sai, China

That glorious experience of rediscovering America closed eight months ago. Truly it was a wonderful thrill as my little girl came bouncing across the deck of our ship shouting, "papa, papa, I see America, I see America!" It was the first time she ever saw the land of her father's. During that happy time called, "Furlough" we saw OUR America, we enjoyed America and we loved America. The hour struck and we came down out of the mountain peaks of happiness and faced again the realities of FOREIGN MISSIONS in our beloved CHINA.

My fellow missionaries of the Wuchow station not only asked me to again assume the responsibilities of the evangelistic work in the 20,000 square miles of territory west of Wuchow, but to take charge of the Extension Department of the evangelistic work of our great Stout Memorial Baptist Hospital of Wuchow also.

When our "Beloved Physician," Dr. R. E. Beddoe, took charge of this hospital 3 years ago there were 12 inpatients. This week there are 92 inpatients from many parts of the country. The great purpose of this hospital is to bring its patients to the feet of the Great Physician of Galilee for healing of body and soul.

Some 29 years ago a great layman, Bro. G. W. Martin, now of Denton, Texas, voted that I be set apart for the Ministry of Jesus Christ. This same layman is now sending us a large electric refrigerator to use in our hospital. This special gift will bring many great blessings to sick and suffering pilgrims who pass this way.

Our Missionary Ford car that I drove some 30,000 miles in America for Foreign Missions is now carrying the Gospel into new fields in China. The first journey was to take a party of us on a 1,400 mile roundtrip to Kweilin where the Wwong Sai gov- (Continued on page 3)

PLAINS PASTOR RESIGNS TO ACCEPT WORK WITH TUSCON, ARIZ., CHURCH

After ten years ministry in Texas Rev. Vernie Pipes has left the state to become pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Tucson, Ariz. Eight of the ten years he has served as pastor in the West Plains Association. He has pastored the church at Earth, Fieldton and Sudan. Twice pastor at Earth leading the church from half time to a strong full time work.

Vernie Pipes surrendered to the ministry at White Deer, Texas, under the ministry of Rev. Douglas Carver, now of Harlingen. He attended school at Wayland College, Plainview, and Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene. The Central Church at Pampa called him while at Abilene and for one year he did a splendid work there. While in Hardin-Simmons he pastored the churches at Tuxedo in Jones Association and at Chalk in the Big Spring Association.

He has been pastor at Sudan for the past nineteen months and the church relinquished his services after much prayer. During his ministry there the church debt has been reduced greatly and advance payments made. One hundred twenty-five have united with the church and the S. S. and B. T. U. have made steady growth. Rev. and Mrs. Pipes have three children and the Pipes family is going to be sorely missed by their friends and co-laborers. Rev. Pipes has served as clerk of the West Plains Association for a number of years and Mrs. Pipes, who is an efficient church worker, has served the Association as W. M. U. president.

Texas Baptists suffer a loss in the going of this promising, progressive young pastor but Arizona Southern Baptists are fortunate and blessed in securing his services. May the blessings of God bring abundant fruitage to his ministry in this new and challenging field. It is with regret that the pastors of the West Plains Association sever their happy labors with him and his good family.

WILLIS J. RAY, Moderator of the West Plains Assn. Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Littlefield, Texas.

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RAMBLINGS

Last week the editor and his family made a little "jaunt" of about 1800 miles in Western Texas, New Mexico and into a corner of Arizona. This was a wonderful trip, made without any sort of accident, which, we think is good for this day and age. New Mexico, the Sunshine State, is just that. After leaving the eastern section of the state, we found the state, with the exception of the irrigated valleys, (and there are many), to be semi-desert. This will not apply to the extreme northern part of the state. New Mexico is a beautiful state. The mountain scenic drives over fine roads furnish constant thrills to the tourist. At Gallup, near the Arizona border, where we spent a few days, we were given an insight into Indian life as it exists today. Millions of acres of this semi-arid land in New Mexico and Arizona has been set aside by the National Government for the Indians. It is worth while to visit the country and study Indian life.

