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ESSAYS



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I attended four Workers Conferences the past week. I think each of them was the best. Cisco had a good program and a large crowd present at the First Baptist Church, Moran. We lost some good preachers in that association, but we have some of the best who have come to take their places. F. E. Swanner at Eastland brought a great message at the 11 o'clock hour. Brother Blair gave a good report of his work, and the treasurer had a good report.

Wednesday we were in Baird for the Workers Conference, Callahan Association. I felt like this was the best meeting they have had in a long time. We have a number of Simmons students pastoring churches in Callahan Association, and they are really putting over a program in their various churches. Brother Baldersee is getting hold in a good way over at Putnam.

Thursday was a good day for the Sweetwater Association, meeting with the University Baptist Church. Chaplain Bill King brought a message at the 11 o'clock hour that will live in some of our lives forever.

I spent the day Friday in Anson, meeting with the Lueders' Encampment committee in the morning and the District Board in the afternoon. The committee is working out a good program for the Encampment which meets June 22 through 28. The District Board had a good session with a good representative group from every association in the afternoon. I will always appreciate the confidence this group manifests toward me and pray God that I may live up to it.

Sunday, we were with the church at Mattson, where Brother Copeland is pastor. I preached at the 11 o'clock hour and Brother H. R. Whalley of Haskell at 2 in the afternoon. He spoke on "What God's Plan Will Do." I wish every church could have him bring this message to their people. At the close of his message the church through prayer dedicated the building to God. In giving the history of the church, it shows they have changed pastors nearly every year since its beginning. If there is one thing that has hurt our rural church situations more than anything else, it is this fool idea of an annual call. It has caused more trouble and divided more churches, than any one thing that our rural churches practice. I wish someone who is a stickler for this would write me and give me one line of Scripture anywhere for such a practice. We Baptists are long on declaring that we follow the New Testament in its teachings, but sometimes we can go

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EVENTS TO COME

February 23-24—District 8 convention, Lamesa.

February 24-25—District 7 Convention, Marfa.

March 2-6—Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong offering.

March 5—District 17 Convention, Rotan.

March 17-18—District 16 Convention, Coleman.

March 31-Apr. 1—District 9 Convention, Coleman.

April 2-3—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.

April 3—District 11 Convention, Vernon.

April 7-9—State Sunday School Convention, Houston.

April 14-15—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Stamford.

May 16-20—Southern Baptist Convention, San Antonio.

June 10-18—B. S. U. week, Ridgecrest.

June 22-28—General Encampment, Lueders.

BROTHERHOOD LEADERS SPEAK IN SOUTH TEXAS

Speaking at the Brotherhood session of the District 6 convention in San Antonio, February 6, were Judge E. S. Cummings, president of the Brotherhood Convention of Texas, Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, and Hugh F. Latimer, his associate.

Following the convention, R. A. Springer, state Brotherhood secretary who represented the organization at the District 4 convention at Bay City, joined the group and two parties; one led by District Missionary Willis J. Ray and the other by G. C. Quillen, district Brotherhood president, made a tour of the district speaking in every association.

On Sunday, February 8, Judge Cummings spoke in Central Church, Luling, while Mr. Springer was at Edinburg. Following the District 6 tour, both these speakers and Dr. W. R. White are scheduled to appear on the program of the District 5 convention at Alice, February 12 and 13.

Plans of the Brotherhood leadership include similar tours of each district in the state, that in District 17 being planned for the second week in March.

MISSIONARIES SAFE SAY CABLES FROM WAR ZONES

The following three cables have just been received in the Board's office in Richmond:

"Direct contact Rankin and others well. Hayes and others fed by Christians." (Signed) Beddoe.

"No casualties, all interned. Rankin Hongkong. Request cable funds meet all needs via Banco Nacional Ultramarina, Lisbon. Urge Red Cross cable Galloway official recognition as agent, also funds meet acute distress Portuguese, Chinese refugees." (Signed) Galloway.

"Telegram dated January 29 from American legation, Bern, communicates information that official group now en route from Bucharest to Lisbon includes Mr. and Mrs. Roy Starmer and child." (Signed) Cordell Hull, Secretary of State.—F.M.B.

