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By DICK O'BRIEN

I know that it is a delicate subject for a preacher to discuss, and there is a possibility that he will be accused of trying to alibi for the failure of many of his sermons, but every failure is not due to the preacher's lack of preparation or ability. The hearer has his part to perform to make the sermon a success. If said hearer gives divided attention and does not give the truths spoken a chance to enter his deeper consciousness, it will no more bear fruit than will good seed which falls upon packed or unprepared soil. There are many examples of this, but one of the best I have ever heard was told to me this morning by a preacher friend of another denomination. He said three young Christian workers from his alma mater went into a certain community to conduct a two weeks revival. One was to lead the singing, another would organize and lead the young people and the third would do the preaching. They were three very enthusiastic young men and had every reason to expect great results from their labors. There was no response the first week, but they prayed, sang and preached on expecting the meeting to "break" the second week. But the last day came and still everything was very much "as it was in the days of the fathers." No conversions. No additions. No reconsecrations. Not a single move of any kind. The people would come, sing languidly, pray (?) without fervor, and listen like stumps, without a change of facial expression. The young men visited, prayed, sang and preached their hearts out but to no visible avail. They had an earnest conference concerning the last service. They determined to put the last ounce of power in them in one final effort to break through the reserve of the congregation. The preacher said he would preach on the Prodigal Son and make it as dramatic and effective as possible. He would drive straight at the emotions of the people. The leader of young people would create a psychology which would make the young people responsive to just such a sermon, and the songs would point definitely in that direction. Each man carried out his part with great earnestness. They had a rousing song service. The preacher wept his way through his (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

- Feb. 18-19—Bible Conference, District 8, First Baptist Church, Big Spring.
February 24-25—District 16 Convention, Brownwood.
February 28-March 1—District 7 Convention, Van Horn.
March 4-5—District 8 Convention, Colorado City.
March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Stamford.
March 8-7—Home Mission Week of Prayer.
March 7-8—Y. W. A. House Party at H-SU.
March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.
March 25-26—District 9 Convention, Brownfield.
March 27-28—District 10 Convention, Pampa.
March 27-28—District 11 Convention, Paducah.
April 15-17—Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, Dallas.
April 22-23—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Breckenridge.
April 28-29—Formal Installation of President W. R. White, H-SU.
May 14-18—Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.
June 2-5—Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.
June 23-29—General Encampment, Lueders.
July 7-9—Girls' camp, Lueders.
July 9-11—Boys' camp, Lueders.

HOME BOARD REFINANCING PROPHESIES A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BY 1945

By ELLIS A. FULLER, President, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention

It is a day of rejoicing for the Home Mission Board because of the refinancing of our entire indebtedness. We had three bond issues and notes payable to banks aggregating about \$850,000. With the exception of one bond issue of \$129,000 on which we were paying 5 per cent interest, we were paying 6 per cent on the whole amount. Through our refinancing we got an interest rate of 3 1/4 per cent on about half of our indebtedness and 3 1/2 per cent on the other half; and at the same time worked out a plan for the payment of these outstanding obligations which will be far less exacting upon us and which will give us a larger margin of safety in case of any sort of unusual condition which might develop within the next few years.

As Baptists we ought to be grateful that our credit has become so definitely established in the business world that a business concern would solicit the Home Mission Board with such a proposition as the one which we have just closed. It is gratifying to know that the reduced interest rate was possible and that the financial world was eager to buy our new bonds. It is significant that the Home Mission Board was able to substitute debenture bonds for collateral bonds. This simply means that the Baptist name stands for integrity and thereby challenges credit.

It is also significant from the standpoint of our missionary program that this plan will effect a gross saving of over \$100,000 in interest.

It is also significant that we are more encouraged than ever before to believe that our denomination, so far as the Home Mission Board is concerned, will be out of debt by 1945. It is a stimulating fact that we can now anticipate some immediate enlargement of our missionary program and can look to a great expansion within the next few years when the amount applied annually on debt can be used in constructive missionary activity.

This is a day of days for Baptists. The very fact that we are in sight of a debtless denomination should inspire everyone to fresh loyalty, to renewed zeal, and to increased liberality.

Perhaps the most significant truth of the entire experience of the Home Mission Board is the fact that we have another demonstration of the efficiency and trustworthiness of our Baptist Brotherhood. It is often charged that the Baptist people are so loosely organized, so individualistic in their denominational democracy, that it is unreasonable to expect them to work together toward great achievements. We have opportunity now to observe again that the bond of unity which holds together a people of a common experience is the strongest bond known to men and that the lordship of the Savior whom we follow and obey under the leadership of the Holy Spirit is more powerful than that of men to whom power to lead and direct has been assigned.

CAMP PASTOR SELECTIONS ARE NOW BEING MADE

Rev. G. B. Bradshaw, newly chosen camp pastor at Camp Barkley, Abilene, made a preliminary inspection tour last week. He is the former pastor at the North McKinney Church, McKinney, Texas. He expects to move with his family to Abilene in the near future.

Rev. L. D. Mitchell, former pastor at Stephenville First Church, has been selected as camp pastor at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, and is already at work among the men.

JESSE YELVINGTON HOLDS ODESSA REVIVAL

There were 54 additions to Emmanuel Church, Odessa, in the recent revival in which Evangelist Jesse L. Yelvington of San Antonio assisted Pastor B. A. Rogers. Of the number 34 were for baptism. In spite of the fact that 80 members of the church have moved away on account of slackened activity in the oil industry, the Sunday School reached a record attendance of 303 during the meeting. The church is greatly strengthened and encouraged.

