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PREXY SALUTES EXES AT H-SU HOMECOMING

From his bed in Hendrick Memorial Hospital, President J. D. Sandefer dictated the following message which was read to the Homecoming assembly at chapel, December 1, by Rev. R. G. Baucom, '23, pastor of the First Baptist Church of South San Antonio:

To the Ex-Students, Faculty, Trustees, and Students:

I salute you on this Homecoming day for your school, and congratulate each of you who has the privilege and honor of being present and participating in the events of this annual occasion. I had hoped and prayed that I might be with you in person and bring you a brief message. However, it seems ordained otherwise.

I have three objectives to which I wish to cite your vision and challenge your leadership. I have called your attention to them before. I refer first of all to our need for a library building and other memorial buildings and endowments which need is fresh in the minds of most of you, I know. In the second place, there must be a renewal on the part of all of us of vision, consecration, and courageous forward looking in continuing to build a stronger solidarity of student opinion and to crystallize in the thinking of friends everywhere our need for these objectives at the first possible moment consistent with conditions that obtain in what would be denominated our territory.

The third thing I want to mention, which in fact belongs first, is the selling anew the fundamentals of this institution which have made possible its phenomenal growth and development to now. Our faculty, students, and friends everywhere must hold in mind that whatsoever achievements have been attained here have been attained largely through the consecrated leadership of men and women dedicated to those ideals which are so fundamentally eternal and for which Christ spent Himself on the cross. When these things cease to be basal, the institution forfeits its right to live and merits to be relegated to the things which in the past failed in rendering those rich and spiritual values that must obtain on the part of all who occupy positions of leadership in our great institution, now looking forward to the celebration of its 50th year of service to God, humanity, and the world.

All these objectives must be brought together in our thinking, and in our supreme efforts if we are to have a worthy and commendable anniversary program, such as the founders of this institution would expect. For us to do less ought to shame us to the end of time.

May this be the greatest Homecoming in our history. May the spirit of an all-wise God be with and abide in each of you as we execute this and subsequent programs in spending ourselves for those things without which there are no objectives consequently worthwhile. I wish I were present. I wish I could say more. I love you.

Tenderly,
J. D. SANDEFER,
President.

APPRECIATION

Not even all the words of appreciation in the Japanese and English languages are enough to express my gratitude to you Baptist friends of District 17 for your generous gifts to me during my visit in the Workers conferences. I am forever indebted to you and to Brother Shepherd for the wonderful week I had with you all. One by one as you came and told me that you were praying for world-wide missions, for the Japanese, for my mother and father, and for me, you refreshed my soul and made me rejoice. Your sympathetic and loving attitude put in my heart a renewed desire to be a better life-winner for Christ. Please continue to pray for the day when China and Japan will become laborers together for Jesus' sake.

ITSUKO SAITO,
Seminary Hill, Texas,
(Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii)

EVENTS TO COME

- January 10-11—Statewide Association Sunday School officers meeting, Cliff Temple Church, Dallas.
- February 12-15—West Texas Bible Conference, Hardin-Simmons U.
- March 5-7, annual State Sunday School Convention, Harlingen.
- March 11-12—District 9 convention, Tahoka.
- March 28-29—District 17 convention, Breckenridge.
- March 26-27—District Eight convention, Midland.
- June 17-23—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.

DALLAS GETS BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

DISTRICT SEVEN NEWS FOR NOVEMBER, 1939

By Missionary J. A. Kidd, Alpine, Texas
District Missionary's Report
Days of work, 25; conventions attended, 1; miles traveled, 2,240; religious visits, 47; tracts given, 40; personal soul talks, 10; professions, 1; prayer services conducted, 7; Sunday School classes taught, 1; pastorless churches contacted, 7; helped call pastors, 3.

Where preached: Valentine 1, Van Horn 1, Sierra Blanca 2, Highland Park 1, Fabens 1; revivals assisted in, 7; mission collections, 1; Cooperative Program, \$2.00; District Missions, \$31.00.

Brother Clem Hardy of the Amazon River Valley will be on the program at the Monahans Workers meeting, Tuesday, December 12. A very fine one is being prepared.

Mrs. Richardson of El Paso, a returned missionary from India, will with Mrs. Wallace McCarver, associational WMU president, make a tour of churches in Pecos Association in the interest of the Lottie Moon offering soon to be taken in our churches. A large number of our best missionaries are supported by this fund, and we trust our offerings will be generous and observed by all the churches in the district.

On Records and Goals
Dr. Campbell says that last year Texas Baptists gave \$1.36 per capita to missions, and the American people spent \$4 per capita on dogs alone. We are glad that District 7 had a little better per capita average for missions. The per capita for District 7 was \$1.66.

In October 12 churches gave in El Paso Association \$1,734.28.
In October 30 churches gave in Pecos Association \$2,236.81.
A total in October by 42 churches in District VII, \$3,971.09.
The total given for the year ending October 31, 1939, \$14,700.00.
This is a gain of \$1,866 over the amount given last year, the amount given last year by the district being \$12,831.

Our neighbor District 8, 84 churches, gave this year \$15,464.
Our record for October was the best on record, for which we commend the faithful Christ-loving pastors, who have so loyally stood by the program of Jesus, and we praise God for His leadership of us all. We have not done our best, of course, in most cases, but we have no doubt tried to do so. Our record is before the Lord and it is for Him to judge. Dr. Campbell said in making his report that "if all had done as well as some or many, we no doubt would have reached the Million Dollar Goal for World Wide Missions."

The Goal for next year is \$1,046,000, some advance over the closing year. It is not too large for 700,000 Baptists, in a land of religious freedom, plenty, great opportunities, with 3 out of 5 in our state unsaved, with multitudes of foreigners, and nearly one million Spanish-speaking people in our territory.

Let us in this part of Texas resolve that we may with His help and the vision of the great needy field be.
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SWEETWATER SELECTS AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Woodrow Harris of Seminary Hill has accepted the position of associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, according to word received by Pastor J. W. Sibley.
Mr. Harris took his A. B. degree from the University of Waxahachie last June and will finish his Seminary work at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, in May. He will take the degree of Master of Music and also of Master of Religious Education. For the past three years he has been connected with First Baptist Church of Waxahachie as choir director and director of Training Union, rendering this service while he did his school work. Both pastors under whom he served speak very highly of him. He recently directed the music at the State B. S. U. convention in Abilene and has charge of conference at the State Training Union in Austin last week.
Mr. Harris will begin his work January 1st, coming out for the weekends until school closes about the middle of May. He will devote all of his time to this work after May 15. He will direct the choir and will also oversee the work of the organizations and activities of the church.

DR. C. E. ADAMS TO HEAD H-SU JUBILEE COMMISSION

Dr. Clinton E. Adams, Abilene alumnus, is the newly elected chairman of the Hardin-Simmons University Semi-Centennial Commission, organized to plan the celebration of the pioneer school's golden jubilee in 1941 and 1942.

Member of the 1915 graduating class at H-SU, Dr. Adams was a star basketball player while in college. He was a member of the undefeated 1914-1915 team, during an eight-year period, 1909 to 1917, when trustees banned football as an intercollegiate sport.

Dr. Adams was one of seven sons and daughters of Edward Adams, pioneer Abilene resident, to be graduated from the then Simmons College, from 1911 to 1923. Still another sister is an ex-student.

Members of the Adams family to be graduated from H-SU are Lewis, now of Los Angeles; Eugene, now of San Juan, Porto Rico, both of the class of 1911; Gertrude, now Mrs. Ben H. Dixon, Lubbock, class of 1914; Dr. Adams, class of 1915; Chester A., deceased, class of 1917; Flora May, now Mrs. Ralph Fuller, Clyde, class of 1919, and Rudolph, class of 1923, also of Clyde. Olga, now Mrs. John W. Jones, of Phoenix, Ariz., and the oldest member of the family, also attended the college.