DISTRICT 17 WORKERS CONSOLIDATE MEETINGS

Steps to consolidate monthly meetings of associational bodies were taken in the associations in District 17 last week. The chief idea back of the movement was a desire to save time.

Meeting Wednesday, Callahan Association voted to have the monthly meeting at the same time as usual. The morning service will be on the customary order but the afternoon program will be given to the quarterly meetings of the Sunday School, the Training Union and the Brotherhood.

Thursday, Sweetwater Association, decided to do away with the morning meeting for the emergency, holding the usual workers' meeting in the afternoon and having meetings of the Sunday School and Training Union, and for the Brotherhood if that is desired, in the evening.

Other associations are watching with great interest the results of these changes.

FISHER COUNTY EMPLOYS MISSIONARY TO MEXICANS

Fisher County Association has employed Rev. G. E. Reid of Malakoff, Texas, to work among the Mexicans. He and his wife will live at Rotan.

They come highly recommended and well qualified for their tasks.

We consider ourselves very fortunate to secure this spiritual couple to labor among us.—O. D. Henley, moderator.

DR. WALTON RETURNS FROM L. S. U. MEETING

Dr. W. Truett Walton, comptroller and assistant to the president of Hardin-Simmons University, returned Sunday from a series of services in the religious emphasis week at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. Dr. John L. Hill was speaker for the all-university convocation and other services were held at the various denominational centers. Dr. Walton speaking for the Baptist group. Avery Lee, H-SU '39, is Baptist Student Secretary on the L. S. U. campus. Dr. Walton reports splendid results for the meeting.

PASTOR ENDS THIRD YEAR AT IMMANUEL, ABILENE



REV. D. G. REID

Members of Immanuel Church, Abilene, honored Pastor and Mrs. D. G. Reid with an old-fashioned pounding last week, the occasion being the third anniversary of their service with this church.

Pastor Reid begins his fourth year with this growing church in an optimistic frame of mind for the future. During these years the church has had a steady growth and has found it necessary to enlarge the building to provide for the Sunday School.

MISSION INSTITUTE HELD IN CISCO ASSOCIATION

The Mission Institute of Cisco Association was held at First Church, Cisco, February 5, with 82 present. Cross Plains and Putnam were represented from Callahan Association.

Mrs. A. A. Palmer, associational mission study chairman had charge of the program, using as the theme, "We will let our lights shine through mission study. After the song service, led by Mrs. W. W. Fewell, Cisco, Mrs. V. H. Bosworth, East Cisco, brought the devotionals.

Mrs. R. L. Brown, College Station, state mission study chairman, had charge of the instruction period, using effectively the text, "Preparing to Teach." Mrs. Palmer had a class in Junior work using the book, "Young America Makes Friends." Mrs. Brown brought the inspirational message of the day, saying that God had called women in the past and was still calling them today.

Afternoon Mrs. F. R. Raymond, Moran, held a class for Intermediate workers, using "The Teepee Trail." Mrs. E. S. Brink, Ranger, conducted a Sunbeam class, reviewing the book "The Sugar Loaf." Mrs. Brown again taught adults, discussing, "Fellow Helpers to the Truth."

An exhibit of handwork and an exchange of ideas concluded the program of the day.

CALLAHAN ASSN. SPONSOR OF SERVICE TO SOLDIERS

A program to keep up a religious spirit among men going into military service from the county is being conducted by the people of Callahan County, under the leadership of the Callahan Baptist Association.

A committee from the association, headed by Rev. Royce Gilliland, has expended approximately \$80 in furnishing a New Testament to every man who has gone into service. Another project of the committee is to write the camp chaplain where the man goes, giving available information regarding his religious interests. Efforts are also being made to give similar service as far as possible as the men change camps.

END COMES UNEXPECTEDLY FOR C. R. JOYNER, SPUR

Rev. C. E. Joyner, for six years pastor at Spur, died in a Lubbock hospital Monday, February 9, following emergency surgery. Funeral services were at Spur and burial Tuesday evening at Merkel, where he served eight years.

