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from THE WATCHTOWER Meditations of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

Gas Mask for Babies is the latest device against modern warfare announced by Great Britain. This government will distribute 30,000,000 gas masks to its subjects during 1937. What a travesty against modern warfare! War has always been terrible, but the horrors of modern war is indescribable. The only hope, for the present time, is that war is being made so horrible that nations will, eventually, try to find some other way out for settling differences. However, it may take one more world conflict to teach the nations this sad fact.

Peace on Earth will come, states the late Arthur Brisbane in the current issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. His argument was that man during the past million years has made progress, and that, perhaps within the next ten thousand or so years, man will learn that war doesn't pay, just as he has learned, through sad experience, that other evil things have not paid. The trouble with this theory is that there are too many years mixed up in it. There will, sometime, be peace on earth, but the only thing that will bring it will be Christ in the hearts of men. There is a diversity of opinions as to how this will be brought about, but "He shall reign until He has put every enemy under his feet."

Near Las Vegas, Nev., a terrible battle against the elements has been raging for several days. A party of five are isolated by snow and blizzard many miles from civilization. One is dead and three critically ill, according to recent reports. Biting their way through six feet of snow, rescuers, in a heavy tractor, were fighting their way to the victims at the painful rate of three miles per hour. Airplanes are co-operating in the rescue. There is a lesson here for Christians to think about. If real Christians could realize, as have the rescuers in Nevada that there are people all around us, lost in the deserts and storms of sin, going down to death and destruction, there would be a great awakening everywhere. If God's word is true, men without Christ are in a far more perilous condition than are the victims in snow-bound Nevada. And yet how indifferent we are to this awful peril.

Penalty for Flunking courses has been assessed against failing students in the University of Oklahoma. The penalty is three dollars for each semester hour failed. According to statistics of past failures, this will enrich the university coffers about \$12,000 per semester. However, the purpose of the experiment, according to President Bizzell is not to secure money but to stimulate students to pass their grades. Well, why not a plan of this kind in tax supported schools. If the state is going to spend around \$300 per year for the education of each student the university should either demand that the student do the work, or pay for the privilege of loafing through school.

A Challenge to America was made last week by Dr. W. W. Mattson, father of little Charles Mattson, who was kidnapped and brutally murdered by fiends. Dr. Mattson said: "Is it possible that little Charles was sacrificed to further stimulate a previous enraged public to the enactment of even more drastic laws, both in the prevention of and the punishment for this awful crime? If this is true, we feel that Charles shall not have died in vain." It's a terrible fact that America, supposedly the most civilized nation on earth, leads all the nations in crime and lawlessness. Truly, the blood of little Charles Mattson cries aloud from the ground "that America wake up and purge itself from the awful present orgy of crime. It may be that a concerted drive against criminals would result in the sending of a few thousand aliens back to their homeland; and that's exactly what ought to be done. For many years the good old U. S. A. has been the dumping grounds of all Europe for their criminals. When these aliens fail to obey the laws of this country they should be sent, very promptly, back to their native land.

The "Howdy Neighbor" policy adopted by the officials of Abilene is (Continued on page 2)

District Missionary Shepherd Begins Work In District Seventeen This Week

Rev. B. N. Shepherd, newly elected missionary of District 17, began his work on the field Monday. On that date conferences were held with the executive committee of the district board and with the program committee of the Lueders Encampment. On Tuesday Brother Shepherd attended the Workers Conference of the Callahan and Jones County Associations meeting with the churches at Cottonwood and Anson.

We are sure our people in this district will give Brother Shepherd a hearty welcome and a solemn pledge to follow his leadership in putting on a worthy program for Baptists in this important field. The West Texas Baptist is glad to give to the missionary all the space he needs to help put on the program.

The new missionary is not a stranger in these parts. He spent the early year of his ministry as pastor of churches in this part of West Texas, while he was a student in Hardin-Simmons. We expect to hear from Brother Shepherd in next week's issue of the West Texas Baptist.

YOUNG PEOPLE UNITE AGAINST THE EVILS OF LIQUOR AND GAMBLING

Liquor has been pronounced Public Enemy No. 1. Liquor and its attendant vices needs to be studied anew by the citizenship of America. The Christian youth of America needs especially to study the evil effects of liquor and the demoralizing effects of gambling. Texas Baptists must do everything within their power against the liquor and gambling evil of today.

At the State B. T. U. convention in Abilene, the following resolution was adopted.

1. That Texas Baptist youth pledge themselves to stand as the unwavering enemy of the liquor traffic abstaining from the use of all alcoholic liquor themselves and exerting every possible influence in favor of temperance among others.
2. That we work toward the repeal of the 21st amendment at the earliest possible moment.
3. That we urge the next Texas legislature to repeal the laws legalizing gambling.
4. That the month of March, 1937, be designated as Youth Welfare Month in which every Baptist Training Union of Texas be asked to put on a fifteen-minute program on temperance and morals each Sunday at the general assembly period. We suggest as a basis for these programs the following:

March 7—Three five-minute talks: (1) "The Arguments for Repeal Prove False," a young woman. (2) "Some Results of Repeal," a young man. (3) "The Liquor Situation from a Lawyer's Viewpoint," a Christian lawyer.

March 14—Three five-minute talks: (1) "The Effects of Liquor on the Home and Church," a young man. (2) "Wholesome and Unwholesome Entertainment," a young woman. (3) "Liquor and Unwholesome Social Activity," a Christian worker.

March 21—Three five-minute talks: (1) "The Cost of Liquor in Life and Money," a young woman. (2) "The Steps to Doom for a Drinker," a young man. (3) "The Effects of Liquor on the Human Body," a Christian physician.

March 28—Three five-minute talks: (1) "The Sin and Dangers of Gambling," a young man. (2) "What the Youth of Today Can Do to Help Banish Liquor and Gambling," a young woman. (3) "Liquor and Gambling in Crime," a Christian law enforcement officer.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernon, Texas, is chairman of the Texas Baptist Youth Welfare committee. Dr. Hargrove is assisting Secretary T. C. Gardner in the promotion of a vigorous educational campaign against liquor and gambling.

Rev. Vernon Shaw has resigned as pastor of the church at Levelland to become pastor of the church at Floydada. He has been pastor of the Levelland Church just one year. During this time there were 133 additions to the church, 67 by baptism. Over 230 awards have been made in Sunday School and B. T. U. work. An educational unit has also been made to the church building and about \$7,000 has been raised for all purposes.

BARTENDER UNION HEAD QUILTS LIQUOR MIXING TO BECOME CHRISTIAN

The thrilling story of how the head of a bartenders' union of Springfield, Missouri, started his fellow bartenders at a union meeting by opening his Bible and asking them to bow in prayer is told by Ethel Hubler, editor of National Voice. Here's the story: "A man is known by the company he keeps." "Actions speak louder than words."

It was the New England philosopher, Emerson, who once said, "What you are speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say." People judge us far more by what we do, than by what we say. With which crowd are we training? Who are our associates? Do we say one thing one day, and do something else the next? If our lives are really going to count, let us be consistent. Roger Babson says that spiritual recovery must precede financial recovery. "Blessed be that nation whose God is the Lord."

Hear the story of Meryl E. Dowden, aged 28, who resigned recently as head of the Bartenders' Union of Springfield, Missouri, to begin a campaign to make his fellow workers lead a new life. Bartenders who gathered at a special meeting called to discuss wage contracts were amazed when their president arose with a Bible in his hand and asked them to bow their heads in prayer. After exhorting them to "quit the underworld," Dowden told of his conversion and of his vow "never to mix another drink." Bewildered bartenders elected another man to succeed him and went home shaking their heads. One old bar-keep sobbed audibly as he departed.

