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Rambling Remarks

By Dick O'Brien

Well it may be that I have found the atmosphere for which I have sought so long to arouse and stimulate whatever it is in me that makes me write rambling remarks. I am domiciled (see Webster) in one of the most pleasant village homes I have ever seen. A cool room, excellent bed, thoughtful hosts, the first real pillow I have found away from home, (I mean my home) and so quiet you can hear your hair grow. Indeed it is so quiet that I am constantly expecting something to drop. . . . Did you ever hear the story about the nervous man who stayed in a boarding house? Just over his room was the room of a rough and tumble cowboy. Each night when this cowboy would pull off his boots to go to bed he would give them a toss across the floor spurs and all and they would make a terrible noise. One day the nervous man timidly told the proprietor that this procedure kept him awake for hours. So the landlord told the cowboy, who promised to be more thoughtful. So that night when he started to undress he rolled off the first boot and gave it the usual toss and as it bounced to a clattering heap in a far corner he remembered his promise and put the other one down quietly. Promptly he went to sleep but was awakened about two o'clock in the morning by a timid knock at his door. Sleepily inviting whoever it was to come in he was surprised to see the drawn face of the nervous neighbor thrust in the half open door, "will you pull off that other boot, so I can go to sleep?" he said. That's the way I feel out here. It seems too good to last. I constantly feel that it must be the calm before a storm. . . . Incidentally I am in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley at Stith, where we are engaged in a revival. . . . Isn't it strange how a simple remark sometimes brings up a veritable flood of memories? This morning at breakfast the subject of coffee was brought up. The conversation ranged all the way from the days when we bought coffee and sugar out of open barrels where the cat had to be lifted out before the customer could be served, to this modern vacuum packed super advertised concoctions bought in fancy tins and never touched by human hands. (And often not fit to be touched by human lips. But we'll let that pass.) When I was a kid there were only two brands of coffee as far as I know, Lion's Head, and Arguckle. . . . If you never sent ten signatures from the side of Arbuckle coffee bags along with a self addressed, stamped envelope, and ten cents in stamps or coin to pay for packing, to J. Lynn & Co., New York, N. Y., for a first class diamond ring, then you missed something in your growing up. My esthetic taste (see Webster again) was considerably dulled before mother and dad could drink enough coffee to get around to my time to send the signatures, as we took it by turns starting with the oldest and coming down. Since you had to be of voting age in those days before you were allowed to drink coffee, and since there were seven boys and three girls ahead of me, and mother and dad only drank one cup each for breakfast, I was wearing long pants before they got to me. And when I finally got the ring I promptly outgrew it but it left a kind of dark tattoo mark on my finger that lasted really longer than the ring. . . . Speaking about old times and coffee did any of you fellows ever have to get out of bed about five o'clock every morning to build a fire in the fireplace and cook stove, put on a tea-kettle of water to heat and grind coffee for breakfast? Well then you missed something. I never saw one of those old home coffee mills that was firmly anchored to the wall. It would shake around like it would surely fall off every time you ground coffee on it, and if it happened to be that kind that you placed on a table or between your knees to operate then you had to be both a practical scientist and a finished artist to manage it at all. These modern youngsters who get their coffee already ground, their bread already sliced, their fuel and water coming into the house through pipes, everything from meat to music in cans, and everything from the cradle to the grave celophane wrapped, streamlined and airconditioned will

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DISTRICT 17 MAKES PLANS FOR FUTURE OF ENCAMPMENT

About 100 pastors and other representatives from over District 17 met at the Lueders Encampment grounds Monday to consider the matter of district ownership of the grounds.

The agreement reached was that District 17 take over the religious, social and evangelistic programs of the encampment. As District 17 is not a corporation it was thought not practical to try to vest the ownership of the grounds in District 17. This arrangement is to last for ten years, and the District is to be responsible for all social activities on the grounds, and is to pay all operating expenses.

The District 17 Convention at its board meeting in the afternoon elected a committee of seven to work with the encampment board in drawing up a contract for the management of the encampment. This contract will be presented to a called meeting of the District 17 board to meet in Abilene September 14-15 in connection with the state-wide B. T. U. officers meeting.

The committee appointed to meet with the District board is composed of H. H. Stephen of Ranger, president of the District Sunday School Convention; Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, District W. M. U. Leader; Roy Shahan, District B. T. U. Leader; Judge Welch of Breckenridge, District Brotherhood Leader; Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene, and District Missionary B. N. Shepherd.

Just before dismissing for the noon hour the meeting at Lueders Monday was given a treat in the form of a message on "Conserving the Results of the Evangelistic Campaigns," by Dr. George J. Mason, treasurer of the board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

MEETING AT TEMPLE, OKLA.

I am now in the midst of a good meeting at Temple, Okla. There have been some 30 additions to date. My time here is altogether too short to do the work that should be done.

Rev. Chester M. Savage is the brilliant young pastor, and is doing a splendid work in Temple. He needs a larger field for his evangelistic gifts and the day is coming when the door of opportunity, under the leadership of the Spirit, is bound to open.

Mr. Ray P. Ingram from Fort Worth Seminary is directing the music. He is a splendid young man, with gifts that will make him a useful servant in the Kingdom of God.

I am leaving here for the Rocky mountains in a few days for a brief vacation. This will be my first vacation in five years. My work is to be very heavy until Christmas. All my time is booked, with no rest periods, and half of 1938 is already booked. The man who thinks evangelism is dead does not know the ways of the Lord. Baptists should have at least 100 more good, sound, consecrated evangelists in the field now.—T. C. Crume.

GOOD MEETING AT HEBRON

Hebron church closed a most glorious revival August 1. There were 11 conversions and some 16 or 18 men and women of the church rededicated their lives into Christ's service. There were 11 additions to the church, 9 by baptism and two by letter.

Bro. Melvin Byrd of Wingate, conducted the services in his usual sincere and earnest manner. People of the entire community, as well as members of Hebron church, greatly appreciate the efforts of this humble servant of God. The church has had an awakening and is going forward in a great way. Brother E. H. Scott is pastor.

AN INTERESTING MEMBERSHIP

The greatest need of the church is an interested membership. Not merely interested because one likes the preacher, or likes to hold office and run affairs. But interested in religious work because one loves God and loves to serve and share in every good work. Interested members are dependable. Their interests are not personally selfish from what they may get and enjoy, but what they may give and share with others. The personally interested in their Christian experiences and labors have discovered religion is life. In Christian fellowships and services they have realized the joy of living.

America! God Is Calling

ADDRESS BY CLARENCE E. MASON (Revised)

Editor's Note—The accompanying article, which was delivered over Radio Station WBBC, New York, by Clarence E. Mason, is one of the most alarming presentations of present day conditions in America that we have ever read. In the main we feel that the writer has presented conditions about as they exist today. If this is true, then surely it is time for liberty-loving, God-fearing people in America to awake and try to do something about it. The article is rather lengthy, but we appeal to our readers to read and ponder it. Just before leaving on his vacation Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church handed us the manuscript with this comment: "It is too good not to be published." After reading the article we would be glad to have your reaction to it. Write us what you think about it. Please try to confine your article to a reasonable length, as we hope to be able to publish a number of comments on the subject.

Sunday, April 18, 1937, 9:30 to 10 a. m.

Station WBBC—New York City

Good Morning Everybody:

My subject this morning is—"America! God Is Calling!"

You will agree with me, I am sure, that we are living in strange days, momentous times—in a time of breaking-up and breaking-down of human politics and governments. Every thinking person knows there is something wrong with this present order of things. Everyone knows or feels there must be deliverance from present conditions. All are practically agreed we cannot go on much longer as things are. The world is struggling with tasks too great for it. The world is in a fog and has lost its way. The world is aflame with the uncontrolled passions of lust, greed and hate.