Elected vice-chairman of the commission is Mrs. H. A. Pander, class of 1911, president of the H-SU Alumni association, and J. T. Haney, '31, H-SU secretary-treasurer, is secretary. The commission will map fiftyth anniversary endowment objectives, and a golden jubilee building program.

Members of the commission include Dr. D. M. Wiggins, president of the Texas College of Mines, El Paso; Dr. C. R. Rister, of the University of Oklahoma department of history, Norman, Okla.; Guy Caldwell, Albany; W. B. Irwin, Lubbock; Alton B. Chapman, Spur; J. D. Sandefer, Jr., Breckenridge; Raymond W. Foy, Dallas; Mrs. Dan Moody, Austin.

Solon R. Featherston, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Carl Springer, Eastland; Walter Jennings, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. H. Haney, Sweetwater; Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford; T. N. Carswell, W. J. Behrens, C. M. Caldwell, Mrs. H. A. Pender, Rev. C. A. Powell, J. T. Haney, H. R. Arrant, Lacy Beckham, George S. Anderson, W. A. Stephenson, Thomas E. Roberts, John H. Alvis, Mrs. Dan Gallagher, Rev. W. C. Ashford, Dr. R. N. Richardson, Dr. Julius Olsen, J. C. Hunter, Jr., Mildred Caldwell, Mrs. Lacy Beckham, Harry H. Hayes, Herschel Schooley, all of Abilene; and Dr. W. T. Walton, Ranger.

The commission personnel will be enlarged from time to time, Dr. Adams said.

Speakers at Three Conventions



DR. R. H. CAMPBELL
State Mission Secretary



REV. BILL MARSHALL
B. S. U. Leader

DISTRICT 17 BREAKFAST HELD AT CONVENTION

A total of ninety representatives of District 17 gave up that last part of the morning to attend a district breakfast at an Austin cafeteria December 1. District Training Union director, Chas. T. Talley, Jr., presided at an enthusiastic meeting which promises becoming an annual affair.
The guest speaker of the occasion was Dr. T. C. Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riddle of Abilene gave a vocal duet with Jean Prince at the organ.
Goals were set for six new and six standard unions in Jones association, four each in Stonewall and Callahan, five each in Haskell and Fisher, ten in Cisco and 16 in Sweetwater. A goal of 3,500 awards for the district was set compared with 3,025 for 1939.

West Texan Selected as President of Convention

CONTESTS AT CONVENTION ATTRACT WIDE INTEREST

The seven statewide contests for Training Union members which were held during the Austin convention held high interest both for the contestants and spectators and great numbers of interested friends over Texas.
The seventy-five winners achieved that prominence as the result of elimination contests first, in most cases, in the union, followed in order by competition in churches, associations and districts.

The contest feature of the convention grew out of a plan worked out 11 years ago by a committee which planned the sword drill, a contest of speed in locating given Scriptural passages. Since that time the other forms of competition have been added and plans are under way for a "Better Music" contest and some other competition for those in ages from 22 to 29, thus providing for all ages and talents.

Largest entry is in the Junior memory contest where every contestant who is letter perfect in repeating more than 60 assigned Scripture verses is declared a winner. There were 53 state winners in the four Junior ages.

In all other contests first, second and third places were awarded by the judges.

Better Programs
Winner of first place in the Better Programs contest for Beginners was Mrs. W. S. Savage of San Jacinto Church, Amarillo; second, Mrs. W. L. Howse, Broadway, Fort Worth; third, Mrs. O. L. Longshore, Commerce. Primary winners were: first, Mrs. C. H. Hensley, First, El Paso; second, Mrs. Troy Campbell, First, San Antonio; third, Mrs. J. L. Sheldon, First, Galveston.

Adult Devotional
Winner of the Adult devotional contest for those under 40 was Mrs. R. E. McCasker of Nederland; for those over 50, Mrs. F. W. Moore, Crowley; under 50, Mrs. G. P. Cockrell, Henrietta.

Senior Oratorical
First place in age 17, James Evans, Cliff Temple, Dallas; second, Betty Jane Lester, Lamar Avenue, Wichita Falls; third, Alma Sue Derryhill, Edna.
First place in age 18, Dorothy Jean Bruce, First Church, Ranger; second, Mary Lillian Reid, First, El Paso; third, Dorothy Sumner, First, Brownwood.
In age 19 first place went to Doris (Continued on page 2)

STATE ENROLLMENT GOAL SET AT 200,000 MEMBERS

Dallas was selected as host city for the 1940 Training Union convention of Texas and J. D. Riddle, director of music and education in First Church, Abilene, was chosen as president, succeeding H. O. Rothell, Dallas, at the closing session of the 49th meeting of the convention at Austin, Saturday.
The ensuing year, which will be the fiftieth of organized training work of Baptist churches, not only in Texas but in the world, it also marks the



J. D. RIDDLE, Abilene
President of Baptist Training Union of Texas

twenty-fifth year of service of Dr. T. C. Gardner as state director of the Training Union work.

In keeping with the golden jubilee of the convention and the silver anniversary of Dr. Gardner goals were set for an increase in membership of all Training Unions in the state from 183,000 to 200,000, a total of 75,000 awards, and a convention attendance goal of 15,000.

This convention is said to be the largest annual Christian gathering in the world. General sessions were held this year in Gregory gymnasium of



DR. T. C. GARDNER, Dallas
Begins Twenty-fifth Year as Director of the Training Union for Texas Baptists.

the University of Texas, which when seated for conventions has a capacity of 10,000. Large numbers were forced to stand when Dr. George W. Truett preached the Thanksgiving sermon Thursday morning and it was largely filled at other general meetings.

Other officers chosen for the ensuing year include Frances Lee of Fort Worth and Jessie Bell Vinson, Dallas, secretaries. Vice-presidents are the seventeen district directors of the state.
E. H. Westmoreland of Houston and R. E. Dunham of Big Spring were elected to fill vacancies in the board of directors whose terms expire in 1940.

Those elected whose term expires in 1941 are: C. B. Hickerson, San Antonio; L. E. Payne, Gladewater; A. D. Foreman, Jr., San Angelo; E. Douglas Carver, Harlingen; A. C. Head, Beaumont; Sidney C. Cowles, Port Arthur; John Bates, Marshall; H. O. Rothell, Dallas.

Five banners were awarded at the convention for special recognition. The banner for the largest attendance from one church outside of the host city was given Belton where Rev. A. C. Miller is pastor, 120 having registered at the convention from that church.

The mileage banner was awarded to Throckmorton, which, out of an enrollment of 138 in Training Union, (Continued on Page 8)

MISSIONARY MESSAGES

By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17
1528 North Twentieth, Abilene

We are finding the West Texas Baptist still spreading in its usefulness. We see District 11 News, District 8 and District 16 and District 7, and so much news from other parts of the country. We do not want to trade our editor off, do we? But we are going to starve him to death if he do not get more people to take paper. It will cost so little until goes off, so to speak, holding his per behind him feeling that he something for nothing. Through church budget it is only five cents MONTH. Less than the postage required to carry two letters. Well us back him and see what he can with adequate support.

Since our last writing things have been happening. The State Baptist General Convention of Texas. State Training Union Convention at Austin. Many other important things.

