

ESSAYS



December 31, 1940.

Need does not engender greed.

By John M. Riddell

We wish for them many more years like this.

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing round-rimmed glasses, a white shirt, a dark tie, and a dark suit jacket. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

Faculty and administration members, headed by President White, have all pledged toward the erection of the building, \$14,000 being subscribed in two days. Other gifts are coming in and the campaign committee plans to give every ex-student and friend of the university an opportunity to share in this worthy undertaking. Although some have indicated that they expect to make substantial contributions, the committee thinks that small gifts from those who are unable to do more will be necessary to complete the memorial structure.

CANYON WILL GIVE WEEK TO SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Sunday will be Training Union day with Dr. T. C. Gardner speaker in the evening. Monday, Judge E. S. Cummings will be speaker at a Brotherhood banquet. A special speaker is being arranged for Woman's day, Tuesday. Dr. G. S. Hopkins will be principal speaker for Sunday School day on Wednesday. Dr. O. E. Hereford, Lubbock, will address the students Thursday. Dr. C. Gordon Bayless of Pampa will bring an evangelistic message on Friday. Missionary J. Lowell Ponder will be guest speaker for denominational day, Saturday.

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light-colored hair, wearing glasses, a white shirt, a patterned tie, and a dark suit jacket. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus.

Secretary R. C. Campbell has said that the recent establishment of the State Brotherhood convention is the greatest step of Baptists in two generations. Many others of the prominent leaders of the state have expressed a similar sentiment and have gone to the trouble to write the new state president, pledging their support.

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NINE S. S. BOARD WORKERS HELP IN TU EMPHASIS WEEK

The representatives from the Baptist Sunday School Board who will work in Texas during the week are as follows: J. E. Lambdin, Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Miss Helen Gardner, Chester L. Quarles, Miss Elaine Coleman, Clay I. Hudson, Miss Marie Estes, W. A. Harrell, Miss Thelma Arnote.

EVENTS TO COME

May 14-18—Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.

Masculinity in Religion

By Buren Sparks

As go the men, so travel the boys. We are slowly learning that a growing Adult Department in a Sunday School means a growth in every department from Cradle Roll to Home Department and a well attended Adult Union perks up the spirit and attendance in the Training Union of the average church.

THE VALUE OF TRAINING UNION EMPHASIS WEEK

By T. L. Holcomb

BIBLE SCHOOL AT DENTON

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VALLEY CHURCH**

VALLEY CHURCH
Denton Valley Church, Callahan Association, will begin Bible School Monday night, January 6. The Book of Romans will be the text, Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird Church the teacher of the school. Services will be held five nights a week, Monday through Friday night, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Everyone invited to attend any and all these special Bible study services. All you need to bring is your Bible, note book and pencil. Rev. H. W. Martin is the pastor of this good church.

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A NEW PAGE

The ancients, you remember, had a god, Janus, who looked both forward and backward. And so it happens that our first month is named January. This indicates that the habit of looking over the past and forecasting the future at the beginning of the year must be deeply imbedded in racial customs.

It is rooted, too, in the wisdom of the race. Only the shallow will sneer at the habit of taking stock at the year's end, appraising shortcomings, evaluating successes, comparing the year past with other years and with the possibilities which were ours. Successful business men attach great value to such inventories and surveys.

Only the insane will scoff at the making of resolutions at New Year's. What are resolutions but plans and goals for a better year to come? And what business will expect to prosper if much thought is not given to plans for better business in the future?

So, if we have not already done so, let's check back over 1940 in our personal, business, and church life, seeing where we have fallen short and profiting by the mistakes which we have made, before we turn over to the new and unwritten page.

He who has put his hand to the plow should not look back—until he gets to the end of the row. Then, if he wants the next furrow to be a straighter one, he should see where and why he made the crooked places so that they will not be made again.

Then, as Paul reminded the church at Philippi, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before... press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Christ Jesus."

BAPTIST MANPOWER

If, as Dr. Campbell believes, Texas Baptists took the most constructive step in two generations in organizing the State Brotherhood Convention, we shall see much significant Baptist history in the months ahead.

Many virile men, as the vivid pen of Buren Sparks portrays in another column, have had the opinion that the church was a place for sleepy sermons and rather ineffective activities of women and children. A live Brotherhood organization is a good place for a man to learn differently.

There he may learn, first, that the life and example of Jesus Christ will challenge any man to heroic living. Then, that the work of the kingdom of God calls for the strongest of masculine qualities no less than for the tenderest of the feminine.

The program of the Brotherhood of Texas to education men as to their opportunities for service in the home church, in the state and around the world should lay a foundation for constructive action by men of vision and courage.

The vast influx of armed youth into Texas and other Southern States should present an irresistible challenge to Baptist manhood to make the communities in which these young men are to live and train for a year a place such as they would be willing for their sons and brothers to stay and make it the soldierly thing for them to do to accept Christ and to live after His example. This is a job of noissy proportions.

It is encouraging to see so many pastors getting behind the Brotherhood movement, realizing that it is not just another meeting to take up time, but an enlistment of the men who will get behind the pastor in any worthwhile program for the Lord.

"POISON"

"There is no reason why alcohol should not be labeled a poison in the same way that arsenic, carbolic acid and other poisons are labeled," so, press dispatches quote, leading psychiatrists declared following a recent symposium on alcohol conducted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Alcoholism is a thousand times a greater problem, they asserted, than any other narcotic drug. These statements, it must be borne in mind, are not the rantings of uninformed stump speakers but the measured conclusions of scientific leaders whose life-work is dealing with abnormal mentalities.

The more that the American public is led to think of alcoholic preparations as the poison narcotics which they are, the less will gullible people swallow the propaganda that they are nourishing foods or innocent and delightful beverages. This is a matter of education which will not only take time but will call for definite efforts approaching the proportions of a crusade.

If you will recall, prohibition was repealed by a persistent educational campaign which harped largely upon two strings. One reiterated the hopelessness of enforcing prohibition measures and the crime bred by law evasion. The other stressed the social attractiveness of liquor and the harmless vivacity to be derived from indulging in certain drinks.