Dowden quit his job at the taproom where he was known as something of an artist at mixing fancy drinks. Newspapers relate the history of his varied career, which began in the Frisco shops after he graduated from Reed school, and took him over the (Continued from page 2)

BLONNYE FOREMAN BEGINS WORK ON NEW FIELD IN BRAZIL

EDITOR'S NOTE: In last week's issue we published an interesting letter describing a journey made by Missionary Blonnye Foreman into the wilds of Brazil in his "pick-up" car. In this issue Blonnye tells some more about his thrilling journey and about the beginning of his work in that field. In this letter Brother Foreman says: "The night after I got here, I rigged up the radio without any ground wire, and hooked the aerial to the bed springs. We got programs quite clearly from several different countries, including the United States." Can you visualize our missionaries, thousands of miles from home, keeping in touch with the homeland by means of the radio. You will enjoy reading this letter from our West Texas-New Mexico missionary to Brazil.

Corrente, Piauy, Via Cidade da Barra, Bahia, Brazil, November 14, 1936.

Dear Homefolks:

Finally, I have arrived at Corrente (Wednesday), and am in the midst of work. Arrived three days ago, the 11th. And believe me, I was glad to get here, after having made the hardest trip I ever made, or ever hope to make. As I wrote once or twice before, I left Recife, together with Fernando Bemvindo, one of the boys who finished here with us some years ago, on Saturday, October 31st. Made a very fine trip out through the state of Pernambuco, as far as Petrolina, but there we found that the road on up the river on that side Remanso, and then to Cidade da Barra, as we had hoped, was not, and never had been. So we crossed over the river on two canoes tied together, and made our way up the river as far as we could go on that side, and had the great good fortune of getting to the end of the possible road just about an hour before a steam boat that was going up the river to a place above the Cidade da Barra passed there. So we hailed the boat, and they took us on and for about four or five days, we rode the boat, together with our car and baggage. That delayed us a great deal, but it was not possible to make that part of the trip by land, so we felt ourselves quite fortunate to catch the boat at that time. Otherwise we would have had to wait in that deserted place for two more weeks.

From the place where we left the boat, to Corrente, is usually from five to six days journey by muleback. Arrived there early Saturday morning,

Prominent Baptist Layman At University Church Friday Night

LUEDERS PROGRAM COMMITTEE OUTLINES PLANS FOR 1937 CAMP

The Lueders Encampment program committee, composed of J. D. Riddle, chairman, Rev. C. R. Joyner, Merkel, and Mrs. J. E. Burnam of Abilene, held its first meeting of the new year at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Monday afternoon. Other encampment workers meeting with the committee were, Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge, president; Rev. J. Henry Littleton, Hamlin, business manager and Rev. B. N. Shepherd, newly elected missionary of District 17.

The main matter before the program committee was the consideration of the main speakers and Bible teachers for the encampment. It is expected that these speakers will be announced within the next month.

Two tentative dates for the next meeting of the encampment were suggested, but final decision will not be made until the next meeting of the executive board. The dates are June 21-28 and July 12-18.

The next meeting of the board will be at the annual convention of District 17, at Cisco March 30-31.

UNITED TEXAS DRYS LAUNCH NEW PAPER

"Good Citizenship Advocate" is the name of a newspaper being published by United Texas Drys, a prohibitory organization of Texas. Rev. Jeff Davis, state representative, is editor and business manager of the publication. Other officers of United Texas Drys are, Bishop H. A. Boaz, president; Dr. C. C. Seelman, chairman executive committee; Dr. L. D. Young, recording secretary; Arthur A. Everts, treasurer; J. F. Parks, chairman finance committee; Judge Edgar P. Haney, general attorney; Dr. F. M. McConnell, chairman publicity committee.

Ollie B. Webb, assistant to the president of the Texas and Pacific railroad, and prominent Baptist layman of New Orleans, La., will be the main speaker at the meeting of the Men's Brotherhood at University Church, Abilene, Friday evening. The program, which will include the regular monthly banquet of the church, will begin at 7:30. A number of entertainment features will be included on the program.

A number of laymen from churches in this section are expected to be here for the program, according to L. P. Cook, president of the Brotherhood of University Church. Reservation for the banquet may be had from Mr. Cook or J. A. Leach, grocerman at the corner of Pine and Ambler Avenue.

The coming of Mr. Webb for this occasion, will be a distinct honor to the brotherhood members of Abilene. He has delivered addresses to brotherhood meetings, and has filled pulpits in many churches in West Texas. A special invitation is extended to laymen in this section to attend this program.

RALLS CHURCH FORMS RESOLUTIONS AGAINST UNGODLINESS IN CHURCH

On a recent conference night the First Baptist Church of Ralls, of which Rev. W. R. Derr is pastor, passed strong resolutions condemning the awful reign of ungodliness in the church and the world, and pledged that all church officials refrain from questionable practices.

The resolutions come as a result of a determined fight by the pastor against modern evils.

The resolutions follow: "Whereas, sin, unrighteousness and worldliness are running rampant throughout the world, and

Whereas, the only hope for this deplorable condition is to be found in the Gospel of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, and

Therefore, be it resolved, that we the members of the First Baptist Church of Ralls, Texas, make certain requirements of those who are to hold office in our church, such as: general church officers; officers and teachers in the Sunday School; leaders, sponsors and other officers in the B. T. U. and presidents and leaders in the W. M. S.

First: that they pledge themselves that they will be faithful to the task that they have been called upon to perform. That they will be present and on time at all possible to do so; that they will be faithful to the church; by manifesting it as a divine institution; by attending the services when possible; by urging their classes, departments, unions, or wherever they work to do likewise. That they will pray for other leaders and members of the church and will support the church with their means in carrying out the world-wide program of Jesus Christ and they will urge others to do the same.

Second, that they will refrain from some things, such as: dancing, or attending dances, mixed bathing, Sunday picture shows, or engaging in contests for the prizes at Bank Nights at the picture shows, playing bridge or other games for money or prizes, or engaging in other amusements of a questionable character. That they refrain from swearing, gambling, drinking or dispensing intoxicating liquors, whether it be 3.2 beer or beverages of a stronger alcoholic content.

Furthermore, be it resolved that we pledge ourselves to stand by, pray for and support our pastor in his stand against sin in its every form, whether it be within the church or without.

The foregoing resolution is not made in the belief that our officers and teachers in general are guilty of the above mentioned sins, but it is done in order that we may assert ourselves in regard to these things and take a definite stand against such sinful practices.

There are 3,200 Indians on the Cherokee reservation in North Carolina. Rev. William H. Fitzgerald is the missionary of the Home Mission Board to these people.

OPINION MAKING REMARKS O'Brien

I would like to say my remarks by offering an apology to Santa Claus. Last week I mentioned the fact that the kindly old gentleman had given me an overcoat for Christmas but had neglected to send weather to match. I thought he could take a joke but from the type of weather which immediately followed my statement, I suppose he can't. I'm sorry. The past few days have afforded all the opportunities I want to try out everything from red flannels to asafetida. . . . Don't worry about that spelling because I called a druggist and he spelt it letter by letter as I wrote it down. I can smell it but I couldn't spell it. Did you ever wear it around your neck? O, you did, then you know what I am talking about. I bet you know what sulphur and grease is good for also. . . . Well, some of you older readers may remember some remarks printed in this column about how to entertain a preacher. Today I feel an urge to say a word to preachers about how to be entertained. I am sure there are many who have had preachers in their homes who would like to offer me some suggestions at this point. If I were a housewife I am sure there are two types of preachers I would never want around my house. One is the meticulous minister who has his nose in the air and a spirit of criticism of every move made for his comfort and entertainment, and the other is the slovenly person who leaves his clothing scattered all over the house and does not observe the first rudiments (Continued on page 4)

B. T. U. OF TEXAS MOVE FORWARD FOR ATTENDANCE GOAL

By T. C. Gardner

The First Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, is making an effort to have one thousand people in their Baptist Training Union by Sunday, April 25. All the other churches in Texas have been asked by the state leaders of the State B. T. U. convention to make Sunday, April 25, High Attendance Day for the Baptist Training Union. We believe that every church that works toward the enlistment of large numbers in the B. T. U. will certainly profit thereby. The truth of the matter is every member of every church would profit greatly by attending the Baptist Training Union every Sunday night. We are hoping that the time may come when our church leaders will have a high attendance goal for the B. T. U. every Sunday and that this high goal will be "a B. T. U. attendance equivalent to the church membership." Churches that have adopted the slogan "The whole church supporting the whole program of Jesus" are making progress in this direction. Reports are constantly being sent to the state B. T. U. office in Dallas to the effect that the B. T. U. attendance Sunday after Sunday equals, and in some cases, surpasses, the church membership.

