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MITCHELL-SCURRY WORKERS HAVE PROGRAM ON "MY LAST CHANCE"

A very unique program was rendered by the Mitchell-Scurry Workers' Conference at Snyder recently. The theme discussed was "My Last Opportunity." Each major part on the program was around the thought, "If it were my last time." We are publishing the entire program. Read it with the idea in view, "if it were my last time," and try to see just what would be your effort if it were your last time to discuss the various subjects.

If It Were My Last Time

10:00 a. m.—To Lead a Song Service, C. C. Scott, Westbrook;

10:20 a. m.—To Read and Interpret My Favorite Scripture, George W. Parks, Roscoe;

10:40 a. m.—To Teach a Bible Class, H. L. Wren, Snyder.

11:00 a. m.—To Speak on Ephesians 2:8-10, R. R. Cumbie, Dunn;

11:25 a. m.—To Sing a Duet, Mmes. R. S. Sullivan and L. L. Hays, Snyder;

11:30 a. m.—To Preach, Wilis J. Ray, Big Spring;

Lunch, basement of the church building;

1:15 p. m.—Board meeting and W. M. S.;

2:00 p. m.—To Lead a Song Service, Willard Jones, Snyder;

2:15 p. m.—To Meet With My Sunday School Officers and Teachers, A. C. Hardin, Loraine;

2:35 p. m.—To Talk With an Unsaved Man—His Last Chance, S. W. Brown, Buford;

2:55 p. m.—To Present a Special Musical Number, Roscoe Church;

3:00 p. m.—To Inspire My Church to Soul Winning, P. D. O'Brien, Colorado.

The Watch Tower

Meditations and Comments by the Editor as he Watches the World Go By.

Echoes From The Past

In the "Dallas and Texas Fifty Years Ago" column of the Dallas News of December 16 there appeared this interesting item about Buckner Orphans' Home:

"The Rev. R. T. Hanks, pastor of the First Baptist Church; W. R. Howell and others were busy yesterday distributing paper sacks, soliciting contributions of groceries, dry goods, etc., in the interest of Buckner Orphans' Home, located six miles east of the city."

This item is not only of interest to our readers because of the fact that it reveals the interest shown in our orphan home fifty years ago, but it is of interest because of the fact that Dr. R. T. Hanks, mentioned in the item, was for a number of years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. His two sons are now prominent business men of the city.

As the Christmas season approaches churches and pastors all over Texas are busy remembering the orphan children for Christmas. Surely it would be a hard hearted person indeed who would refuse to assist our orphaned children during this joyous yuletide season.

About Dogs

The Sunday papers carried an interesting little human interest story about an ice cream-eating collie dog. Here's the story:

After seventeen years in college, Fitz, the dog with a charge account, died Friday. Since the years of the war no student entered Sewanee without maknig his acquaintance.

The big collie was especially fond of Dr. George Baker, dean of the college of arts and sciences, whose classes he had attended faithfully since 1922.

"He understands French and German as well as he does English," once said the dean, who called him Mon Fils.

His particular delicacy was ice cream and every day of the school year Dr. Baker went with him to the university store at 11 a. m. and bought him an ice cream cone. During the summer months Dr. Baker often was not in town and that's where Fitz's charge account came in.

He went to the store as usual and had his cone. It was charged to his

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Christmas

The Greatest Day in the History of the Bible

The Prophecy

Isaaih 11:1-9

AND there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots; and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with breath of his lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The Nativity

Luke 2:4-19

And Joseph also went out from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David); to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was that while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

The Star

Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him. In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou, Bethlehem, in Judea, art not the least among the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come worship Him also.

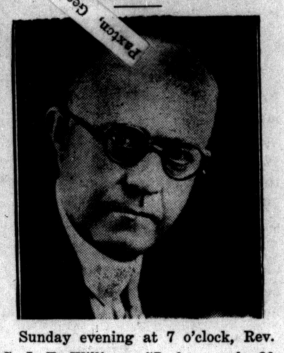
When they had heard the king they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Mission

Luke 4:16-22

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and, as his custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

REV. S. J. T. WILLIAMS PROMINENT CHURCHMAN CLAIMED BY DEATH



Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. S. J. T. Williams, 57, for nearly 30 years an outstanding evangelist, mission worker and pastor, died at his home in Abilene. He had been ill for about five months. Early in November he had an operation in a Fort Worth hospital for brain tumor, and it was known at that time that he would live only a short time.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, directed by the pastor, Dr. Millard A. Jenkens. The other Baptist pastors of the city, Rev. C. A. Powell, W. C. Ashford, W. R. Derr, H. Virgil Reynolds and J. H. Dean, assisted in the services. Among the special musical numbers for the occasion was a quartet from the Salt Branch church of which Brother Williams was pastor at the time of his death. Burial followed in a local cemetery.

The active pallbearers were, J. M. Shelton, W. B. Milstead, Harvey

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Gleanings from the Field

Items of Interest Showing Kingdom Progress in the Harvest Field.

Rev. G. Q. Fulgham, who moved to Abilene recently from Denton to attend Hardin-Simmons university, has been called as pastor of the church at Stith, in Jones county, and he has accepted the call.

The church at Roscoe has called Rev. James Easterwood, student in Hardin-Simmons university, as pastor, and he has accepted the call. Brother Easterwood is one of our most promising young ministers and the Roscoe church is to be congratulated in securing the services of this young man and his consecrated wife.

The Stonewall Association is sending a truck load of produce to Buckner Orphan's Home for the Christmas season. The churches of the association are entering heartily into the plan, which will mean much to those 700 children in our home.

Sunday was a great day with the church at Eliasville. Sunday morning the Sunday School made a Christmas offering to Buckner Orphans' Home. At the evening hour the W. M. U. presented the pageant, "Christmas for Christ," and a good offering was made for the Lottie Moon Mission Fund. The women of the church on the week before sent a box valued at $25.00 to the orphans' home.