For four years we have been floundering like drunken men, catching at straws, resorting to various unknown, untried, un-American schemes, recommended by a dangerous group of radicals, who have sought to change the times and the seasons, to regulate production and consumption, with utter disregard of God. It is startling that our authorities seem never to have thought of God, forgotten there was a God, nor called on Him for help. It does seem they would have at least asked God for a suggestion.

Our government has asked us to surrender our gold and given us permission to open a keg of beer. It has

become legal to possess liquor and wicked to possess gold. What a change in our government!

At the present time National legislation is under consideration at Washington, through the changing of our Supreme Court, that strikes at the very foundation of our liberties. This is not a question that involves the liberties of every man, woman and child of our land.

Only one thing stands between you and the loss of your liberty—and that is, the Constitution of the United States. Be assured there is some sinister motive behind the political soothsayer's demand that we pack the Supreme Court and throw away our Constitution and freedom for some new untried thing.

Our President is asking for more power than a good man desires and a bad man should have.

The writers of our Constitution purposely intended that our Supreme Court was to protect and interpret the Constitution as it is written. When the Supreme Court becomes subservient to the Presidency, the Constitution of the United States becomes a dead letter, and DICTATORSHIP is on the way in America. And when dictatorship comes in one door, your personal liberties will go out the other. When civil liberty goes, religious will also go. And liberties once lost are forever lost.

American patriots should arise and demand, "Hands off the Supreme Court!" (Continued on page 3)

MICE OR MEN

By Ethel Hubler

Editor's Note—In the following article Miss Ethel Hubler of California, editor of National Voice, a prohibition paper, makes the charge that the National anti-prohibition forces are out to destroy the prohibition leaders connected with her organization. Miss Hubler makes a strong appeal to the prohibition forces to rally to the cause which, she feels, is gaining momentum every day.

"Mice or Men." That is the heading on the leading editorial in a great metropolitan daily. As I looked at that caption a sign on the entrance to a building on the main street of that city which said "Seven Percent Ice Cold Beer Sold Here, Drink and Dance on the Roof Garden" loomed up before my eyes. Where are some of our real men today, anyhow? Certainly it is not the grandmothers and grandfathers, or the average fathers and mothers who are on that roof "garden" drinking 7 per cent beer. Who is it?

When those who framed the 18th Amendment were trying to decide just what per cent of alcohol was intoxicating it was suggested that those who had been making and selling liquor would be the best authority, and at that time the liquor men said "Anything over 1-2 of 1 per cent was intoxicating" so the framers of the dry law believed the wet men and included that per cent as a part of the law. And now, 7 per cent is being sold! They would have us believe that it is non-intoxicating.

"Mice or Men"—where are our red-blooded, fighting American men today? The next city I visited displayed this sign—"6 per cent Beer Sold Here." This is the drink that the brewers would "place along side of bread and foodstuffs in the pantry of the homes." In a recent number of the Brewers' Journal, we read, "After all, it is the housewife who holds the family purse strings and, once you sell her the idea that beer is a necessity to American family life, you have gone the whole distance in defeating those now active in bringing Prohibition once again upon our country."

"Mice or Men"—Are the men—the Christian men, the sober citizens, fathers and brothers, going to sit idly by and let the boys and girls of today go the liquor route on the roof "gardens" drinking 7 per cent beer, and their women folks in the home place it on the shelves with foodstuffs? Men, to arms! You voted it out once—and you can do it again. "Christian Action" will solve this whole problem. What is Christian Action? It is simply a clarion call to Christians to do what they have supposedly . . . but not actually . . . been believing all along. Recently I spoke at the Miami Valley Chautauqua, Franklin, Ohio, on the program of the Christian Action Crusade Conference, whose leader is Dr. James DeForest Murch of Cincinnati, Ohio, and there I met preachers, evangelists, doctors, business men, people from all walks of life, and from all over the United States. This group is determined to put some Christian Action into this liquor fight. They still believe the Bible when it says "Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity," for I noticed on the folder of the hotel desk this statement, "Even though the prohibition amendment has been repealed, intoxicating liquors are forbidden on the Chautauqua grounds. No liquor is sold there, and our patrons are kindly requested not to bring any in. Should it be done, the offender will be treated according to the rules of our Association, which means ejection from the grounds." There were no beer signs there.

"Mice or Men"—Christian Action would solve this whole problem over (Continued on page 4)

COLEMAN BAPTISTS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET ON AUGUST 19 AND 20

Baptists from at least 30 churches are expected to gather at Trickham on August 19 for the annual meeting of the Coleman County Baptist association, according to Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, moderator.

The program will begin on August 19, closing August 20.

Committee chairmen expected to make reports to the annual session include, Rev. Kelley Barnett, Talpa, Foreign Missions; Rev. Colson, Eureka, Home Missions; Rev. Melvin Shaw, of Rockwood and Burkett, District Missions; Rev. F. R. Dill, Gouldsburg, Associational Missions and Evangelism; Rev. O. L. Savage, Coleman, Baptist Standard; George Pauley, Valera; Buckner Orphans' Home; Rev. Alma Farley, Shields, Co-operative club and 100,000 club; Rev. Howell Martin, Trickham, Old Minister's Relief; Rev. Laudermilk, Brownwood, hospitals; Rev. W. H. Marshall, Harmon, Christian education; S. W. Cooper, Coleman, Sunday school and vacation Bible school.

Rev. A. B. Lightfoot, Santa Anna, Training Union; Mrs. E. P. Watson, Burkett, Woman's Missionary Union; Louis Newman, Santa Anna, Laymen's Brotherhood; C. L. Williams, Talpa Civic Righteousness; Rev. E. W. Cofer, Liberty, religious literature; George Sewell, Talpa, Sabbath observance; Rev. J. R. McCorkle, Coleman, licensed and ordained ministers; and Rev. Collins Wegg, Camp Colorado, obituaries.

WETS ADOPT F. B. I. METHODS TO DESTROY ACTIVE DRY LEADERS

In a relentless effort to crush out and exterminate dry opposition, liquor propagandists have designated three leaders in prohibition ranks as "Public Enemies Nos. 1, 2, and 3, of the alcoholic beverage trade," and today powerful wet interests appear to be concentrating their attacks upon these three, with the promise that they will be "driven to cover in disrepute."

Facts about the latest tactics of liquor interests come to light in a July number of Tavern Weekly News, Chicago liquor journal, which commented in part as follows:

"Dry fanatics must be tracked down and exposed. . . . Strong organized effort is at last under way on the Pacific Coast to stop a flood of 'poisonous prohibition propaganda that has been spread through the columns of thousands of newspapers and over radio stations throughout the United States. . . ."

"Copying in a measure the effective plan used by FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) . . . three vicious and insidious enemies of a legitimate industry which now counts its investments in billions, will be branded as Public Enemies Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the alcoholic beverage trade. . . ."

"One of the immediate objectives of the present effort is to turn the spotlight on the 'smart boy' of the prohibition fanatics, and expose his wild, nefarious, wreck-and-ruin schemes against the alcoholic beverage industry. . . ."

"The industry's Public Enemy No. 1 is H. Phelps Gates, a hitherto little known 'mystery man' and dark horse in prohibition ranks, whose name appears in small type as managing editor of the National Voice, rabid prohibition sheet published in Los Angeles. He is actually the 'smart boy' behind the throne of what threatens to be the greatest single crusade this nation has seen since the days of Carry Nation, being a professional publicist, former police reporter and city newspaper editor, and one-time owner of a large advertising agency. . . ."