DISTRICT 8 CONVENTION TO GO TO COLORADO CITY



MRS. E. F. LYON, Dallas

Dr. G. S. Hopkins and Mrs. E. F. Lyon of Dallas, with Judge E. S. Cummings and J. D. Riddle of Abilene, will be visiting speakers for the District 8 convention, which will be held March 4 and 5 at First Church, Colorado City, Rev. Arthur Travis, pastor. The convention sermon will be preached by Rev. J. J. Gentry, Lamesa, at the Tuesday morning session. The balance of the morning will be given to Sunday School conferences and the closing address by Dr. Hopkins, Sunday School missionary.

The Brotherhood and the Woman's Missionary Society will have separate sessions in the afternoon, with Judge Cummings, state president, addressing the men, and Mrs. Lyon, W. M. U. secretary, speaking to the women. Young People's night will be observed Tuesday evening, featured by an address by J. D. Riddle, Training Union Convention president, and a pageant by young people of the district.

The defense program of Texas Baptists will be the subject of an address Wednesday morning by Dr. C. E. Lancaster of First Church, Big Spring. Pastor H. D. Bruce of Midland will deliver the morning sermon.

The convention will close Wednesday afternoon with an inspirational address by Rev. E. F. Cole, evangelistic pastor of First Church, Lamesa.

Rev. Ira Harrison of Snyder is president of the district convention and Rev. W. C. Harrison of Odessa is district missionary.

HOWARD PAYNE PREXY SPEAKS TO DISTRICT MEN



Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, and famed humorist, will address the laymen of District 17 at the annual convention at Stamford, Thursday evening, March 6. Judge E. S. Cummings, Brotherhood Convention president, and R. A. Springer, Dallas, State Brotherhood secretary, will also speak that evening.

H-SU GOLDEN JUBILEE CHAIRMAN GOES TO ARMY

Dr. Clinton E. Adams, general chairman of the Hardin-Simmons semi-centennial commission has resigned to spend a year in the army. At the present he will be stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, where he will be medical officer of the Seventh Cavalry. His position as alumni executive of the Golden Jubilee observances has not yet been filled.

Dr. C. L. Pritchard is taking up the work of Dr. Adams in assisting representatives of Hendrick Memorial Hospital in conducting the medical clinic at Friendship Mission. This work is sponsored by the Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene. Dr. Donald McDonald will continue treating children's diseases at the clinic.

Speaking of his work at the free clinic, Dr. Adams said some time ago, "This is my church work. I do not sing in the choir or do some other work that others do, but I can do this." He was also active in civic enterprises, including heading the Boy Scout work for this area.

Dr. White Heads Crusade Against Horse Racing

Decision to accept an invitation to assume statewide leadership in a fight against legalized horse racing and other forms of gambling was announced here last week by Dr. W. R. White, Hardin-Simmons University president.

Dr. White had been invited to take anew a chairmanship he held several years ago in a state campaign to outlaw racing and gambling, businessmen and pastors in several Texas cities shaving urged him to accept.

Dr. William H. Mansfield, pastor of the Austin Avenue Methodist Church, Waco, has agreed to serve as associate chairman, Dr. White said. "Laymen, pastors and parent teacher groups over the state are much concerned with the defeat of a new movement to legalize horse racing. Businessmen of the state are alarmed at the prospect of return of this arch-enemy of legitimate business," Dr. White said in accepting the state chairmanship.

The Hardin-Simmons president said a "comprehensive plan" to array educational, civic, religious and business leadership of the state in "vigorous opposition to proposed legislation" is being perfected.

"Business men were not so interested before, when gambling was legalized, but after first hand contacts they actively assisted in getting the law repealed. Most of them have not forgotten the experience of a few years ago, and are aroused again. We are set to fight it to the last ditch," he said.

STATE INTERMEDIATE DAY

April 27, 1941, has been designated as State Intermediate Day in Texas. Put this date on your church calendar and watch the Sunday School page of this paper for further announcements and suggestions.

H-SU SETS SERIES OF MAJOR DATES FOR SEMI-CENTENNIAL

MUSICAL DRAMA TO OPEN STATE S. S. CONVENTION

"The Prodigal Son," a musical drama, will be presented Monday evening, April 14, at Dallas, preceding the opening of the Sunday School Convention the next morning. It will be a production of the School of Music of Southwestern Seminary, with Professor I. E. Reynolds directing.

Wednesday evening, April 16, a training banquet will be held in connection with the convention. Only 600 tickets will be sold and only holders of a Sunday School diploma or higher award will be eligible to attend. Those desiring reservations are asked to send 60c to the Sunday School Department, Burt Bldg., Dallas, and state whether it is from a holder of a diploma, Red, Blue, Gold, or Post Graduate award.

Among the inspirational speakers of the convention will be Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the South-wide Sunday School Board, Nashville.

A streamer will be displayed in the convention auditorium, inscribed with the names of all standard Sunday Schools, together with the names of the pastors and superintendents. West Texas Sunday Schools recognized as standard since last report include: Salt Creek, Brownwood, D. A. Graves, pastor and Norris Doss, superintendent; Henrietta, First, E. L. Moody, Frank Selvidge; Lefors, W. R. Lawrence, C. H. Butram; Royalty, A. W. Smith, Gilbert L. Griffin.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS AT TYE AND TRENT CHURCHES

Miss Edith Boyd, a returned missionary from China, spoke at Tye Church Friday night and at Trent at both services Sunday, February 16. Pastor Fred H. Porter reports that both churches were greatly blessed by her inspirational messages. He requests that Miss Boyd and other missionaries be remembered in daily prayers. Work is definitely on the upgrade at both churches with plans for greater things ahead. Mid-week prayer service is being started at Trent.