Pastor E. B. Coon and the church at South Bend, Young County, are happy in the fine progress that is being made. A few months ago the church went to full time, a worthy budget was subscribed, including all of our Baptist work, and all organizations in the church are alive and hard at work.

Evangelist C. Y. Dossey and singer Joe Trussell are to be with Pastor E. D. Dunlap and the First Church, Sweetwater, beginning January 6, and continuing through the 20th.

Rev. Roy Clayton and N. J. Westmoreland have recently closed a Sunday School study course at Lueders. "Building a Standard Sunday School" was the book taught and definite steps were taken toward making the Sunday School Standard.

The Sunday School is the biggest army in the world.

The Light That Never Has Failed

J. B. CRANFILL, D. D., Dallas, Texas

Jesus of Nazareth projected a revival of religion that has lasted nearly 2,000 years. He said, "I am the light of the world," and in the first chapter of John's gospel, John says, "Jesus is the light that lighteth every man's coming into the world."

Light is the result of combustion and death, or both. During the Civil War, we lived in Upshur County, Texas, where through the long lonely days and nights, with father in the army and mother the only source of comfort and support to four growing children, the fitful breezes sighed through the branches of the yielding pines. No one who has ever heard the pathetic strains of that sad music, all set in a minor key, will ever forget its pathos. In those lonely sights the light we had came from the burning of pine knots, by the light of which I, a little lad, began to learn something of the world of books.

Later, when father had returned and conditions improved, our light came from the tallow dip, and still later from the tallow candle, and yet later still from the sperm candle, but something died before the tallow or the sperm came into being. The cow, the ox or the whale lost their lives in order that there might be the making of light for a darkening world.

Now we have the gas and electric lights, which emerge in one form or another from dead and dying vegetable and animal life. John W. Carpenter, President of the Texas Power and Light Company, is a dear friend of mine, and his great light and power plant furnishes current and illumination for countless plants and multitudinous homes and is located in the Texas lignite field, where unknown centuries ago a forest died, or mayhap a sea submerged and buried millions of fish.

Jesus the Light

Jesus of Nazareth is the light of the world because His life was consumed in the service of humanity and God. The light that shone from His Cross has through almost twenty centuries lighted a desolate and dying world with deathless hope and undying love. When from His pallid lips there came the words, "It is finished," the veil of the temple, seventy feet high, thirty-five feet wide and four inches thick, was rent from the top to the bottom so that for the first time the light shone into the Holy of Holies, and thus through the death of Christ was exposed to an onlooking and sinning world.

All of the apostles met their martyrdom, with dear old Peter disclaiming worthiness to be crucified like his Lord, so he asked to be crucified head downward. These glowing lives, through illuminating ministry and inspired writings, the world has walked in the light these almost countless centuries, were consured by a burning passion for a lost world; and it was thus that they lived and died.

Other Lights

The Apostle Paul evidently had some such thought in mind when he said, "Present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," and then added this touching and penetrating postcript, "For it is your reasonable service." Doubtless, Latimer and Ridley so thought when they met their martyrdom on their funeral pyre. Latimer said, "Be of good courage, Ridley, for today we shall light a fire in England that shall never be put out," and they did.

The body and soul of John Bunyan found martyrdom in Bedford jail, but out of that slow and torturing death there came the "Pilgrim's Progress," which, next to the Bible, has been the highest peak in Christian literature.

Revival Needed

I have been writing these columns about revivals. I know why they have not come, and I know when they will come. We are not having great revivals because nobody is burning up. There' no blood on the sacrifice. Every fire ever kindled on Jewish altars proclaimed the coming of Christ, and every drop of blood of every sacrifice from the Passover in Egypt to the last oblation and incense of Old Testament times pointed to that life, of whom John said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

One of the prophecies of Jesus said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten thee up," but none of us now knows anybody whose zeal is eating him up. **We are complacent, somnolent and satisfied. Like the Pharisee on the street corners, we are thanking God that we are not quite as other men—that some of us pay tithes of all that we possess, and that we are not even like unto the poor Publicans who surround us. Now and again some consecrated soul flames into our horizon and burns up for Christ, but he is a zealot so rare that he finds no following (our type emphasis.—Ed.)**

When Will the Revival Begin

Dear Christian friends, the light of revival glory will return when Christians begin to burn up for Christ. Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." **Too many of us are willing for the world to sweep on into Hell, if it costs us sacrifice to hold back the teeming tide that finds the road that leads to death.**

I am not sure I told you of the Salvation Army captain whom my brother, a doctor, attended when he died. My brother "laid him out," and he told me that on the knees of this soldier of the Cross there were cal-

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DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

JONES AND FISHER COUNTIES PLAN S. S. TRAINING COURSE

Jones County Association has planned to have a Sunday School Training Course beginning January 7, and continue the following week. Fisher county to help direct the work.

Both counties are attempting to enlist every church in this very important effort. They will study books from the first division of the new course of study. Most of the churches will take the revised edition of Building a Standard Sunday School." A few will take "Teachers That Teach," and "Out lines of Bible History."

During this month definite effort will be made to bring a number of schools to reach the Standard.

Churches are urged to enlist as many as possible in these courses even though they are not teaching.

The churches may secure outside help by taking care of their expenses and entertainment, if they will write to their Associational Presidents, George McBeth, in Fisher County, and Rev. N. J. Westmoreland, Anson, in Jones County.

BRUSHY CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

The Brushy Baptist Church, in Haskell Association, has recently called Rev. H. H. McGregor, of Weinert as pastor.