We didn't get much of an insight into religious conditions in New Mexico. Most of the pastors were attending the Ruidoso Encampment, and we were not able to contact them. Albuquerque, New Mexico Baptist headquarters, is a beautiful little city of about 35,000 people, located on the banks of the Rio Grande River. Baptists are not strong numerically but they are as heroic a group as will be found anywhere on the face of the earth. The Catholic predominate in New Mexico. At all the Indian villages, church buildings with the cross displayed were to be found. Baptists are doing some work among the Indians, but the force of workers is small considering the large field.

RULES FOR LIFE

Well, maybe you would like to live a long time. A recent issue of Hygeia was quoted by Progressive Farmer in its campaign for better health. Here are the ten rules given on how to live 100 years. If you are ambitious to hang around on this mundane sphere that long, you might digest these rules:

1. Breathe fresh air, both day and night.
2. Exercise your larger muscles regularly every day.
3. Look on fatigue as your enemy, and on rest as your friend. Take at least eight hours of sleep. (The voice of wisdom says one should turn off the radio at 10).
4. Drink plenty of water at meals and also between meals.
5. Eat temperately, partaking of vegetables and fruit for "roughage" and health's sake, and sparingly of meat and sugar. Avoid overweight.
6. Have regular bowel habits.
7. Avoid infection from both outside and inside sources. Make a thorough recovery from colds and sore throat.
8. Wash your hands before eating. (That the teeth are to be cleaned night and morning is taken for granted).
9. Think wholesome thoughts. Face unpleasant situations frankly and sensibly, and don't worry. Keep your play spirit.
10. Have a health examination by your physician each year; ask his advice and follow it.

DR. CAMPBELL'S ANNIVERSARY

The first of July was the first anniversary of the work of Dr. R. C. Campbell as state secretary. In his department in the Baptist Standard last week he had the following to say about pastoral work: "My ministry has been spent in the pastorate up to a year ago. I loved the pastorate; I loved every phase of pastoral work—my study, trying to preach, visitation, trying to comfort the sick and bereaved, the work with old people, the middle-aged, the young people, the blessed children. I love the worship hours, the Sunday school work, the B. T. U., the W. M. U., B. S. U., and Brotherhood work. I love people and I love the close contacts that a pastor has with his people—the friendship and fellowship of it all. I had had no thought of turning away from the pastorate. I had a blueprint for my life, and when some friends spoke to me about this position, I told them of this blueprint. A great college president said: "Sometimes the Lord tears up our blueprint and gives us a better one."

From the above one can readily see that Dr. Campbell accepted the work as Baptist State Secretary at a great sacrifice. He truly was a successful, happy pastor. Likewise his work as secretary has been singularly successful. He has shown the characteristics of a truly great leader. He is universally loved by our people, who, we believe, appreciate the fact that he gave up a great pastorate to assume the burdens of leadership in our Texas Baptist program.

REVIVAL REPORTS

We are carrying this week a number of items about revival meetings now in progress. Many others are being held of which we have not learned. We would urge our pastors and evangelists to send in reports of their revivals. Just a post card will do. Give the essential facts, and let the editor "fill in." Surely reports of the meetings will inspire other workers—some perhaps having a pretty hard time of it. The united prayers of all our people should ascend to the throne of God daily and hourly for the success of this soul winning effort.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

July 18, 1937

Hight C. Moore

GOD ENCOURAGES A LEADER

Read Exodus 3:13 to 6:1

Study Exodus 3:13-16; 4:10-16; 5:1

Hearing the call at the burning bush, yet hesitant, Moses was given the authority of the divine name, the power to work miracles (as attested by the rod and the leprosy), and the promise of an eloquent assistant in Aaron his brother. Barely he escaped the divine anger before he finally accepted the divine commission to deliver Israel. Returning from Midian to Egypt, Moses first convinced the Hebrews that God had sent him as their deliverer. Then he turned to Pharaoh for permission to leave the country.

1. Authority to a Leader (Exodus 3)

Encouragement by authority was given in Moses' appeal to God. Note three things here: (1) **God reveals himself.** He is the Lord Jehovah, the I AM, self-existent, unchangeable and eternal. He is the God of Moses, appearing to him, speaking to him, sending him, directing him. He is the God of Israel, choosing them as his people, visiting them in their distress, planning for their deliverance. He is the God of their fathers, sustaining them by his unflinching providence and saving them by his mercy. He is the God of all mankind, being faithful in all generations, yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever. (2) **God appoints his messenger.** He does not forget his people. He selects and sends his messenger, telling him just where to go. (3) **God defines his work.** His workers, like Moses, are to keep in touch with him by prayer, to reveal him to men in his true character, to interpret his will, to convey his message to the world, and to lead his people from bondage into the light and liberty of the gospel.