ASSOCIATION TRAINING U. MEETS AT CISCO CHURCH

The Cisco Associational Training Union met Sunday afternoon in regular monthly meeting, with the First Church, Cisco. There were eleven churches represented with 132 present among whom were our associational missionary, Rev. H. D. Blair, Mrs. J. H. Littleton and Rev. J. H. Littleton, District Missionary. The conferences were attended with great interest. Dr. H. H. Murrhead, returned missionary from South America, brought the inspirational address. The First Church, Caddo, was in charge of the program. Our Associational Training Union is full organized and departmentized. —Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE BAND HIGHLIGHTS PROGRAM

Highlight of the Training Union meeting with Noodle Church, February 17, was the part taken by members of the Volunteer Christian Service Band of H-SU. The program was directed by the Noodle pastor, Rev. A. R. Posey, who presented J. Q. Collins, accordionist and song leader, followed by talks on "Study" by Miss Waller and "Stir Up" by Ernest Westmoreland. Rev. W. L. Daniels' brief address, "Cooperation Is Stewardship," was preceded by a solo by J. Q. Collins. The next meeting will be with Comper Church, March 16.

TOM PATTERSON TO REMAIN AT TABERNACLE

Pastor T. A. Patterson, formerly of Colorado City and now of Tabernacle Church, Fort Worth, has declined the call to First Church, Ardmore, Okla. "I was deeply impressed with the people and the great opportunities for service there, but I never could be satisfied in my heart that the Lord was ready for me to leave here," he writes.

By Gita Bumpass and Mary Nell Hamilton

To observe appropriately the first 50 years of its history, Hardin-Simmons University is making plans for a series of climax events to continue until the 50th commencement, in June, 1942.

Next major event on the jubilee calendar is to be Hardin-Simmons recognition day, in the Baptist churches throughout Texas, on March 16.

Other major dates for the spring are a tri-associational meet, on April 3; Founders day, April 17; the inauguration of Dr. W. R. White as seventh president, on April 28 and 29, and June 2, commencement.

H-SU day in the denominational churches on March 16 will be directed by the church contacts committee, of which the Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford is chairman.

Committeemen

Its members are Dr. Fred Eastham, Wichita Falls; the Rev. A. C. Miller and the Rev. J. Henry Littleton, Abilene; the Rev. W. T. Hamor, Winters; the Rev. E. T. Miller, Corsicana; the Rev. J. M. Sibley, Sweetwater; the Rev. E. D. Dunlap, Fort Worth; the Rev. E. N. McGuire, San Angelo; the Rev. Ralph Grant, Beaumont; the Rev. Ira Harrison, Snyder; the Rev. Douglas Carver, of Harlingen, soon to become pastor of the University Baptist Church here, and the Rev. T. A. Patterson, Fort Worth.

The tri-associational meet—a meeting of the Sweetwater, Scurry-Mitchell, and Fisher Baptist Associations—will be held in Sweetwater with the First Baptist Church as host. The Rev. J. M. Sibley, pastor of the church, is chairman.

Dr. White will speak on Christian Education in Our Day; and Dr. Fred (Continued on page 2)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING BANQUET

By Robert H. Coleman, Chairman Banquet Committee

We are expecting a great Sunday School Convention in Dallas, April 15, 16, 17. Since thousands of our teachers and workers are placing special emphasis on training, it has been thought that a very attractive feature of this convention would be a Sunday School Training banquet. Only those people would be invited who had secured a diploma or better than a diploma. The banquet hall will care for only 600 people and therefore the first 600 who send 60c to the Baptist Sunday School Department, 707 Burt Bldg., Dallas, will be able to attend. We will have some gifted speakers and a great time.

MISSISSIPPI PASTOR GIVING AWAY SERMONS

A collection of 1,500 sermons may be had for the typing from Rev. H. R. Holcomb, who has spent 13 of his 37 years in the ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi. The sermons are on a wide variety of subjects and are complete with illustrations. They may be had singly or in any quantity for the cost of the typing by addressing Miss Emilee Pennington, Tupelo.

SOUTH SIDE IN STUDY COURSE

Twelve Training Union study courses, given at three periods of the day, are being offered this week at South Side Church. Courses for young people and adults are offered from 3:30 to 5:00; intermediate and junior classes are given from 5:00 to 6:30 for the accommodation of school children, and work for all ages is given in the evenings. Dr. Edward B. Jenkins is assisting Pastor W. C. Ashford, Director Paul Counts and other local workers, including Mrs. Hubert Hayes, Mrs. J. W. Dodson, Mrs. Harmon Miller, and Mrs. Harry Hayes.

DAUGHTER OF CLYDE PASTOR DIES SUDDENLY

Bernice Olita Welch, 15, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. O. D. Welch of Clyde, died February 11 after a brief illness. Funeral was at Clyde with Rev. A. C. Hardin of Post and Rev. H. B. Naylor of Sudan conducting the services.

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CHURCH MUSIC TRAINING

Along with the Sunday School study courses and the Training Union study courses and all the rest, the Southern Baptist Convention and the state conventions should take up the matter of singing schools and make them what they are capable of being as aids to Baptist life," concludes Mr. B. D. Stephenson of San Antonio in a thought-provoking article in The Western Recorder.

Inasmuch as organized public worship in song is much older than systematic Bible teaching, and since there is probably not a Missionary Baptist Church which does not make the song service an important part of every worship period, one wonders that more has not been done toward training, both in singing and in appreciation. Perhaps, because every church sings after some fashion, there has seemed less need for missionary work along this line.

Baptists are coming to a day when this important matter demands a less haphazard consideration. In Texas, and we presume in other states, children in the public schools are being taught to sing and to appreciate the best of music, not only secular, but often sacred. As these young people come to maturity they will not reverence churches where dogged jingles are sung to tin-panny tunes. Neither will their souls be fed nor their spiritual lives strengthened by unscriptural poems set to icily perfect music. Between these extremes we have a medium which we need to cultivate more systematically.