The other two "Public Enemies" upon whom the wets will center their fire "until they are driven to cover," according to Tavern Weekly News, are Miss Ethel Hubler, publisher of the National Voice, and the Rev. Sam Morris, whose Voice of Temperance broadcasts over powerful border stations brought complaints and threats to the Secretary of State and the Federal Radio Commission from organized wet groups last winter. . . ."

The First Church, Spur, will begin a revival meeting on August 15 with Dr. Hereford, pastor of the First Church, Lubbock, doing the preaching. Pastor L. A. Doyle of Anson First Church supplied the Spur pulpit Sunday.

FROM THE WATCHTOWER

Med. Editor of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

WILL EDITORS GO TO HEAVEN?

Editors as a whole are a modest folk. They spend their time, money and energy boosting the other fellow. Recently Rotarian Magazine ventured the statement that editors will go to heaven. Here's how the editor sums the thing up.

"I am confident that all newspaper editors will go to heaven. No matter how eloquently the editor may boost for the development and progress of his community, no matter how diligently he may labor to build up his home county, no matter how loyally he supports a friend in politics, extols the virtues of a famous native son, stretches the truth to praise a loyal prima-donna to be, or gently lays a metaphorical wreath on the grave of a departed, he seldom hears a 'thank you.' Rarely does anyone say, 'well done.' Almost never does he hear, 'We appreciate that.' But let him make a slip."

No it isn't often that an editor receives real words of encouragement. Sometimes I feel that my task of editor of the West Texas Baptist is about the most thankless and "worth-whileless" job at all. But last week I received a letter from one of our denominational leaders, who is now and has been for many years, one of the main Baptist preachers and denominational leaders in the south. You can imagine how it encouraged me to read this statement. We print from the letter:

"I think you have done far more for the Baptist denomination and Hardin-Simmons University while you have been editor of the West Texas Baptist than you can possibly realize. You have rendered a service never rendered by anybody else, nor approached by anybody else, with the possible exception of Joe Dawson. One of the very foremost Baptists in this state said that, to me yesterday afternoon."

Coming from such a prominent source, as did this letter, of course I would be an ingrate not to appreciate these words to the very utmost. This encouragement coming right in the midst of a season of retirement as far as preaching is concerned (due to a tonsilectomy and teethelectomy) it has caused this little editor to feel that maybe his efforts of the past thirteen years of editing a paper has not been in vain. Well, anyway, I have resolved to cast a few more roses to those around me as we journey along the way. It costs so little to do it, and it helps smooth the rugged pathway so much.

Speaking of publicity a preacher friend came to my desk today, gave some reports of summer activities and said, "you know I believe it pays to 'toot your own horn' sometimes." My answer was, "brother, if you do not toot your horn no one else is going to toot it for you." We are living in a horn tooting age—an age of publicity. Horn tootin' is all right provided a man uses a little gumption with it. I wish every preacher could have a course in denominational publicity and journalism. It would increase the effectiveness of our promotional work by at least twenty per cent.

A preacher and an actor were traveling together on a train. Said the preacher to the actor: "Tell me; how is it that you people in the theatre manage to charge big prices for seats and always play to good houses while we preach in churches with free seats and rarely ever get a well-filled house?"

The actor replied: "I believe it is because we actors have learned to speak and enact fiction as though it were fact, while many preachers seem to preach facts, as though they were fiction."—Watchman-Examiner.

There had been 22 additions to the church at Munday up to Friday in the revival meeting in which Evangelist H. H. Hargrove did the preaching. The meeting closed Sunday.

Bethel Church in Fisher County closed a gracious revival August 1. Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater did the preaching, and the pastor, Brother Emory Scott led the singing. There were twelve additions, nine by baptism.

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DON'T MISS IT

Do not fail to read the address by Clarence E. Mason in this issue on "America! God Is Calling." If our people would take this terrible message to themselves and digest it, maybe it would awaken enough of our Christian preachers to somewhat stem the tide of ungodliness. There is enough dynamite in this article to shake the very foundations of hell. Brother preacher, read and ponder "America! God Is Calling," and then try to do something about it.

READY TO GO AGAIN

For the past three months the editor has been laid up for repair. First a tonsilectomy, and then the dentist. Three months without preaching is hard on a preacher, and this preacher-editor glad to be able to get back into the thick of the fight. Especially do we regret that we have been unable to get into the simultaneous evangelistic campaign. Beginning the third Sunday we will be ready to supply work or revival meetings. After these months of idleness we should be able to put a good deal of what it takes to preach a good sermon into our messages. At least we are willing to try, if the brethren will give us an opportunity. Otherwise we will make an opportunity.

DEFENDING THE FAITH

"Uncle Fred" Whipkey, one of the owners and publishers of the Colorado Record, has a department in his paper called "Columnist." Recently he published in his column the "Campbellite Catechism on Baptist," which appeared recently in The West Texas Baptist, and he invited anyone who felt so inclined to answer the twenty-two questions asked in the catechism. In last week's Record an answer was made by John A. Thompson. In his closing remarks the writer said:

"We are happy to see Mr. Whipkey attempt to defend his doctrine, because it has been significant in the last few years that he could get none of his preachers to do so. I admire his courage."

This brings up the question as to whether our preachers are indoctrinating our people as they should. We are living in a time when false doctrines are being proclaimed in every nook and corner of the land. This is a direct fulfillment of the New Testament prophecies. Paul said to Timothy: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

Unless our Baptist people are indoctrinated thoroughly in the great fundamental truths of Jesus as set out in the New Testament, they will not be able to stand firm in the faith. A Baptist who does not know the fundamental doctrines is not worth much to the cause. Every Baptist should know how to "contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. It is up to our preachers and teachers in the church to see that their congregations are properly indoctrinated.

THE KIND OF PREACHER WANTED

The Oklahoma Baptist Messenger states that the pulpit committee of the First Baptist Church, Chickasha, adopted the following high standard for the pastor whom they are seeking:

1. He must be a consecrated man.
2. He must have unquestioned character.
3. He must be a personal soul-winner and evangelistic in his preaching.
4. He must be well educated.
5. He must preach the sound Gospel.
6. He must study to show himself approved.
7. He must be a good financier and meet promptly all personal obligations.
8. He must be a shepherd of the flock and have an acceptable personality.
9. He should be willing to spend time visiting people.
10. He must have courage to fight wrong and condemn sin.
11. He must be a denominational man.
12. We should like for him to be young enough to be vigorous and old enough to have seasoned judgment.

WILLINGNESS TO DO HIS WILL

By nature I sit enthroned upon my will, and what I will I do. Here lies one of man's greatest glories, the power to will. But to say "No" to myself is to dethrone myself, placing Another upon that throne and declaring myself subject absolutely to His mind and will. Everything that is of the flesh wars against this, for it is the sphere of the will that Satan holds his mighty empire. He first it was who spoke the great rebellious "I will" to God, and the continual "I will" of human lips is but the echo of that first defiant shout.—Dr. A. T. Schofield.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

SOWING AND REAPING

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

What we sow today we may reap tomorrow, or the next day, or in our old days, certainly in the life to come.

The part we act in this life, will be decisive of our eternal destiny. The harvest that each one shall reap in eternity will be the product of the seed sown in this life.

"For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption."

That is, if he lives in accordance with, and controlled by carnal desires, the reaping will be corruption.

"But he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

How careful then shall all be as to the kind of seed they sow.

There is another thing to consider in our sowing; its effect upon others.

Jesus said, "One soweth and another reapeth."

If we sow good seed, somebody will reap good fruit.

If we sow evil seed, somebody will reap corrupt fruit.

We of this generation are reaping the product of seed sown by the generations preceding us, both good and evil.

With the reaping we are also sowing.

Let us be careful therefore that we sow good seed, that there may be good fruit reaped by those who follow us.