GIFTS TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

District 17—November

Association	No. Churches	No. Giving	Percent Giving
Cisco	36	10	27.7
Callahan	17	1	11.8
Fisher County	22	9	40.9
Haskell	27	4	14.9
Sweetwater	34	11	32.3
Jones County	31	10	32.2
Stonewall	14	2	14.3
Totals	181	48	
		Average	24.9

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NEXT ISSUE JANUARY 10TH

The next issue of the West Texas Baptist will appear January 10. As is our usual custom we will omit next week's issue for the Christmas holidays. There are five publication days in January, and so we will not publish a paper the first week in January. This will give us two weeks off for a little needed rest. We will publish four issues of the paper in January, but the first issue will not appear until January 10. And let us here take the opportunity to wish for each of our subscribers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are grateful to every one who has helped in any way to make the paper a better medium for Christ's cause. We will try to come back to you after the holidays more determined than ever to make the West Texas Baptist what it ought to be.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

Last week Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma, was granted a much needed and deserved vacation. In the last week's issue of the Messenger Rev. Rupert Naney, for a long time a fellow-worker with Dr. Routh, paid the editor a very beautiful and deserving tribute. For a long time Brother Routh served Texas Baptists in various capacities, and for many years he was editor of the Baptist Standard. He has been editor of the Messenger for about six years, and he has served Oklahoma Baptists well during those years. We are glad the Messenger took this opportunity to give Editor Routh the much needed vacation, but we are doubly glad this beautiful tribute was paid him while he yet lives to enjoy the fragrance of the flowers from the flower garden of a friend. Sometimes we criticise our neighbor for some deed done, when if we only knew the tremendous load that person was carrying, instead of offering criticism we would offer a little encouragement. A little encouragement along is an investment that does not cost much, and yet it may prove to be an investment of tremendous import. Wouldn't it be a fine thing to add this virtue to our New Year's resolutions.

YULE FESTIVALS DATE BACK TO 200 YEARS AGO

Christmas, according to Dr. Arches Taylor, head of the German department of the University of Chicago, has been a red letter day on the calendar of the western world for 2,000 years.

Many historians and scholars believe the Christmas holiday arose out of an older pagan magic festival, the Yule, Dr. Taylor said. Yuletide probably was an event connected with the winter solistice or perhaps a feast for the dead—at which an empty chair was always left.

Not until the middle of the fourth century of the Christian era was December 25 set aside by the church for the observance of Christ's nativity. At first purely spiritual, its celegration acquired elements of gayety and good cheer as it moved northward among the Goths and early Germanic peoples.

In the northern European countries, there exists a celebration period in which the animals for winter use were slaughtered. It was accompanied by feasting.

Some curious Christmas customs have survived through the centuries in the old world and some have been brought to this country. At harvest time in the Scandinavian countries it is customary to save the last sheaf of grain as a symbol of the life of the fields. Christmas bread is made from the flour of this sheaf.

In Sweden, they put a sheaf of oats on a pole in front of each house for the birds, and in all of the Scandinavian countries it is as important to have a straw or imitation goat in the house as it is to have a tree for Christmas.

In Iceland they have neither Yule trees nor Santa Claus. Instead parents tell their children about the ten Yule swains that bring gifts to good children and punish the bad.

The whole practice of giving gifts at Christmas has come down from Roman times, Dr. Taylor said.

Among the anthracite-coal miners of Pennsylvania, many of the homes represent a small farm yard in their living rooms beneath a Christmas tree.

The Christmas tree itself is a rather modern addition to the day. First mention of it came from Alsace in 1600. It was originally a town custom, but slowly spread into rural German communities.

Goethe saw a Christmas tree the first time when he arrived in Leipzig in 1767. Initial literary mention of the custom was in his "Sorrows of Werther," published in 1774.

By 1810, the Yule tree had reached Denmark, but it was not until the middle of the nineteenth century that English homes began decorating an annual evergreen. Charles Dickens' famous "Christmas Carols," published in 1843, tells about plum pudding, but not a word about a Christmas tree. It was after 1850 that American homes began to have trees.

Santa Claus originally was the Dutch name for Saint Nicholas, an early Roman bishop in Asia Minor whose feast day was December 6. The inclusion of his legend into the Christmas celebration is just one part of a long history.—Exchange.

DID YOU KNOW, THAT—

E. P. Alldredge reports that the average annual number of baptisms for Southern Baptists during the past fourteen years has been 204,000, and the gain in church membership has been 86,000 per year. In 1933 the baptisms were 211,393, and the net gain in membership was 107,788.

Dr. Alldredge reports in his 1934 hand book that there are among Southern Baptists 3,000 old ministers retired from service; 2,000 young ministers in training and beginning; 3,000 missionaries and denominational workers; 9,000 active pastors giving full time to their work; 5,000 inactive ministers in secular work. About 175 to 200 die each year, and from 200 to 220 new ministers are ordained yearly.

Devotional Thoughts

THE GOLDEN RULE

The Golden Rule as contained in the holy writings of each of the seven great religions as follows:

The Hindu: "The true rule is to guard and do by the things of others as you do by your own."

The Buddhist: "One should seek for others the happiness one desires for oneself."

The Zoroastrian: "Do as you would be done by."

The Confucian: "What you do not wish done to yourself, do not to others."

The Mohammedan: "Let none of you treat your brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated."

The Jew: "Whatsoever you do not wish your neighbor to do to you, do not unto him."

The Christian: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them."—Missionary Review of the World.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SIZE

After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet.

It is said that once when President Washington was riding near what is now Washington City, with a party of gentlemen, their horses leaped a rock fence; the last steed over kicked off several stones. "Better replace those," suggested the General. "Oh, some one will do that," was the careless reply. When the riding party disbanded, Washington turned his horse, and rode back the way they had come; dismounting, he carefully replaced the stones.

"Oh, General," chattered a friend who came along, "you are too big to be doing that."

"Oh, no," replied Washington, as he stood gravely inspecting his work. "I am just the right size."—5,000 Best Modern Illustrations, by G. B. F. Hallock.