As we observe the vast human and economic wreckage, on the highways and elsewhere, wrought daily by alcoholic narcotics, it becomes more and more evident that the time is ripe for such a crusade and that it will be worth all it costs in time and money.

Recent news dispatches from France contrast the alert, determined, sober soldiery being organized in beaten France with the careless, sloppy, debauched troops who let the German blitzkreig run over them.

Putting poison warnings on every bottle of whiskey, gin, wine, beer, or other preparation of high alcoholic content would have no doubt a psychological effect, but it would be only one step in a large program of needed education.

News Notes

There were 147 additions to the Rosen Heights Church, Fort Worth, in the recent revival conducted by Evangelist Hyman Appelman. Pastor Jesse Garrett baptized 96.

J. D. Riddle, Texas Training Union convention president, was speaker at meeting of the Lubbock association Training Union at Calvary Church on Friday evening, December 27.

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Koon, evacuated from the mission station at Harbin, Manchuria, write that they expect to be stationed for a time in the Hawaiian Islands.

Immanuel Church, San Angelo, is undertaking to erect a new building unit which will house several class rooms and will be used for meetings of the Boy Scouts and Royal Ambassadors.

The West Texas Baptist acknowledges with appreciation an attractive calendar from Missionary and Mrs. W. C. Garrett of Roswell.

After ten years with the First Baptist Church of South San Antonio, Pastor R. G. Baucum has resigned to accept the call of the Wimsboro Church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Pedro Hernandez, some 18 members of the Abilene Mexican mission presented a Christmas drama in English, "Those That Roam in Darkness." It was given at Stamford December 23 and at Abilene on December 25.

Oplin Church dedicated their Sunday School rooms in a service December 29.

There have been 257 additions to First Church, Clovis, since the coming of Pastor J. T. Barbee in the summer of 1939. Of these, 132 have come for baptism.

Pastor Dick O'Brien of Stamford celebrated Christmas with the flu.

Pastor Clarence A. Morton of Balinger is still unable to carry on his work. Dr. Edward B. Jenkins of Abilene supplied for him on December 22.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins preached at University Church, Abilene, December 29.

Klondike Church in Lamesa Association, where Rev. Ernest Phillips is pastor, has just completed a new education building.

Rev. Wilson Fielder and family, who have just returned from China, are visiting with his brother, Deacon R. M. Fielder, Abilene. Rev. Fielder was principal speaker at the watch-night party of First Church, Abilene.

Missionary W. C. Harrison supplied for Pastor S. C. Shipley at Key, Lamesa Association, on December 29.

Rockdale Church in Haskell Association has called Rev. Abe Hester of H-SU. He is now at work on that field.

Rev. J. B. Bradford supplied for Pastor Finis A. Williams at Moran on December 29.

The Abilene Mexican Mission contributed \$2.83 toward the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Singer M. A. Hudler, former music director of the West Austin Church, is now giving full time to evangelistic work. He has some open dates for revivals or enlargement and enlistment campaigns. His home is 2808 Canterbury, Austin.

M. B. Teaff, father of Pastor A. L. Teaff of Hedley, passed away December 17 at his home near Tye. He was a pioneer of Taylor County and noted as an upright citizen.

Rev. Abe Hester supplied at Elm-dale on December 29.

Rev. J. Wm. Arnett of Seminary Hill was guest preacher at Stanton on December 22.

Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor at Cliff Temple, Dallas, conducted the student revival at Oklahoma Baptist University before the holidays.

Lynn Landrum, Dallas newspaper man, will be the principal speaker for men of the Concho Valley Association in a banquet and First Church, San Angelo, Friday, January 3. State President E. S. Cummings is also scheduled to be present.

JAPANESE TAKE CONTROL OF KOREAN METHODISM

By Archibald M. McMillan,
Managing Editor, The Commission

The Japanese government seems to have begun to extend its control over Christian work in Korea, according to the January issue of The Commission, Southern Baptists' foreign mission journal, which reached its subscribers this week.

Published in The Commission are excerpts from a "Renovation Manifesto" issued October 2 by the Chosen Methodist Church, one copy of which was smuggled out of Korea and brought into the United States.

The manifesto condemns democracy, freedom, and Judaism, extols Shrine worship, urges that Christianity be merged with pagan Oriental philosophy and prescribes military training in the theological and other schools.

Observers fear that the totalitarian Japanese government, having enforced church union in Japan on October 17, effective March 31, 1941, and begun to get Protestantism in Korea under its thumb, will move next to stamp out free Christianity in sections of China it occupies.

The full text of the document follows:

Chosen Methodist Church (Kwanri Kyokwai)

Renovation Manifesto Issued October 2, 1940, by Church Commission: A. Thought Guidance.

1. We shall see that the principle of Chosen's corporate part in the construction of the New East Asia is thoroughly understood.

2. We shall see that it is thoroughly understood that the universalism of Jesus is to find its expression in the principle of the "Eight Pillars One Household."

3. We shall see that it is thoroughly understood that Jesus' teaching of sacrifice is one with the spirit of loyalty to ruler and love of country.

4. We shall prohibit democracy, which is in opposition to the national structure of our Empire.

5. We shall firmly resist individualism, which becomes selfishness.

6. We shall firmly resist the principle of freedom, as it runs into efficiency and indulgence.

7. We shall root out all evil, lawless communistic thought.

B. Organizational Control.

1. We shall have all foreigners in churches and church organization withdraw from every place of leadership or representation.

2. We shall arrange for the complete financial independence of every organ relating the church to the evangelistic work both of men and women.

3. We shall dissolve the missionary department of the Joint Central Conference, the organ of cooperation. (But the Mission's committee of five for conference—with the Bishop as one member—shall be retained).