High Goals Suggested

It has been suggested that graded goals be set looking toward an increased attendance in the B. T. U. Sunday after Sunday between now and April 25. We are hoping that as a result of this enlistment movement that many new unions may be organized and that many new members may be enrolled in the Baptist Training Union. May we not hope to enroll 100 per cent of the deacons and all other church officials? Someone has well said that "As go the deacons and other church officers so goes the membership of the church."

We commend First Baptist Church, Amarillo, where Dr. J. Howard Williams is pastor and Mr. R. A. Springer is educational director, for adopting the high goal of one thousand for their B. T. U. We sincerely hope that all other churches in the state will likewise adopt high goals.

As leaders of the churches there are three things that we need to think about doing, if we are to enlist large numbers.

1. Make a place for each member of the church in our hearts.
 2. Make a place for each member of the church in our prayers.
 3. Make a definite place for every member of the church in the Baptist Training Union.
- Sunday, April 25, is B. T. U. High Attendance Day in Texas. What will the B. T. U. attendance be in your church that day?

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The editor is gratified over the fine response received from the announcement of our plans for 1937. This encouragement goes a long way toward helping us tackle the job with new zeal. No one realizes like the editor what a tremendously important and responsible task we have undertaken. The response from the subscription offer we made to our old subscribers is also encouraging. A number have taken advantage of our offer of \$1.00 to pay back subscriptions and extend the subscription one year ahead. Surely, no one could ask for a more liberal offer. In order to carry out our plans it will be necessary for our subscribers to pay up their back subscriptions. It will also be necessary to build our subscription list up to between four and five thousand. On March 1 our mailing list will be revised and all subscriptions, both individual and club, that are in arrears, will be discontinued. As stated last issue, all club subscriptions now in force will be continued on the same basis as before. All other subscriptions will be \$1.00 per year, or, where the paper is sent to all homes in a church for one year, the price will be 60 cents per subscription, either paid in advance or monthly.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

One of the most serious things facing many of our churches at this time is the lack of financial support for the pastors. During the depression our pastors accepted their share of the burdens of life, and entirely too many of our pastors are doing just that. If a church is able to support a preacher and refuses or fails through neglect to support him, they ought to awaken their consciousness along this line or go out of business.

We do not believe that God will prosper and bless a church that will allow its pastor and his family to suffer for the necessities of life, and entirely too many of our pastors are doing just that. If a church is able to support a preacher and refuses or fails through neglect to support him, they ought to awaken their consciousness along this line or go out of business.

One of the laws of Moses was, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." In discussing ministerial support Paul in the ninth chapter of First Corinthians, quotes this law of Moses and then propounds these questions: "Who goeth a warfare anytime at his own charge? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruits thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" In other words Paul is stressing the thoughts he brings out in other writings that they who preach the Gospel shall live by the Gospel.

DO WE NEED A DOCTRINAL REVIVAL?

While reading a splendid article in a recent issue of the Western Recorder by W. C. Taylor, secretary, Latin America, Buenos Aires, Argentina, we ran across this striking statement: "But a Christianity that is merely evangelism is like a fatherhood that is merely begetting, a motherhood that is merely giving birth. There is infinitely more to give a child. Teaching, training, development, are to follow birth. Doctrine must follow evangelism, yea, accompany and penetrate evangelism, or evangelism itself will become notorious, impotent, undesirable, impossible."

The above is a pretty strong statement, but in the main it is true. Evangelizing people without giving them proper training in the fundamental truths of God's word, and in fitting them for Christian service is like branding yearling calves and then turn them loose on the open range. In the latter case when round-up time comes the yearlings are just not there. Either they have been destroyed by enemies or rebranded by thieves.

So it is with training and indoctrinating new converts. The country is full of wolves in sheep's clothing teaching every false doctrine under the sun. Thousands of weak Christians are being led away by these damnable heresies. We are convinced that we as preachers and editors are falling down on the job of indoctrinating our people. It is true our B. T. U. and W. M. U. organizations are doing much good along this line, but the trouble is we have too many church members who are not being reached by these agencies. We have too many Baptists today who cannot give reasons for the faith that is within them. A weak, wobbly, wavering church member is worth mighty little to his church and to the kingdom of God.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

If I had not been worshipping God for the last six days, I could not worship Him this (Sunday) morning. If there has been no song through my life to God, I am not prepared to sing His praise, and the reason why so often "Hosannahs languish on our tongues" is because "our devotion dies." The worship of the sanctuary is wholly meaningless and valueless save as it is preceded and prepared for by the worship of the life. And so I pray that when the service is over, and the Sabbath Day has passed, we may go back to know that in the shop, in the office, in the home and market place, in all the toil of the common places, we can worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

To See If You Know Your Bible

In this department, from time to time, will appear questions based on the Bible. See if you or your associates can answer them without consulting the answers, printed on the last page of the paper. Do you know some thought provoking Bible questions? If so send them in, with the answers and they will appear in this department. The first five questions, published below, are based on the first four chapters of Genesis.

1. Who was the first Bible character anesthetized, and under what condition?
2. Why was the first woman called Eve?
3. What evidence do we have that there was no rain upon the earth in the early period of its history? How was the earth watered during that time?
4. Who was Adam and Eve's first tailor, and of what did their clothing consist?
5. Who was the father of the first musician of the Bible?

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

THE WAY OF LIFE, AND THE LIFE OF THE WAY

"God so loved,
The world,
That he gave,
His only begotten Son,
That whosoever,
Believeth in him,
Should not perish,
But have,
Everlasting life."

"This is a faithful saying,
And these things I will,
That thou affirm constantly,
That they which,
Have believed in God,
MIGHT BE CAREFUL,
To maintain good works,
For these things are good,
And profitable unto man."

—Titus.

These two Scriptures comprehend the fundamental principles of the Christian religion.

The way of life is taught in the first, and the life to follow is taught in the second.

Devotional Thoughts

ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST

Once I took a sober faced little girl to school. She was going to a new school and was apprehensive about her teachers and her studies. As we drove in town I said, "You are a trifle nervous this morning and I want you to recite with me a verse from the Bible. 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.'" Together we recited it. Then we repeated it again and again until it made a deep scratch on her brain. By the time we had reached school she had regained her confidence and was radiant with joy. Before she left the car I prayed, asking the Lord to help her and again we repeated the text.

In the afternoon she returned home with a smile and said, "It really did help. I said it every time I felt afraid and then I became strong and was able to do what was requested." Then she added, "Isn't it wonderful! I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

Then I told her that the Lord Jesus helps boys and girls as much as he helps men and women. She had not thought about that, but that day she learned to think of the Master as a living person, helping boys and girls in their studies at school.

If I were an artist, I would paint a picture of Jesus standing by the side of a school boy helping him with his work. Most of the pictures of the Master portray him in the company of angels or mature men and women. There are few pictures in which he is shown with children. I once saw a picture of a mother holding up a little boy in order that he might see the cross on which Jesus died. It is one of the pictures I have never forgotten. I hope our artists will not be as forgetful of children in the future as they have been in the past, for we must teach them that the resources of Jesus are available to them.

Children have great sorrows. I experienced more sorrow as a boy than I ever have since. Children are sensitive and feel much more keenly than those who are older. How beautiful it is to see them take the story of their sorrows to the Master in prayer.