2. Assistance for a Leader (Exodus 4)

Encouragement by assistance was given in Moses' association with Aaron. Though backed by the authority of God and assured of his ability to plead before Pharaoh the cause of Israel, Moses was reluctant almost to the point of rebellion against the will of Jehovah. He first alleged his ignorance of how to proceed: "What shall I say?" He was told the message he should bear to Israel. Then he declared: "They will not believe." But he was promised ability to work wonders and to convince even the most sluggish. And now he turned upon his lack of oratorical ability, though later he was declared to be mighty in words and deeds: "I am slow of speech." In response the Lord promised assistance. Finally, he shrank so utterly from the task that he pleaded that some one else be selected for the work. But Jehovah reiterated the command, authorized the more fluent Aaron to act as assistant, and at last induced Moses to take up the chief duty of his life. He therefore took his departure for Midian, met Aaron, his brother, and undertook the rescue of Israel from Egyptian bondage.

3. Accessibility by a Leader (Exodus 5)

Encouragement by accessibility was given in Moses' appearance before Pharaoh. Leaving Midian with the blessings of Jethro, commissioned by the Lord, meeting Aaron on the way, and winning the approval of the elders of Israel, Moses with Aaron obtained their first interview with Pharaoh in the palace at Zoan. They made their request in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel. The official appeal was evidently designed as a test of Pharaoh and doubtless a feeler preliminary to further negotiations and demands. It was a request for freedom in religion, for the Hebrews in Goshen could not, for example, offer sacrifices of animals held sacred by the Egyptians; hence the desire to hold a religious feast in the wilderness. But also it involved a kindling of national spirit in Israel and the unification of the Hebrew people, hence the appeal to "let my people go." There was no duplicity in the proposal; it was clearly understood and not deceitfully made. So Pharaoh met it with sneer and scorn. He was an agnostic. "I know not the Lord!" And he was adamant in his obstinacy: "Neither will I let Israel go!" However, he had heard the word of Israel's God which must ring again and again in his ears before the Exodus.

Be Strong in the Strength of God

- (1) **Strength in His Name.** "God—Jehovah—I AM THAT I AM." That must be hallowed. It is the secret of effectual prayer. In that name alone we may toil and triumph.
- (2) **Strength in His Authority.** "The Lord God—hath sent me." To be sent by the Supreme is to have the highest mission and commission possible to man. He clothed a desert shepherd with the power of a world seer and statesman.
- (3) **Strength in His Word.** "Thus shalt thou say—Thus saith the Lord God." There is no word like the Word of God. It is quick and powerful. It is the Sword of the Spirit which must be used in the Holy War for the town of Mansoul.
- (4) **Strength in His Providence.** "The God of your fathers." He had guided Abraham from Chaldea to Canaan; had star-canopied Isaac at Beer-sheba; and had blessed Jacob at Bethel and Peniel. He would not forsake Israel in Egypt nor will he forsake us today!
- (5) **Strength in His Pity.** "I have surely united you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt." Does not the Lord still pity them that fear him? "Show pity, Lord!"
- (6) **Strength in His Presence.** "I will be with thy mouth." He is with us so intimately that he governs the very movements of our lips. He knows every fiber of our frame. The secrets of our hearts are an open book under his eyes.

Gold in the Golden Text

The Lord will give strength unto his people. Psalm 29:11. His people need strength. They need it to perform their tasks. They need it to endure their trials. They need it to overcome their difficulties. They need it to solve their problems. They need it to fulfill their mission.

The Lord has the strength that is needed by his people. It includes but far supersedes physical prowess. It embraces also but overtops intellectual acumen. Specifically, it is moral strength which can bear the terrific strain that is put upon it, and resist the bitter assault it must endure. Deeper still, is that spiritual stamina whereby we are to "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

And remember, the Lord gives strength to his people as freely and abundantly as he gives the ample sunshine and the shower of blessing.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth: So is every one that is born of the Spirit."