Miss Saito Speaks
During this week, to date, De Miss Itsuko Saito, Seminary Hill, spoken to four of the seven associations. She will speak to all of this week. Sunday night she with Pastor O'Brien and First Church Stamford. Brother O'Brien told Monday, that her visit was one of greatest blessings coming to church in a single service at all. Has won all of our hearts. Her sages are so human. Where she spoken we have seen capacity crowd Mopday at Girard, Stonewall Association, speaking to the school before service started in the church in afternoon of the same day she there again at Longview, Fisher Association. Monday night during the mission she spoke to the Training Union study course group at University Church, Abilene. She had a difficult time getting the ple back to their classes for the second period, especially the college group.

Tuesday morning she was greeted by a full house at Potosi, Callahan Association, where the school superintendent brought his high school girls to hear her. Again, we are on the road to Moran, where an overcrowded house waited to hear. Since the school children could get in the church, she kindly sent to speak to them at the school building. I have never heard as many compliments to any one as she has. After her messages the people went to talk with her, and do as long as she can stay. Mrs. Shepherd has never enjoyed finer Christian fellowship than we are with her those who are making the trips to us.

This week has proved the value having all of the Workers meetings in four days. She could not stay (Continued on page 2)

COMMITTEE NAMED ON EXTENSION LIBRARY PLAN

A resolution suggesting the formation of an extension library service for Baptist preachers at Southwestern Seminary was presented to General Convention at San Antonio. Pastor Clarence A. Morton of Linger.

That body unanimously passed resolution and President J. How Williams appointed a committee to confer with the Seminary authorities looking toward working out a plan of operation.

Chairman of the committee is J. D. Foreman, Jr., of San Angelo. Pastor Floyd Chaffin of Coleman.

Text of the resolution follows: Whereas, many of our pastors do not have sufficient library resources in order to do their best work and Whereas a number of theological seminaries in the United States offer an extension library service to former students and other pastors Therefore, be it resolved that the Texas Baptist pastors cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, fraternally request Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to consider the question of establishing an extension library service for the Baptist ministry of Texas and/or the Southwest.

Shall Baptists Maintain Separate Existence

By DR. J. B. TIDWELL, Head of Bible, Baylor University, Waco

During the last few years there has grown up among us a powerful unionizing propaganda. It is called "The Ecumenical Movement" and is set for organic church union. It is led by very astute and highly honored Christian men who maintain elaborate offices and large office forces. They are spending large sums of money and seem to have limitless financial resources. The movement is reaching out toward all lands, touching both homes and foreign fields, and has created a wide-spread sentiment for organic union.

There are a number of co-operating committees and organizations that foster this movement; such as, the Anglo-Catholics, or High Church element, of England; "The Continuation Committee of the Edinburg Conference"; "The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America"; "The Inter-Church World Movement"; and "The International Council of Religious Education." From these and the meetings they represent have come numerous pronouncements and findings concerning unionizing, and in favor of it. Speakers representing them are often found to be dogmatically opposed to denominationalism and keen for unionism. Then, too, there are certain religious publications whose editors employ every possible opportunity to promote unionism and seem to think that organic union will cure all of our religious ills.

The powerful influence of these organizations has manifested itself in the World Conference on Life and Work at Oxford (1927); in the World Conference on Faith and Order at Edinburgh, and in the International Missionary Council at Madras, India. At all of these world meetings their



DR. J. B. TIDWELL
Head of Department of Bible, Baylor University, Speaker West Texas Bible Conference at H-SU, February 12 to 15.

discussions laid much stress on the subject of organic unionism. What do these unionizers want? Some of them say they want, first, that all Protestantism shall unite with Romanism. They want, according to their own statements, the extermination of present denominations. They do not present a platform for denominational cooperation, but for denominational extinction by consolidation. The movement is not inter-denominational, but anti-denominational. One of their leaders is quoted as saying, "Denominationalism must come to be felt as a positive sin." They regard all non-Catholic Christian bodies as virtually one and consider their differences as of no importance. They have already broken the peace within the ranks of certain denominations.

They propose to bring about denominational disintegration, and then merge them all into one great Protestant church. It is largely a Pedobaptist movement, led by those who have no appreciation of, nor sympathy for, Baptist doctrines. Some of their leaders have been annoyed because of the Baptist position and have boldly charged that they are the chief stumbling block in the way of organic union.

Baptist Position
These facts and conditions call for the frankest possible discussion. We must, as Baptists, humbly, but courageously and intelligently, face the issues raised and state the case for our denomination. We believe in Christian Union on the true basis of Gospel truth. We, also, believe we have, through the ages, stood by New Testament truth, and we cannot ignore what we regard as the plain teaching of the Word of God. We will not be turned aside, because we have been misunderstood and misinterpreted. We will express our opinions with convictions and will oppose this and every other movement which mars the spirit of the brotherhood within the denomination and promotes principles contrary to denominational policies.

Baptists believe that apart from the Catholics they are the only denomination with a consistent message. They, therefore, candidly and boldly and yet with utmost fraternal goodwill will accept denominational isolation. By our very principles we are automatically separated, ecclesiastically, from all other Christian bodies and cannot unite with them unless we stultify our consciences and give up the truth as we see it.

But Baptists believe that if people think apart, they will and should, if (Continued on page 3)

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THREE GREAT CONVENTIONS

Edgar Allen Poe wrote a story of three Sundays in a week but it remained for Texas Baptists to stage three state-wide conventions in a month. This writer is one of the comparatively few who were privileged to attend all three. It seems that this group should rate a service stripe or something.

Nothing of the kind is necessary, however, to stimulate attendance. At the high hours of each of these three meetings the number present was limited by auditorium capacity and only cities with a large convention hall need apply for the state-wide meetings of Texas Baptists.

The Baptist Student convention at Abilene, composed only of representative groups of Baptists attending Texas colleges, had sessions taxing the capacity of the Hardin-Simmons chapel. Local people interested in the occasion could have filled a hall two or three times the size if it had been available.

At San Antonio on Monday evening, November 13, the great First Baptist Church was filled with men while a vaster crowd was drawn to the enormous municipal auditorium by the W. M. U. pageant.

At Austin, in the opening session of the Training Union convention, standing room was at a premium in a converted gymnasium with ten thousand seats.

The enthusiasm of Texas Baptists is in keeping with the wide reach of their domain. But for the growing interest in the 17 district conventions where many receive information and inspiration who, otherwise, would attend a state meeting, we soon would have to go to the Caprock of the Plains or to the Davis mountains for some vast amphitheater which would accommodate all who would be interested in attending our state meetings.

FOUNDINGS

At the Taylor County Association Training Union Federation Sunday afternoon, December 3, Director Chas. N. Gilbert spoke on the function of the Training organization in nurturing the "babes in Christ," those recently converted members in our churches.

We become highly indignant when natural parents abandon unwelcome babies and the appeal of these helpless foundlings makes the warmest call to the sympathy of society.

Yet, all over our country there have been and still are Baptist churches claiming and believing themselves to be the true bride of Christ, who caressfully leave the new-born souls of the kingdom of Heaven on the slimy doorstep of the Devil, who gleefully seizes upon them to rear them in his own fashion.

We receive people into our churches and go about our own affairs, blaming them if they do not readily fall into the church life and activities. Frequently we offer them only the meats to which old Christians are accustomed and are surprised and disgusted when they fail to thrive.

The Training Union, the Sunday School, the Mission societies and the Brotherhood are all important factors in the development of these new Christians. So are beds and blankets and bottles essentials in infant care but we do not expect the infant to avail himself of this equipment without infinite pains and assistance on the part of an adult.

Pastors, deacons and consecrated workers in the churches should make it quite as important as the matter of soul winning or even raising the budget to give constant and regular attention to our new converts. If that is done we would not consider our church buildings adequate when they have the seating capacity of half the membership. We would not be pleased to have just half of the members in Sunday School or barely one-fourth or one tenth in the training service.