—Samuel Macaulay Lindsay in Watchman-Examiner.

BARTENDER UNION HEAD QUILTS LIQUOR MIXING TO BECOME CHRISTIAN

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country as a dishwasher, prizefighter, fry cook, cab driver, and finally brought him back to Springfield as a bartender. He had been a bartender for a year, completing his apprenticeship in nine months because "he worked so hard to become an artist at it."

He liked the work, too, he said, until the Rev. Charles W. Dyer, pastor of a Baptist church in Springfield pointed out the error of his ways. One Sunday, much against his will, he and his wife attended the church with friends. After the services Dowden went up to Mr. Dyer and said, "I make my living working in the underworld. I do not want to. I want to work for Jesus."

Dowden said he went home feeling

strangely exalted. He worked at the taproom all day the following Monday, "mixing drinks for disgusting drunks," but when he went back Tuesday, he knew he couldn't stand it any longer, so he quit. That night he attended Mr. Dyer's revival services. In the midst of the services he jumped up, rushed forward to the altar, and when he arose, he said, "I want to help save the world."

Dowden said he never read the Bible, never even looked at it, until a few days before. He said that he stayed drunk for almost a year after he lost the city heavyweight championship in Los Angeles, a title he had held for seven years.

God is still in his heavens. He hasn't changed. May the 50,000 Protestant ministers never let an opportunity pass to strike this monster and hit it hard. The power of the pulpit—it is unlimited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

January 24, 1937

TWO MIRACLES OF MERCY

Read John 5:1 to 6:71; Study John 5:2-9; 6:8-15.

The healing of the infirm man at Jerusalem and the feeding of the five thousand beyond the Sea of Galilee were two of the Lord's miracles of mercy, and they produced contrasting effects.

The first aroused Judean opposition. Jesus was attending a feast at Jerusalem. On the sabbath he came to the Pool of Bethesda, probably fed by an intermittent spring, and found an invalid of 38 years, among many afflicted ones, waiting for the curative waters to be stirred. Jesus bade him take up his bed and walk. He obeyed. And this was what the Jews criticized as a violation of the sabbath. The Healer was arraigned before the Sanhedrin, and probably excluded from Judea under threat of death.

The second aroused Galilean adulation. From Capernaum Jesus withdrew across the Sea of Galilee to the uninhabited district on its northeastern shore. But the multitude followed by land around the northern end of the sea, and late in the afternoon there were several thousand still waiting upon his ministry. He decided that they must be fed before they were dismissed. But all the resources at hand were five barley cakes and two little fishes. With the lad's meal, however, he satisfied the seated thousands and the fragments left over were enough to fill twelve baskets. At once the people identified Jesus as the Messiah, and they tried by force to make him their king.

1. The Miracle for the Sick (John 5)

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The editor is gratified over the fine response received from the announcement of our plans for 1937. This encouragement goes a long way toward helping us tackle the job with new zeal. No one realizes like the editor what a tremendously important and responsible task we have undertaken. The response from the subscription offer we made to our old subscribers is also encouraging. A number have taken advantage of our offer of \$1.00 to pay back subscriptions and extend the subscription one year ahead. Surely, no one could ask for a more liberal offer. In order to carry out our plans it will be necessary for our subscribers to pay up their back subscriptions. It will also be necessary to build our subscription list up to between four and five thousand. On March 1 our mailing list will be revised and all subscriptions, both individual and club, that are in arrears, will be discontinued. As stated last issue, all club subscriptions now in force will be continued on the same basis as before. All other subscriptions will be \$1.00 per year, or, where the paper is sent to all homes in a church for one year, the price will be 60 cents per subscription, either paid in advance or monthly.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

One of the most serious things facing many of our churches at this time is the lack of financial support for the pastors. During the depression our pastors accepted their share of the burdens of the depression by cutting their salaries, in most instances, to the suffering point. They made this contribution in the real spirit of Christian sacrifice. In too many cases churches have taken advantage of the circumstances and have bled the pastors to the very heart. Having found that they could secure their pastoral help, for a pitifully small outlay of cash, during the years of adversity, they are inclined to want to continue this policy.

We do not believe that God will prosper and bless a church that will allow its pastor and his family to suffer for the necessities of life, and entirely too many of our pastors are doing just that. If a church is able to support a preacher and refuses or fails through neglect to support him, they ought to awaken their consciousness along this line or go out of business.

One of the laws of Moses was, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." In discussing ministerial support Paul in the ninth chapter of First Corinthians, quotes this law of Moses and then propounds these questions: "Who goeth a warfare anytime at his own charge? Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruits thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" In other words Paul is stressing the thoughts he brings out in other writings that they who preach the Gospel shall live by the Gospel.

DO WE NEED A DOCTRINAL REVIVAL?

While reading a splendid article in a recent issue of the Western Recorder by W. C. Taylor, secretary, Latin America, Buenos Aires, Argentina, we ran across this striking statement: "But a Christianity that is merely evangelism is like a fatherhood that is merely begetting, a motherhood that is merely giving birth. There is infinitely more to give a child. Teaching, training, development, are to follow birth. Doctrine must follow evangelism, yea, accompany and penetrate evangelism, or evangelism itself will become notorious, impotent, indesirable, impossible."

The above is a pretty strong statement, but in the main it is true. Evangelizing people without giving them proper training in the fundamental truths of God's word, and in fitting them for Christian service is like branding yearling calves and then turn them loose on the open range. In the latter case when round-up time comes the yearlings are just not there. Either they have been destroyed by enemies or rebranded by thieves.

So it is with training and indoctrinating new converts. The country is full of wolves in sheep's clothing teaching every false doctrine under the sun. Thousands of weak Christians are being led away by these damnable heresies. We are convinced that we as preachers and editors are falling down on the job of indoctrinating our people. It is true our B. T. U. and W. M. U. organizations are doing much good along this line, but the trouble is we have too many church members who are not being reached by these agencies. We have too many Baptists today who cannot give reasons for the faith that is within them. A weak, wobbly, wavering church member is worth mighty little to his church and to the kingdom of God.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

If I had not been worshipping God for the last six days, I could not worship Him this (Sunday) morning. If there has been no song through my life to God, I am not prepared to sing His praise, and the reason why so often "Hosannahs languish on our tongues" is because "our devotion dies." The worship of the sanctuary is wholly meaningless and valueless save as it is preceded and prepared for by the worship of the life. And so I pray that when the service is over, and the Sabbath Day has passed, we may go back to know that in the shop, in the office, in the home and market place, in all the toil of the common places, we can worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

To See If You Know Your Bible

In this department, from time to time, will appear questions based on the Bible. See if you or your associates can answer them without consulting the answers, printed on the last page of the paper. Do you know some thought-provoking Bible questions? If so send them in, with the answers and they will appear in this department. The first five questions, published below, are based on the first four chapters of Genesis.

1. Who was the first Bible character anesthetized, and under what condition?
2. Why was the first woman called Eve?
3. What evidence do we have that there was no rain upon the earth in the early period of its history? How was the earth watered during that time?
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Think On These Things

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"God so loved,
The world,
That he gave,
His only begotten Son,
That whosoever,
Believeth in him,
Should not perish,
But have,
Everlasting life."

"This is a faithful saying,
And these things I will,
That thou affirm constantly,
That they which,
Have believed in God,
MIGHT BE CAREFUL,
To maintain good works,
For these things are good,
And profitable unto man." —Titus.

These two Scriptures comprehend the fundamental principles of the Christian religion.

The way of life is taught in the first, and the life to follow is taught in the second.

Devotional Thoughts

ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST

Once I took a sober faced little girl to school. She was going to a new school and was apprehensive about her teachers and her studies. As we drove in town I said, "You are a trifle nervous this morning and I want you to recite with me a verse from the Bible, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.'" Together we recited it. Then we repeated it again and again until it made a deep scratch on her brain. By the time we had reached school she had regained her confidence and was radiant with joy. Before she left the car I prayed, asking the Lord to help her and again we repeated the text.