The coming and going of the wind is all we know about it, we hear the sound, see and feel the effects of it, and unless we hear the sound, and see and feel the effects of it, we say there is no wind blowing.

Jesus compares the "Birth of the Spirit" to the wind, we cannot see the Spirit in its operation, but we do hear, see and feel the effects of it when one is "Born of the Spirit."

And unless there is a manifestation of some of the effects of the Spiritual birth, we hesitate to believe there has been one "Born of the Spirit."

There is the human side and the divine side, in being "Born of the Spirit."

God has revealed to us in his word the human side, and what is essential to the new birth, but he has reserved to himself the divine side.

No human being perhaps understood the "New Birth" better than the apostle John, here is what he said about it:

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ (the human side) is born of God (the divine side)."

So let us believe and teach that being "Born of the Spirit" is the act of God through divine agency, and cannot be understood or explained by the human mind.

"Ye cannot tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth."

"So is every one that is born of the Spirit."

Devotional Thoughts

"LORD TEACH US—"

John Charles Yelton, Bardstown Road Church, Louisville, Ky., in Western Recorder

It is easy to be so busy trying to assert our own sermons to preach that we neglect to pray. As teachers and students we permit lessons for Thursday morning to take precedence over prayer Wednesday evening. Business Monday and pleasure Saturday is given pre-eminence over worship Sunday. No one of us, no group among us, no denomination around us has fully evaluated the prestige prayer rightly should have nor the power it produces. I shall not stagger at such an evaluation. The leading disciples in the early church including doubtless some of the un-named worshippers and workers did not know fully the power of prayer but they had the burden of desire and the breadth of brains to breathe "Lord Teach us to pray." Again they implored Him "Lord teach us how to pray."

With the ten-thousand loss in baptisms denominationally during the last fiscal year as compared to the preceding twelve months we surely will pray more for the souls of the poor and possibly not less for the purses of the rich.

Why should we not ask and receive a gracious infilling of the Holy Spirit daily to empower us for the work? We expect to do the work of Jesus among modern men. Why not seek His power through prayer to do it? As ministers He will help us. As laymen He will use us. For nineteen hundred years we have been handed down a historical Jesus. Let us now know the experiential Christ! We have perhaps a high per centile activity in our denomination. Shall we not let God help us make each of our churches a living organism. We have or we may secure statistics of the unenlisted and the lost. As ministers and laymen we can now feel the burdens and blessings of taking the findings and use them in the saving of souls and the restoration of joy to the back-slidden.

No power without prayer. No Lord without love. No wisdom without the Word. No joy and insight without the light of the Holy Spirit. No one of us has a monopoly on these. "If Jesus should come at this moment to catch up with Him in the air All those who love His appearing, Forever to be with Him there. How would He find you, I wonder—watching, waiting, faithful, true? Dearly beloved, consider—How would it be with you?" Money is a powerful necessary evil in our present changing civilization. Prayer is a potent experience in a more permanent citizenship. God can and will help you and me expand a small heart and intellect and accomplish a great mission. Our intelligence quotient may even be stretched beyond our colloquial scientific measurement if we ask the sympathetic Teacher to touch our simple faculties and surcharge our sinful personalities with a vital vision, a soulful message and constructive work. Heaven and earth will have an opening for such workmen.

WHERE THE FIGHT IS STRONG

It is great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong
And to fight there for man and God.
Oh, it seems the face and it tires the brain,
It strains the arm till one's friend is pain,
In the fight for man and God.
But it's great to be out where the fight is strong,
To be where the heaviest troops belong,
And to fight there for man and God.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

Home Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—The Call of Moses. Exodus 3:13-17.
- Tuesday—Moses Encouraged. Exodus 4:1-9.
- Wednesday—The Promise of God's Help. Exodus 4:10-17.
- Thursday—The Promise of God's Presence. Acts 18:5-11.
- Friday—The Promise of Victory. John 16:25-33.
- Saturday—Fearless Trust in God. Psalm 27:7-14.
- Sunday—The Abiding Presence. Matthew 28:16-20.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

Editor's Note—The sermon for this department this week was delivered at the recent annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention by Dr. W. T. Conner of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and published in a recent issue of the Western Recorder. Our readers will appreciate this very able and timely discussion of the office of the Holy Spirit in the work of the ministry.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE MINISTRY

In this discussion I am using the term "ministry" in a rather broad sense. I am not confining it to the work of the pastorate or even to the work of preaching. I am using it as applied to the work of anyone who enters religious service as a special vocation. It might apply to the singer, to the religious education worker, or to others who give themselves to religious activities.