Babes in Christ are not to be so much blamed if their Christian life dwarfs and shrivels. Unless they are patiently and tenderly nurtured as a mother would a precious infant, it is the fault of the church home into which the soul is born.

God, keep us from infanticide in our churches in this evangelistic era!

STONY GROUND

In the hill country northwest of Austin is a large scope of stony land, frequently with more than half of the surface covered with rock. This untillable land instantly brings to a Bible reader the words of the Savior concerning seed sown in stony soil.

A striking thing in that country is that here and there is a small field where with infinite pains some one has removed the surface stones and has an emerald sward of grain.

Our world is full of stony ground. Not seldom those whom the Master put in that class have assumed the stony covering and under the surface are mellow and fruitful.

If someone fitted for the task will take the time and effort to do a difficult chore some unpromising waste may be reclaimed to bear much fruit for the Master.

But for the grace of God and the pains of some servant of His you, too, might have been called stony ground.

"TO THE UTMOST PARTS"

Because the Foreign Mission Board is wisely required to keep its budget within the receipts of the previous year, no expansion of work, even in the neediest fields, has been authorized.

If the Lottie Moon offering should reach the proportions attained last year or should go higher, some of these urgent requests of our valiant outposts can be met.

Missionaries working under intolerable strain must be brought home for rest and without funds they cannot be replaced. Others are calling for only a few dollars monthly to support a native worker.

Whether these calls can be answered or fields ripe for the harvest must go to waste depends entirely upon our response to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering which Southern Baptist churches, led by their consecrated women, are gathering this month.

News Notes

Pastor J. M. Sibley has concluded his first year of service with First Church, Sweetwater. The new year finds great progress made and large plans in the making for a brighter future.

Dr. W. R. White of First Church, Oklahoma City, and former executive secretary of Texas Baptists, is conducting a revival at First Church, Lubbock, where he was formerly pastor.

Missionary A. C. Huff of District 9 is leading in a revival in Calvary Church, Lubbock.

First Church, Lubbock, averaged 1,380 in Sunday School during the last month. In 1938 the November average was 915.

Missionary W. C. Taylor and family will sail December 8 for the mission fields in South America.

There were 196 additions in the Hyman Appelmann revival at West Point, Mississippi.

More than one thousand new Brotherhood organizations have been reported already during 1939, states Southwide Leader Lawson H. Cooke. Not less than sixty to seventy-five thousand men have been mobilized for the Master during the year.

Rev. John Hall Jones, business manager for The Commission, Foreign Mission monthly of the Southern Baptists, has resigned to accept a faculty position in Oklahoma Baptist University.

In replies to a questionnaire as to the three best books read during 1939, the Baptist Messenger quotes 24 Southern Baptist leaders. Seven listed the biography of Dr. Truett by Dr. James. No other book was listed by any two.

First Church, Abilene, reports average Sunday School attendance of 1,536 for November, a new high record.

Rev. J. Manley Reynolds has resigned the pastorate at Jourdanton to accept a call from First Church, Columbus.

Rev. John W. Williams, formerly pastor at Hobbs, N. M., has been selected by the State Mission Board as evangelist in that state.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, recently returned from a meeting of the joint committees on Public Relations of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, at Washington, D. C. While at the capitol he preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the meeting of the Baptist Association of the District of Columbia.

Dr. W. W. Barnes, head of the Department of Church History at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, has just returned from a three week's leave of absence in North Carolina. During that time Dr. Barnes conducted a revival meeting, spoke to several of our denominational colleges and did some research work in the Library of Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

Rev. H. H. McGregor has accepted the call to become pastor at Colony Hill.

University Church, Abilene, is engaged in a study course this week.

Rev. J. G. Dandignac, pastor at Gillespie Church, Haskell Association, has been called to Benjamin for half time and expects to accept Sunday.

Immanuel Church, Abilene, which has an average Sunday School attendance of about 225, had a record of 325 to greet State Sunday School Missionary G. S. Hopkins November 26 at the close of a study course in which 50 awards were earned.

Rev. C. R. Joyner of Spur recently assisted Pastor W. R. Derr and the Ralls Church in a stewardship revival.

Rev. Loyd Gentry has accepted a call from Gail Church and is now pastor there.

The Sunday School Clinic with Secretary G. S. Hopkins leading, which was set for December 6 and 7 at Lamesa, has been postponed to a later date to be announced, advises District Superintendent Claude O. Crane.

PROGRAM OF WMU QUARTERLY MEETING AT ACKERLY DEC. 12

- 10:00 Song.
- 10:05 Devotional.
- 10:15 "Constraining Love," Mrs. R. F. Nix.
- 11:15 Special Music.
- 11:20 Lunch.
- 1:00 Special Music.
- 1:10 "Constraining Love," Mrs. R. F. Nix.
- 2:10 Business.
- 3:10 Adjournment.

GREAT ENCOURAGEMENTS IN SOUTHERN EVANGELISM

By L. R. SCARBOROUGH, Fort Worth, President Southern Baptist Convention

Southern Baptists have made a fine beginning on a perpetual crusade for souls. The past two years of special effort have encouraged us greatly along certain lines:

1. We have developed more than ever before a soul-winning conscience and consciousness. I believe we are thinking, praying, planning, preaching and witnessing more for lost people than ever before, and that is a great gain.

2. We have developed a splendid evangelistic organization—southwide, state-wide, associational-wide and church-wide. Of course, it isn't perfect anywhere, but it's an encouraging situation.

3. The movement has widely spread since Southern Baptists began the special emphasis on evangelism: To all the Baptist groups in the United States in a conference held in Chicago in May, and then at the Baptist World Alliance it spread to all the Baptists throughout the world, with some remarkable resolutions and proposals.

4. The achievements among Southern Baptists already give us great cheer. In '37 we baptized 204,000. In '38 we baptized 256,000, a gain of 52,000.

5. There have been many notable revivals. City-wide campaigns have been remarkably successful. The world was probably never in a more dreadful state than now, and that is a challenge for the most vigorous evangelism the world has ever seen. The nearer men are brought to the brink of sin's destruction the greater ought to be our emergency and the faster our speed to carry Christ to them and bring them to Christ.

Certain Pressing Emphases

A solemn retrospect of the past two years and an anxious prospect of the years ahead encourage me to say that there are certain things that ought to be greatly stressed.

1. One of them is mass evangelism. We must continue the meetings with the people, in churches and in the big out-of-doors and everywhere. If the people do not come to us, we ought to go to them. Christianity has never thrived in a revival-less age, and it will never.

2. Organized evangelism in the churches and in the departments or churches ought to be more and more emphasized.

3. We must reemphasize evangelistic preaching. Preaching in Christ's day and in Paul's day and in all the days of the success of Christ's Kingdom was preeminent and had topmost value. You can't have evangelistic preaching if you don't preach the Gospel—much of it, straight-forward, plain, in unmistakable terms. If we stick to the Bible in our preaching, God will stick to our preaching and see that evangelistic results follow.

4. But of all the forms of soul-winning the one that needs to be preeminent today is personal work. We ought to witness for Christ day by day, in all the areas of life, the home, the office, the business place, on the highways, in trains, airplanes, automobiles, with the workmen where they work, with the idlers where they idle. The mother ought to do it to the father, the sister, the brother, all the home circle ought, the preacher ought, the teacher ought, the laymen, the women, all God's saved people ought to be personal soul winners. Otherwise we will not reach the world. We preachers can't do it, nor can the teachers. Only the Christians in their multiplied millions can reach the needs of the world. I stress that all of God's people learn how to do it and then do it constantly. And they don't have to be "cranks" in order to do it. They just have to be plain Christians and tell the world about it.