Larger churches have facilities where interested singers may receive splendid voice training. Many others are not so fortunate. At Lueders and other encampments, quite as much emphasis is placed upon church music as upon any other phase of the program. Sporadic schools of music have been conducted at churches. But the time demands a concerted, integrated plan.

As Mr. Stephenson points out, there is as much reason and as much need for singing schools as for schools of missions and for study courses. The term "singing school" is used advisedly, in spite of a certain disrepute attached to the phrase, because there does not seem to be any other words which fit quite as well.

We would not suggest that Southern Baptists go into wholesale and free voice training. We are not sure that such would be a proper use of the Lord's money, and certainly there are abundant agencies to carry on that work, both in the public and private schools. But there appears to be a great unworked field in enlisting people to use such training to glorify God and to proclaim the Gospel message in song in the communities where they dwell.

Some few with consecrated talent have been saying these things for years. They need to be reinforced by more of us who could not carry a tune in a sack, but who enjoy good music and who recognize the lofty position which it holds in public worship. And we need to continue until the churches feel that a week of church music is as essential to rounded development as a study course or a revival.

NO BEER AT CAMP BARKELEY

In advance of the transfer of the 45th Division to Camp Barkeley, near Abilene, Major General W. S. Key has announced that there will be no beer sold in the cantonment canteens. This is in line with similar action by General Birkhead, commander at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

We honor these upright, Christian soldiers for taking such a stand in the face of undoubted dissatisfaction in some military circles and in spite of pressure from certain selfish civilian interests. It was not easy for General Key to take this action when his men now have beer available in military areas of their camp which are beyond the divisional control. We thank God that our boys are led by men of such high ideals and lofty courage.

The next step is up to the people of Texas. The soldiers will find, and are finding, the alcoholic narcotics, which are prohibited in their camps, readily available when they go to town. Within reach of these camps are towns where beer may be had legally. Reported orgies in some of these places may arouse public opinion to the point of voting to close such places.

But the so-called dry towns have a more difficult situation in the drug stores which sell whiskey to all comers under the legalized prescription farce. The Texas Legislature is in session and if enough public opinion is exerted upon the members such an outrage to decency can be stopped in a few days.

We understand that in Oklahoma it is illegal for a drug store to sell whiskey under any circumstances. Many Texas drug stores are doing a prosperous business without handling it and the most successful physicians of this day seldom or never prescribe it.

If for only selfish reasons, the legitimate interests in communities in reach of the camps may find it to their advantage to put restraints upon the widespread liquor sales. Reports come from some sections of the nation of cases when civil authorities have failed to cope with vice and drunkenness, the offending municipalities have been declared prohibited areas where the soldiers are forbidden by their commanders to trespass.

This is something else that "can happen here." We will make bold to say that it ought to happen if we continue to put the greed of a few whiskey-selling drug stores and nickel-a-prescription doctors above the fitness and manhood of our fighting men.

Will we cooperate with the army commanders in their efforts to build a defense of sober soldiers, or shall we, like France, allow ourselves to be conquered and enslaved by the master Fifth Columnist, Alcohol?

News Notes

Dr. W. W. Melton, 29 years pastor at Seventh and James Church, Waco, is assisting Pastor M. L. Rhodes in a revival at First Church, Houston Heights.

There were 43 additions in the recent revival at Peños, with Dr. Porter M. Bales of Tyler assisting Pastor W. M. Turner and J. Boyd East of Albuquerque leading the singing.

Pastor W. E. Barnes of Hereford is to assist the West Side Church at Carlsbad, N. M., in a spring revival. This church was organized last summer.

Dr. W. W. Chancellor has resigned a long pastorate at Mineral Wells to accept the call of the Pharr Church. Dr. Chancellor baptized the editor and we wish him happy years of service in the Valley.

Pastor Sid Martin of Memphis, Texas, is reported seriously ill of a digestive disorder.

Approximately \$300,000 was spent in building activities by Baptist churches in Houston last year, with 24 churches participating.

Petersburg Church recently set aside a portion of their new auditorium for the use of Negroes and Mexicans and invited families of those races to attend.

Joe Evans, El Paso ranchman who delivered the welcome address on horseback to the Baptist General Convention when it met in his home town in 1937, will be one of the speakers at the State Brotherhood meeting in Dallas March 18.

Rev. Lee Hollis of Sweetwater has accepted the call of the Neweman Church in Fisher Association.

Pastor Geo. W. Thomas of Peacock has accepted the call of Lockett Church near Vernon, succeeding Dr. C. V. Edwards who recently retired. This is the church into which Dr. B. L. Lockett was baptized when a boy.

Dr. H. H. Muirhead, returned missionary to Brazil, is assisting Pastor Phillip C. McCabe and local leaders in a school of missions at Breckenridge. This is part of a simultaneous mission study in Cisco Association.

E. E. (Hot Dog) Lee will be the main speaker and J. D. Riddle and family will sing at the Sweetheart banquet at Lamar Avenue Church, Wichita Falls, February 21. Dexter Riddle of Southwestern Seminary is music and young people's leader.

Rev. T. A. Sumrall has resigned as pastor at McLean.

Rev. Clyde Campbell of Calvary Church, Abilene, assisted Pastor F. E. Swanner in a recent study course at Paducah in which 53 earned awards.

Temple Church, Abilene, is laying foundations for a new church home this week after an extended delay on account of labor shortage.

Pastor Judson Prince of Cisco is speaker February 13, for the B. S. U. chapel hour during students Evangelistic week at Howard Payne College. Students were making an effort to reach the six remaining unsaved on the campus.

Highland Park Church, El Paso, where Rev. A. L. Leake is pastor, is having packed attendance during a ten weeks loyalty campaign which will be climaxed with a week of revival in April with Rev. Philip Brown of Crane preaching.