4. We shall reconstruct the Theological school.

5. We shall unite our Chosen Methodist Church with the Japanese Methodist Church.

6. For the carrying out of the above plans the Bishop shall name the members of an executive committee.

C. Renovation in Education.

1. National Teaching: Through all our education, primary, middle, higher and theological, we shall inculcate the Japanese spirit.

2. Military Training: (a) We shall inculcate military training in the theological school. (b) In all middle and higher schools we shall place added emphasis on military training.

3. Theological Education: We shall see to it that in our theological education the Gospel (teachings and example of Jesus) shall be separated from the false doctrines traceable to its course of Jewish history and Western culture, and a Japanese gospel clarified on the basis of Oriental sacred writings and philosophy.

D. Social Education.

1. Propagation of the Imperial Way. (a) Encouragement of shrine attendance. (b) Publishing a church paper. (c) Publishing and distributing literature. (d) Lectures. Discussion meetings, Bible classes, special evangelism, individual evangelism.

2. Anti-Communism and National Defense. Activities through the National Christian Council, national Spiritual Mobilization Organization. By the activities of the patriotic units in the local church through all of the above methods, we shall bring all our members to a full sense of their duties as subjects of the Empire.

E. Aid in Military Affairs.

1. We shall see that large numbers of our members volunteer for military service.

2. We shall bring our members to a full understanding of their duties in relation to conscription.

3. Through our membership we shall vigorously control all espionage information.

Sunday School Lesson

January 5, 1941

By HIGHT C MOORE

JESUS AND HUMAN AFFLICTION

Luke 13

It was probably at Jerusalem in December, A. D., 29, that Jesus on the basis of two striking providences sounded the call to repentance, uttered the parable of the barren fig tree picturing the fate of the fruitless, wrought a sabbath cure evoking criticism which he promptly suppressed, and added two parables of kingdom progress (mustard seed and leaven). Several weeks later somewhere in Perea he answered the question as to whether few would be saved and voiced the lament over Jerusalem where he was soon to die.

1. WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT VIOLENT DEATH? Two instances:

The Galileans Slain at Worship. Here was affliction due to an act of man. It must have been recent. It was a civil and moral shock to the country. Some Galileans were actually at worship in Jerusalem when massacred by order of Pilate then (or because of this) at odds with Herod Tetrarch of Galilee. Why? Not because of what they had done (though perhaps legally culpable) nor because they were the worst of the Galileans. But learn: The impenitent must suffer for unforsaken and unforgiven sin. Therefore repent and escape the awful penalty rather than try to trace every misfortune to some special sin.

The Workmen Killed by Accident. Here was affliction considered an act of God. While being built or repaired, the tower of Siloam collapsed and killed several workmen on duty. Did they deserve the disaster? Some said so; some said not. What did Jesus say? They were not necessarily worse offenders than other residents of Jerusalem. The instruction from their calamity was to repent and so escape a fate similar and infinitely worse.

2. WHAT DID JESUS DO FOR INCURABLE DISEASE? Notice:

The Teaching Christ, in keeping with his custom from infancy, was in the synagogue, the appointed place of prayer, of Bible reading and study, of fellowship, and of opportunity for service. Recognized as a rabbi who spoke with authority and not as a scribe, he took the lead in the expository service, probably closing with the parable of the fig tree. It was the sabbath day which the ecclesiastics guarded with more sanctimony and slavery than sincerity and sense. But Jesus wrought in spite of their sensiveness and cynicism.

The Healing Christ had in his audience a woman whose affliction was akin to demonic possession, though seemingly muscular only. She had been for eighteen years bent double with a spirit of infirmity, which is directly attributed to Satan. Her body and limbs were so bowed together that she could not lift herself up, but evidently could crawl and be carried from place to place. The sabbath found her in the sanctuary. Jesus saw her; of course he did. And he called her in tones of compassion and command, catching her attention and kindling her faith. Then laying both his hands on her, as often he did for the sick and defective, Jesus unchained the bent and crooked form, giving the suppleness and strength sufficient for her to stand up straight before everybody. Instantly and exultantly she magnified the might and mercy of the Master.

The Censured Christ received the angry protest of the superintendent of the synagogue and director of the sabbath services. He intimated that the synagogue was not a doctor's office and the sabbath was no time for the practice of medicine. He demanded that patient and practitioner observe the law of work on week days only. He would not object to the healing, nor altogether to the use of the synagogue for that purpose, nor openly to the Great Healer, but to what he regarded as sabbath desecration. However, he but thinly disguised his jealousy of Jesus.

The Defending Christ answered the wrathful ruler from the very Scriptures which he had misinterpreted. The statement of the case was sufficient. As everybody knew, the law of sabbath rest not only permits but provides for the work necessary to feed and water a thirsty animal. Would not the same law permit the Great Healer to release a racial and spiritual daughter of Abraham from the shackles of Satan which had enslaved her for eighteen years? Only the blackest and blindest hypocrisy could say: "Water the ox, and leave the woman bound!"

The Glorified Christ did more than

silence and shame his critics. And he did more than send the crowd home, praising him for the cure of their afflicted neighbor; he set free a fettered sabbath and showed us how to use it for his glory.

With Christ in the School of Affliction

Affliction Reported. Misfortunes are many and they multiply. They affect everybody and everybody knows about them and comments on them. The Galileans reported two calamities at Jerusalem. At length they consulted Jesus. Then light came!

Affliction Misunderstood. Was the slaughter of the Galileans due directly to their sin? Was their blood mingled with the blood of their sacrifices because they were sinners above all the Galileans? By no means. Nor were the tower victims offenders above all that dwelt in Jerusalem. How easy to misunderstand misfortune!

Affliction Interpreted. See Jesus brush away the cobwebs of erroneous views about human affliction. With what clarity he unveils the duty that challenges at the moment when calamity stuns and horrifies. When he interprets affliction we better understand God.

Affliction Incapacitating. Pitiable was the poor woman infirm for eighteen years, bowed together, helpless and dependent. She was a great sufferer. But she must have borne her sufferings with fortitude and faith.