POST AND HOWARD CHURCHES UNITE

To climax our fine Training Union course with Brother Almon Norris and the Post Church, the Post and Howard Churches of Haskell Association consolidated.

Committees are rapidly laying plans for the erection of a new building across from Paint Creek School.

Sunday, at its first joint meeting since consolidation, the new church will elect its church officers and general officers of its Sunday School and Training Union.

Brother Norris is leading in a fine way in this good community. Although some thought there would be, there was not a vote in either church against the new program. There pervades the very finest spirit of cooperation. Every indication is toward a wonderful opportunity for a strong rural school.

I preached and moderated the Conference at Howard Sunday and was present when Post voted Sunday evening. I have never seen a better spirit. This spirit has been growing since the revival last summer. The churches had their meeting together under an old fashioned brush arbor. Pastor J. W. Partin, Rule, did the preaching and Brother Connell Taylor led the singing.

May the Lord bless this His newest church.

—ARVIL RICHARDSON.

Missionary Messages

(Continued from page 1) of school to spend more time to touch each association. But she could spare four days. We thank the Lord for sending her our way. We will all be better Christians and far better missionaries.

Estimating the crowds that we expect to be in the other three associations, judging from the ones we have already had, she will speak to 1,300 to 1,400 people in the churches and the several hundreds in the schools, extra. One cannot hear her tell her experiences with the Lord and not be a foreign missionary.

Every one of us will give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering to help keep the 125 foreign missionaries on their fields who are depending on the success of this Love gift, won't we? It will be so fine and Christ-like for the pastors to join the W. M. U. in making this a whole church affair. Well, you can count on the pastors. Call on them, women.

It was so interesting to see another church, one that has been out of a pastor for several months, pray itself together and call a pastor. The missionary was asked to meet with them last Friday night and stay until Sunday afternoon. He did that, and after many earnest prayers in the services and all praying between the services, they went into a call and after the secret ballots had been investigated we found that all had been cast for Brother Ross Respass. Then we all felt like singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Prayer does change things. The people of Swenson believe that prayer changes things. Should the Lord lead Brother Respass, Mrs. Respass and Patsy there we expect to see things happen.

We are glad that Stonewall and Callahan Associations are arranging to have their Stewardship Revivals during the month of January. They could not get to them in November and December. Many Stewardship schools have already been held in churches. Jones, Haskell and Sweetwater will soon have their plans ready. I do not know just what Brother Blair and the Cisco Association has done to this time. I am sure he is working on it.

The committees to lead in this work are the following leaders: Moderator, Training Union Director, Sunday School Superintendent, W. M. U. President, Laymen Leader. The books to be offered are the Stewardship books of the several departments including, "God's Plan," by Dr. R. C. Campbell.

It is better to have, at least, five nights during a week for the study of a book, but an all-day study is better than none. Recently it has been my privilege to spend the day, dinner on the ground, and study God's Word on Stewardship, directed by one of the books. One of the best I have ever found is, "The Grace of Giving," by Dr. P. E. Burroughs.

I do not know of anything that does more for a church than to study God's word on this important subject. Pastor, you and every member of your church needs it.

Again Mr. J. D. Riddle has brought honor to the Lord by his usefulness, by being elected State Training Union president of the convention for the new year. Also, honor comes to the First Church, Abilene, and to District 17. J. D. is one of the best, and most useful men I know. His qualifications are outstanding. He is humble, consecrated, congenial, efficient and about everything else good that might be said about a fellow Christian. We thank the Lord for him. It is a blessing to one just to meet him, to say nothing about the fellowshiping with him. Joe, we all love and appreciate you.

Our district brought back some trophies from the State Training Union convention again this year, but not nearly so many as we should have. We did not work hard enough at the job. Brother Joe, we are going to back you better this year. Call on us.

PECOS VALLEY WORKERS WILL CONSIDER DIVISION AT DEC. 12 MEETINGS

Pecos Valley Churches will have two Workers conferences in December, one at Monahans, the other at Balmorhea. Those meeting at Balmorhea will consider the advisability of organizing a new association. The main object is to cut down the long distances necessary to attend the workers meetings heretofore.

About ten churches will be in the group of the proposed new association. They will prayerfully and fairly consider the new plan. The finest of fellowship exists between the pastors, and will continue whichever decision is made.

It will in no way affect the good work being done, and in addition to reducing distances will give to more people places of responsibility and opportunities of service in all the departments including that of the women and Brotherhood. Both meetings will be Tuesday, December 12.

—Missionary J. A. Kidd.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 10, 1939

By Hight C. Moore

SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

Read Matthew 11 and 12
Study Matthew 11: 16-30

1. The Good News Resented

Hear the Great Teacher whose fellow countrymen resented the Good News. He fulfilled his mission with fidelity and courage despite their criticism. He arraigned their ugly spirit in apt similitude. He said they were like spoiled children who in a game on the streets got mad whether playing dance or funeral. They criticized the brusque and ascetic Baptist, saying he had a demon. However, the fact that Jesus was not ascetic but lived the life of an ordinary Jewish peasant did not exempt him from criticism, for they falsely called him a glutton and winebibber. They criticized also the company he kept for he actually associated with hated tax-collectors and transgressors of ceremonial observance. But Jesus did his duty despite carping critics, for he knew that the path of wisdom would lead to vindication after a while.

2. The Good News Repudiated

Accept the Promised Messiah whose foes repudiated the Good News. The whitest light of the universe and of the eternity shone upon the cities by the Sea of Galilee, but in their impotence they chose the densest darkness. The woes leveled upon them were the bolts not so much of loosed wrath as of exhausted love. There he had made his home during the height of his ministry. There he had wrought many of his greatest miracles and delivered some of his greatest discourses and won some of his staunchest followers. Multitudes had marveled, but the masses repented not and their religious leaders defiantly, even defiantly, repudiated the Messiah's message and mission. What remained for Capernaum but to topple from its heaven-high privilege to hell-deep desolation and come to the bar of God with less merit than licentious Sodom? What though the Master ministered in Chorazin, and out of Bethsaida came Peter, Andrew, and Philip? Better than they in the Judgment will fare the idolaters of Tyre and Sidon. Jesus was the promised Messiah.

3. The Good News Revealed

Trust the Son of God whose Father through him revealed the Good News. After repentance was denounced intercession was made. Note: (1) Jesus prayed to the Father as Lord of heaven and earth. Thus upbraiding merged into prayer. And it was a prayer of gratitude. It was a profound assent to the divine plan and pleasure in dealing with men. The treasures of divine truth and the inestimable blessings of the spiritual life are withheld from the unrepentant, no matter how intellectual or intelligent, and granted freely to the open mind and heart of those who may be infants in intellect and worldly intelligence. It is the law of learning. It is the law of the larger life. It is the law of God. (2) Jesus received his power from the Father. He is on his mediatorial throne. All power and authority are in his hands. He is King, nor will he stay his conquest until every inch of the planet is in his possession. (3) Jesus claims the mutual knowledge with the Father. None know him fully but the Father and none fully knows the Father except the Son. Only God can comprehend God. (4) Jesus revealed and reveals the Father to men. In no other way can the Fatherhood of God be revealed or realized on earth. Yet that revelation must be regulated by the will of God. The face of the Father will never be unveiled to the gaze of any but the eyes of love.