Pastor J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater reports a very profitable week of Bible conference with Dr. E. B. Atwood of H-SU teaching. He says, "His messages were inspiring as well as informing."

The West Zone Sunday School and Training Union meeting of Sweetwater Association was held at First Church, Sweetwater Sunday afternoon. A play, "The Lost Church," was presented by the young people.

Five baptisms and 15 professions of faith followed a meeting at the San Angelo Mexican Church with Evangelist J. M. Hank doing the preaching. Rev. Donato Ruiz, Home Missionary, is pastor.

The Home Mission Board has paid \$805,214.80 on its debts since the inauguration of the Hundred Thousand Club in 1938.

THE TRAINING UNION TRAINS FOR SERVICE

By T. C. Gardner
There are approximately 17 million young men between the ages of 21 and 35 who are classified as draftees. The government has already called many of these young men and has begun to train them for government service. These young men are learning to serve by serving.

The Baptist Training Union is the name of an organization adopted by the Baptists which is designed to train all Baptists for real service. The members of our Baptist churches who attend the Training Union Sunday after Sunday and participate in its programs are certainly being trained for service. In addition to the training offered week by week, the Training Union leaders have worked out a great educational program. There are five well chosen books for the juniors, eight choice books for the intermediates, 20 books for the young people and 12 for the adults. In addition to this, we encourage the little beginner and primary children to attend training schools where they can listen to Bible and missionary stories told by a trained person. To be sure, the stories are selected from the choicest books.

The books referred to above are taught in training schools. The Training Union that attains and maintains the standard of excellence must inspire 50 per cent of its members to complete one or more of the study course books during the year. We believe that each church in the state should have at least two training schools each year when books would be taught appealing to all age groups.

We believe there should be an association-wide Training Union revival conducted in each of the 110 associations during the year. Books should be taught for all age groups. New unions should be organized and a sufficient number of new leaders and sponsors secured to care for the new unions and the enlarged program.

The Training Union convention year begins November 1; therefore the months of November, December, and January are back of us, and I hold in my hand the educational report from 110 associations. We observe from the report that 81 of the 110 associations earned Training Union diplomas and seals during the three months. We are hoping that at the close of the six-month period all associations in the state will have diplomas and seals to their credit.

The study course goal for the Training Union Department of Texas this year is 7,000. To reach this goal, Texas Baptists must earn an average of 6,250 awards each month. The month of March has been designated as Training Union study course month. Any week in the month that is convenient for the greatest number of people is the week that your church should choose. Churches that cannot have their training school in March may, of course, have it any other month in the year. The two months in the year known as Training Union study course months are March and September. This simply means that each church should have two one-week training schools sometime during the year.

A complete list of the study course books* may be secured from T. C. Gardner, 708 Burt Building, Dallas.

PREACHING WITH UNCTION AND POWER

By Edward B. Jenkins
George Whitefield was one of the greatest preachers of his century. He had a powerful voice for outdoor preaching. Benjamin Franklin tested his voice on one occasion and found it could be heard over a mile. It is estimated that he preached to 100,000 persons at Cambuslang, Scotland, and that 10,000 persons confessed Christ as a result of that one sermon.

On one occasion he was preaching and he so dramatically described a blind man walked towards the edge of a precipice that his portrayal was as real as Lord Chesterfield, who was present, cried aloud: "My God, He is gone."

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

NOLAN LAYMEN CONDUCT SOLDIER DAY SERVICE

"What we can do to help our boys in the soldier camps," was the subject of a program rendered by the men of Nolan Church as their contribution to the Soldier Day service. An offering of \$51 was given toward Baptist work at the camps, reports Pastor Dean Elkins.

Sunday School Lesson

February 23, 1941

By HIGHT C MOORE

JESUS CALLS TO PRAYER

Read Luke 18

Study Luke 18:1-14

Five traits of the prayer to which Jesus calls are set forth in this chapter; its perseverance by the widow before the judge; its humility by the publican in the Temple; its receptivity by the little children brought to Jesus; its unselfishness by Peter who had given up all for Christ in contrast with the rich young ruler who refused to do so; and its faith by the blind beggar who was healed at Jericho.

1. The Parable of the Importunate Widow

THE SUCCESS OF PRAYER is assured in the widow's cry for justice. It presupposes the inequalities of the world which are to be adjusted by the Lord at his second coming (as the connection shows). Then all wrongs will be vindicated and avenged. Meantime, it is the duty of believers to pray with patience while the Lord lingers and with perseverance until the blessing comes. Learn from the widow. As the victim of flagrant injustice she carried her case to court and appealed for relief. But the judge was an atheist and misanthrope; what cared he for the widow who could pay him no bribe? Still she haunted him night and day and kept her cry in his ears. At last, the impatience of the oppressed woman prevailed, and the judge did selfishly for his own relief what he ought to have done justly for the widow's sake. Now if a corrupt judge would be touched by a persistent appellant, much more will the Judge of all the earth do right. And if importunity is employed and effective in a case at court, how much more should we engage in and gain by persevering prayer!

2. Parable of the Pharisee and Publican

THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER is defined in the publican's plea for mercy. As they entered the Temple, what a contrast between Pharisee and publican—the one a boasted saint, the other a branded sinner! With confident tread the Pharisee entered the inner sanctuary; with trembling step the publican came only to the outer court. The Pharisee prayed with finished phrase and dignified demeanor; the publican simply ejaculated his heartbreak in a single burning, bleeding, broken sentence.

See the Pharisee at prayer: he was manifestly ostentatious and utterly undevotional; he prayed "with himself," more in soliloquy than in supplication; his very gratitude was the essence of conceit; his attitude toward others (the publican, for example) was marked by unpraying disdain; he detailed his merits and deleted his unworthiness, five times using the capital I in a reported prayer of 34 words.