In the afternoon she returned home with a smile and said, "It really did help. I said it every time I felt afraid and then I became strong and was able to do what was requested." Then she added, "Isn't it wonderful! I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me!"

Then I told her that the Lord Jesus helps boys and girls as much as he helps men and women. She had not thought about that, but that day she learned to think of the Master as a living person, helping boys and girls in their studies at school.

If I were an artist, I would paint a picture of Jesus standing by the side of a school boy helping him with his work. Most of the pictures of the Master portray him in the company of angels or mature men and women. There are few pictures in which he is shown with children. I once saw a picture of a mother holding up a little boy in order that he might see the cross on which Jesus died. It is one of the pictures I have never forgotten. I hope our artists will not be as forgetful of children in the future as they have been in the past, for we must teach them that the resources of Jesus are available to them.

Children have great sorrows. I experienced more sorrow as a boy than I ever have since. Children are sensitive and feel much more keenly than those who are older. How beautiful it is to see them take the story of their sorrows to the Master in prayer.

—Samuel Macaulay Lindsay in Watchman-Examiner.

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country as a dishwasher, prizefighter, fry cook, cab driver, and finally brought him back to Springfield as a bartender. He had been a bartender for a year, completing his apprenticeship in nine months because "he worked so hard to become an artist at it."

He liked the work, too, he said, until the Rev. Charles W. Dyer, pastor of a Baptist church in Springfield pointed out the error of his ways. One Sunday, much against his will, he and his wife attended the church with friends. After the services Dowden went up to Mr. Dyer and said, "I make my living working in the underworld. I do not want to. I want to work for Jesus."

Dowden said he went home feeling

strangely exalted. He worked at the taproom all day the following Monday, "mixing drinks for disgusting drunks," but when he went back Tuesday, he knew he couldn't stand it any longer, so he quit. That night he attended Mr. Dyer's revival services. In the midst of the services he jumped up, rushed forward to the altar, and when he arose, he said, "I want to help save the world."

Dowden said he never read the Bible, never even looked at it, until a few days before. He said that he stayed drunk for almost a year after he lost the city heavyweight championship in Los Angeles, a title he had held for seven years.

God is still in his heavens. He hasn't changed. May the 50,000 Protestant ministers never let an opportunity pass to strike this monster and hit it hard. The power of the pulpit — it is unlimited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HIGHT C. MOORE

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TWO MIRACLES OF MERCY

Read John 5:1 to 6:71; Study John 5:2-9; 6:8-15.

The healing of the infirm man at Jerusalem and the feeding of the five thousand beyond the Sea of Galilee were two of the Lord's miracles of mercy, and they produced contrasting effects.

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OUR WEEKLY SERMON

In this department we are publishing a short sermon of a doctrinal or devotional nature. Our pastors are invited to contribute material to this department. Try to confine your manuscript to between 750 and 1,000 words, if possible. The first sermon, published below, came to our desk this week from Rev. A. Loper, chaplain of the State Juvenile Training School at Gatesville, Texas.

THE NEW BIRTH, John 3:1-7

This old fashioned doctrine is so beautifully described by that princely preacher of all preachers, Gipsy Smith. He says, "It is an old story, but the only story. It is as new as the sunshine that streams through the gates of the morning. It is as fresh as the dewdrops that hang like so many of God's diamonds sparkling in the sunshine. It is as beautiful as a rose on a June morning, and as fresh as a breath from the hills of God. It is the power and the only power that can break the fetters of sin and set men free.

To whom was this message spoken? To a drunkard? No! A murdered? No! An outcast? No! All of these of course must be born again, if they would get a glimpse into God's kingdom. But this message was spoken to a man of prestige and power. To a man of culture, educated in the schools of his day. A man of the Pharisees, ruler of the Jews and a teacher in Israel. A man intensely religious, according to the creeds and customs of that day. From this we can readily see that it is possible to have one's name in the church register, and not have it recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. This message of the Master to the man of culture and character reveals the followings truths.

The new birth does not come by nor through natural generation. The Jews had this idea when they said, "We are the children of Abraham and were never in bondage to any man; how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free." Jesus said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." John 8:33-34. Jesus informed them that they were of their father the devil, and the lust of their father they would do. He taught Nicodemus that one is not born into the kingdom by blood, nor by the will of the flesh, nor of the well of man, but of God. John 1:13. Regardless of one's ancestors or social position, he is without the pale of God's kingdom and cannot as much as see it, except he be born again.

The new birth is neither a matter of culture, nor environment. I would not minimize education and environment, for I am sure that God uses both in leading men into the light and bringing them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus; but education alone can never bring about the new birth, nor prepare men to enter God's kingdom. If education could have saved men Jesus would not have preached this sermon to Nicodemus, and Saul of Tarsus would not have needed the transforming power of God's glorious Gospel.

If men could have been redeemed by education and outward reformation Jesus need not have died for our sins, but both experience and Scripture teaches us that outward reformation cannot bring about inward transformation which is essential to salvation. For instance, you can whitewash a pig and put him in the parlor in the midst of everything clean and beautiful, then turn on the hydrant in your yard, open the door and he will immediately return, as every hog will, to his wallow. Why? Because it is his nature. Before you can cleanse him permanently you must change his disposition. You may whitewash a man and put him in the church, but unless his disposition is changed by the power of God, he will soon break over and wallow in the cesspools of iniquity. Why? Because it is his nature. Doctoring the outside will not cure a festering sore on the inside, any more than painting the well curbing will purify the water in the well. Nicodemus had doctored the outside, but the remedy failed to reach the trouble on the inside.

Let us now turn the picture to the positive side and see if we can find out what the new birth really is.

First of all it is a spiritual experience. Jesus answered and said, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. Separate and apart from the fleshy birth referred to by Jesus in the sixth verse, there must be a birth from above. Whatever the water birth means, of one thing we are sure, it has no reference to baptism. Baptism in the Scripture is always connected with death and represents a burial. Buried with Christ is a prominent passage in the New Testament. Paul says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5.

You will observe that the washing is in regeneration, but regeneration is not in the washing, as water washes and cleanses outwardly, just so does the spirit wash and make clean inwardly. According to the teachings of Jesus, all who enter God's kingdom must be born of the spirit, and have as a present possession a spiritual experience.

The new birth is an inward transformation that always results in an outward reformation. "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2. When one is transformed by the regenerating power of God, he is a new creature in Christ, old things have passed away and all things have become new. This need to emphasize again and again the doctrine of the new birth, which is wrought in the heart and life of the believer by the spirit of God.

The new birth is mysterious, yet comprehensive. It is possible to comprehend or grasp with the mind a thing that is not thoroughly understood. Jesus used the wind to illustrate this truth to Nicodemus. You cannot see the wind, but you can see changes wrought by it, there is a physical change brought about by an invisible agency which we call the wind. You cannot see the new birth, but you can see changes wrought by it. There is a spiritual change brought about by an invisible agency known to us as the Holy Spirit.

But why, some may ask, is the new birth necessary? It is necessary because of God's holiness and man's sinfulness. If a just and holy God, and an unjust and sinful man is ever brought together in blessed fellowship, one or the other must be changed. Since God is the same yesterday, today, and forever and changes not, man therefore must be changed. We must face here the doctrine of total depravity, for man is depraved in nature, and separated from God by his own sin. For a clear definition of total depravity we quote from an article recently written by Rev. A. B. Watson of Brownwood, Texas. "By depravity is meant a native, inherent state of sinfulness; a positive inclination toward that which is contrary to the law and holiness of God. The expression total depravity is not used to convey the idea that all men are wholly and equally bad, and so bad that they cannot become worse; but it means that the total man, the whole sum of life and being is perverted, that the intellect is beclouded, the affections prostituted, the will enslaved, and the seed of disease, death and dissolution is sown in the body."