Affliction Realized. Bodily ills may chasten the spirit. Pain may polish and purify and perfect the heart and soul. The infirm woman did not crouch and cry in her cottage. See her in the synagogue on the sabbath listening and learning, yearning Godward and ready for the blessing that came!

Affliction Relieved. Into the house of instruction and worship came Jesus. And he came to work as well as worship. Whoever else he saw, he saw the infirm woman; and whatever else he did, he relieved her of her sufferings. He made her straight and strong. He made her well and whole. How she glorified God!

Affliction Overruled. When bad news sensitizes to the Good News; when reported deaths enforce life duty; when yearning infirmity is blest with complete cure; when critics are stilled by the Great Physician; then affliction is overruled not alone for the glory of God but also for the good of man.

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

We have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities.—Hebrews 4:15.

Our infirmities abound. They clog our powers. They hinder our progress. They dwarf and make defective. They incapacitate and disqualify. Yet they are ours and we must reckon with them.

Our Interpreter is at hand. He knows what our infirmities are and what they mean to us. He can help us understand them. He can enable us to be disciplined and developed by them. He can so overrule them that with Paul we may actually glory in our infirmities because we thus glorify God.

Our Intercessor is near. He is our divine High Priest. He has access to the Father. He is in charge of the Mercy Seat. He sympathizes with us in our afflictions. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. And "he ever liveth to make intercession" for us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jan. 6—Significance of a Sabbath Cure. Luke 14:1-6.

Jan. 7—Ambition at a Feast. Luke 14:7-11.

Jan. 8—Hospitality Without Recompense. Luke 14:12-14.

Jan. 9—Appraising Life Correctly. Matthew 6:24-30.

Jan. 10—The Higher Values. Jeremiah 9:23-24.

Jan. 11—Vanity of Vanities. Ecclesiastes 2:1-11.

Jan. 12—What Is Man? Psalm 8.

We are not doing nearly all that should be done in our Home Mission work. Last year sixty-four distinctly new fields made their appeal to the Board that we were unable to enter because of lack of funds. — J. R. Lawrence.

The first work of the Home Mission Board among the Chinese was begun in 1923 in San Antonio under the direction of Miss Ollie Lewellyn, who still remains on that field after seventeen years.

The circulation of Southern Baptist Home Missions is over 45,000.

MASCULINITY IN RELIGION

(Continued from page 1)

my friend, Joe Evans, I was privileged to attend one of those meetings. Joe requested that I sit quietly and behave myself.

What a sight it was. At least 150 sat squatted in cowboy fashion in the shade of the giant oak. Some of them were men in boots, beards and mustaches. They were the ranchmen and riders of the purple slopes. Others were well dressed ranchmen of the modern mold. In the circle also could be seen bankers, college presidents, an ex-governor and two prominent congressmen. In the center on a raw-hide bottomed chair, sat the presiding officer, Captain James B. Gillett, of Texas Ranger fame. The man who had with his Ranger company driven the Apache Indians from the Big Bend area and who later served as city marshal of El Paso during its hectic and bellicose days of border lawlessness.

Under his direction the men squatted in the circle arose one by one and testified to the saving grace of the Master. Many of them called the names of the men who had led them to Christ. Among the names called were such as Uncle John Means, Uncle George Evans, Uncle Bill Kingston, Captain J. B. Gillett, Crawford Mitchell, Brother Millican, R. W. Smith, Bennett and Willis McCutcheon, Brother Bloys, Mr. Koker, Mr. Merrill, Joe Evans, Sam Means, Dr. Truett and many others too numerous to mention. Each man mentioned packed a potent influence in that section of the great cow country. Is it any wonder that most of the young men of that section are Christians?

Some of us can never forget the former days of the annual sessions of the Baptist General Convention. On the platform sat the gray-headed giants, such as Dr. B. H. Carroll, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, Dr. R. C. Buckner, Dr. J. M. Carroll, Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Col. C. C. Slaughter, Judge Jenkins. Then there were the younger giants who had already made their debut into Baptist state affairs, such as George McDaniell, George W. Truett, L. R. Scarborough, Ike Gates, Pat Neff, Jeff Ray, J. B. Tidwell and F. M. McConnell and many others who were equally as great. In recent years too many times we see only the president and song leader occupying the platform at our state conventions.

In one of our recent annual sessions, it was common talk among the messengers, that the good women of the W. M. U. put on a better program than did the men in the convention proper. Personally I would like to see more of the he-man stuff put into our annual programs. We have become so polished, suave and sedate that we no longer expect the unusual. We need more speakers who will strike fire.

Too many of our country and small town churches are lacking in this masculine balance. Group experts have told us to go out and get the lambs and the old sheep will follow, but a lot of pastors can testify that they have a lot of lambs, but too few rams. Only a Teddy Roosevelt could lead the lean, hard riders of the Western bad lands up San Juan hill. A Teddy Roosevelt or a Lloyd George at the conference at Munich might have saved Europe from its present baptism of fire and blood.

How it is to be done, I do not know, but the church life of America today is crying aloud for more man power. Let more of our men sell their Sunday lounging robes and golf sticks and buy a sword.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Callahan Association, Meeting With Dressage Church Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Theme: Enlistment for Christ.
10:00 Song Service, Brother Casin.
10:10 Devotional, H. W. Martin.
10:20 Enlistment in Teaching, H. C. Reddock.
10:40 Enlistment in Training, O. D. Welch.

11:00 Enlistment in Our Brotherhood, A Million Men for Christ, I. J. Lloyd.
11:20 Special Music.
11:30 Sermon—A. A. Davis.
12:10 Noon Lunch.
1:30 Board Meeting.
2:00 Song Service, Brother Casin.
2:10 Devotional, J. O. Folkes.
2:20 Enlistment in W. M. S., Mrs. W. E. Clark.

2:40 Enlistment in World Wide Program in 1941, C. E. Poe.
3:10 Adjournment.
Pastor E. L. Redden and Dressage Church invite you to attend this meeting. Make your plans now to come.

Home Mission Board receipts in November totaled \$36,094.73, an increase of \$3,449.37, or 10 per cent over the same month last year.