Devotional Thoughts

TRUTH MADE ACCESSIBLE

There is in Rome an elegant fresco by Guido, "The Aurora." It covers a lofty ceiling. Looking up at it from the pavement, you find that your neck grows stiff, your head dizzy, and the figures indistinct. You soon turn away. The owner of the palace has placed a broad mirror near the floor. You may now sit down before it as at a table, and at your leisure look into the mirror, and enjoy the fresco that is above you. There is no more weariness or dizziness. So God has brought [otherwise] inaccessible celestial truth to our world through Jesus Christ. In Him, as in a glass, we may behold the glory and truth and grace of God. He is Himself "the truth." Like the mirror beneath "The Aurora," Christ reflects the excellencies of God's character. He and His Father are one. He did always those things that pleased God.—Sunday School Journal.

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

When conversation started, the naval officer said, "Why don't these missionaries stay at home and mind their own business? Why do they come out here and worry these people? You can get all the converts you want at one rupee a head."

It was the time of the Armenian massacre, and there were rumors that the British fleet might be ordered to Constantinople.

I turned to that naval officer and said, "Supposing you were ordered to take your battleship to Constantinople tomorrow, and I were to say, 'Why don't you stay here and mind your own business; there is no sense in your going to the Bosphorus?'"

The man's eyes flashed fire as he said, "I would tell you to mind your business; if we are ordered to go we must go, even if every ship is sunk and every sailor killed."

I said, "Quite right, my friend, but I have my marching orders, not from any human government, but from the divine God. My command was to preach the gospel to every creature."—The Evangelical Christian.

THE NARROW GATE

The Bible is a Book of gates and gateways. If you search the volume through, you will find that some gates are interesting because of their location. There are the gates of cities and of temples; gates of gardens and of palaces; gates that admit the traveler, and gates that prohibit his entrance. You will also find that some of the gates are interesting because of the material of which they are constructed. There are gates of iron and gates of brass, gates of pearl, and so on. Still other of the gates are interesting because of their character; some are wide, and some are narrow; some are high and some are low.

Jesus spoke of the gateway to the Kingdom as being narrow in character. We must accept His word as final. It is of no use to stand around the gate and try to argue it a little wider. We have neither the power nor the tools to shift a single stone. The Emperor of Germany, when he prepared to enter Jerusalem, required the widening of the gate, making a complete breach in the city walls. He could do that with the earthly Jerusalem, but he could not dislodge one stone of the gateway of the heavenly city.

In the realm of the human spirit and of the Kingdom of God, Jesus Christ has authoritative knowledge. If I owned a motor car, and anything went wrong with the engine, I would defer to the knowledge of a motor mechanic, and would not attempt to argue with him concerning the injured part. I would leave that to his better judgment and his practised skill. Similarly, if the interior works of my watch went wrong, I would neither tinker with it myself nor argue with the watchmaker as to the damage to the delicate machine. I should submit it to his counsel and treatment. Again if illness came into the home to afflict any member of the family I would immediately consult a physician and would not debate with him the accuracy of his diagnosis. I would defer to his expert knowledge in his own realm, and gratefully accept the remedy prescribed.

Now we dare not treat Jesus Christ with less respect than we treat the motor mechanic, or the matchmaker, or the physician. He is the master of all the facts, and what He says about the Kingdom of God we must take as absolutely and finally true. If He says the gate is narrow. It can never be accommodated to our wishes and preferences. We must accommodate ourselves to its unalterable condition.—John MacBeath, in The Evangelical Christian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore

August 8, 1937

GOD FEEDS A PEOPLE

Read Exodus 16:1 to 17:7—Study Exodus 16:11-20; 17:3-6

A slow march of three days down the uninhabited and waterless eastern shore of the Red Sea brought Israel to Mara where the abundant but bitter waters were miraculously sweetened and purified. Journeying onward, the Hebrew host encamped next at charming Elim with its twelve springs and seventy palm trees. Proceeding on the road to Sinai, Israel came to the unidentified Wilderness of Sin, where the people murmured, Moses prayed, and the manna was given. A little later and a little farther on the welcome waters gushed from the smitten rock at Rephidim.

1. Bread in the Wilderness (Exodus 16)

The bread of life was foreshadowed in the manna that was given in the Wilderness of Sin to keep Israel from dying of hunger. (1) **The promise of manna** was from Jehovah, the God of Israel; it came through Moses against whom they had murmured; it recognized and recorded their sinful complaints, but it opened up to them the storehouse of divine mercy—bread in the morning and flesh in the evening, enough for all with none to spare. Thus they must know that it was Jehovah their God who fed them and led them in and through the wilderness. (2) **The provision of manna** was immediate and ample. That very evening the camp was covered with an immense covey of quails supplying every tent in camp. The quails were not their only meat food for they had vast herds, nor apparently did the quails come daily, but only in season and on occasion. More remarkable still was the manna which now and every week-day for forty years was given Israel. When the morning dew evaporated, there lay on the ground tiny globules as fine as frost which had to be gathered early because it melted after sunup. It tasted like wafers made with honey, was easily digested, and very nutritious. (3) **The partaking of manna** was enjoined upon the astonished, inquiring host by Moses, who told them it was the promised bread. He gave directions as to its use: All the people were to gather it so that none could store it for sale; they were to gather an omer (one-tenth of a bushel) per capita according to families and not indiscriminately; they were to gather it each day and not lay it up for future use; but they were to gather a double portion on the sixth day and retain half for use on the seventh on which sacred day none should seek to gather it. (4) **The pollution of manna** was wrought by some who disobeyed two of the regulations laid down by Jehovah. Some attempted to hoard an extra supply of manna only to find that it became offensive and the prey of worms. Others went out on the sabbath looking for manna only to find none and for their presumption to be branded as violators of the divine will. A constant Providence however was round about them and daily fell the bread from heaven for full forty years.

2. Water From the Rock (Exodus 17)

The water of life was foreshadowed in the water that gushed out of the rock of Rephidim to keep Israel from dying of thirst. From the plain by the sea the host had now moved inland to Rephidim within about twenty miles of Sinai. (1) **The complaint of the people** burst forth bitterly when they found the valley brooks entirely dry. In their burning thirst they saw about them desert sands and dusty cliffs. Death was staring them and their flocks in the face. Should they not have died in Egypt with less anguish? Why had God and Moses brought them hither? It was the fourth of their murmurings (Ex. 14:10-12; 15:24; 16:2). How are murmurers treated by a true leader and the Lord? (2) **The cry of the leader** went up to God. They were challenging the might and mercy of God. They were about to stone their deliverer. What was Moses to do to them and for them? (3) **The command of the Lord** made clear the duty of Moses. Let him and the elders of Israel pass on before the people, probably going up the parched stream bed toward a mighty cliff near its source. Let him take in hand the rod with which he smote the Nile in the time of the plagues and with it strike the designated rock (now to show his authentication from Jehovah and not to speak to the rock as later to show the power of God) whereupon abundant waters would be released and roll down the valley. (4) **The care of the multitude** was effected by the leader of faith in God and obedience to God, for at the smiting of the rock by Moses with the rod a river of refreshment flowed forth at once and for months out of the reservoir of divine mercy.

The Lord Will Provide

(1) **God Sees the Need.** Israel in the wilderness needed bread. Israel in Rephidim needed water. Was not God aware? And does he not know that we must have the Bread of Life and the Water of Life or suffer eternal hunger and thirst?

(2) **God Knows the Needy.** Israel murmured before and after the bread from heaven fell and the waters of the rock gushed down the valley. They even murmured at the manna, the only hope of sustenance. How great is the grace of God!