This doctrine is clearly stated by the Apostle Paul in the third chapter of Romans, beginning with the thirteenth verse. "Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit, the poison of asp is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood. There is no fear of God before their eyes." Paul paints here a picture of man's depraved condition. From Scripture, human experience, and observation we can readily see that the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man makes the new birth a necessity. Man must be changed before he is fit to commune with God. This change is brought about by the new birth through the operation of the Holy Spirit.

The new birth is an eye opener which enables one to see and appreciate the kingdom of God. "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. I fear that some church members that cannot see any harm in this sin or that sin, need to have a spiritual experience that will enable them to see the holiness of God and the sinfulness of sin. I am unable to see how some folk who claim to have been born again and made a new creature in Christ can look on sin so lightly as many of our church people are doing. I do not believe that we need a new Gospel, but I do feel that we need to preach the fundamentals of the old time Gospel, and contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

Except a man be born again he could not enjoy the blessings of God's kingdom here nor hereafter. A depraved ungodly man would be ill at ease in the presence of a Godly group of men and women. Heaven would be the hottest kind of hell for the soul that had not been prepared for that holy place. If one would enter

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OUTLINE OF OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

By The Editor

The Book of Genesis

Genesis is the first of the five books of the Bible known as the Pentateuch. Orthodox scholars generally concede its authorship to Moses. For convenience of study, the book might be outlined as follows:

- I. Creation—first two chapters.
- II. The fall and redemption of man—chapter three.
- III. From Cain to the Flood—chapters 4-7.
- IV. From the flood to Confusion of Tongues—chapters 8:1-11; 9.
- V. From Abraham to Joseph—remainder of the book.

Book of Beginnings

Genesis is called the Book of Beginnings. The Wednesday afternoon radio lectures for the next week (Jan. 27) will be based on the following outline on the first three chapters of Genesis which include the first two general divisions as given above. Read these three chapters carefully, then answer the questions listed below. We suggest that you write out your answers to these questions. It will help you to get a clearer conception to the subject matter included. Listen in on radio station KRBC, Abilene, 1420 kilocycles, Wednesday, January 27, for your Bible lecture based on the following out-

line of the first three chapters of Genesis:

- 1—Beginning of time.
 - 2—Beginning of Creation.
 - 3—Beginning of plant and animal life.
 - 4—Beginning of human life.
 - 5—Beginning of sin.
 - 6—Beginning of redemption.
- Questions for Study**
1. Give the order of creation for each day of the creative period. (Chapter 1).
 2. Give the substance of the covenant God made with man. (1:28-31).
 3. How did God make the first man; the first woman? (Chapter 2).
 4. Describe fully the Garden of Eden in Chapter 2:8-17.
 5. Describe the temptation and fall of man.
 6. In the covenant God made with Adam after the fall, what curse was made upon (1) the serpent; (2) the woman? (3:14-15).
 7. What is the first promise given concerning the world's Redeemer (verse 15)?
 8. What was the curse upon man; (2) upon the earth?
 9. Why did God drive Adam and Eve from Eden? (v. 22).
 10. What provisions did he make to keep them from re-entering the garden? (V. 24).

How The Votes Are Coming

Last week the West Texas Baptist announced that there had been some disagreement among the promoters of the West Texas Baptist over the matter of changing the name of the paper from "The West Texas Baptist" to "The Western Evangel." The paper has been published under both names. We have decided to leave the question of changing the name of the paper to our readers. Drop us a card and express your vote in the matter. Or better still, send us a dollar for your subscription to the West Texas Baptist, along with your vote. Remember, your \$1.00 will pay your back subscription and one year in advance. Below we are publishing some of the votes in our change-the-name contest:

Dear Editor:
I don't think I would like to change the name of our paper to the Western Evangel. I came from Georgia to West Texas in 1893. I like the name West Texas, and I like the name Baptist. I took the paper when it was the Western Evangel.
Yours truly,
J. J. DENTON,
Knox City, Texas.

I am sending you \$1.00 to pay my subscription to the West Texas Baptist. I do not think I could do without the paper. Here is my vote: I

like West Texas and I love the word Baptist, so let's have it West Texas Baptist.—Emery D. Scott, Rotan, Texas, Rt. 1.

Dear Editor:
We have been readers of the West Texas Baptist for a long time, and we hate to think of its name being changed. We love the name of Baptist and hope that a majority of the readers will vote for the continuation of the name of The West Texas Baptist.—Mrs. W. M. Carey, Blanche and Alice Carey, Merkel, Texas.
As for the name of the paper, I prefer the change to "The Western Evangel." Evangel means good news, Gospel, or spiritually minded, and I am sure all the readers want it to be a spiritual paper.—Mrs. R. B. O'Brien, Eliasville, Texas.

Dear Brother Malone:
I think your plans for our paper are fine, and I think it a wonderful service to print a religious newspaper. I believe God will bless you in that work. Now, as for its name: I prefer Western Evangel, since I say that first every time I speak of it. I was a subscriber to the Western Evangel. I did not know it the first time it was West Texas Baptist. Evangel seems such a sweet name, and the paper is a real evangelist if read.—Mrs. E. E. Mason, Abilene.

ON THE FIELD WITH HARDIN-SIMMONS PREACHERS

J. William Arnett

James N. Easterwood was chosen for president by the members of the Ministerial Council in the regular business meeting last Friday evening at the university. Other officers elected for the spring semester are: Vice-president, Aubrey Short; secretary, Almon Norris; treasurer, Loyal E. Brown; chorister, Arlie McDaniel; pianist, Mrs. James Alexander; B. U. S. representative, Jack Edgar; reporter, J. William Arnett; parliamentarian, Dr. E. B. Atwood; and speech critic, Mrs. E. B. Atwood and Dr. N. A. Moore is the sponsor.

The new officers will be inaugurated at the next meeting, January 29.

We have 60 preachers in school this semester, approximately half of which are pastors. There are ten or twelve associations represented in our school through this group.

Dr. N. A. Moore has been asked to speak during the annual pastor's and layman's conference to be held at Plainview during the week of February 12-17. He is to give an exposition on the Bible daily.

Brother Loyal E. Brown brings an interesting report from the Highland Home Church. There were two additions at the morning service, this bringing the total for the new year to six. The church dismissed its evening services to join with the First Baptist Church of Rotan in a service where Dr. R. C. Campbell, our state mission secretary, preached. About 50 of their members attended and all thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful

message. Several other churches joined in this service.

At the close of the evening's program both the Rotan Church and the Highland Home Church united in a beautiful baptismal service. One young woman was baptized into the Highland Home Church. Brother John T. Taylor, pastor at Rotan, baptized one into their church; and two Mexicans were also baptized.

The pastor has just finished a large sign, painted on the front of the church building, of which all are very proud. The sign is about 11 by 4 feet in size and has the words "Highland Home Baptist Church, Welcome." Why should Baptist Churches be ashamed to let the world know who they are?

Pastor James Alexander tells us that they had good services at Hiton Sunday. Though the wind was a little cold, the attendance did not fall off so much. (We go on Monday and every other day of the week, why should not we as Christians be faithful to our task on the Lord's Day?).

Brother Alexander also attended the Fisher County Worker's Conference Monday. The meeting was held at Rotan, and a good program was had.

The writer and Brother G. Q. Fulgham attended a fine Worker's meeting of the Callahan Association Tuesday, which met at Cottonwood. The newly elected missionary, Rev. B. N. Sheppard, was there for the morning session, but left to attend the Jones County meeting at Anson.

Hardin-Simmons News

(From The Brand)

Spring Semester Jan. 27

The spring semester for Hardin-Simmons will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27. Registration will be on this date. Class work will begin on Thursday. Fall semester examinations will begin Friday of this week and continue through Thursday of next week.

Band Schedule

Bookings for Hardin-Simmons' traveling Cowboy bandmen for the coming term have been announced. Playing their second year at the San Angelo Fat Stock show the musicians are to play for rodeos in that city March 6 through 9.