WELL KNOWN PASTOR TO REPRESENT PUBLICATION



REV. JOE R. MAYES

Now Christmas, 1940, is over, the season brought with it to us a nice time, we have really had a delightful Christmas. I hope all of you have, and now as we are facing the new year, and by the time you read this, if you do read it, we will be in the new year 1941. 1940 will all be history, and what we have written we have written, never more will we have a chance at that one. She is gone and only the results, whether good or bad, can we ever see any more.

I have a question to ask, a good one, and a proposition to make, and it is also a good one. Here is the question, What shall 1941 be as far as we are concerned? Just what it shall be depends upon us. We can make it good or bad, just as we elect to do, and that brings up the suggestion, Let's every one of us resolve to win one at least, during the year. One for Christ by each one of us will mean just that many souls saved from an eternal death and our Savior glorified, and our own selves made happy.

I would suggest a good plan would be to select some one, maybe a close neighbor, and pray for that one every day, and see him as often as you can and always somehow let him know you are interested in his being a Christian, invite him to church, and insist on his attendance on Sunday School. Do what you can yourself and then wait on the Lord and you will see results. I have my prospect now in mind and I am going to begin right now and I am going to pray every day for the Lord to save that one until the work is done and then I am going to see just what I can do.

Now you do not have to stop when you manifest some interest in one, maybe you can at the same time work on several, but do specialize on some one. Let's make this an evangelistic year.

—JOE R. MAYES.

P. S. I have a secret to tell you and I want you to treat it as we all do most all the other secrets we get, tell it to every one you meet: I am special representative for the West Texas Baptist and I want to get all of the people and especially all the Baptists, in West Texas to subscribe for it, and to become regular readers. Let's put the W. T. B. into every Baptist home in all this fine country.

—J. R. M.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

He who tends to his own business is not likely to try to tend to the other fellow's.

Less consecration leads to larger desecration.

The same God who arranged this existence will arrange the next.

Kindness causes no loss.

Two poor sermons a day will keep the people away.

Some things are thought-provoking.

How Baptists Work Together

This is one of a series of elementary discussions of facts concerning Baptist denominational work. In writing for the denominational press, in making announcements from the pulpit, many of the facts given here are usually taken for granted. Yet, because they are assumed to be so well known, it is not unusual to find members of Baptist churches who have little or no definite information concerning these details which are so familiar to the leadership.

THE BAPTIST INDIVIDUAL

Baptists are essentially individualists. Hence, any discussion of denominational cooperation must begin with one person, the unit cell out of which the organism is constructed.

A Baptist individual is one who believes according to the faith and practice of Baptist churches. This means that he must first believe in a Supreme Creator and in the Bible as the full and infallible will of this Creator, as related to the creature, Man.

He interprets this Book to teach that man is a soul which will live eternally after the body has returned to dust. He understands that all mankind has become alienated from God through sin, which is the violation of the just and unchangeable laws of God. In so sinning, man has put himself beyond the power of any human agency to effect a reconciliation. Baptists believe that neither priest nor ordinance nor church is necessary

or the salvation of the soul of sinful man. They believe that God, in His infinite love sent His Son into the world to suffer for man's sin in his stead. Jesus, being the Son of God, by His death made a payment great enough to atone for the sins of all; but this payment is credited only to the account of those who in faith accept His sacrifice.

Although they do not believe that good works have any part in the salvation of a soul, Baptists do believe that the Christian is under the compulsion of love to live a life of righteousness with Christ as the example and daily guide.

These things we believe are essential for individual salvation and are all that are necessary for the individual to become a fit candidate for membership in a Baptist church, provided only, that he believes in the practices of Baptist churches, which will be discussed in later issues of this paper.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Cisco Association, Meeting With the Moran Church, Tuesday, Jan. 7.

10:00 Devotional Period, Rev. Jones Weathers.

10:20 "Fidelity in God's Plan of Work in—

Bible Study, Mrs. D. M. Phillips.

Periodicals, Mrs. L. A. Thompson.

Stewardship, Mrs. R. L. Martin.

10:35 "Faithful Stewards in God's Plan for Us," Rev. D. M. Phillips.

10:50 "Fidelity of God's Plan of Work" in—

Missions, Mrs. Munsford Townsend.

Mission Study, Mrs. A. A. Palmer.

11:00 "Faithfulness in God's Mission Program," Rev. Henry Weldon.

11:15 "Fidelity in God's Plan of Work" in—

Personal Service, Mrs. A. W. Reynolds.

Benevolence, Mrs. Grant Adams.

11:25 "Faithfulness With Our Thoughts and Hands," Rev. Henry Littleton.

11:40 Short Business Session.

Special Music, Rev. H. D. Blair and Rev. Finis Williams.

11:50 Sermon—Rev. Philip McGahey.

12:30 Lunch.

1:20 Business Meeting of Board and W. M. U.

2:00 "Fidelity in God's Plan of Work" in—

Education, Mrs. Bill Lockhart.

Margaret Fund, Mrs. J. R. Bucy.

Missionary Education of Young People, Mrs. Philip McGahey.

2:20 "Faithfulness to Our Youth," Rev. Herbert Christian.

2:35 "Fidelity of God's Plan of Work" in—Our Individual Lives," Local W. M. U. Presidents.

3:00 "Faithfulness That We May Grow in Wisdom and Stature, and in Favor With God and Man," Rev. A. A. Palmer.

3:15 Adjournment.

others are just provoking.

More sermons are textual than factual.

The welfare of the world may depend upon a word.

Love never counts its tears.

The higher you aim to build the deeper you need to lay the foundation.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Concho Valley Association, at First Church, San Angelo, January 13, 10 A. M.

Theme: "Thou hast set my feet in a large room."

Morning

Song and Prayer, A. W. McMillan.

"But First They Gave Themselves Unto the Lord," Duke Shaw.

"Review of the Report by Dr. Geo. W. Truett on the Enlarged Program," Ray Rozell.