"ANYBODY FOR CALVARY"

Christ chose Calvary. He asks us to do so. Dr. Dan B. Brummit has given in a recent pamphlet a remarkable illustration from personal experience:

"The town in which I live (Chicago) has an elevated railway. One of the stations is near a great Roman Catholic burying ground, Calvary Cemetery. For many years, because in that part of the town there were many more dead than living folk, the train did not stop at the cemetery station except on request. Just after leaving the nearest station the guard would open the door and say, 'Next station is Calvary. Train stops on signal only. Anybody for Calvary?' "

"It is a parable of life's train. At all the other stations every train stops. At Market Street, at School Street, at University Avenue, at Main Street, at Vanity Fair, at Broadway, at Church Street, at University Avenue, at Main Streeet, at Vanity Fair, at Broadway, at Church Street, at Home Avenue, no special notice needed."

But Calvary is "the offense of the cross," and no one stops there unless he chooses to. It is "unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness." But it saves those who believe. Through all eternity we shall thank God that Christ chose Calvary.—The Sunday School Times.

STRIKING MOTTOES

During these trying financial times when we think of money to carry on the Lord's work in our own church as well as throughout the whole world, we may well consider carefully the following striking mottoes:

"Do you give God the first fruits or what you can spare?"

"If God is your partner, make your plans large."

"The resources of God are promised only to those who undertake the program of God."

"Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart."

"To have is to owe and not to own."

"Make your offerings according to your income or God may make your income according to your offerings."

"Some are called to make money for Christ as others are called to preach for Christ."

"There is no happiness in having or getting, but only in giving."

"We give earth and receive heaven. We give the temporal and receive the eternal. We give things corruptible and receive the immortal."

"Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money I use for myself."—First Methodist Messenger, Birmingham.

REACHING OUR GENERATION

Every generation is heir to the command to evangelize its own generation. We cannot evangelize the past or the future generations. Our burden must be those of contemporary time. And since the record of the New Testament shows that the first generation did actually accomplish the evangelization of the world, there is every reason to believe that each succeeding generation could have done so if there had been the same zeal, the same devotion, the same vision, the same faith. The power which was promised at the beginning was promised unto the end. No generation, not even ours of many hindrances, could plead any change at the source of the power that is sufficient for the task.

The failure to do this lies not at God's door but at our own. And the millions on earth who have never heard the name, much less seen the power of Christ unto salvation, witness that there has been such a failure, and that it is monumental. God has actually shut Himself up to such a co-partnership with men—with the saints—that when they fail He is helpless.—James P. Welliver in The Gospel Message.

ALWAYS THE SAME

It is said to be the property of a crystal to assume precisely the same form into however many fragments it may be broken. The infinitesimal particle, for the study of which a magnifying glass must be used, is a precise facsimile of the parent crystal from which it came. If we could take God's eternity and break it up into aeons, if we could take the aeons and break them up into ages, and the ages into centuries, and the centuries into moments, we should find each separate moment of God's life to be just as resplendent with benignity, compassion, redeeming grace, and happiness as his sublime eternity itself.—The King's Business.

CHURCH NEWS

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

We are having "White Christmas" again this year. All those who will may bring gifts for any cause they wish and put them on our trees, they will be given to the cause designated or will be given to save some worthy person or institution if none is designated.

Offerings were taken this Sunday for Buckner Orphans Home.

We had good services both morning and evening.

HARMONY CHURCH

Representatives from the Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. gave a program Sunday at Harmony Baptist church where Fred Cole is pastor.

The program given was on "What think ye of Christ."

Special music, short talks and one chalk talk was given.

There was one addition and several requests for prayers.

The personnel was: Rose Mary Malone, Edna Ardis, Clara Welch, Miss A. M. Carpenter, Paul Wright and Frank Burress.

Similar programs can be had at various churches by writing the B. S. U. in care of Hardin-Simmons university A free will offering is taken to defray the expense of the car which is owned by the B. S. U. The students give of their time to this extension work. If some pastor or pastorless church wants a program on "Evangelism," "Stewardship," "Missions," or some similar subject the B. S. U. will render such a program gladly.

The Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. is just finishing a study course on "B. S. U. Methods," taught by Dr. Baker the examination being given on Monday night.

CHAMPION CHURCH

James Easterwood spoke on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening. We had good services and good attendance.

Several dollars were given to Missions through the Lottie Moon offering.

The B. Y. P. U. gave a Christmas pageant preceding the services on Sunday evening.

CHALK CHURCH

Murray Fuquay spoke twice on Sunday. He reports very good services.

An offering was taken for Buckner Orphans' Home which amounted to about $43.23 in cash and $25.00 in goods.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Reynolds reports fine services on last Sunday with 91 in B. T. U.

The choir will render a program, "In Old Judea" is the title, on next Sunday night after which the church will sponsor a Christmas tree.

The Watch Tower

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account and on returning to school in the fall Dr. Baker paid the bill.

This story reminds us of Fritz, the faithful Bulldog out at Hardin-Simmons university. Fritz, then a pup, was adopted as mascot of the Freshman class of 1916. For four years he made his way about the campus, attending classes and having a general good time with the students. Fritz had a habit of carrying pieces of brick around in his mouth. Someone would toss a piece of brick and the dog would carry it around for a long time. Well the sad part of this story is that one day some scallawag fed Fritz some glass. When he died there was sadness over the campus. Especially did the senior class, whose mascot Fritz had been through the four years of college life, mourn his death. It was decreed that the faithful mascot was to have a real funeral. A coffin was made and the Senior class, with the entire school looking on, had a first class funeral. The cowboy band led the procession. One of the ministerial students delivered the funeral oration. On the campus now stands a small marble slab, inscribed to the memory of Fritz. Well, why not? Fritz had many admirable characteristics. For a bulldog he had a wonderfully kind disposition. You never saw him interfering with the business of others. His main business in life seems to have been carrying bricks, but he made a good job of it. Yes, old Fritz could teach many a person we know about some mighty good lessons. In fact, sometimes the more we see of the conduct of some human beings, the better we like a good old faithful dog.