(3) **God Is Able to Provide.** His resources are infinite. He can supply bread in desert sands as well and as good as in fruitful fields. He can fetch water out of barren rocks as well as from mighty rivers and open seas. He is able to supply all our needs.

(4) **God Promises to Provide.** Complainers though they be, God does not lead his people into the wilderness to starve and perish. "Ye shall eat flesh—ye shall be filled with bread."

(5) **God Fulfills His Promise to Provide.** Did not God do as he said? Quails and manna came on schedule time. Did man or beast die of thirst at Rephidim? Surely heaven bends sympathetically over us. We are cared for better than we know.

(6) **Learn from What God Provides.** The daily mercies of God—how instructive they are! Ye shall know that I am the Lord your God." And how can we ever forget any or all of his benefits?

(7) **Receive What God Provides.** Israel marveled at the manna. But we can be amazed at God's goodness without accepting or using it. The manna had to be gathered, prepared, and eaten. Partake of the heavenly bread!

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father. James 1:17.

The Father is "our Father who art in heaven." By his grace we are redeemed. He is not only the author of both our physical and spiritual life, but also the source of all the good that comes to us.

He gives, for we could not buy; he gives nothing but good, for he turns into good our seeming adversities; and he gives all the good we ever get.

Home Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—God Feeds Israel. Exodus 16:11-20.
Tuesday—God Provides Water. Exodus 17:1-6.
Wednesday—A God of Mercy. Psalm 78:12-25.
Thursday—Remembering God's Bounty. Deuteronomy 8:11-20.
Friday—Bread for the Multitudes. Mark 6:35-44.
Saturday—Security of the Righteous. Psalm 37:16-25.
Sunday—The Bread of Life. John 6:32-40.

America! God Is Calling

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Court." American patriots should arise and drive out from public office every man who cannot subscribe 100 per cent to the Constitution of the United States.

Because of party loyalty, multitudes of American citizens, under the hypnotic power of political sooth-sayers, are being blindly, stupidly led alike sheep to the slaughter.

Many good Americans are anxiously wondering if there will be a "permanent wave" in Old Glory—if our country will remain "the land of the free and the home of the brave," or become "the land of the weak and the home of the slave."

New Dealers

We have witnessed a strange and new thing in America. We have had the unusual spectacle of a group of idealists, so-called wise men, to originate the principle and policy of wanton destruction of life's basic necessities.

Nowhere on earth, except in topsyturvy America, would a government dare raid its treasury to reward citizens for destroying and curtailing production of grain, food animals, raw material for clothing.

The principle and policy of all governments is to strive to make it possible for their people to enjoy plenty. But the slogan in America is "spend yourself rich, drink yourself sober, destroy food-stuffs to have plenty."

Outraged nature will take her revenge. God is going to show our authorities that He can, very easily and without their assistance or interference, reduce or increase production as He sees needed, and in ways they never dreamed of.

The so-called "Brain-Trusters" will go down in history as a rattle-brained, unbalanced, idiotic group. In Germany they are sterilizing the feeble-minded. Think what would happen in Washington if such a principle were practiced in America!

My conviction is America is in a bad fix. I do not mean politically or financially. Our great problem is not a political or a financial problem. IT IS A SPIRITUAL PROBLEM. It is not financial depression but a great spiritual depression that has gripped the world and my conviction is there must first be a great spiritual awakening before there can be any permanent financial relief.

The world is bankrupt because it has fallen into the hands of plunderers, of ungodly and unrighteous exploiters who, by wickedness, hinder truth and righteousness.

They treat truth with contempt, defy Almighty God and laugh to scorn His Everlasting Power and Divine Being. They treat God, as well as the devil, as a joke—perfectly harmless and helpless. And these are the people who have climbed into power and are trying to run the world.

The world is bankrupt financially, morally, socially, spiritually. Credit is gone, the treasury is empty, civilization is on the rocks—THE WHOLE WORLD IS BANKRUPT!

God is not to blame for the awful conditions of the world. He has done His part. The seasons have been favorable, the harvests bountiful. We have more cotton than we need to clothe the world; more wheat than the world can eat; more money in banks than ever witnessed before—and yet people are suffering from cold and hunger. MAN HAS FAILED. Man has gotten the world into this awful condition, and man cannot put the world right. OUR HOPE IS IN GOD ALONE.

Graft, rottenness, political corruption, divorce, immorality, racketeer-

ing, lawlessness, juvenile delinquency, and vice are rampant. We have industrial unrest and unemployment on a large and unprecedented scale. Strife and clash of class-lawlessness is of such a nature and extent unparalleled in the history of our country.

And to all these the ravage of disease, collapse of ethical standards, the falling away of moral restraints, the prevalence of sexual vices and its inescapable penalties, the increase of moral perversity and degenerates—all create a condition which a 20th century reporter might record as the story of Romans—1st chapter, that Paul sent to Rome 1900 years ago.

Diabolical influences are at work in America whose ultimate aims are the destruction of our American government, the home, the church, the Bible, God, Jesus Christ and everything that is sacred and holy.

A nation can survive a political collapse. A nation can survive a financial collapse—but no nation can survive a moral and spiritual collapse.

No great civilization has ever outlived its religious beliefs, even though those beliefs be false. When a nation's religious beliefs are destroyed, the sad end is near.

America is sick—sick unto death. Briefly as possible let us examine some of America's ills. First there is—

Crime

Eighty-five years ago, the United States was the most law-abiding of all the nations. Today it is the most lawless country on earth. Organized crime is operating upon a scale of magnitude never dreamed of 25 years ago, and has reached such proportions that the government is experiencing difficulty in dealing with it.

Infidelity in Schools and Colleges We have been teaching in our high schools, colleges and universities that man came from an ape, that the Bible is a collection of Jewish fables, Christ was merely a peasant carpenter and only a man, prayer is for the superstitious, hell, a bed-time story, and as a result of such atheistic teaching in schools and colleges supported by taxpayers' money, America is reaping the results of her sowing.

One of the greatest producers of criminals and destroyers of morals is—

Moving Pictures

Mrs. Ellen A. O'Grady, fifth deputy Commissioner of New York City, in an address some time ago, said, "Seventeen years ago, when I first came into this work, it was the exceptional thing to see a little twelve to sixteen year old girl, ruined. Now it is the rule. Do you know the reason? It is the moving pictures. Children are thinking lust all the time, and then get it from the pictures."

Cheap trash, filth, indecency and immorality are displayed in motion pictures. The predominating appeal is almost invariably to the sensual. Something suggested or salacious or obscene is seen before the picture is over. Practically every movie "star" is a teacher of crime and immorality. And yet the moving picture is the one commercialized amusement to

which practically all the children of the country are allowed to go without discrimination. It seems singular that all the testimony that we have had as to the blighting influence of the movies, parents still permit their children to attend. The moving picture, more than any other agency is responsible for our army of young criminals and the break-down in the morals of our young people.

Burglary and Assaults

There are 2,000,000 unconvicted criminals in the United States who should be in prisons. 400,000 persons are regularly engaged in criminal activity. There are 30,000 criminals in New York City, 10,000 in Chicago and probably as many more in other cities. Last year 50,000 houses and other places were burglarized. Last year more than \$100,000 was lost through incendiary fires; 100,000 persons were assaulted; 50,000 persons robbed.

Insane and Feeble-Minded

There are more than 350,000 insane persons in the United States, 150,000 feeble-minded women and children.

Murders

Last year 12,000 persons were murdered in the United States—12 out of every 100,000. An inhabitant of the United States is murdered every 45 minutes. There are more murderers in the United States than there are preachers of the Gospel; more unpunished murderers than policemen. The United States' murder rate is the highest of any civilized country in the world. And yet there is no "crime wave" because there is nothing new about it. The alarming thing about it is that the majority of our great criminal army is in the "teen age."