"Texas Baptists Can and Should Enlarge," J. P. King.

"Our Part as an Association," J. B. Stovall.

"My Part as Pastor," W. D. Kirkpatrick.

Special Music, Selected.

"Onward Christian Soldiers," Dr. W. R. White.

Noon—Lunch.

Afternoon

Board Meeting.

Song and Praise, A. W. McMillan.

"The Necessary Increase for Our Association to Reach the Objective—33.1-3 per cent," R. A. Scranton.

"How This May Be Done," A. D. Fillingim.

"Texas Baptists Are Abundantly Able," Dr. W. R. White.

PROGRAM

Sunday School Workers of Callahan Association, at Baird Church, Sunday, Jan. 5, 2:30 P.M.

2:30 Rev. A. A. Davis, superintendent of Evangelism in the Sunday School.

2:40 Rev. O. D. Welch, superintendent to promote training in the Sunday School.

2:50 Departmental conferences.

3:10 Open conference.

The results as I know them of the association-wide Sunday School conferences, Rev. J. Henry Littleton.

H. C. REDDOCH, Associational Superintendent.

"Signs of the Times," a new book being published by the Home Mission Board, has been announced to be ready for delivery by January 15.

Mistakes are easier made than unmade.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED AT MIDLAND

By J. Wm. Arnett

The Calvary Baptist Church of Midland was organized December 1, 1940, with 70 charter members. The organization was preceded by a two weeks revival in which the Rev. Fred McPherson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stanton, did the preaching. There were seven candidates for baptism, and three joined in the organization by statement. Of the others which came with their letters, about one-half had letters from outside of Midland.

The District Missionary, W. C. Harrison, led in the organization services, being assisted by Pastor H. D. Bruce of the First Baptist Church, Midland, and Pastor B. A. Rogers and Rev. T. J. Briscoe of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Odessa. Brother McPherson was called away from this service on account of a funeral.

The new church called to be their pastor the Rev. Fred McPherson. He has already moved to the field and taken up his new work.

Construction began immediately on a pastor's home which will be used temporarily as a meeting place for the services of the church. Services were held in the new building for the first time, though it was not complete, December 22. Plans are for the building of a church home as soon as possible.

No reform, political or social, will avail unless you precede it with a temperance reform.—David Lloyd George.

INFORMATION ASKED ON WALNUT STREET CHURCH

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate your kindness to allow me space to invite all friends of the once Walnut Street Mission, organized in 1909, or about that time, in Abilene, Texas, to write me information as they remember it.

The minutes of the Mission work were burned when the Mission house was destroyed by fire years ago.

Please write me, all friends, members, Sunday School teachers, and the four pastors of Walnut Street Church: Rev. Newsome, Bro. Williams, Bro. Hickey, and Bro. Turner.

If you will write, even a few lines, we can have a history that will be rich and unique.

I am writing a book, One Wick and Its Glow, and in this book will be a chapter dedicated to the life work and monument of Mrs. Lina Mayfield, who promoted the Mission work in cooperation with the First Church and others for 23 years.

Will you kindly give me permission to use your letter just as it is written.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. PERCY MAYFIELD.
1457 Pine Street,
Abilene, Texas.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism, Home Mission board, recently spent two weeks in Canada promoting evangelism in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

More have deep-seated contrariness than deep-seated convictions.



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"NO TIME TO EVACUATE," SAYS WOMAN MISSIONARY

Baptist Mission,
Soochow, China.
November 18, 1940.

My Precious Friends of the
Homeland:

Christmas is on the way. Thanksgiving is drawing nigh, and Evacuation is upon us. What a mixture of emotions stir our hearts at this time.

When an American meets an American here now the greeting is not "good-morning," nor "how-do-you-do?" nor is it "hello!" but it is, "When are you leaving?" The response to this greeting varies. Thus far my answer and the reply of many others to this oft-repeated question is: "Not leaving at all I hope." But of course we say this realizing that our times are in His hands, and our lives in His care; and that we will go or stay as He gives command. We stand ready for further orders.

In our Mission we are using this plan of Evacuation: All women with children (not women and children) are in the first group. Some of these left last week, and the remainder of the group leave on the S. S. Washington. Some men and single women whose health demand a change are also in this first group. There may be a second and third group, but we hope not. My doctor gave me a thorough examination and saw no reason whatsoever, from a health standpoint, for my leaving. I do thank God for splendid health at this particular time of emergency. The strain is great. Yet, we have gone through so much here, that we have more or less adjusted and adapted ourselves to the unexpected, as well as the expected. Why not? We know that "God is our Refuge and Strength and underneath are His everlasting arms."

I've never had a fuller or happier year of service than I am having this year. I have been majoring on B. Y. P. O. Study Course work during 1940. In the Bing Hwo Jao Church where we have five Sunbeam Bands, four Junior Unions, three Intermediate and two Senior Unions we have had study courses throughout. We began with the B. Y. P. O. Manuals of course. Up to date we have awarded 1,331 diplomas and seals. Next week our all-China B. Y. P. O. worker, and our convention young people's leader, and three other Chinese workers, are coming from Shanghai to hold our final B. Y. P. O. Study Course week of the year. We hope to complete books for at least 400 more seals. We plan also to run study courses in the other two churches of the city, and organize a city B. Y. P. O. Federation.

All of our church work seems on such a high plane. More baptisms than ever before. More Christians being enlisted in service. Christ is in China to stay. How very comforting is this assurance even if we missionaries should all be called out of China for a season. "The darkest hour of the day is just before dawn." I do sincerely believe that the dawn for mission work in China is near at hand and that a greater harvest of souls than we have even dreamed of is yet to come. Yes, the slogan, "China for Christ" is going to become a reality some of these days. Glory Hallelujah!