Using the word thus, there are four things that the Holy Spirit does for the ministry. (1) He calls men into the work of the ministry. (2) He guides men in preparation for the work of the ministry. (3) He guides men in the selection of types of work and fields of labor. (4) He gives efficiency in the work of the ministry. Let us look now at these four propositions.

I

In the first place the Holy Spirit calls men into the work of the ministry. When I speak of the call to the ministry I mean a definite and settled conviction in one's heart that it is the will of God that he should give himself to the work of the ministry. I suppose nobody would dispute the statement that men do have such convictions. Our belief is that this conviction is produced by the Spirit of God.

We have numerous examples in the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments of this conviction. We think immediately of Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah and others in the Old Testament, the twelve apostles and Paul in the New. These men gave up their occupations and gave themselves to the service of the Lord under the conviction that this was the will of the Lord for them. Down the ages since that time men have labored for Christ under the impulse of a similar conviction. The men who have had this conviction are the men who have done the mighty things in the Kingdom of God.

I do not mean to say that there is not a human element in this call. God can use means in calling men to the work of the ministry as well as He can use means in saving men. We do not need to be Hardshells on this question any more than we need to be Hardshells on the question of salvation. Our Hardshell forefathers used to say that if God wanted people saved, we should keep our hands off and let Him save them. They sometimes said that it was blasphemous for us to undertake to do the work of God in saving people, but we have come to a better understanding of this matter.

We know that God saves but we also know that He uses human means in saving. If God wants people saved this is not a reason we should take our hands off, it is a reason we should put our hands on. The same principle applies in calling people into special service. Of course we cannot call people and we need to be careful that we do not run ahead of the Lord in this matter, but there are two things that we can do.

II

Consider next, we can furnish a spiritual atmosphere in which God can call people into His service. You have noticed that preachers and other special workers come out of spiritual homes and spiritual churches. Why is this true if God does not use human means in calling people? Any church that does not have young men and young women going from it into special service for the Lord, ought to have a heart-searching to try to find out what the trouble is with the church. There is something wrong with any church that does not have young people entering the service of God from that church. So we can help the Lord in this matter by furnishing a spiritual atmosphere in which young people can easily hear the call and respond to it.

Another thing that we can do is to keep our ears sensitive to the impressions of the Spirit in regard to this matter. I believe that when God calls somebody to preach He will communicate a knowledge of that matter to somebody else besides the one called.

There is always a spiritual group in a church to whom the Lord is apt to make His will known in a matter of this kind. If a man should claim to be called to preach and nobody else had that impression but himself I should think he was probably mistaken. This does not mean that ev-

erybody will have this impression when God calls a man to preach but it does mean that He will let somebody know it other than the one called. So we can keep our ears open to hear the voice of the Lord, and when we get a definite impression from Him we can sometimes be used of Him to help the one who is called to find the will of God and respond to it.

I have always been thankful for a godly preacher who asked me to ride to church with him one day and on the way he asked me if I had an impression to preach. I told him that I had and he helped me to get started. By following the impressions of the Spirit and using good judgment we can oftentimes help the Lord and perform a valuable service to young people in helping them get started in response to the impressions of the Spirit.

III

Second, the Holy Spirit guides men in preparation for the work of the ministry. This statement presupposes two things. The first is that there ought to be preparation for the work of the ministry. In general we have come to repudiate the Hardshell idea that, if a man is called to preach, all he needs to do is to get in the pulpit and open his mouth and let the Lord fill it.

If God calls a man to preach he calls him to be the best preacher that it is possible for him to be. All efficiency is from God but at the same time the better the instrument is the more effectively the Lord can use it. Perhaps the most effective instrument that the Lord had in the Old Testament was Moses. It took Moses eighty years to get ready to do forty years work and I suppose everybody would say that the most efficient man in the New Testament, next to Jesus, was Paul and Paul was one of the best educated men of his day.