The Sunday School of today is the church of tomorrow.

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I heard a story of a mother who always kept her hands covered. When her little daughter grew into womanhood, she said to her mother one day, "Mother, I want to see your hands; I have never seen them. Why do you keep them covered all the time?" With deep emotion, this mother said, "I'm quite willing, darling, to tell you now, because you are old enough to know. When you were a babe in arms a fire destroyed our home. You were in your little crib. The blaze was sweeping toward you. I thrust my hands through the flames into the crib and rescued you from a burning death. My hands were almost burned up, but here you are, my sweet and darling girl, safe and sound."

If we, dear friends, are willing to pay the price, there would be a revival like unto those that time and time again have swept over our dead and dying world. We must give up our sins. We must pray as we have never prayed before. We must die unto the old life.

In our present social psychology, there seems no difference between saints and sinners. They all look like peas from the same pod. They attend the same shows, the same bridge parties, the same horse races, the same dances and the same cock-tail parties.

Our preachers—God bless them and help them all!—are projecting the same bromidic vapidities they used when they got out of the seminaries, and if there should be a conversion at the Sunday morning service, they'd fall in a fainting fit. They preach about Daniel in the lions' den and are silent about their members in the beer dens, with which President Roosevelt illegally cursed America. Nothing is burning up except cigars and cigarettes.

If we can get a confluent case of the old-time religion, the martyrdoms may come. They came to Savanarola and Wycliffe. They come to missionary and native Christian alike in the Boxer uprising in China. Something burned up there, and the fires are lighting the dark corners of China yet.

God help us all. God save us from our sins. God help us to pray, and to live the life that Christians should live, instead of gluing our spirits upon the fast-fading inanities of this desoluate Hell-bound world.

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MARY STANDING AT THE CROSS

See her, standing, sad and tearful,
Gazing on that Cross so fearful,
While her Son was hanging there.
Saddened was her soul, and groaning,
As the cry His anguish owning,
Like a sword her heart did tear.

Oh! how sad and full of sorrow!
Whence can she her comfort borrow
For her well-beloved One?
See her suffering! see her mourning!
Trembling 'neath the railer's scorning
Of her own Most glorious Son!

Tears of pity must be failing,
For His suffering so appalling,
From the watchers standing by.
Tears of sorrow for His mother,
As she gazes on that Other,
Must be shed by every eye.

For our sins still interceding,
There He hangs, all scourged and bleeding,
Pierced with nail, and crowned with thorn.
There she sees her Son, forsaken;
By the pangs of death sore shaken,
On that dark and awful morn.

O my Saviour, Fount of blessing,
All Thy love is past expressing.
Grant that with Thee I may mourn.
May my heart with ardour burn,
Filled with love for Christ, my God,
And with Him acceptance find.

Thou, who on the Cross art bearing
All the pains I would be sharing,
Glows my heart with love for Thee.
By Thy Glorious Death and Passion,
Saving me in wondrous fashion,
Saviour, turn my heart to Thee.

Thou, O Christ, art my salvation.
Hear and heed my invocation.
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God has given us talents and expects us to use them, multiply them, do thy Master's will, and we will be good stewards. And when our life's work is ended on earth we will hear these words: "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord."

"Stewardship of Possessions," was brought by Mrs. W. Y. Pond of Breckenridge, giving us a clear conception of our possessions, as taken from God's teachings. God is the possessor of all our possessions, the World and the fullness therein belongs to God, and we are only Stewards of the things intrusted in our possessions to be used for the glory of God, to give as he has prospered us not only the tithe, our tenth, which is just the maximum, but give willingly, for its more blessed to give than receive, sayeth the Lord.

As our business a report was given from the different churches in the Association on our "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," not complete but we hope to meet our goal.

Meeting closed with a talk from Rev. Raymond Torres of the Southwestern Seminary, who is a Mexican Missionary. It was a very inspiring talk on how he was brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Dismissed with prayer.—Mrs. K. C. Edmonds, Publicity Chairman.

HAWLEY COUPLE WED

Mr. Willie Land and Miss Lula Wood were married Saturday evening at 6:30, at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of their immediate loved ones and a few close friends with their pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, officiating. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hollis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Land of Hawley. He is a member of the Baptist church, and appreciated by those who know him. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood of Hawley. She also is a member of the Baptist church, an active worker in the church; and a volunteer for special service. She is much loved by her many friends.

Their many friends wish for them a life of happiness and sunshine, with the Master's blessings upon their every undertaking.

"There has not been in twenty-five years," writes Dr. McCall, "a time when the general public in Cuba seemed so hungry for the Gospel as now. In the midst of their distress they are turning to our missionaries for comfort and guidance.

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EXPLORER

Lieut. Charles E. Lofgren, who went with Commander Byrd on his first trip to the Antarctic, will tell of life and experiences at the South Pole, in a lecture at the auditorium next Wednesday morning.

Woman's Forum To Exhibit Student Art

Four Schools Represented; Carpenter Is Exhibit Chairman

A city-wide exhibit of student art production is to be sponsored by the Art Unit of the Woman's Forum the latter part of February.

The exhibit is to be given in the city hall, with the two colleges, McMurry and Abilene Christian, Hardin-Simmons university, and the Abilene public schools represented. All work will be selected on a competitive basis, and only the best work from each department will be presented for exhibition.

The departments from which selections will be made are costume design, interior decoration, advertising and commercial art, public school art, charcoal and pencil drawing, and paintings in various mediums of oil, water-color, and pastels.

Hardin-Simmons art students are now working on problems for exhibit. Each school will superintend its individual booth in the building, and each will draw for the place to be occupied.

Miss A. M. Carpenter, head of the art department in Hardin-Simmons, is exhibit chairman for the Art Unit.