See the publican at prayer: he stood in an attitude of reverence; his very look betrayed a consciousness of his sinfulness; he smote upon his breast in vehement self-reproach, and when his feelings finally found words he confessed himself a sinner, cried to God against whom he had sinned, and pleaded for the mercy of pardon and peace. Who prayed the better prayer? In fact, which alone really prayed at all? All the world knows that Jesus gave the right answer. For pride shrivels before the Mercy Seat while humility is the open road to the Throne of Grace.

PRAY

Pray Individually. "Ought" Nothing is more personal, more individual, more solitary than prayer. Each soul must itself look up to God and long for the blessings from above.

Pray Socially. "Two men went up into the temple to pray." It is right to go to the house of prayer. The soul needs the solemnity of the sanctuary. Three kindred spirits kindle each other. "Let us worship together."

Pray Constantly. "Always to pray; and not to faint." There is constant need; there ought to be constant prayer. Live in a prayer atmosphere. Keep ever in touch with the Infinite. Often we expect answers too soon. We faint and fail before the fullness of time. Keep on praying. Keep on waiting. God hears and he will answer.

Pray Believingly. "She came off unto him" (AVS). Ask in faith. Believe, and you shall receive. Pray in Christ's name, believing. Not without faith can we please God and secure the blessing he is ready to bestow.

Pray Humbly. "Standing afar off." Pride is never so out of place as in

prayer. Self-righteousness invalidates supplication. Humility wins honor. To reach high we must bow low. See the publican!

Pray Penitently. "Smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." Ere he said a word, the downcast look and remorseful stroke showed the publican's sorrow of soul before God. And his prayer was an outburst of contrite confession.

Pray Effectually. "I will avenge her . . . this man went down to his house justified." The importunate widow won her case by perseverance in effort and patience in waiting. Ought not the praying saint to be even more persevering and patient? The Pharisee prayed in vain. The publican went down to his house with the blessing of God. It is not enough that we pray. Do we pray effectually?

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Lord, teach us to pray.—Luke 11:1. With this request the disciples once came to Jesus. And what Christian today does not join them? And to what one of us does he not give full answer in his Word?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Feb. 24—Christ Acclaimed as King. Luke 19:37-40.
- Feb. 25—Christ Weeping Over Jerusalem. Luke 19:41-44.
- Feb. 26—Christ Cleansing the Temple. Luke 19:45-48.
- Feb. 27—Christ's Authority Questioned. Luke 20:1-8.
- Feb. 28—Christ's Pre-Eminence. Philippians 2:9-11.
- March 1—The Eternal Ruler. Isa. 9:6-7.
- March 2—Christ Shall Have Dominion. Psalm 72:1-8.

H-SU SETS SERIES OF MAJOR DATES FOR SEMI-CENTENNIAL

(Continued from page 1) Eastham, pastor of Wichita Falls First Baptist Church, on the Greater Hardin-Simmons Campaign. The a cappella choir and Golden Girls quartet from Hardin-Simmons will present vocal numbers.

The original Sweetwater Association, which included the three associations, established the university. The school was under its supervision until last September when it came under the control of the Baptist General Convention.

Founders Day, traditional observance of Dr. J. B. Simmons' birthday, will be commemorated by an appropriate chapel program and by decoration of graves of Dr. and Mrs. Simmons, Robert Simmons, President and Mrs. O. C. Pope, and President J. D. Sandefer in the triangle. John G. and Mary Hardin's graves in Burk Burnett will be decorated by ex-students in the vicinity and representatives of the school.

The first Founders Day was celebrated at Simmons College April 17, 1907. The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. B. F. Fronabarger, and the Rev. L. R. Scarborough read the 13 chapters of I Corinthians. Dr. J. M. Dawson gave an address on the life and services of Dr. Simmons. He said, "It is fitting that the birthday of the great benefactor whose name is so linked with this institution should be observed."

The inauguration of Dr. White will consist of five programs, as a symposium of Christian education.

Truett, Rainey Speakers

Formal addresses on subjects along that line will form the basic part of the event. Those to speak are: Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor First Baptist Church in Dallas; Dr. H. P. Rainey, president of University of Texas; President Pat Neff of Baylor; John R. Sampedro, president S. B. T. Seminary; Dr. S. J. McCauley, president of Chattanooga boys school; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president S. W. B. Seminary; Dr. J. W. Raley, president of O. B. U., and Dr. A. D. Foreman, Amarillo, president of the Baptist General Convention. Many others will appear on the program, some of whom will discuss papers these men have prepared.

The academic procession in which representatives of schools and colleges will march dressed in caps and gowns of their school colors and in order of the age of their school will be perhaps the most colorful event of the two-day program.

Formal invitations will be sent to schools and colleges in Texas and out of state.

The following men make up the inauguration committee: T. N. Carswell, G. S. Anderson, C. M. Caldwell, T. E. Roberts, Dean L. Q. Campbell, Mrs. R. N. Richardson, and Dr. E. B. Atwood.

LARGER SUNDAY REPORT ATTENDANCE

G. S. Hopkins
Feb. 19

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CHARTER MEMBER AT MURRY CHURCH

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LARGER SUNDAY SCHOOLS REPORT ATTENDANCE

G. S. Hopkins, Missionary Feb. 13, 1941

Table listing Sunday school attendance for various churches and districts, including Callahan, Cisco, Fisher, and Haskell Associations.

DISTRICT 17 GIFTS TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DURING JANUARY, 1941

Table listing gifts to the cooperative program for District 17, categorized by association such as Callahan, Cisco, Fisher, and Haskell.