The idea that a man does not need to make preparation for the work of the ministry is founded on the false assumption that the Spirit of God works through a man's feelings but not through his thinking power. I believe that God has as much to do with a man's thinking as He does with his feelings. Hence, the mind needs to be trained for the service of God. John S. Tanner used to say that the Spirit of God seems to have an affinity for a trained mind.

The statement that the Holy Spirit guides in preparation for the ministry is based on the further assumption that this training ought to be in a spiritual atmosphere. The preacher needs training for his work but he does not need just any kind of training. He needs to be trained for the spiritual service. Such training needs to be in an atmosphere that will develop not only his power to think but his spiritual character and deepen his devotion to Christ and His service. The Spirit of God will guide a man in obtaining such training if the Spirit is given the right kind of opportunity.

IV

Third, the Holy Spirit guides with reference to types of work and fields of service in the ministry. In the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians Paul emphasizes the fact that God bestows different gifts on men in His service. He gives to some the power of faith, to some the power to speak in tongues, to some the power to interpret tongues and so on, and it is still true that God bestows different spiritual gifts on men in His service. He may not give today just the same gifts He did in Paul's day but all our spiritual gifts come from Him, and He still bestows gifts as the Spirit wills. All these different gifts are for use in the service of the Lord and are for the upbuilding of His body, the church.

A man who has one spiritual gift, then, should not say to a man with a different spiritual gift, "I have no need of thee." God still makes some men evangelists, some preachers and some teachers. He gives to some people the power to sing and He gives to some the power of leadership and administration. He makes some executives in order that they may do executive work of the Kingdom of God.

All the different gifts are necessary and the man with the gift of evangelism or exhortation should not say to the man with the gift of

Paisano Encampment Will Meet July 30-August 8

LUEDERS CHURCH IN REVIVAL MEETING

The Lueders Baptist Church will begin a two-weeks revival meeting Friday night, July 9th. Rev. L. A. Doyle, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Anson, will do the preaching. Rev. L. A. Doyle is a great preacher and will bring great Gospel sermons each morning and evening. Don't fail to hear him.

Old time congregational singing will be a definite part of every service, led by a great singer. Meet him the first service. A special choir for all the children, bring them and hear them sing. Don't miss the prayer-meetings each evening preceding the preaching service.

We invite you, we welcome you, we urge you to come and bring your friends and attend these services.—L. F. Moreland, pastor.

ANTI-ALCOHOL LEADERS TO MEET IN WARSAW

Outstanding world leaders in temperance reform work will meet in Warsaw, Poland, September 12 to 17, for the 21st International Congress on Alcoholism. The president of the Polish republic will be official host to the delegates.

teaching or with the power of executive ability, "I have no need of thee." All of these gifts are bestowed for the work of the Kingdom of God and God needs different types of workers for the upbuilding of His Kingdom. He still bestows different kinds of gifts in the work of the ministry.

The Spirit also leads in the choice of fields of labor as well as in types of labor. The Spirit called Paul and Barnabas into missionary service. He also guided them as to their field of service. At times the Spirit restrained Paul from going in certain directions and finally led him into Europe to preach the gospel there. He responded to the Macedonian call and went to Philippi and carried the gospel into Europe instead of turning Eastward into Asia.

Fourth, the Spirit gives efficiency in the work of the ministry. Whatever our type of service we must depend on the Lord for efficiency in our work. Too many times we are depending on the arm of flesh to produce results. Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God gives the increase. In many of our churches, with all of our efficient organizations, sometimes like the old-time tread-mill we go round and round but get nowhere. All spiritual results must be produced by the power of the Spirit.

If we depended more on the Lord for the leadership of His Spirit, I think it would save us from some things. It would save us from unspiritual methods. Too many times in seeking spiritual results we use unspiritual methods. The methods that we use ought to be in harmony with the end desired. One preacher said that, if necessary to get people to come to hear him preach, he would stand on his head in the pulpit. I think a preacher would maintain his balance better in the pulpit if he keeps the light end up. I do not believe that using unspiritual methods will help us in attaining spiritual ends.

Depending on the Spirit would save us from so many unspiritual products. I have a profound conviction that too many of the people that we take into our churches have not been changed by the Spirit of God. Baptists claim to believe in a converted church membership, but I am afraid our practice in regard to this matter has become very lax. We need to pray the Lord and use the best judgment we can to see to it that the people taken into our churches are converted and developed in spiritual character. To produce such results we depend on the Spirit of God.