We have just closed the most glorious revival our church has ever had. Our preacher was a young evangelist

with a deep, genuine passion for lost souls, and heart-searching messages. He preached repentance of sin. People heeded his messages. In one service there were at least 200 at the altar on their knees sobbing and praying for forgiveness of sins. The power of the Holy Spirit seemed to envelop the congregation. What joy, what radiant faces, what happy hearts, as one by one found forgiveness of sins, and accepted Christ as a personal Savior. Our church has already baptized 99 during 1940 and now many many more are asking for baptism.

Truly I haven't time at present to evacuate. Yet, I realize the seriousness of the present situation. I'm praying daily that I may be guided to do the wise and right thing. If a second call for evacuation comes it will likely include all women. And if so I'll doubtless wish that I were a man. Yet, I stand ready in heart to obey the call of my country and comply with the wishes of the Evacuation Committee of our Mission. Truly I am: "Ready to go, ready to stay, ready His will to do." A very satisfactory state of mind indeed. Since our days here may be numbered, time seems more precious than ever before. So many here yet to be won to Christ. So much work yet to be done. I hope you dear friends on that side are praying much at this time. We need your prayers more than ever.

As we see our dear friends, and co-workers leave in this first group naturally deep emotions stir our hearts. Work is being closed out in places; homes broken up for the time being; wives and children going, leaving husbands and fathers behind. So much uncertainty, so much heart-ache, such a break-up. We can't understand, but praise the Lord we can trust, and we do trust Him, and lean upon Him, knowing He will never fail us. We realize that in looking at present world conditions we are saying, "Peace, Peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14). But we do praise His holy name that true peace, yes, "The peace of God which passeth all understanding is keeping our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

So with this wonderful peace in my heart I send to you by my friends on the S. S. Washington, my usual Christmas greetings. No letter to you for 12 months, then two letters within three months' time. "Oh Consistency thou art a Jewel." But I do want to say to you, "A Peaceful Christmas and a Good New Year." I want you to know that I am wishing for you joy and peace that will fill your hearts. Yes, the same peace which the Angels sang of hundreds of years ago. Christ did come into the world to bring peace, and He is still our "Prince of Peace." May we unite in this prayer, "Oh come Lord Jesus, Come Prince of Peace, and reign supreme in our hearts and in our world today."

I fully expect to spend Christmas right here in Soochow. Pray for me as I try more and more to help people to that higher and better life that is found in Christ Jesus.

Use above address in writing to me unless otherwise instructed. I love your letters. I love my American friends.

Sincerely yours,
BLANCHE GROVES.

PLAINS CHURCH WOULD BUY BUILDING TO MOVE

We have been receiving the West Texas Baptist for some time and appreciate this paper very much. We feel such a publication is needed in this great Western section of the state.

The church here at Hart is making plans to erect a church building and parsonage, and the question came up at the last meeting of the building committee as to whether it would be better to put up a new building, or try to contact some school district which had consolidated, and buy a frame, or stucco building that could be moved and re-modeled into a church building. We also would be interested in a four or five room house that could be moved. We would like to hear from any interested persons immediately so that we would know how to proceed with our plans.

Our church here is making progress in every way, for which we give God the honor and praise.

Sincerely,
W. M. PETICOLAS, JR.
Hart, Texas.

An indication of real hunger for spiritual help is being found by Dr. J. W. Gardner, Home Board Missionary to the deaf, in an extensive tour among the deaf throughout the South.

The 1941 budget of the Home Mission Board approved recently in the annual meeting is \$530,000, an increase of \$17,000 over the 1940 budget.

ANGELO PASTOR SUCCEEDS DR. J. HOWARD WILLIAMS



Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., eight years pastor at San Angelo First Church, resigned Sunday morning to accept the call of First Church, Amarillo. He will go to the Panhandle city January 15, succeeding Dr. J. Howard Williams who recently resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Foreman was the 16th pastor of the San Angelo church, which now has 2,000 members and a Sunday School enrollment of 1,750. His resignation was a cause of great grief to the San Angelo congregation. He has been active in various phases of denominational work and much sought as a speaker for special occasions.

His father, A. D. Foreman, Sr., is present president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Mrs. Foreman was the former Euna Lee Scarborough, daughter of the president of Southwestern Seminary.

PROGRAM

Sweetwater Association Training U. Meeting, January 15, First Church, Abilene

Presiding officer, Woodrow Harris, Sweetwater.
Chorister, Charles McLaughlin, Abilene.

Pianist, Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Abilene.

Afternoon Session
2:00 Devotional.
2:15 Address, "Purpose of the Meeting," Volus Norsworthy, Vernon.

2:45 Address, "The District Convention and Associational Training Union Work," Rev. J. H. Littleton.

3:00 Departmental Conference conducted by team members:

Associational Officers (except departmental leaders), General Training Union Officers, Pastors and all other Adults, Rev. David Phillips, Ranger.

Young People, Volus Norsworthy.

Intermediates, Mrs. Weekly Bradford, Wichita Falls.

Juniors, Mrs. H. G. Cox, Vernon.

Beginner and Primary Union Workers, Mrs. Volus Norsworthy, Vernon.

4:00 Reassemble. Song and Reports from Conference Leaders.

4:10 Open Conference, Volus Norsworthy in charge. Present status of work in association.

4:25 Address, "A Fully Graded Training Union in Every Church," Rev. Clyde Campbell, Abilene.

4:50 Special Music, Hardin-Simmons Girls Quartet.

4:55 Open Conference, How Can We Improve Our Work? Woodrow Harris.

5:15 Address, "The Texas Baptists' Enlarged Program," Rev. W. C. Ashford, Abilene.

5:45 Dismissal.

Supper served in church dining room for 15c.

Evening Session
7:00 Song Service, Charles McLaughlin.

7:15 Departmental Conferences.

8:00 Panel Discussion by team members.

8:30 Associational Officers' Period, Our Plans, Goals, Aims! Woodrow Harris.

8:45 Inspirational Address, "Following the Living Christ in Our Training Union," Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Abilene.

9:15 Adjourn.

The preparatory study book for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, "The Trail of Seed" by Una Roberts Lawrence, is now being printed by the Home Mission Board.