The Good News Received

Obeys the Lord and Savior whose followers gladly receive the Good News. Note five things: (1) The invitation is melodious with mercy. There are multitudes who have labored to the point of fatigue. They are heavy laden to the point of breakdown. They can go no faster and no farther as they are. Let them turn to Jesus. By a yearning of heart and movement of will they can come to him. Nor will they come in vain. (2) The promise precisely fits their condition. In their weariness they want rest as nothing else. They can find it nowhere else. Indeed it is beyond human reach. It must be given by the great Giver. Only from him can the burdened heart find easement and the troubled soul know an infinite calm. (3) The command follows as a matter of course. The rest he gives capacitates for the service he requires. But his yoke is easier than any human yoke that men are called to bear. He also requires study in his school. There is something new to learn every day and infinite are the treasures of knowledge that beckon us upward. (4) The possibility is challenging. Now we can find rest unto our souls, for we are in the path of duty bearing the yoke of service and learning in the school of Christ. The rest he gives is thus supplemented by the rest which we can find. (5) The reason for the command is graciously given. Our Master is not

haughty but meek, not lofty but lowly, so that he is accessible to the humblest and gracious to the worst. Light are the burdens he places upon us, for he helps us to bear them; and easy is the yoke he assigns us, because we have his constant aid.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Dec. 4—The Invitation of the King. Matt. 11:25-30.
- Dec. 5—The Offer of Mercy. Ezekiel 33:10-16.
- Dec. 6—A Call to Repentance. Isa. 55:1-13.
- Dec. 7—Exhortation to Steadfastness. 2 Peter 3:8-18.
- Dec. 8—The Kingdom Refused. Matt. 11:16-24.
- Dec. 9—Believers Become Sons. John 1:1-12.
- Dec. 10—The King's Desire. John 17:20-26.

Contests--

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Sue Allred, Lamar Avenue, Wichita Falls; second, Iris Seales, Brownwood First; third, Tommie Moore, Belton First.

Winning in age 20 was Mildred DuBose, Carrizo Springs; with Weldon Davis, Merkel, in second place, and Winfield Stepter, East Grand, Dallas, in third.

Al Lena Summer of Gaston Avenue, Dallas, led in the oratorical contest for those 21. Sybil Norris of Sunset, Abilene, was second and Roth Weeks of Port Neches was third.

Intermediate Sword Drill

Winners of the four age groups of Intermediates contested for Master Swordsman of Texas was Eva Stark, Broadway, Fort Worth, sixteen year old champion winning the coveted award. Second place went to Perla Hudson Dudley, Abilene First, winner for age 15. Placing third and fourth in the Master Swordsman competition were Bonnie Lou Howard, 14, and Annie Lee Patton, 13, both of Pleasanton.

Junior Memory Contest

Age 9: John Robert Moore, Colonial, Dallas; Chas. Frank Tucker, Hickory Street, Dallas; Patsy Ruth Rouse, Seavers Street, Dallas; Bobby Victor Jones, Hillcrest, Dallas; Claudell Smith, Cliff Temple, Dallas; Lavenna Lawson, East Grand, Dallas; Annetta Dickson, East Grand, Dallas; Patricia Lee Allen, First, San Antonio.

Age 10: Margaret Mayers, Cliff Temple, Dallas; Billy Shipp, East Grand, Dallas; Jimmy Bob Nelson, East Grand, Dallas; Jeanine Springer, Cliff Temple, Dallas; T. J. Trammell, Cliff Temple, Dallas; Billy Crawford, East Grand, Dallas; Martha Jo Smith, Hillcrest, Dallas; J. M. Ragsdale, Hickory Street, Dallas; Ethel Jean Riley, Parks Heights, San Angelo.

Age 11: Lily Dale Covington, First, Kennedy; Wanda Lee Kennedy, First, Edna; Betty Clyde Christian, North Park, Sherman; Quincy Gray Crawford, East Grand, Dallas; Jimmie Dean Ligon, Park Heights, San Angelo; Betty Jo Tucker, North Park, Sherman; Olga Bryan, Cliff Temple, Dallas; Margaret Jo Moore, Colonial, Dallas; Christina Stark, First, Austin; Glenda Lee English, Seavers Street, Dallas; Dorothy Ellen Kincaid, University, Abilene.

Age 12: Aileen Jackson, First, Edna; Jacquelyn Everman, Swinney Switch, Mathis; Morgan Franklin, First, Buford; La Verne Gregory, First, Birdville; Mary Francis Wood, Gambrell, Fort Worth; Clara Belle English, Seavers Street, Dallas; Geraldine Jones, Seavers Street, Dallas; Doris Fay Jones, Seavers Street, Dallas; Katherine Kerr, Cliff Temple, Dallas; Chanlis Bryant, Colonial, Dallas; Don D. Smith, Cliff Temple, Dallas; Edith Reenus, Hickory Street, Dallas; Mary Chambers, East Grand, Dallas; Helen Dixon, East Grand, Dallas; Opal Ragsdale, Hickory Street, Dallas.

Age 12: Winifred Spellacy, East Grand, Dallas; Peggy Oates, Columbus Avenue, Waco; Dorris Merle Whitehead, First, Temple; Willie Mae Rhodes, Park Heights, San Angelo; Harold Robertson, Big Valley, Goldthwaite; Lockliou Bynum, First, Abilene; George Meyers, First, San Antonio; Mary Colwell, First, Childress; Morris Smith, First, Choate.

Beginner Story-Telling

Age 3: Jean Eileen Kincaid, University, Abilene.
Age 4: Beverly Lu Lucas, First, Galveston.
Age 5: Martha Jane Flicak, First, San Antonio.
Primary Story-Telling
Age 6: Bertha Joyce Manross, First, Stephenville.
Age 7: Frances Ann Jenkins, First, Lexington.
Age 8: (tie) Bobbie Jones, Swinney Switch, Mathis; Jimmie Copeland, Gaston Avenue, Dallas.

ANDREWS PASTOR SENDS LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Brother Dudley: You put me on your mailing list as a compliment or from some cause I received it and I want to tell you that I enjoyed it to the fullest extent and want to thank you for the favor. I wish every person in our church were a subscriber. Of all the things that I enjoyed I believe the crack, Dick wrote about, that you made in San Antonio about the auditorium was the best. Here in Andrews we are trying to do the Lord's will. There have been about 50 additions to the church since April. We have built some new Sunday School rooms and made various other improvements as we have had opportunity. The most notable thing done if such be the case is our Training Union. When I came there was a very small number of Juniors meeting on Sunday evening with a fine young lady leading them, not knowing what she was supposed to be doing except tell them a Bible story. Now we are doing a little better. Last Sunday we had 101 in Training Union services in five unions. Our general director is Mr. T. K. Price, formerly of the South Side Church of your city. In the women's work we have four of the young people's organizations and have had the other one and will have it again soon. We hope to maintain all five this year. Our women are doing very good work. The Association voted to send one of our girls to Wayland College and our church paid fifty dollars of her expenses. She is Miss Marie Embree and is preparing to be a missionary. Ask Dick O'Brien if he ever heard about the preacher who preached in the asylum and one of the hearers sat spell bound all during the services and was asked by the superintendent what he was thinking about (feeling sure the crazy person would compliment the visiting preacher). "What do you mean?" said the inmate. "What were you thinking about while the preacher was speaking?" "Oh, I was just thinking—what a pity, I'm in and he's out." May God bless you and please come to see me.

—ROY CLAYTON.

The paper to which Pastor Clayton refers was the Training Union Convention edition of November 23, which was sent to every pastor in Texas.—Ed.

EXTENSION GROUP APPEARS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The service extension group of the Training Union of University Church, Abilene, delivered a consecration program at Community Center Mission, Sixth and Willow, Abilene, Sunday evening, December 3.