If we want spiritual power in our work, we must give ourselves unreservedly to the Lord. The Lord does not bestow the Spirit upon us to make us feel good in His service. He bestows the power of the Spirit in order that we might be efficient in serving Him. I believe, therefore, that He will give us spiritual power, if we give ourselves to Him.

You and I may not be great preachers. If we have that ambition the sooner we get rid of it the better it will be for us and the work of the Lord, but there is one thing that should be true of us. We may not be great preachers, but the Lord wants all there is of us and if we give ourselves to Him He will give us spiritual power and use us in His service.

The 17th annual session of the Paisano Baptist Encampment, midway between Alpine and Marfa, opens July 30 and closes August 8. Rev. L. R. Millican of El Paso has been president of the encampment since its organization 17 years ago. The secretary is Jesse Blackwell of Marfa, and all information concerning the encampment may be obtained of him. Following is the daily program:

7 to 8—Breakfast.
8 to 8:45—Sunday School hour. W. J. Lites, state secretary; assisted by Rev. Jesse Garrett, Rev. M. M. Fulmer, Rev. S. F. Marsh, and Rev. Roy Hollomon.

8:45 to 9:30—Training Service. R. A. Springer, leader; assisted by Mrs. Springer, Mrs. T. C. Gardner, and T. C. Gardner, Jr.

8:45 to 9:30—Woman's Department. Mrs. W. C. Carson, District President; assisted by Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Lide and Rev. Lynn Richerson.

9:30 to 10:30—Bible Exposition. Dr. J. B. Tidwell.

10:30 to 10:45—Recess.

10:45 to 11—Song Service, directed by Rush McDonald of Memphis, Tenn.

11:15 to 12:30—Sermon.

Mrs. Geo. Waring will take charge of children up to 7 years old each day during services between 9:30 and noon.

Dinner
1 to 5 p. m.—Rest and Recreation.
5 to 6 p. m.—Prayer Meeting.
7:30 to 8 p. m.—Song Service.
8 p. m.—Sermon.

TALCO PASTOR WRITES OF HIS WORK IN EAST TEXAS

Dear Brother Malone:
I read the West Texas Baptist with great interest. It is almost like getting a letter from home. My heart is made to rejoice as I read of the good work being done in that section of the state by those whom I have known in former days.

The work here at Talco goes well. In the past eight and one-half months the Sunday School has grown from 25 to 125. We now have 5 B. Y. P.'s where there were only one eight months ago. We have had 95 additions to the church. Eight months ago the Sunday offerings would average about \$2.50, now they average about \$50.00 per Sunday and something is sent to the cooperative program each month.

It was the delight of the pastor and his people to have Dr. W. B. Glass with us last Wednesday evening. Dr. Glass was born and reared near Talco, and went from this church as a missionary to China. He brought us a powerful message, then told us of some of the needs in China. The church raised \$50.00 for a new tent to be used in evangelistic work by Dr. Glass.

Our summer revival will begin August 1st. Dr. W. M. Wright of Paris, Texas, will do the preaching. We have the greatest mission field here that I know of in Texas. May we have the prayers of each who read this article.—Thos. J. Young.

A REVOLT IS DUE

"Once more we face the liquor traffic, everywhere anti-social, not to say criminal in its consequences. . . . We are not in the status quo ante. We are in worse status by far, and this loose, tipsy, cocktail-party generation cannot be the last word in the story of alcoholism. As sure as history repeats itself, a revolt is due."—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

REX RAY, MISSIONARY TO CHINA, WRITES OF EXPERIENCES ON FIELD

(Continued from page 1)
ernment is trying to take possession of our mission property including residences. Dr. T. M. Rankin, secretary for the Orient, was with us.

One day last winter in a market town my little girl, Mary Dee, 3 years old, stood on the back of the car and drew great crowds of people, while Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Beddoe, our two Chinese preachers and I preached and sold Gospels. We sold all we had. The rent on our chapel in this new field is being paid by the Tithers' Band of our hospital. The preacher and Bible woman are being supported by friends of Houston, Texas. Great interest in the Gospel is seen now. Our preaching service lasted from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Later I baptized 7 women and 1 man. Others are awaiting baptism.