Dr. O. O. Watts, professor of chemistry in Hardin-Simmons university, gave an illustrated lecture on "Visual Education" as the chief address at the "Father's Night" program of the Parent-Teachers association at College Heights auditorium Monday night. He was introduced by Mrs. M. M. Ballard.

The Junior class is still breaking traditions. This class, in continuing their habit of doing things opposite to the usual way, which started when the group entered Hardin-Simmons, has decided to hold the Junior-Senior banquet on January 14, 1935.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience the Vienna Choir Boys, most colorful organization of its kind, presented a musical program of classical and semi-classical numbers to its Abilene audience Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Hardin-Simmons auditorium.

The Panhandle club of Hardin-Simmons university was entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Wiggins on University Boulevard Monday evening. Following games of 42, guests were served with sandwitches, hot chocolate and cakes.

A Christmas tree, celebrating the Yuletide season, will be held for students, faculty, and Round Table members Tuesday, December 19, at 8:00 P. M. in the auditorium.

The Hardin-Simmons University Art League banquet, planned for December 14, has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Tuberculosis causes most deaths between 15 and 45, the best years in life.

East Texas Tour Planned For Band

Week Trip Will Take Group Into Number of Towns Of Oil Field

Thirty or more band men will make a trip into East Texas on a week's concert tour either in January or February, according to G. B. Sandefer, manager of the Cowboy band.

As yet the definite towns in which concerts will be presented have not been determined, but tentative dates have been arranged in Corsicana, Mexia, Marlin, Palestine, Longview, Overton, Gilmer, Mineola, Arp, Kilgore, Gladewater, and several other towns in the adjoining oil field.

The trip will be made by bus, and three or four shows will be given daily.

A trip has also been planned for the Panhandle during the next semester. Other major trips are being planned by the manager of the organization in the next semester.

The Cowboy band will give a program next Thursday morning in the Hardin-Simmons auditorium at the chapel period.

W. H. Stephenson Dies in McCaulley

Father of Government Prof Passes Away After Brief Illness

Funeral rites for W. H. Stephenson, 61, father of Prof. W. A. Stephenson, head of the department of government in Hardin-Simmons university, were held Sunday afternoon in the first Baptist church of McCaulley. He died Saturday following a brief illness.

Services were conducted by Rev. John P. Hardesty, pastor, and the Masonic lodge had charge of burial at the McCaulley cemetery. Hundreds of people, many of them from neighboring towns and communities, gathered for the rites, and scores of them were unable to get inside the church where last respects were being paid to the pioneer community leader. An unusually large floral tribute banked the casket.

Preaching the funeral sermon, Rev. Hardesty based his talk on the scripture, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." He characterized the late Mr. Stephenson as a prince and a great man in natural endowment, as a citizen, as a father and husband, and as a church member. Rev. C. E. Dick of Abilene, former pastor of the deceased, gave a eulogy on the life and character of Mr. Stephenson. A special song requested, was sung by George Reynolds.

Baker Instructs B. S. U. In Annual Study Course

Under the leadership of Dr. O. E. Baker, a teacher of the Economics Department of Hardin-Simmons University, the B. S. U. is taking as their annual study course book, "B. S. U. Methods." This book is being studied that the Baptist Student Union of this school may reach "First Magnitude," which is the highest award that can be attained by a B. S. U. In 1933 only twenty-three colleges of the South reached this "First Magnitude."

The B. S. U. plans to give an extension program soon at the Baptist Church near Ballinger of which Fred Cole is the pastor. After Christmas another extension program will be presented at Hawley.

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer Returns To Abilene

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer returned Tuesday from a two-month visit to points in Tennessee and Georgia. Making her longest stay in Nashville, Mrs. Sandefer was a guest in the home of a brother, C. C. Gilbert, and in Columbia she visited with two brothers.

From Tennessee, Mrs. Sandefer went to Atlanta, Ga., where she joined Dr. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons university, and attended the convention of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools. From Atlanta, Dr. Sandefer went to New York on a business trip. While there he will be a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Walker.

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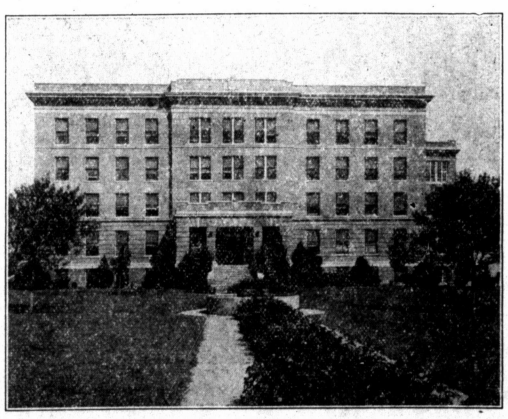

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Mrs. C. P. Cowart of Ranger brought us many good thoughts on Stewardship of Time, stating God is the Creator of time and we are stewards of His time. We must surrender ourselves to complete consecration. Like Paul, crucify ourselves to Stewardship. It is now time for us to be about our Master's business, for the time cometh when we can't be stewards.

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God has given us talents and expects us to use them, multiply them, do thy Master's will, and we will be good stewards. And when our life's work is ended on earth we will hear these words: "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord."

"Stewardship of Possessions," was brought by Mrs. W. Y. Pond of Breckenridge, giving us a clear conception of our possessions, as taken from God's teachings. God is the possessor of all our possessions, the World and the fullness therein belongs to God, and we are only Stewards of the things intrusted in our possessions to be used for the glory of God, to give as he has prospered us not only the tithe, our tenth, which is just the maximum, but give willingly, for its more blessed to give than receive, sayeth the Lord.

As our business a report was given from the different churches in the Association on our "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," not complete but we hope to meet our goal.