And there is that great army of black-handers, white slavers, highwaymen, burglars, narcotic addicts, bigamists and inhabitants of the underworld.

Racketeers

We have a new aristocracy in America! It is organized "gangsterism" or "racketeering." Its leaders in the main, spring from the brothels, gambling dens, corrupt political machines of big cities. To protect itself against this aggregation of law-breakers during the past ten years, America has spent over FIFTY BILLION DOLLARS, or three times the total debt of the world war.

Racketeering is today a national problem. We have the shipping trade racket, undertakers' racket, laundry racket, poultry racket, building trades' racket. At this present time attempts are being made throughout the United States to organize into one great GIGANTIC RACKET TRUST practically every honest industry. The law of the "RACKET" is the club, torch, bomb, machine gun. Communistic labor "racketeers" through labor sit-down strikes, "kidnap" industrial plants, intimidate courts, defy the laws of the land, while the Governor of the State, through fear or sympathy, refuses to enforce orders of the court. Men are seeking happiness and satisfaction through acts of lawlessness and violence. But all the wild ideas of unbalanced agitators the world over, in their ignorant and pitiable quest for happiness, through revolution, confiscation of property and crime, cannot overthrow the eternal truth that the one and only route to happiness is through and in Jesus Christ.

Drunkness

In 1933 the President of the United States said, "By no possibility, at any time or under any condition, at any place, or under any circumstances, shall the saloon or its equivalent, be allowed to return to American life." We were told the old bar-room would not come back but it is back in a more diabolical form than ever. In the old days there were 177,800 saloons in the United States. Now since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, there are over 500,000 places where liquor is being sold openly and three times as much bootlegging as there was under prohibition.

The New Deal Saloon is worse than the old saloon. The old saloon was satisfied with the boys. The New Deal Saloon bids for the girls, too. Many cafeterias, restaurants, hotels, department stores, gasoline stations, road-houses are now saloons. Today in America 440,000 girls are attending our colleges and 1,350,000 girls are selling liquor. Restaurants and hotels are converting their waitresses into bar-maids—young women serving liquor in an effort to make drinking respectable. The United States' unholy alliance with godless Russia and the debauching of our people through legalized drink, for the sake of revenue has brought down upon America the curse of Almighty God. Dust storms, floods and other dis-

asters are only a little forecast of what God Almighty is about to do.

Degradation of Womanhood

The appalling moral let-down of American womanhood is distressing and significant. Women are imitating all of men's vices and few of the virtues. We are living in an age of painted-faced, cigarette-smoking, cock-tail drinking women. We are witnessing the tragic, disgusting sight of drunken women, with cigarettes dripping from their lips, reeling, staggering into drunkards' graves.

The Liquor Traffic's endeavors to debauch America's women through drink and the Tobacco Trust's ambition, through its attractive, deceptive, lying advertisements to ensnare innocent young girls and women into slavery to the accursed cigarette, will go down in history as two of the most dastardly, diabolical, damnable crimes ever committed against American womanhood.

Immorality

History reveals that the fall of nations has always been preceded by flagrant immorality, and America, following in the steps of the nations of old, is hastening to her doom. Immorality is running rife. The social conditions of America are in a sad state. Morality is exchanged for lust and immorality is winked at. Every year 65,000 girls in the United States are swept into the red-light district. A committee of physicians appointed by the New York County Medical Society for the purpose of studying the solution of venereal diseases in New York City made the appalling declaration that 200,000 people, infected with venereal diseases are daily walking the streets of New York City. It is conservatively estimated that one out of eight of all the patients in New York City hospitals are inmates because of venereal diseases or their consequences. And the doctors made the alarming declaration that those in the hospitals represent but a small fraction of the infected people. Every sixth man in the United States is socially diseased. The possibility of contracting certain venereal diseases, through various means, is so frequent that one of our great American authorities thinks they should be no longer classed among venereal diseases.

Divorce

One of America's "danger" signs is the sickening, disgusting evil of divorce. Divorces are being granted upon the slightest provocation. Don Law says, "In certain circles they swap mates with the unconcern of a breeder in a livery stable mating Mustangs. The granting of divorce has been reduced to such science and speed that they can change mates swifter than a chauffeur can shift a spare tire on a Ford V-8."

And the press seems to feast on foisting such slush upon its readers and advertising these husband-wife swappers in a manner that must delight their sordid fancy. The fact that any man or woman can use this easy slip-on-slip-off method of divorce, indicates something we prefer not expressing. Our own idea is that such people should be shunted into a hole, forced to pull the hole in after them and then the sanitary squad should be phoned to rush over and fumigate the aperture and seal it up. The fact that men and women reach this low level gives them no right to spit in the face of decency."

This wicked, callous, sin-hardened age may call the wicked customs and practice of today all right and harmless, but Almighty God, who whirls the world, will scald and corrode them with the vitriol of His wrath.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34).

To this black picture you must add the break-down of the home and home life, the disappearance of the old-time family altar, the 27,000,000 young people in America without spiritual training, the increasing juvenile delinquency, the several thousand and atheistic Sunday Schools in the United States, the army of atheistic agents working for atheism, and most tragic of all—the worldliness, coldness, deadness and impotency of the professing church.

To add to the blackness of the picture perhaps the most serious thing that confronts us today is the definite plan and drive now being made by certain groups to have Congress close the mails against all Christian, religious papers, periodicals and letters.

The Dickstein House Resolution No. 88, which aims to do this, has already been introduced in Congress. I did not say such a bill has been introduced at Moscow. I said it has been introduced at WASHINGTON! Comment on this is unnecessary. CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS OF AMERICA! It is time for you to speak and act. Before we realize what has happened, we may find ourselves with our hands tied behind our backs. Men are asking if there is a way

out of the fog that has enveloped us. The Scientists and intellectuals tell us they "are hopeful" but their remedy is a long process. One of them says our only hope is through "the liberation of intelligence," "mind construction," "intellectual regeneration," which will take centuries to bring relief and we need help now.

Another says, "Our present condition is due to our blind failure to recognize and improve our great natural advantages."

Another says, "the hope of the world is in the youth." Surely if help is to come from that source, we are leaning upon a broken reed for our great army of criminals is in the "teen" age.

Some think the League of Nations is the remedy needed.

Another group tells us "the cure for the world's ills will be found in education." There would be some truth in this if schools, colleges and universities were teaching the Truth of the Bible. But they are not. They are hot beds of socialism, free love, atheism and communism and certainly such education will not meet the need.

The modernists tell us "We need a readjustment of religion and the Bible in keeping with the changing conditions of the world." And to bring this about they are giving us an emasculated Gospel, denying every fundamental truth of the Scriptures.

A college professor said, "The present world crisis was caused by several centuries of wrong thinking and bad living and that these conditions called for a positive attitude toward world problems," — whatever that means. He would have been Scripturally correct if he had said "Sixty centuries of wrong thinking and bad living." According to this professor it is going to take several centuries of "right thinking and good living" to pull the world out of its trouble and this is not encouraging to those of us who are now living.

A noted writer says, "If we could develop the family idea in the race and make everybody feel they were brothers, the world's problems would be solved." His suggestion is a fine ideal but there are two serious difficulties in the way. First, he says "If we could develop the family idea in the race." We have been at that sort of thing since the race began and are no nearer its realization. And the second difficulty is, IF we should succeed in making all men feel they were brothers it would not guarantee peace nor solve the world's problems, for even brothers quarrel and the first man born murdered his brother Abel. The finest brotherhood in the world is the Christian Church and even in the Church there is jealousy, covetousness and strife.