At Ha Ching our other new outstation I baptized 12 men and women 3 weeks ago. Last Sunday at Mong Jong I baptized seven men. Sixty

members took part in the Lord's Memorial Supper. Our hospital is conducting free clinics in both of these outstations. During the past 6 months it has been my happy privilege to baptize some 57 new Christians.

In Sz Wong town we bought a building, rebuilt it into a chapel and dedicated it last December. The funds were given by friends in Washington, D. C., and Chinese friends here. We are expecting glorious results.

We rejoice over the news that our Sisters of the Texas W. M. U. have sent us money with which to supply Christian literature for our colporters, tent evangelistic work, etc. Thanks be unto God, and you.

While the Holy Spirit is bringing men and women into the Kingdom of God these days in China, the devil is fighting back. Many are being hindered by satan from being baptized. Two weeks ago at Taai Hui my Chinese evangelist was to have baptized 22 converts. Satan got into the mayor of the town and threatened the candidates with arrest and fines should they be baptized. The wives of three Christians were baptized anyway. The University in Wuchow

is persecuting the students who are accepting Christ. The leader among the students is being threatened with expulsion, if he should be baptized. He will be baptized. One soldier in the Chinese army in Wuchow was baptized recently. He is winning others for Jesus. He was thrown into prison because he refused to give up Jesus. He was released and came right back to church last Sunday bringing a lot of his fellow soldiers with him. Praise the Lord for these who are willing to suffer for Jesus Christ their Saviour. I'm sure you will pray for them.

Today I sent a list of 16 cities towns and stations in the Wuchow field where we are anxious to open or reopen Baptist work, to our Executive Committee. The Gospel is not being preached at all in some eight of these places. Please pray with us that our Lord will in some way provide the funds with which to send preachers, colporters and Bible women with the Gospel to these who still sit in heathen darkness. Their immortal souls will not wait long. What shall our answer be? Yours on business for our Lord and King.

GIRL'S CAMP TO BE HELD AT LUEDERS

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- 8:20-9:05—"Let's Study About Missions."
- 9:05-9:25—"Serving Christ with Southern Baptist"—Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.
- 9:25-9:45—Recreational Songs.
- 9:45-10:20—"Demonstration of Installation Services," Int. G. A. Lueders, Mrs. Crownover.
- 10:20-10:40—"Recess Period."
- 10:40-11:25—"Everybody in Class."
- 11:25-11:35—"Lift Your Voices in Song."
- 11:35-12:05—"Serving Christ," Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
- 12:15—"Are You Hungry?—Come to Lunch."
- 1:30-4:00—"Recreation—Something for Everyone."
- 4:00-6:00—"Take a Swim, but Don't Drown."
- 6:00-7:30—"Stunts with Knife, Fork and Spoon."
- 7:45-8:15—"Vesper by the Clear Fork," Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Ranger.
- 8:20-8:30—"Time to Sing."
- 8:30-9:00—"Serving Christ in Uttermost Parts of World," Rev. B. N. Shepherd.
- 9:00-10:30—"Follow the Recreation Committee."
- 10:30—"The Curfew Rings."

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 6:00-7:00—"Are You Too Sleepy to Swim?"
- 7:00-7:30—"First and Last Call to Breakfast."
- 7:30-8:00—"Isn't it Fun to Clean House?"
- 8:00-8:20—"Devotional Under Tabernacle," "Serving Christ With Our Talents," Mrs. Henry Littleton.
- 8:20-9:05—"Get Your Books and Come to Class."
- 9:05-9:25—Recreational Songs.
- 9:25-10:20—"Demonstration of Missionary Program"—Int. G. A. Haskell.
- 10:20-10:40—"How About a Little Recess?"
- 10:40-11:25—"No Cuts from Class Allowed."
- 11:25-11:35—"Let's Sing."
- 11:35-12:05—"Serving Christ by Giving Our All," Rev. B. N. Shepherd, Missionary, District 17.
- 12:15—"Lunch is Served."
- 1:30—"Goodbye—till 1938, Houseparty."

In all probability Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Glass, missionaries to China, for more than 30 years will be present and speak during the camp. Every young woman in the district should hear their message.

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