RULE DOCTOR CONDEMN'S PRESCRIPTION LIQUOR

Editor West Texas Baptist: A report from the files of the State Liquor Control Board on the amount of liquor sold in a dry county in this territory shows that in the months of November and December, 1940, the amount to be 1,462 wine gallons.

Further, liquor could not be sold, neither could there be a drug-store saloon in a dry territory if some doctor or doctors did not prescribe it.

—M. W. ROGERS, M. D.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PERCENTAGE REPORT

Table showing the percentage report for the cooperative program for January 1941, listing districts, missionaries, and financial data.

Every church in El Paso Association, District Seven; Canadian Association, District 10; and Burleson Lee Association, District 15, has given, at least once, this convention year, and should be added to the list previously published.

THE ART OF REVERENCE

Reverence is an art. That is, it is something to be practiced. And it should come to its flower in the house of God. There it should be taught—not as one would teach the Sunday School lesson but taught as religion is taught, by being created in the mind and soul.

Reverence belongs to that category. We don't get far by merely talking about it. We must imbibe it, practice it so far as we are able, and in doing so we develop it in our lives.

Book Review

SIGNS OF THE TIMES, by Una Roberts Lawrence, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; 128 pages; price 35c, paper.

This latest volume for mission study published by the Home Mission Board is a timely book dealing with economic, political, and psychic conditions of today's world which affect tremendously everyone.

When the war in Europe and Asia is over, he says that "an enervated world—a world morally, spiritually, and economically exhausted—will come to America for a blood transfusion."

JONES ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report for the Jones Association, showing received and disbursed amounts for the period Dec. 25 to Feb. 1.

CHARTER MEMBER DIES AT MURRY CHURCH

Mrs. Geo. W. Carmack, 82, "Aunt Sallie" to the pioneer families, was buried February 13 in the Murry community in Young County.

Advertisement for 'Our Bible Stock' including gift Bibles, an Oxford Text Bible, and stationery services from Abilene Printing & Stationery Company.

Continuation of the Jones Association Treasurer's Report, listing received and disbursed amounts for various churches and individuals.

Advertisement for Citizens National Bank in Abilene, featuring the slogan 'A Service Institution' and membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Advertisement for 'Little Stories about GREAT HYMNS' featuring the hymn 'Hallelujah! What a Saviour!' and a story about a man who sang to prisoners.

Advertisement for Mead's Fine Bread and Hendrick Memorial Hospital, highlighting the hospital's three-fold ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing.

"DO WILL OF GOD AT ALL COSTS," SCARBOROUGH

An interview with Dr. L. R. Scarborough by one of his students. On the day of Declaration of Independence, 1870, in Colfax, La., was borne L. R. Scarborough, the future president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

When three weeks old it was necessary to move the baby and cradle from the bed in order not to fret nor disturb the mother because of her severe illness. When the nurse was out of the room, the mother got out of her bed and crawled on hands and knees to the cradle and took the small hand in hers and prayed two prayers, one that God would save the child in His good time and the other that He would call him to preach. Twenty-six years after this, while the young man was a student at Yale, he surrendered to the call to preach. He immediately wrote his mother and father of his decision. They received the letter at the post office and on the way home in a buggy while crossing the creek the horse stopped to drink. It was here the father read part of the letter to the mother and she shouted there in the middle of the creek. This servant says what he is today is in answer to his mother's prayer.

When the lad was four years of age his parents moved to Waco, Texas, which was a little village on the Brazos, and settled on a farm which is now the cemetery for the city of Waco. Near this home the late Dr. B. H. Carroll, founder and first president of the institution of which Lee was later to become head, is buried. In the fall when the boy was eight years old, just before the family moved about 200 miles west of Waco to Jones County, he picked 108 pounds of cotton in one day. It was here in the Wild West where there was no law this typical boy wore a "six-shooter" in self-defense against all sorts of wild beasts, etc. He says he was raised in the saddle and knows more now about roping than he does about preaching. However, he does not care to be advertised as a cowboy-preacher but would rather be publicized as a Gospel preacher.

In the old log home in Jones County, Lee, with his brother and sisters and other students, started to school to his cousin, Miss Emma Scarborough, now Mrs. Emma Evans, who lives in his home. After this he went to Anson school part of the time, riding eight miles morning and night. Later he attended public school at Merkel, Texas. From the public school he went to Baylor University and then to Yale, and on to Southern Seminary.

In 1896 young Scarborough was called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Cameron, Texas, and served there for almost five years. On February 4, 1900, he married Miss Neppie Warren of Abilene. Soon after his marriage the First Baptist Church of Abilene called him as pastor where he served for the next seven years. It was from this pastorate that he went to the Seminary as professor of evangelism.

The two most abiding, effective experiences in the life of Dr. Scarborough are when God saved him on the side-walk in Merkel, at the age of 17, and when God called him to preach and he surrendered to the call. To this may be added two other experiences, when he was called to the chair of evangelism where he is now president, and the other when he was called to be general director of the 75 Million Campaign. The greatest joy that has ever come has been, and is, in leading many thousands of lost men and women to Christ and seeing more than ten thousand young people surrender to the will of God to preach, teaching or sing.

—JOHNNIE CHAMBERS.

WESTEX ASSNS. LEAD IN SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

Of the 110 associations in the state, only 25 sent in associational Sunday School reports for January on time to the Sunday School department of the state. Of these, 13 were from the 39 associations in the seven western districts. During the month 23 other reports were received but they were for previous months, and represented only 13 other associations.

The 13 reporting from the West are: Baylor-Knox, Brady, Brownfield, Callahan, Canadian, Concho Valley, Dickens, El Paso, Mitchell-Scurry, Runnels, Staked Plains, Trans-Canadian, and Fisher. Floyd and Wichita-Archer sent in reports for preceding months.