Surely our land is sick. We must admit if the present woes of the land are to be healed, God's people must do it. No one else can, while statesmen and politicians are frequently grasping for a way out of our difficulties, God has recorded in His Word, the only way that can possibly bring deliverance.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,

and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2nd Chron. 7:14).

The cause of America's ills can be spelled with three letters, S-I-N, sin. America is sinning. America has turned her back on God. America does not want God nor His Book. America has rejected Jesus Christ and America must repent, repent, REPENT! O, AMERICA! GOD IS CALLING!

God deals with nations in the same way He deals with individuals. If a nation commits a great sin and does not repent, sooner or later, punishment comes. There is but ONE WAY for individuals or nations to avoid judgment and escape punishment—that is to judge ourselves and confess our sins.

There is no substitute for confession. No amount of praying or pleading will take the place of confession. If we refuse to confess our national sins, and refuse to turn from our evil ways, God will not hear us when we pray for National relief. How can we escape the wrath of God unless there is a National confession and returning unto God! Where, oh, where, are the INTERCESSORS BEFORE THE LORD? Are there none who will humble themselves before God and by confession and prayer cause conviction to come over our rulers that they may in turn call a day of fasting and prayer?

America needs a mourners' bench. We need a revival of old-fashioned Christianity. This is our only hope. IT IS EITHER A REVIVAL OF A REVOLUTION.

Unless America gets back to the realization of sin—unless America gets back to God and the Bible, it will go disastrously with us and America will rattle down the road to destruction as did Egypt, Greece and Rome, and some future historian will write "America committed suicide."

If I could have the opportunity to speak to Mr. Roosevelt, I think I would say something like this:

"Mr. Roosevelt, our country is in a precarious condition. You are the President of the United States. You have the greatest opportunity any president ever had. Mr. President, if you will dismiss your socialistic communistic advisers and gather around you the godly, consecrated

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ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

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W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

STEWARDSHIP REPORT 17TH DISTRICT W. M. U.

The Stewardship report from over the District are somewhat encouraging this quarter, as we heard from six of the seven Associational Chairmen. The reports are not in full, but that is the oversight, or shall we say negligence of the local chairmen. We have 3,010 women in the churches with 476 active members in the societies; 69 Young People's organizations, with 752 enrolled.

Six monthly conferences were held, five study classes on Stewardship, 67 talks made and 231 leaflets distributed. We have 475 women tithers, and 292 young people who tithed; 752 women giving to missions and 176 young people.

Looking over the above figures it seems that the greatest problem of our Societies is still the enlistment problem. What a tremendous difference between the number of women on the church roll and the active members in our Missionary Societies. We believe this is true because our women are not conscious of what they owe the Lord as His Stewards, and we are convinced that only persistent work and teaching along this line will bring about the desired results.

We are told that we are never completely on a standstill in our Christian life—we are either growing in grace and knowledge, as His Stewards or we are losing spiritual ground. And if there was ever a time when Christians should be vigilant it seems the present day is that time. We need not only to enlist in the W. M. U., where we can best serve, but we need to put all our efforts on the Lord's side, and stand firmly and solidly for righteousness. In fact, we need to be consecrated Christians and may the following illustration convey that truth.

During the last illness of my father, Rev. J. F. Nicholson, a few years since he talked much of Heaven and we who listened felt that he spoke with authority. For had he not given almost half a century to the Lord's work, aided by the faith and courage of my mother? But the hardships and difficulties of pioneering in religious work in Texas had not dimmed the light in his soul. He would often amuse himself rehearsing sermons or quoting scriptures. One evening

we noticed some unusual motions and gesticulations, and inquired the reason. The reply came promptly, "I am putting up sign-boards, to tell everybody to come on." Because of this thought the following verse is dedicated:

We are putting up sign-boards, father,
Along life's great highway;
Signs that will help all travelers
Turn from their sins away.

We want to write them true, each day,
As "Look unto me and live,
To the soul that will freely drink,
The water of Life, I give."

We miss your guidance, since you went,
Though we'll do the best we can,
And try to make the lives we live,
Sign-boards for lost men.

May every Christian over the District, and especially all Stewardship Chairmen, be a signboard for the cause of Godliness and the on-going of Kingdom movements.

MRS. B. M. WHITAKER,
Stewardship Chairman, 17th Dist.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF CALLAHAN W. M. U.

The Callahan County W. M. U. met in a quarterly meeting July 1 with Cottonwood Church, with the President, Mrs. V. W. Tatum, presiding. The meeting opened by singing the Woman's song, prayer by Bro. Hollis. Devotional by Mrs. Strahan, reading 2nd Chronicles 2:7. All chairmen made good reports. Only one chairman, the educational chairman, absent. We had as visitors Mrs. Buckley, District President, and Mrs. Hanks, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Buckley gave an interesting report of the Southern Baptist W. M. U. meeting and Mrs. Hanks made a talk on District Work and Finance. Mrs. Jno. Cook brought the Devotional in the afternoon. Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Corley made report. Five churches represented. Three pastors with 24 women in all.

MRS. E. G. SCOTT,
Assoc. Recording Secy.

Mrs. Avery Rogers of Gorman has succeeded Mrs. J. E. Burnam as chairman of mission study for District 17.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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never know the luxuries enjoyed by their parents in the "good old daze". . . There was one old preacher who spent much of his time at our house when I was a kid. He said that the coffee mill grinding coffee in the morning was his signal to get up. After that I always ground coffee before building the fire and had him up shivering in the cold an hour before it was either necessary or desirable for him to be up. When I think of this it makes me more lenient on my own youngsters when I see the Adamic nature cropping out in them. . . Joe Riddle says he does not like the way I pan the twins in this column, but the boys like it. They read it every week to see if they have been mentioned. You know a preacher's children practically have no daddy, so I suppose the boys want to keep posted as to whether their daddy still remembers them. . . You know the story about the man who

came in to supper and his wife said, "Well, Junior tells me that he caddied for you on the golf course this afternoon." To which the husband replied, "Well, you know I thought I had seen that kid somewhere." . . . Our twins have quite a talent for drawing. You should see the pictures they produce while their daddy is preaching, and yet it is surprising how much of the sermon they hear. Give them a pencil and plenty of paper each and they care very little about the length of the sermon. Which reminds me that you may have twin boys OR pencils, but you can't have twin boys AND pencils. . . Now where is that pencil I had here a minute ago to use in correcting these remarks? Oh! twins!

MICE OR MEN?

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night. How long, Christians, church members, dyes, before you are actually going to do what you have supposedly been believing all along? During the World War, American billboards were filled with posters, bearing the determined likeness of Uncle Sam, pointing a large bony finger directly at everybody who

DEFENDING "FAITH" AGAIN

In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid what man can do to me.—Psa. 56:11.

Do we need to define "faith" to ourselves over again? Has not every instance of the use of the word by our Lord Himself in the Gospels long ago assured us that it means just personal reliance, personal trust, personal entrustment? It is the open arms which in their emptiness embrace Christ, the open lips which receive Him as the bread of the soul, the life, the all. As in justification, so in this its glorious sequel, our part is to take the promise as it stands, to take the thing in the envelope of the promise, and to act upon its holy presence and reality.

—H. C. G. Moule.

FAMILY TRADITION

David Livingstone said of his ancestors: "My great-grandfather fell at the battle of Culloden, fighting for the old line of kings, but the only family tradition of which I feel proud is this: One of my forefathers on his deathbed said to his children round him, 'I have searched diligently all the traditions of our family, and I have never found that there was a dishonest man among our forefathers. If, therefore, any of you take to dishonest ways, it will not be because it runs in our blood. I leave this precept with you, Be honest.'"—G. B. F. Hallock.