Eva Lois Harmonson and J. L. Florrow discussed the program theme, "A God-Planned Life." Music was in charge of Lela Meeks and Betty Sue Pitts and special music was brought by the daughters of Rev. Clyde Campbell. John J. Toombs was program leader.

This extension group of University Church is open for engagements where they can be of service.

This country is acutely suffering from bad citizenship—produced by good men and women.—Dr. Geo. W. Truett.

If there is nothing in your life worth dying for; there is nothing worth living for.—Frank H. Leavell.

DISTRICT 17 W. M. U.

Recommendations of Methods and Finance Committee Passed by Executive Board, November 22

- 1. We recommend that \$2.50—total of \$12.50—be taken from the district treasury as a Christmas remembrance for each of our five Southwestern Training School daughters. We also wish to remind the associations to remember these students in the months designated: Callahan, October; Cisco, December; Fisher, November; Haskell, January; Jones, February; Stonewall, March; Sweetwater, April. 2. Since Ruth Carter was unable to attend the Southwestern Training School, we recommend that the part scholarship which the district voted to award her from the surplus amount in the treasury, be transferred to Bobby Jo Cox of Tuscola. 3. We recommend that since the Foreign Mission Board will be unable to send Mildred Smith to Africa next year that the district continue to give her a full scholarship to Southwestern Training School for another year, and in addition give a full scholarship to Frances Osborne and a half scholarship to Martha Jane Moore for the 1940-41 session. In return for these scholarships, we recommend that these girls do W. M. U. work during the summer months in the associations of the district. The associations in which they serve will be expected to pay their expenses. 4. Every society in the district, as far as possible, is urged to foster a School of Missions during the year. 5. We recommend that the societies in District 17 continue to give their Mother's Day offerings to the Charity Fund of the Hendrick Memorial Hospital. 6. The women in each association are requested to attend their Workers Conference the first week in December in order to hear Miss Itsuko Saito of Seminary Hill speak in interest of the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and offering. 7. We recommend that Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, the new historian, be provided with funds from the treasury with which to purchase a new book and that she be allowed to make her own selection.

MRS. D. W. ARNETTE, MRS. W. C. ASHFORD, MRS. FLOYD LOWE.

WORKERS CONFERENCE OF LAMESA ASSOCIATION WILL MEET WITH KEY, DEC. 14

- Theme: The Gospel. 10:00 Song and devotion, Amos Painter. 10:15 Definition of the Gospel, Ernest Phillips. 10:37 The Power of the Gospel, O. C. Curtis. 11:00 Recognition and report of churches. Special Music, O. C. Taylor. 11:20 What the Lottie Moon Offering Can Do, Mrs. R. F. Nix. 11:40 Sermon, J. William Arnett. 12:10 Dinner. 1:20 Board and WMU meetings. 1:50 Report from Convention, Roy Clayton. 2:12 Miscellaneous business. 2:20 The World Need of the Gospel, J. J. Gentry. 2:45 The Glory of the Gospel, E. F. Cole. Adjourn. Find out what God is doing and do it with Him.—S. P. Brooks. No man has ever gone hungry after having given away bread.—Geo. J. Mason.

District 7 News

(Continued from page 1) fore us, do our share of this great task.

We sympathize with Dr. Yearby on account of the serious illness of his mother in North Carolina.

Sierra Blanca and Ft. Hancock have called a good pastor, Brother L. W. Hardcastle of Waco. He comes highly recommended, and he and his good wife and two daughters expect to move to Sierra Blanca and begin their work in this needy field soon. We humbly are thankful and pray God's richest blessings on their labors with these good churches.

Clint has recalled Brother M. H. Godfrey of Lorraine, who served the church for some time before. We have not learned his decision. If he accepts we will gladly welcome this good pastor and family back into our fellowship, and bid them Godspeed.

Ft. Davis and Van Horn are considering Brother Blair Morris of Garden City. Both these churches are in building programs which when finished will give them fine workshops for doing a great work for the Lord.

Grandview Rebuilding Grandview Church has just enjoyed a week's revival services in which the preaching was done by the pastor, Brother J. Fred Cole, with good results. Fourteen made profession of faith Sunday morning, November 26. The missionary assisted by visiting on the field, leading prayer meetings, and doing personal work. This church has purchased the salvage from the fire which partly destroyed the Home Board building in which the church worshipped for the past number of years. They are beginning at once to clean up the material and assemble it for the erection of a new building on their new site located at the corner of Idalia and Henderson streets, a very acceptable center of a large and fast growing section of El Paso. Two large public schools are nearby in one of which there are over 1,500 high school pupils. Some very helpful gifts and substantial have been made to this new church building, and no doubt the Lord will impress many in that section and elsewhere to have a part in this house of worship to God. Any gift from the smallest to the greatest will be gratefully received. The treasurer is Mr. Jack Reagan, 1712 Marr St., El Paso.

Presidio has called Brother Taylor Henley of Brownwood. If he accepts this field will have a very fine young man and studious pastor to lead them. This is a very needy field where no other denomination is at present doing any work. They have a very active WMU organization.

Brother George Brooks and the Mt. Franklin Church are going forward with their plans for their new building in that fast growing suburb of El Paso. We trust they will make rapid progress and receive much encouragement from the people and have God's blessings on their work.

A Chinese mission church was dedicated in El Poso Sunday, November 26. Recently 23 Chinese converts were baptized by the First Baptist Church. Rev. Shau Y. Lee, a Home Board missionary, is their pastor in this Chinese mission church. He has a splendid record of conversions.

First Church, El Paso, now has 70 teachers holding Sunday School diplomas, 39 red seals, 24 blue, 14 gold, and eight postgraduate diplomas. 302 awards were received this year. We hope other churches will follow this good example of teacher training work. Pecos Valley has 10 Standard Sunday Schools at present.

District VII sent a number of young people to contest in the Sword Drill at the Training Union Convention, Austin. First Church, El Paso, Alpine, Marfa and Ft. Stockton were represented.

Several of our churches were on the honor roll the closing year, having sent an offering every month to World Wide Missions.

The new record began with November, Pastors and treasurers, we do express the sincere hope that you will begin with November by sending an offering on Monday, December 4, to the Dallas office, 700 Burt Building, and keep this record up every month throughout the year. Don't begin the year with a blank. Do something for carrying out Christ's great commission, now, and every month, and let's advance His Kingdom by winning more souls to Christ in 1940 than any year before, if possible. Yours for a greater year of spiritual progress.

POSITIONS Young people interested in early employment, with opportunities for advancement, should send for the inspiring story of how the Draughton Training and placement facilities have proved the shortest and surest route to good incomes for thousands of young people. Call, phone, or mail coupon today for "Proof of Position" and special money-saving plan. NAME P. O. ABRINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE ABILENE, TEXAS

REPORT OF MISSIONARY J. A. KIDD, DISTRICT VII

Days of work in November 25. Conventions attended 1. Miles traveled 2,240. Religious visits 47. Tracts given 40. Personal soul talks 10. Professions 1.

Prayer services conducted 7. Sunday School classes taught 1. Pastoral-less churches contacted 7. Helped call three pastors.

Preached once in Valentine, Van Horn, Highland Park, and Fabens; twice in Sierra Blanca.

Assisted in one revival and took one mission collection. Raised \$2.00 for the Cooperative program and \$31.00 for district missions.

NEW MEXICAN TO CHANGE EDITORS ON JANUARY 1

At the recent meeting of the State Mission Board of New Mexico, Rev. H. F. Burns was elected editor and business manager of the Baptist New Mexican and superintendent of the Baptist Press, effective January 1.

He will succeed Editor H. C. Reavis who has combined the editorship with duties as state treasurer and manager of the Baptist book store. His paper, though small, has been one of the most attractive and readable of the Baptist papers.