Meeting closed with a talk from Rev. Raymond Torres of the Southwestern Seminary, who is a Mexican Missionary. It was a very inspiring talk on how he was brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Dismissed with prayer.—Mrs. K. C. Edmonds, Publicity Chairman.

HAWLEY COUPLE WED

Mr. Willie Land and Miss Lula Wood were married Saturday evening at 6:30, at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of their immediate loved ones and a few close friends with their pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, officiating. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hollis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Land of Hawley. He is a member of the Baptist church, and appreciated by those who know him. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood of Hawley. She also is a member of the Baptist church, an active worker in the church; and a volunteer for special service. She is much loved by her many friends.

Their many friends wish for them a life of happiness and sunshine, with the Master's blessings upon their every undertaking.

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EXPLORER

Lieut. Charles E. Lofgren, who went with Commander Byrd on his first trip to the Antarctic, will tell of life and experiences at the South Pole, in a lecture at the auditorium next Wednesday morning.

Woman's Forum To Exhibit Student Art

Four Schools Represented; Carpenter Is Exhibit Chairman

A city-wide exhibit of student art production is to be sponsored by the Art Unit of the Woman's Forum the latter part of February.

The exhibit is to be given in the city hall, with the two colleges, McMurry and Abilene Christian, Hardin-Simmons university, and the Abilene public schools represented. All work will be selected on a competitive basis, and only the best work from each department will be presented for exhibition.

The departments from which selections will be made are costume design, interior decoration, advertising and commercial art, public school art, charcoal and pencil drawing, and paintings in various mediums of oil, water-color, and pastels.

Hardin-Simmons art students are now working on problems for exhibit. Each school will superintend its individual booth in the building, and each will draw for the place to be occupied.

Miss A. M. Carpenter, head of the art department in Hardin-Simmons, is exhibit chairman for the Art Unit.

Dr. O. O. Watts, professor of chemistry in Hardin-Simmons university, gave an illustrated lecture on "Visual Education" as the chief address at the "Father's Night" program of the Parent-Teachers association at College Heights auditorium Monday night. He was introduced by Mrs. M. M. Ballard.

The Junior class is still breaking traditions. This class, in continuing their habit of doing things opposite to the usual way, which started when the group entered Hardin-Simmons, has decided to hold the Junior-Senior banquet on January 14, 1935.

Before a large and enthusiastic audience the Vienna Choir Boys, most colorful organization of its kind, presented a musical program of classical and semi-classical numbers to its Abilene audience Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Hardin-Simmons auditorium.

The Panhandle club of Hardin-Simmons university was entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Wiggins on University Boulevard Monday evening. Following games of 42, guests were served with sandwitches, hot chocolate and cakes.

A Christmas tree, celebrating the Yuletide season, will be held for students, faculty, and Round Table members Tuesday, December 19, at 8:00 P. M. in the auditorium.

The Hardin-Simmons University Art League banquet, planned for December 14, has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Tuberculosis causes most deaths between 15 and 45, the best years in life.

East Texas Tour Planned For Band

Week Trip Will Take Group Into Number of Towns Of Oil Field

Thirty or more band men will make a trip into East Texas on a week's concert tour either in January or February, according to G. B. Sandefer, manager of the Cowboy band.

As yet the definite towns in which concerts will be presented have not been determined, but tentative dates have been arranged in Corsicana, Mexia, Marlin, Palestine, Longview, Overton, Gilmer, Mineola, Arp, Kilgore, Gladewater, and several other towns in the adjoining oil field.

The trip will be made by bus, and three or four shows will be given daily.

A trip has also been planned for the Panhandle during the next semester. Other major trips are being planned by the manager of the organization in the next semester.

The Cowboy band will give a program next Thursday morning in the Hardin-Simmons auditorium at the chapel period.

W. H. Stephenson Dies in McCaulley

Father of Government Prof Passes Away After Brief Illness

Funeral rites for W. H. Stephenson, 61, father of Prof. W. A. Stephenson, head of the department of government in Hardin-Simmons university, were held Sunday afternoon in the first Baptist church of McCaulley. He died Saturday following a brief illness.

Services were conducted by Rev. John P. Hardesty, pastor, and the Masonic lodge had charge of burial at the McCaulley cemetery. Hundreds of people, many of them from neighboring towns and communities, gathered for the rites, and scores of them were unable to get inside the church where last respects were being paid to the pioneer community leader. An unusually large floral tribute banked the casket.

Preaching the funeral sermon, Rev. Hardesty based his talk on the scripture, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel." He characterized the late Mr. Stephenson as a prince and a great man in natural endowment, as a citizen, as a father and husband, and as a church member. Rev. C. E. Dick of Abilene, former pastor of the deceased, gave a eulogy on the life and character of Mr. Stephenson. A special song requested, was sung by George Reynolds.

Baker Instructs B. S. U. In Annual Study Course

Under the leadership of Dr. O. E. Baker, a teacher of the Economics Department of Hardin-Simmons University, the B. S. U. is taking as their annual study course book, "B. S. U. Methods." This book is being studied that the Baptist Student Union of this school may reach "First Magnitude," which is the highest award that can be attained by a B. S. U. In 1933 only twenty-three colleges of the South reached this "First Magnitude."

The B. S. U. plans to give an extension program soon at the Baptist Church near Ballinger of which Fred Cole is the pastor. After Christmas another extension program will be presented at Hawley.

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer Returns To Abilene

Mrs. J. D. Sandefer returned Tuesday from a two-month visit to points in Tennessee and Georgia. Making her longest stay in Nashville, Mrs. Sandefer was a guest in the home of a brother, C. C. Gilbert, and in Columbia she visited with two brothers.

From Tennessee, Mrs. Sandefer went to Atlanta, Ga., where she joined Dr. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons university, and attended the convention of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary schools. From Atlanta, Dr. Sandefer went to New York on a business trip. While there he will be a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Stanley Walker.