The group travels to Throckmorton January 29 to dedicate the new high school gymnasium. The senior class of Olney high brings them to that city February 9 to play performances in the high school auditorium.

Add New Course

One new course, psychology of adolescence, will be added to the curriculum at mid-term, Dr. R. A. Collins, dean of students, announced this week. The class will meet at 9 o'clock MWF and will be under Dr. Collins' instruction.

Plans for bi-session summer school for 1938 were also announced. The new plan will consist of two summer terms, each of six weeks duration. Students may elect to attend one or both sessions, but may take only two three-hour courses each term. Four periods will be held daily with classes of one and one-half hours duration.

Miller New Cop

After two weeks on the job as campus policeman, Ross L. Miller, successor to W. T. McQuary, says about Hardin-Simmons men students, "They're a bunch of good boys who will be boys . . . and as for the girls I don't see much of them on night duty."

Cop Miller came to Abilene 36 years ago from Johnson county. He has served two years on the city police force and five years as deputy sheriff.

Broncho Material

Work on the 1937 Bronco reached top speed during the past two weeks as copy sent to the engraver set a new high for this season of the year, said Carley Reed Kinard, editor.

Among the panels completed were included all class sections, most of the opening section, a completed beauty section, and a large number of feature pages, football panels, and individual and group panels.

Negotiations will be completed next week for work on the cover for the

annual. A padded cover will be used again this year, as has been the custom for the past two annuals. The cover for the 1937 Bronco will be elaborately done in three colors, corresponding with the color scheme of the book.

New Volumes for Library

Recent library additions include the 13 volume set of "Mythology of All Races" by Louis Herbert Gray. The consulting editor was George Foote Moore. The first volume appeared in 1916, and it was not until 1932 that the final index volume was completed and published by the Archeological Institute of America.

Each section is written by a competent authority—chosen not only for his scholarship but also his ability to write interestingly.

To many races this is the only satisfactory and well balanced exposition in English of their mythological, ethnological and philological inheritance. Sections are devoted to Finno, Ugric, Siberian, Oceanic, Armenian and African Mythology as well as other races whose heritage is more easily found recorded in literature. The volumes on the North American and the Latin American Indians are especially valuable, as much material is found in the publications not available elsewhere.

Stephenson to Prepare Paper

W. A. Stephenson, Hardin-Simmons university professor of government, has received an invitation to be on the program at the 18th annual convention of the Southwestern Social Science association in Dallas, March 26 and 27.

He is to read a paper on "Arid Region Doctrine of Appropriation of Water for Beneficial Uses," that will be discussed by W. S. Moreland of the State Teachers college in Hayes, Kan. Stephenson is to appear on March 26.

H-S. U. Preachers in Wreck

Three Hardin-Simmons ministerial students, and two local pastors were injured slightly in an automobile-truck collision near Weatherford Wednesday night.

The group was returning from a religious conference held in Waco and were about 13 miles this side of Weatherford when the accident occurred. Only minor injuries were sustained by the occupants but considerable damage was done to the automobile, when the machine in which they were riding collided with a cattle truck with trailer.

Those in the accident were Aubrey Short, Robert Brown, and Charles McLaughlin, H. S. U. students, and Roy Young, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church, and Virgil Reynolds, pastor of the Trinity Baptist church.

The group returned to Abilene early Thursday morning.

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RACE TRACK GAMBLING

By N. A. Moore

The present legislature of Texas now in session has many important matters before it. Mostly such matters as taxation, old age pensions, social security, etc., are discussed in newspapers. However, there is one matter of supreme importance that is receiving little discussion in the state press. That is the question of race track gambling.

The state democratic convention last year adopted a platform calling for repeal of the present race track gambling law. The governor has submitted among his recommendations a request that this platform plank be carried out. At the same time there has been introduced in the legislature a bill legalizing gambling on dog races in a town of twenty thousand or more population. The evils resulting from race track gambling have, in a way, been more disastrous than the legalizing of the sale of liquor, and if the Christian people of Texas show the same indifference in this matter of legalizing gambling that they showed in the recent liquor election, not only will the horse race gambling continue, but in addition, dog races all over the state.

The legalization of race track gambling opened a veritable flood of

all kinds of gambling—marble machines, slot machines, bookie shops, bank nights, and a great variety of chance games—which have operated to destroy the character and integrity of Texas manhood and womanhood.

Now the promoters and profiteers of the gambling enterprise have at their command large sums of money. They work in the dark, influence the legislator in devious ways and employ the best possible brains to forward their nefarious scheme. They will be in Austin in full force working day and night while the majority of us are going about our ways saying nothing and doing nothing to offset them. "What can we do?" is a practical question.

We can speak out against it in our communities and clubs, church organizations, in public places and most especially we should write our representatives in the legislature presenting them with petitions showing the sentiments of our people against these entrenched evils. It is certain that if the good people do not begin action that these evils will not only continue but will spread their destroying effects to the remotest sections of the state.

FORMER ABILENIAN WRITES APPRECIATION OF WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

Last week the editor received a much appreciated letter from Mrs. M. H. Compere of Fort Worth in which she sent a renewal of her subscription, and said some kind things about the paper. Mrs. Compere spent most of her life in Abilene where she, with her late husband, M. H. Compere, were prominent workers in the First Baptist Church. Mr. Compere, for over 20 years was a deacon in the local church and a trustee of Hardin-Simmons University, and Hendricks Memorial Hospital. A son, Truett Compere, is one of Abilene's leading business men, manager of the insurance firm of Compere & Compere. The following is an extract from Mrs. Compere's letter:

"The West Texas Baptist, for more than a year, has been my only news from Abilene. But I got the most important to me, so much so that I don't want to miss a single copy. I still feel that I am a part of everything in the great and glorious west. Especially do I enjoy reading the many reports of all the activities of churches, Hardin-Simmons and our hospital, and I get a great thrill from each. To me there is no place to live that surpasses Abilene and West Texas, and no 'folks' on the face of the earth equal our own Abilene people. I am hoping to be there again soon."

BLONNYE FOREMAN BEGINS WORK ON FIELD IN BRAZIL

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near Corrente, at night, but they were low since it had not rained for some time. It was about 10 o'clock when we arrived. It rained the day after we got here. Had it rained before, it would have been impossible to cross the rivers, and some other low places. The whole trip has been providential. Our delay in Recife seemed otherwise, but we found after arriving that it had rained here a nice shower about the time we might have arrived had we come through at the time we wished. This would have made our passage impossible.

The pick-up showed itself to be "true-blue" under the most trying conditions. It climbed hills and mountains that it seemed to me almost impossible, some of which had large stones, and some of which had large ones. It pulled sand in which it sank almost up to the axle. It pushed its way through bushes and stumps that would have dismayed and discouraged a less courageous and weaker of its kind and through all it showed its true nature in keeping cool and calm. Only once for a moment did it heat up at all, and that was when it had an extra long stretch of sand to pull, and I was afraid to stop, for fear it could not start again. And during all the trip of 12 days the radiator did not use more than a pint and a half of water. Most of the day I had to drive in low or intermediate for the road did not permit faster driving. Therefore, the mileage was between 13 and 14 per gallon. The load was of more than a ton, and quite high, too, since the Electrolux had to be carried standing upright. At times, on sidling roads it looked as if it would turn over.

Before leaving Recife I obtained

permission to drive the car from there to Piahy. Am planning right away to make application for license plates here in this state. The permission to drive from Recife cost only the stamp which was twelve cents. Having the New Mexico license plates and my driver's license from Rio de Janeiro I was able to make it all right.

All along the way I had lots of fun seeing the reaction of the people. Some were afraid, some curious, and some greatly amused. They would ask all kinds of questions, such as, will it really run without oxen hitched to it? At times I would tell them that it was bad to kick, and then would honk the horn. They always jumped away as if they had been kicked at. One old man agreed to go about a quarter of a mile to show me the best road, but when I told him to get in and ride, he said, "No, thank you, I'll just walk, as it isn't far."