News Notes

Pastor J. William Arnett is doing the preaching this week in a meeting with the Denton Valley Church in Callahan county. Brother Arnett has just closed a good tabernacle meeting in South Midland.

Pastor J. N. Easterwood is being assisted in a revival at Roscoe, with a former pastor T. A. Patterson, doing the preaching. Brother Patterson has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Colorado. His family is now at Colorado and he will join them there at the close of the Roscoe meeting.

There were a number of additions to the New Hope Church, Jones County, as a result of the revival meeting conducted by the pastor J. H. Skiles. Baptismal services were conducted Sunday afternoon.

Elaborate preparations were made by Pastor J. H. Whitley and the First Church, Haskell, for the meeting which began there Sunday. Rev. Oren C. Reid, a former pastor at Colorado, is leading the singing. The outdoor arrangements for the meeting provided for a choir of 100 and a seating capacity of 1200 for the audience.

Rev. Claude Hart of Brownwood preached at the First Baptist Church, Winters, Sunday in the absence of Pastor W. T. Hamor, who was in a revival meeting at Moro.

Rev. Bud Denton of Norton is de-

passed. Below was the phrase: "I want you." Nothing short of the cooperation of each citizen was mobilized during that conflict. People will make all kinds of excuses. On my national speaking tour I have been told by some dry friends, "I am just too busy," or "Haven't time," to attend temperance meetings" . . . while their own sons and daughters perhaps were tipping the cup. Some have said, "I've served my day, I am too old," others, "I can't talk in public" while as a matter of fact that same person has not been taking a dry paper and is not sufficiently posted to talk in private, let alone on a platform. At one place, three women couldn't come to the meeting, because there was a monkey farm close by and they were interested in evolution, too, and it was their "only opportunity" to see those monkeys. Oh, friends, let's cut out the alibis; everyone is needed in this fight for sobriety. None can take your place, remember that! As I have said before, "I am only one, but I am one; I can do something; what I ought to do, I can do, and by the grace of God, I will do."

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America! God Is Calling

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men and women of America, for confession and prayer and if you will call America to the mourners' bench and you, Mr. President, and your family and your advisers LEAD THE PROCESSION TO THE MOURNERS' BENCH, you will be the greatest President our country has ever known. But, Mr. President, IF YOU DO NOT DO THIS, you will go down in history as the man who missed the greatest opportunity any President of our country ever had."

Surely we need to cry unto God as a nation, that God might again bless and heal our land.

If ministers, professional and business men and people at large will wait upon God in humble confession of our sins and the sins of the nation and seek true repentance of our backsliding, our God will hear and be entreated. We cannot treat this matter lightly for we are approaching a crisis. Nothing short of a humbling before God and a moral and spiritual awakening, and a mighty out-pouring of God's Holy Spirit, can solve our problems and save us.

May your prayer and mine be—"Lord, send a revival and let it begin in me."

I say it again—IT IS EITHER A REVIVAL OR A REVOLUTION!

Additional copies of this address may be had by writing: Clarence E. Mason, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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A vision without a task is a dream.
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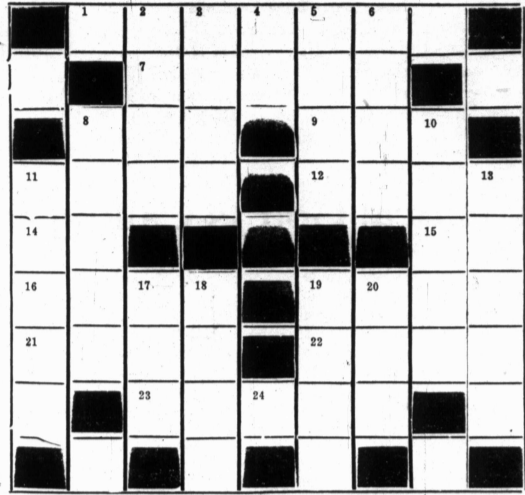
This week's puzzle has a number of words connected with the Sunday School lesson for next Sunday. See if you can recognize them without referring to your quarterly. Most of the words in these puzzles are Bible words, and by solving the puzzles you learn more of the Bible.

ACROSS

- 1.—The day on which 7 across of this puzzle was not to be gathered.
- 7.—Name of the "bread from heaven" with which God fed the Israelites in the wilderness.
- 8.—A mathematical term (abbreviation), meaning "which was to be demonstrated."
- 9.—"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the of the Lord revealed?"
- 11.—The month for brides.
- 12.—Father of Baalam, the prophet (Num. 22:5).
- 14.—The double letters used in the names of Moses' spokesman before Pharaoh.
- 15.—Former name (abbreviation) of a West Texas University.
- 16.—To venture.
- 19.—One of the places which furnished Tyre with richly embroidered stuffs. (II Kings 19:12).
- 21.—Word meaning palm trees; second camp site of Israelites after crossing Red Sea.
- 22.—"But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own and tempted."
- 23.—Descendant of Ishmael. (I Chron. 5:19).

DOWN

- 2.—A word meaning "so be it" used in prayers.
- 3.—"A certain man made a great supper and many."
- 4.—Abbreviation for Battalion.
- 5.—Mountain city of Judah, meaning Grape town, from which Joshua drove the Anakims. (Josh. 11:21).
- 6.—A weed resembling wheat mentioned many times in the Bible.
- 8.—They furnished meat for the Israelites in the wilderness.
- 11.—A antediluvian patriarch. (Gen. 5:15-11).
- 13.—Dwarf animals.
- 17.—A wilderness through which the Israelites passed.
- 18.—Call letters of radio station in St. Louis.
- 19.—A son of Shem for whom a province in Persia was named. (Gen. 10:22).
- 20.—Slang name for a silly, stupid person.



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ing the preaching in a revival meeting at Brookshire, near Norton.

Rev. W. R. Davis of Paducah is doing the preaching in a meeting at Crews, Runtels County. Crowds estimated at between 400 and 500 are attending the evening services, which are being held under a tabernacle.

The Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches at Tuscola are cooperating in a meeting in which W. O. McCracken of Littlerock, Ark., is doing the preaching. Brother Mark Short is pastor of the Baptist Church at Tuscola.

The old church building at Bronte has been torn down and a new building is being erected. Pastor J. L. Wallace is leading his people in this new building enterprise.

Rev. Charles Mathis has accepted the call of the Maryneal Church and preached his first sermon as pastor of the Church Sunday.

Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene has been kept busy this summer supplying pulpits for pastors in this section. Some of the places he has preached are Ranger, Haskell, Stamford, Merkel, and next Sunday he is to be at Rule. His son, W. C. Taggart, Jr., ministerial student in H.-S. U., has also supplied at Tye, Bethel, Trinity and other churches.

There were 67 additions to the First Baptist Church Portales, N. M., as a result of the recent revival in which Dr. W. W. Chancellor of the First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, did the preaching. Taylor McCasland of Portales led the singing and his wife had charge of the music.

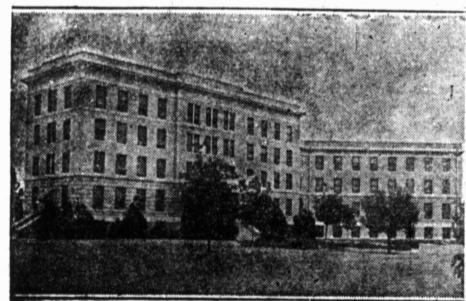
It is with deep regret that we learned of the homegoing of Mrs. Jeff D. Ray of Seminary Hill. Dr. Ray is teacher of Homiletics at Southwest Baptist Seminary and has a host of friends throughout the Southwest who will remember him in this trying hour.

Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible Department of Hardin-Simmons, supplied for the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Sunday.

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