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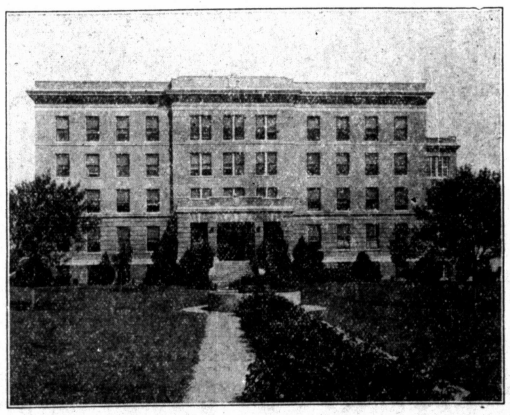

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E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

Rev. S. J. T. Williams

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Brown, James P. Stenson, George S. Anderson, and C. R. Pennington. Honorary pallbearers named were: Dr. W. R. Snow, Tom K. Eplen, I. A. Griffith, R. D. Jordan, Homer Rice, G. Moore, A. John, J. W. Shelton, Geo. L. Paxton, Sr., Percy Mayfield, M. Shaw, Dr. E. R. Middleton, Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Dr. R. N. Richardson, Dr. N. A. Moore, Dr. D. M. Wiggins, Joe Smith, W. N. Wofford, all of Abilene; R. C. Terry and G. M. Sewell, Talpa; Olive Higgins and A. Robertson, Salt Branch; Jeff Wall, Cooksville, Tenn.; Dr. W. B. Hobbs, Hollywood, Calif.; and Dr. T. V. Neal, Birmingham, Ala.

Surviving Rev. Williams are his widow, the former Emma B. Clingston, native Pennsylvanian with whom he became acquainted while pursuing religious study at the Baptist Seminary in Nyach, N. Y.; a son, Finlon Williams, law student in the University of Texas, and a daughter, Madelon Williams, teacher in the Salt Branch school.

Other survivors include his mother, Mrs. C. F. Jennings, four brothers, and three sisters at Berea, Ky. None of whom were here for the rites.

Brother Williams was born at Berea, Ky., January 15, 1877. He began his active christian work at the age of 27, at which time he was residing in California. He went to Nyach, N. Y., where he attended the Seminary for two years. At this time he met Miss Emma B. Clingston, to whom he was married in Los Angeles, Cal., on April 21, 1909. The couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last April, at which time they were at home to a large number of friends from over this section of Texas.

For a number of years Brother Williams gave his life to city mission rescue work, first in Los Angeles and later on in San Francisco. He then moved to Fort Worth where he attended the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and during this time did city mission work in Fort Worth. He was later associated with Dr. L. R. Scarborough in evangelistic work.

For a number of years Brother Williams was associated with the Hogg evangelistic party, and later with the Hamm evangelistic party. During these years he traveled over large sections of the United States in these soul winning campaigns.

After retiring from the active work of an evangelist Rev. Williams moved to Abilene to educate his children in Hardin-Simmons University. He served as pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in this city for about two years, and since that time has served rural churches near Abilene and has done evangelistic work at the same time. He had only recently resigned as pastor of the church at Talpa, and at the time of his death was pastor of the church at Salt Branch, near Merkel. During the world war, he was with the Army Camp Post at Ft. Worth where he was pastor to a large number of soldier boys. Later he went to Houston where he worked with Dr. J. B. Leavell as associate pastor of the First Baptist Church. He later went to El Paso and served the First Baptist Church of that city in the capacity of associate pastor. He came from El Paso to Abilene in 1926 and has resided here since.

S. J. T. Williams, during his ministry of about thirty years, served the cause of Christ well. He loved his Master; he loved lost men; he loved his friends, and he made hosts of friends wherever he lived. His going is not only a loss to the family and loved ones, but it is a distinct loss to the cause of Christ in Texas and the South, where he spent his life in earnest labor.

HOLD THOU MY HAND

By F. E. Calvert

Hold thou my hand, O Lord,
When light of sun and moon and stars
No longer touch my blinded eyes;
When forms of those I love
And all fair things upon the earth
Are shut from view—
Yea, hold fast my hand.

Hold thou my hand, O Lord,
When sound of babbling brooks, and singing birds,
And rippling rills, and drone of bees,
And call of whippoorwill, and lowing herds,
And children's happy laugh,
And voice of those I love
No longer strike my deafened ear—
Yea, hold fast my hand.

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The very God from Heaven.

The Wise Men came with gifts for Him,
Whose pillow was the hay,
From the far-away East to Bethlehem—
How their hearts rejoiced that day!

And since that day, from East and West,
And from the South and North
All noble men have given their best
To Him of highest worth.

But the best we have—our treasures all—
On the Service-alter here to lift:
Our work, our love are far too small
For God's first Christmas Gift.
—G. C. Whitley, Hawesville, Ky.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MOODY INSTITUTE

The recently installed president of the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, Rev. Will H. Houghton, D. D., has issued a call to the alumni and former students of the Institute in all parts of the world, and to the friends and defenders of the evangelical faith everywhere, to set aside January 18, 1935, as a day of prayer that God may richly equip the Institute to meet its increasing responsibilities in these difficult but significant times; that it may be kept true to its historical doctrinal standards; that its work in the field through the Extension Department may be able to render a widening service; that the Founder's Week Conference, February 5 to 8, 1935, may witness old-time power and blessing; that the great D. L. Moody Centenary and Institute Jubilee, a two-year observance, in 1936 and 1937, may quicken the spirit and exercise of an evangelistic ministry throughout the world; that the alumni everywhere may know a new touch of the Spirit of God upon their lives; that the president emeritus, Dr. James M. Gray, may be given strength to reduce still more of his rich fund of Bible knowledge to writing, that it may be preserved for the Church; and that the president may himself, in complete dependence on a living Lord, be in the Institute family merely as one who serves. Much private prayer is urged, and group services are called for wherever possible.

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