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CHINESE CHURCH LETTER IS SENT TO MISSIONARY

Readers undoubtedly will be interested in the following message which is a translation of the Chinese church letter of Miss Blanche Rose Walker, retired missionary. When she transferred her membership back to this country from China, her pastor sent her church letter in Chinese along with the English translation, which is given below:

Kalou Baptist Church
Kaifeng, Honan, China.
December 10, 1940.

To Whom It May Concern—
Dear Friends in America:

This is to introduce Miss Blanche Rose Walker, who, having been a most consecrated and fruitful missionary among the Chinese people in China, came to us from Tai An in 1910. Miss Walker had been a missionary in our Baptist Church (The First Baptist Church) for nearly 30 years, and served the Lord most faithfully and helped the Chinese brothers and sisters with both words and deeds. We love her and have high esteem for her!

Now Miss Walker is retired and lives in the States. We recommend her most heartily to any of the Baptist churches in the South that she should desire to join as a member. You will find her a real and compassionate servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God take care of her and bless her in her retired age!

With best wishes,
Yours most sincerely,
PETER H. H. LEE, Pastor.

Rambling Remarks

(Continued from page 1)
sermon on the Prodigal Son. Then he gave his invitation. They sang a whole song. No one moved. They selected another song; same results. Then the weary, disappointed preacher made his last appeal: "We are going to sing one more stanza, and if no one comes we are going to close the service, and the meeting." As the last stanza was being sung an old man disengaged himself from the crowd and walked slowly down the aisle. The song was over before he reached the preacher but on he came. He whispered something in the preacher's ear, and the congregation was seated. The preacher, a note of hope returning to his voice said, "Here is a man with something on his heart that he wants to say. We will hear him sympathetically." The man turned to the congregation and in a very deliberate manner said, "One of my blue mules got out night before last and I ain't seen him since. If any of you see or hear of him, I wish you'd let me know. Thanks, Parson."

Under the leadership of Home Missionary W. E. Haltom, work is being resumed on a house of worship at Dyess Colony, Ark.

Several Courses Offered by H-SU Extension Service

The extension department expects an increase in enrollment this spring over last fall's total of 85.

There are five classes organized, and these classes meet once a week. At Colman, Dr. Collins and Dean Campbell have classes in education and English. Mr. Ford and Mr. Bond also have education and English classes in Sweetwater. The fifth class is government under Prof. Stephenson, in Eastland.

An effort was made to organize classes at other centers for this spring semester, but failed, and the department is also trying to organize Saturday classes here. These plans will probably materialize for the summer session.

YOUNG PEOPLE STUDY BIBLE AT RISING STAR

Each Thursday night a group of the young people of the First Baptist Church of Rising Star meet at the home of our pastor, Rev. H. D. Christian. This class, which was organized one and a half years ago, was the only one of its kind until the Carbon Baptist young people organized under the leadership of our pastor's twin brother. During that time we have studied Genesis and Exodus thoroughly and are studying Matthew now. We also study such topics as "How to Be Saved" and "Once Saved Always Saved." We memorize Scripture, especially that on how to be saved so that we can tell a sinner how to be saved without our Bible if necessary.

Through the inspirational and faithful leadership of our pastor and wife, our aim is to learn to study the Bible, guided by the Holy Spirit, and to develop our lives into channels of blessing while we are young so we may have some part in God's divine plan of bringing others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our contention is: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" 2 Tim. 3:16-17.

Our conviction is: A connected chapter by chapter method is the most logical and helpful way to study God's Word. Our challenge is: Meet us around a whole Bible, given wholly of God, for the whole race of mankind. Our comfort is: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" Isa. 55:11. We would that all young people would join us in the work for Christ. There is much work to be done.

VERA MAE GRIFFIN,
Class Reporter.

SEMINARY CLUB STUDIES RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM

Students of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary have recently organized a religious journalism club. D. D. Sapp of Oklahoma City, former newspaper man, religious education student, was elected president of the group. Other officers were elected and committees were appointed for the purpose of doing practical work in religious writing. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Seminary, was the principal speaker at the meeting. In his talk he suggested that the new club members were making a forward step and said that the Seminary was interested in the movement and that if progress were made, the school would offer an advanced course in journalism and scholarships to talented writers.

Rev. Upton Reynolds, a theological student from Clarksdale, Mississippi, was elected vice-president and chairman of the program committee and Mrs. Chas. Denham from the same state was named secretary-treasurer and head of the membership committee.

Dr. Scarborough said in the speech before the club that he had long been interested in some more effective methods of training Christian workers in the art of writing. He said that in his opinion the club could do much to arouse the pastor's work and the work of their churches. He said that he was very much interested in some method of furnishing training and encouragement to those Christian workers who desire to serve and to edit denominational publications.

Officers of the club outlined a program for the next meeting which will include a speech from Professor Burkhalter of Baylor, head of the journalism department of the Waco university.

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In our Training Union study course at Cross Roads Friday night and Saturday, we had 32 pass the examinations in Adult, Senior and Junior manuals. The interest was grand and it is my judgment that it was the best course I was ever in.

Saturday was also social night and some good Spirit had put it into the minds of the good people to remember that it was the pastor's birthday. I just know they had the largest and best cake I ever saw. It was as good to look at as it was to eat. Now I imagine a lot of people will be wanting to know how many birthdays I have had. It's none of anybody's business and I am not going to tell you for if I want to go on having 59 more who is there that has any good cause to object. I have never

interfered with anybody else having birthdays.

Next Sunday we shall do some Extension Department work, beginning visiting Friday. Led by our good superintendent, we hope soon to have our Sunday School Standard.

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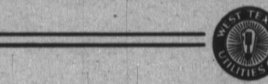
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