NEGLECT—A GREAT SIN

By William H. Joyner, State Evangelist

Archais, the Grecian magistrate, was enjoying a night of festivity and banqueting with his friends while his enemies planned to take his life. A courier came and gave him a note. It read, "Take your flight and do it now. Your enemies are plotting to take your life." He laid the note to one side indifferently. For him it was jubilation tonight. Serious matters tomorrow. He heeded not the message, did not even read it, and before the sun rose the next morning he was dead, a victim of murderers, and all because he neglected to heed the warning which would have saved his life. Why won't man heed God's written warning and live?

Shall Baptists--

(Continued from page 1) they are honest, walk and work apart. That is denominationalism.

Dangerous Tendency Moreover, Baptists believe that they see in the present Union movement all the ear-marks of those incidents that led to the establishment of the Catholic Church, and the doctrine of the infallibility of the pope. There is the same tendency to over-hear human authority, the same tendency to relax a contention for Christ's supreme Lordship, the same tendency to play down conviction and loyalty to conscience. There was a gradual centralization of all ecclesiastical powers into the hands of a human head. This autocratic power soon led to the suppression of free thought and free speech and this in turn resulted in the Dark Ages, which plagued the world for about a thousand years, and still does in some countries. This movement seems to join Rome in trying to mass together wholly discordant elements, and the result, if they should succeed, would be a universal Protestant Church, with all the undesirable and unscriptural features of the Catholic Church.

Here we are reminded that the Catholic Overhead, or imperialistic, religious control failed in its effort to hold its complex body together. Although it used all of its religious and secular authority and power, it divided into two great antagonistic hierarchies, the Greek and Roman Churches. Then followed the Reformation and resultant several religious bodies. The many Protestant Pedo-baptist denominations of today testify to Rome's failure to hold all Christendom together in one mechanical union. That experience proves that the union sought by the organization of today would hold together only so long as the people do not read the Scriptures and think for themselves.

To be a little more direct and frank, Baptists are not willing to cease bearing witness to their distinctive principles and practices as they would have to do, if they unite with those of contrary beliefs. To be still more frank, Baptists have not abandoned the hope of converting the world to those truths which they have persistently taught. They propose to tell the world of the Scripturalness of their distinctive principles. The Baptist attitude is not negative. They have a record of evangelism, of expansion, of growth, or achievement. They are natural and successful propagandists, and although some people are disturbed by their stand, they will continue to propagate their sacred principles, knowing that to do so they must maintain a separate existence. And what are some of the conten-

tions that justify Baptists in maintaining a separate denominational existence? At their roots they concern the very essence of pure Christianity. We protest against creeds evolved and compounded out of mere circumstance. Such efforts rest on sentiment and put Christian truths in jeopardy. Baptists think that all our weakness and division have resulted from a departure from the simple teachings of Jesus and that a return to these principles would stabilize Christianity and bring unity and strength. But there can be no perfect union unless it is genuinely Scriptural. We cannot, therefore, pool our efforts with those who, as we believe, have gone away from the truth. And here are some lines of departure:

First, We dissent from the unionist's plea of economy—a plea for union to save money. Granting that organic union would save money, which is very doubtful, Baptists have still another word. We are more concerned about saving truth than dollars. To us it seems poor economy to save a few dollars at the expense of the perversion of the Scriptures and the loss of some of the most vital elements of our Christian faith. Such a course would involve the future witness of Baptists to certain fundamental facts of religion, such as how we may be saved. But Baptists not only have a duty to save men from sin, but also, a duty to save the truth by which men are to be saved.

Second, We object to human overlords. The spirit of the union movement is imperialistic and works from a centralized overhead control. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is the most complete expression of this kind of control. It has shown us the intolerable blight of human control in religion. It should teach us that no greater misfortune could befall us than that all non-Catholics should unite. Certainly the merging of all local churches into one great body which we know as Romanism was the greatest calamity that ever befell our religion. Baptists stoutly object to repeating that folly, even if the movement attempting to do it is called another name and is presented with beautiful sentiment and by highly honored brethren.

Third, We object to the trend of this movement toward a state church. Such terms as "The Christian Church of China," the "United Chilean Evangelical Church," and the "Indigenous Church" are frequently met in the discussions of the Unionists and point to the direction of their movement. It proposes that each country shall evolve out of its own racial and national consciousness and environment a theology and church and form of polity thought best suited to most its particular need. Each country would have a different type of Christianity, reflecting the social, political, and ecclesiastical parties and prejudices of its people. These so-called indigenous churches would not represent true Christianity, but would be a man-made or human religion, and in effect would be a state or national church.

This situation would destroy our doctrine of "a free church in a free state." The church would look to the state for support and the state would demand that the church abide by its decrees. It would claim certain functions of religion and subordinate religion to its own uses. This would bind state and church in an inseparable union. But Christianity is not a national religion, and the church is not a national institution. Baptists, therefore, are bound by their consciences to stand against any state church, and for complete separation of church and state. (Continued next week)

Dallas Gets BTU

(Continued from page 1) had 49, including Pastor E. E. Burk, who drove 276 miles and return, of a total of 27,048 miles to attend the convention. The association with highest efficiency was Soda Lake, which included



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the Marshall Church with a world record of 1,142 awards for training. H. P. Black is associational director. The banner for Training Union efficiency in one church went to West Fourteenth Church, Houston, where Rev. A. A. Smith is pastor and Louis Smith is director. They had the unusual record of 92 per cent of those in the Training service attending evening preaching.

First Church, Burnett, with Rev. Buren Sparks as pastor, and Mrs. E. C. Stewart, director, had the largest percentage of the enrollment registered for the convention. Of 110 in the Training Union 50 attended the convention.

The report of Dr. Gardner showed an increase in enrollment of 14,000 in training work in all the churches and advances in all directions.

It was noted that seven former presidents of the convention were in attendance, six of them on the platform at one time. They included Dr. George W. Truett, Robert H. Coleman, who served 12 years as convention president and eight years as executive secretary, Dr. E. G. Townsend, Dr. W. L. Howse, J. Earl Mead, W. E. Young, now of Shreveport, and R. A. Springer.

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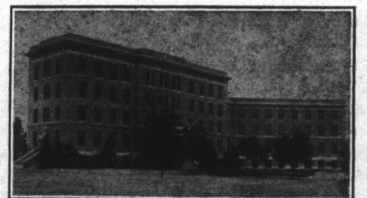
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Church Bulletin

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Preaching services, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m., Frank Antille, superintendent. Training Union, 6:30 p.m., Ralph Antille, director.

Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday. The prayer and visitations of each of us as Christians and church members must be enlisted in the special drive to raise our average attendance, lower our tardies, increase the use of Bibles in the home and church, and promote all phases of the Kingdom work.

The Training Union will present an authoritative visitor of the Holy Land Sunday evening at 6:30.

Your pastor, BYRON BRYANT.

O. K. CHURCH

James 1:27—Pure religion and undefiled before God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Sunday we are making our Christmas offering to Buckner Orphans Home. Our goal is \$50. We are hoping each member will have a part in this worthy cause. Let our prayers be that we will even go over our goal. Sam E. Brian, Pastor Joe Snellgrove, S.S. Supt.

WILMETH

Since we began our tithing program, our offerings for nine Sundays amount to \$188.69. Surely God is blessing our efforts. He has to say concerning our stewardship to him, "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" 1 Cor. 4:2. Our prayer should be that God will help us to be thus found.

The Hatchel Training Union will present a Program Sunday afternoon, December 10, at the Baptist Church at Wilmeth and everyone is urged to attend.

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