The night after I got here, I rigged up the radio without any ground wire, and hooking the aerial to the bed springs. We got programs quite clearly from several different countries, including the United States. Last night I have a program in the chapel building of the school, inviting all the people of the village who wished to come. The building was crowded and many standing around the doors and windows. There were likely four hundred or more people present. They were carried away with the radio. There is hardly a moment during the day that there are not folks coming and going, looking at the car. Dozens come to visit me, wishing to see the car, hear the radio, see the Electrolux, try the ice, etc. At each meal we have company and of course always give them some ice, or something cold. It has kept us laughing to see the different expressions on the faces. Numbers of them say that the ice burns them. One man asked for a glass of water and when he started to drink the ice-cold water, the expression of amazement and surprise cannot be told in words.

(Concluded Next Week)

A group of ministers, laymen and women met with the church at Cone, Crosby County, on Tuesday of last week to discuss plans and methods for the enlistment of every member of every church in the program of Texas Baptists. One of the major things stressed at the meeting was evangelism. This was in keeping with the Texas Baptist plan to reach every church and community with the Gospel message during 1937. Some of the speakers on the program were F. M. Wiley, J. M. Harder, W. R. Derr, W. B. Flores, R. C. Tennyson, and Mrs. W. R. Derr.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE

1. Adam. For the creation of the first woman. See Gen. 2:21-22.
2. Eve comes from the word meaning "living" or life giver. Read Gen. 3:20.
3. Gen. 2:5 says: "For the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth. Gen. 2:6 answers the second part of the question. "But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground." There is no Scriptural evidence of rain upon the earth until the time of the flood.
4. Jehovah. Of skins. See Gen. 3:21.
5. Jubal. Read Gen. 4:21.

NORTH PARK CHURCH ANNOUNCES SERIES OF DOCTRINAL SERMONS

Pastor H. H. Summers of North Park Baptist Church, Abilene, is announcing a series of doctrinal sermons to be delivered next week. The program for the week will begin Sunday morning at which time the pastor will preach on "The Church Covenant." He will also preach on this subject at the evening hour.

At the Monday evening service Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church will preach on "The Church and Kingdom."

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins is to be the speaker for the Tuesday evening hour. His subject will be "Growth of the Kingdom Work and Baptist Accomplishments."

Rev. B. G. Richburg of Big Spring is scheduled to bring the message Wednesday on "The New Birth." He will also bring messages each evening for the remainder of the week. An invitation is extended for all who will to attend these services.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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of table manners. If I had to choose between the two evils I do not know which I would prefer. I knew of one preacher who went to supply for another, and he took his own bed sheets along with him, substituting them for the ones on his hostess's bed, and carefully folding them and putting them back into his suitcase the next morning. Of course I do not know his motive, whether he was afraid he would catch something or whether he would give something to some one else. Then there are so many preachers who are fussy about what they eat, and how it is cooked and how it is served, and even when it is served. I think John the Baptist is a good example for us here; a perusal of Matt. 3 will show that he both dressed and ate like other people. As was mentioned in this column before I cannot conceive of a Baptist preacher eating grasshoppers, but if the locusts which John was said to have eaten were grasshoppers, and other people ate them, I think John did right to eat them too. . . . Well, I have rambled all the way from Olney back home to Colorado since the above sentence was laboriously pecked out on Bill Townsend's typewriter. And when I think of the appearance of the room which was so graciously provided for me in the W. A. Wilson home while in Olney for the recent revival, I feel like taking backwater on the statement found above concerning the person who leaves his clothes all over the place. That is everywhere except in the closets and on hangers where they belong. I just know the Wilson's, especially the meticulous lady of the house, are enjoying a vacation this week following the storm which lasted two weeks. Yes a windstorm. I told Mrs. Wilson when I left there yesterday morning that I would send postage to pay for sending me the things which I overlooked when I packed to come home. I do not know what it is nor how many but I know me and am sure something was left behind. When I leave home my wife carefully and neatly packs my suitcase, when I start back I simply wad it. . . . I feel complimented by a remark I noticed in the West Texas Baptist last week, wherein the writer from Oplin said that he had somewhat followed the method of "rambling remarks." That means that he had read this column at some time. That warms my heart, but he made a mistake in using the word "method" because that is exactly what this column does not have, neither method nor system, just a little sense and a lot of nonsense mixed according to the time, place and mood of the writer. I have never thought seriously of copyrighting this column because there is small chance that anybody could or would seriously consider copying either its method or matter. . . . Well, after my recent ramblings I have many remarks in stock, but it is now time to leave for the Worker's meeting at Westbrook. I am homesick to be with the group which forms our Mitchell-Scurry association. To my mind we have the best association in Texas, and it is a soul feast to attend our associational meetings. Besides, we are to hear R. E. Day speak today, and that is worth driving across the state to hear any time. And that is not to be classed as nonsense.

q. e. d.

"Marvel not I say unto thee, Ye must be born again."

REV. A. LOPER,
Chaplain of State Juvenile
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ALABAMA DRYS WIN IN FIGHT TO KEEP PROHIBITION LAWS

Dry leaders in Alabama are rejoicing today over the action of the state senate in voting down a proposed repeal bill 20 to 12.

The lower house in Alabama, under pressure of wet lobbyists, passed a measure to legalize the sale of intoxicants, but the legislature adjourned before the senate acted upon the bill.

In the interim, church leaders throughout the state waged a vigorous campaign urging their senators to respect their campaign pledges.

Alabama, dry for 21 years, is the only state in the nation which prohibits the sale of all intoxicants, including beer. In Kansas and Oklahoma, both under constitutional prohibition, 3.2 beer is generally dispensed on the grounds that it is a "non-intoxicating" beverage, according to the National Voice News Bureau.

THE NEW BIRTH

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the kingdom here and share its blessings there, he must be born again.

Is it possible to know that we have been born again; made heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ? Thank God it is. There are certain characteristics or birth marks which designate one as a son and a member of a particular family. This is also true of God's family. Let us notice some of the birth marks of God's children. (1) Belief is one of them. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. I John 5:1. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed one sent from God to take away the sin of the world? Have you trusted Him personally to bear your sins away? If so you have been born again. (2) Notice again love is a birth mark of God's children. "Everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." I John 5:1. It is natural for one to love his father, also his father's family. It is also natural for a Christian to love his heavenly Father and His family. If we love God and love His children we know that we have been born again. "For we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." I John 3:14. A victorious overcoming life, lived to the glory of Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us is evidence of the new birth. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith." I John 5:4.

The cultured like Saul of Tarsus, and Nicodemus of Jerusalem, must and may be born again; the ignorant and unlearned must and may be born again. All men of all kinds, colors, and climes must be born again if they would enter into the kingdom of God.

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NUTS AND DOLTS
by RAY ALLEN

Pity the poor pedestrian! There's a closed season on most game, but it's always open season on him.
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He has neither the fleetness of the rabbit nor the cunning of the fox; he is at the mercy of any who, with that deadly weapon known as a speeding automobile, choose to hunt him down.
His ranks were depleted by more than 16,000 last year, according to Travelers Insurance Company statistics. Something must be done to protect him, else the race may become extinct.

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The Hendrick Memorial Hospital is the only Baptist or Protestant Hospital West of Fort Worth. It is strictly modern in every detail, has the highest rating given by the American College of Surgeons, maintains a first class Nurses' Training School, and has the largest body of medical workers in West Texas to serve you.

Rates: Wards \$3.00 per day, Private Rooms \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day, Maternity Cases \$50.00 for ten days. Average Hospital costs for Appendicitis Cases \$65.00. Oxygen Tent \$5.00 per day plus oxygen, and reasonable Laboratory and X-Ray charges.

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E. M. COLLIER, Superintendent.