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CHURCHES NEED LEADERS SPIRITUALLY TRAINED

By T. C. Gardner

"The greatest need in our church is a spiritually trained leadership." It seems to be the opinion of pastors and church leaders everywhere that the majority of the problems confronted daily could be solved by the right kind of leadership. It is our deliberate opinion that we could double the number of unions in Texas within 60 days if we could solve the leadership question. Churches that have one junior union could easily have two if they could find trained, consecrated and dependable leaders.

The Baptist Training Union is designed to train for leadership; therefore, all men and women who are members of a Baptist church should likewise be members of the Training Union. Although we now have approximately 10,000 unit organizations in Texas with a membership of more than 200,000, we can easily see that if we are to enlist all Texas Baptists and train them for service we must advance all up and down the line. We suggest that each church in the State consider the following seven-fold program for 1941:

1. Increase the Training Union enrollment 15 per cent.

2. New unions and new departments increased by 10 per cent.

3. Standard unions and standard departments—one-half of unions and one-half of departments.

4. Number of members participating in State contests—one-sixth of membership.

5. Study course awards to be earned—one for each member.

6. Number to attend State Training Union Convention—10 per cent of membership.

7. Provide adequate rooms for all age groups. In many churches it will be necessary to take out some of the stationary partitions in the primary, junior and intermediate departments and install movable partitions. In other churches it will be necessary to construct new educational buildings—buildings that are designed to take care of all religious educational needs.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Sweetwater Association, with the Trent Church, Jan. 9

Rev. Fred Porter, Pastor

Theme: Facing the New Year.

10:00 Song Service, Rev. W. I. Taylor.

10:15 Devotional, "I Have Resolved," Rev. Clyde Jackson.

10:30 Looking at This Year's Program (12½ minutes each): The Program of the Brotherhood, E. M. Collier; The Program of the W. M. U., Mrs. C. C. Comper; The Program of the Training Union, Miss Jaxie Short; The Program of the Sunday School, Rev. T. J. Sparkman.

11:20 Announcements.

11:25 Special Music, Woodrow Harris.

11:30 Sermon—Dr. M. A. Jenkins.

Lunch.

1:15 Board Meetings, Associational and W. M. U.

2:00 Song Service, Rev. W. I. Taylor

2:10 Business.

2:30 The Challenge of Today, Rev. Arthur E. Travis.

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TRAINING U. TEAMS WHO WILL APPEAR IN WEST

Listed here are the names of seven teams of Training Union workers who will conduct conferences in 35 associations in West Texas, Monday through Friday, January 13 to 17. In another column will appear the dates and places of meeting.

Team No. 8
Jan. 13 El Paso, El Paso.
Jan. 14 Big Bend, Alpine.

Jan. 15 Pecos Valley, Pecos.
Jan. 16 Big Spring, Midland.

Jan. 17 Mitchell-Scurry, Colorado City.

Team No. 9
Jan. 13 Fisher, Rotan.

Jan. 14 Stonewall, Girard.

Jan. 15 Dickens, Dickens.

Jan. 16 Brownfield, Tahoka.

Jan. 17 Lamesa, Lamesa.

Team No. 10
Jan. 13 Tierra Blanca, Hereford.

Jan. 14 West Plains, Littlefield.

Jan. 15 Lubbock, Lubbock.

Jan. 16 Floyd, Floydada.

Jan. 17 Staked Plains, Plainview.

Team No. 11
Jan. 13 Trans-Canadian, Dalhart.

Jan. 14 Palo Duro, Amarillo.

Jan. 15 Canadian, Canadian.

Jan. 16 North Fork, Shamrock.

Jan. 17 Panhandle, Memphis.

Team No. 21
Jan. 13 Brady, Brady.

Jan. 14 Brown, Brownwood.

Jan. 15 Coleman, Coleman.

Jan. 16 Runnels, Ballinger.

Jan. 17 Concho Valley, San Angelo.

Team No. 22
Jan. 13 Cisco, Eastland.

Jan. 14 Callahan, Baird.

Jan. 15 Sweetwater, Abilene.

Jan. 16 Jones, Stamford.

Jan. 17 Haskell, Rule.

O. B. U. TRUSTEES ABOLISH INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

In a meeting preceding the holidays, the trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University adopted a resolution abolishing intercollegiate football in that school. This action follows a championship season for the OBU Bisons and the action was taken because of the expense, which had grown so large that the trustees came to believe that it outweighed the publicity value of the game.

The auditor's report showed that the loss this season amounted to over \$8,000 in cash and nearly as large a sum in scholarships.

Church Bulletins

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

Our days will continue the same as have been, first and third at Cross Roads and second and fourth at Pleasant Valley. On the first Sunday at Cross Roads we have our regular business meeting, and at Pleasant Valley our business meeting is the second Sunday.

We are meeting next Saturday night at Cross Roads. The men especially are urged to come and we will plan our new year's work, some very important matters to have up and we want to get them ready to present to the church next Sunday. And I am calling a like meeting for Pleasant Valley for Saturday night before the second Sunday, and I am asking all the men and just as many of the women as will to come. Nothing secret, just some business to attend to that will require some bit of discussion and we want to get it ready to attend to before we come to the regular conference, and by having those earlier meetings we can save a good lot of time and thereby save the Sunday morning service from being too much interfered with. Come on, people, please do not forget it. Let's have things done in order for our Lord.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

PROGRAM

Fisher W. M. U. Quarterly Meeting, McCaulley, January 14
10:00 Song Service, Mrs. W. L. Dickson.

Devotional, Mrs. Charles Scott.

Reports of local Presidents.

11:15 Inspirational Message, Miss Blanche Rose Walker.

12:00 Noon.

1:30 Devotional, Mrs. Rex Parks.

Reports of Standing Committees.

2:30 Our Young People Our Responsibility, Mrs. P. D. O'Brien.

Business.

The Christmas season is affording many opportunities to reach Mexican people on his field with the Gospel, according to Rev. C. Hernandez Rios, Home Board missionary.

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