Surviving are Mrs. Joyner, a son in the aviation service, and four daughters.

A graduate of Southwestern Seminary in 1922, he has done constructive work in good churches since that time. He was active in denominational work in Dickens Association, District 9 and the state. He was a trustee of Wayland College.

ROLAND LEAVELL ACCEPTS TAMPA, FLA., PASTORATE



Resignation of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Home Mission Board superintendent of evangelism, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Tampa, Florida, was announced Thursday, February 5, by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, the Board's executive secretary.

The resignation will be effective in the middle spring as soon as the evangelistic leader can complete such engagements as cannot be cancelled.

Dr. Leavell came to the superintendency of evangelism for Southern Baptists from a ten-year pastorate at Gainesville, Georgia, prior to which he was pastor in Oxford and Picayune, Mississippi. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In his five years as superintendent of evangelism, Dr. Lawrence said that the superintendent of evangelism had led in a south-wide emphasis on soul-winning which resulted in more than a million baptized converts, averaging nearly a quarter of a million annually.

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS FOR HOSPITAL CHARITY

The following gifts have been received by Hendrick Memorial Hospital and credited to the charity fund, states Superintendent E. M. Collier: Mrs. M. H. Compere, Abilene, \$5; Compere & Compere, Abilene, \$2; C. A. Webb, McCauley, \$5; First Baptist Church, Hobbs, N. M., \$4.80; First Baptist Church, Hamlin, \$12.50.

Woman's Missionary Union, Breckenridge, 34 wash cloths, 22 towels, 8 sheets, 3 prs. pillow cases, 1 quilt. Woman's Missionary Union, South Side Church, Wichita Falls, 50 cans fruit juice, 17 jars jelly and preserves, 7 cans vegetables, 7 cans soup, 7 jars fruit.

Junior G. A., Baptist Church, Eunice, N. M., Valentines for the children's ward.

W. M. U., Baptist Church, Nolan, 21 qts. food, 4 face towels, 5 wash cloths, 3 tea towels.

SOUTH SIDE IS HOSTESS TO MISSION INSTITUTE

Mrs. R. L. Brown of College Station, state mission study chairman for the W. M. U., was principal speaker and adult teacher in a mission study institute which was held at South Side, Abilene, Friday, February 6.

Mrs. Cooper Waters taught G. A. leaders; Miss Jaxie Short, Sunbeam leaders; and Rev. Alvin Hutton, R. A. leaders. Mrs. J. R. Fielder brought the opening devotionals. Mrs. W. P. Palm was song leader with Mrs. W. M. Morrow at the piano. Mrs. J. R. Spaulding, associational president, was in charge.

A covered dish lunch was served at the church.

WILBARGER-FOARD WORKERS MEET WITH TOLBERT CHURCH

Rev. Dewey Squires, field representative of Decatur College, delivered the sermon for Wilbarger-Foard Association workers who met February 10 at Tolbert. Other morning speakers were Pastors Edd Hawthorne of Rayland and Lum Hall of Electra.

The afternoon session was the quarterly meeting of the W. M. U., with Mrs. Chester McElreath speaking on the Hundred Thousand Club. Mrs. T. J. DuBose led the devotional period for the women. The standard of excellence for the associational W. M. U. was also discussed.

Baptist "Intentions" Prove Best Security With Bankers

By B. M. Callaway

HOME BOARD DEBTS REFINANCED

A second refinancing of the Home Mission Board debts within 12 months was accomplished on February 2 when total obligations of \$495,000 were funded on a plain bank note at 2 1/4%.

A year ago, on debenture bonds totaling \$850,000, the Board refinanced at 3 1/2 and 3 3/4% interest. In the 12 months period, \$355,000 has been applied to debt reduction, bringing the obligations to the present figure.

The new bank note was executed without property mortgage on the part of the Board, the only security being the pledged word of Southern Baptists.

The refinancing of the indebtedness of the Home Mission Board on February 2 by means of a bank loan of \$495,000 at the interest rate of 2 1/4% on the plain note of the Board climaxes some experiences of great interest to Baptists.

In 1933, when the receipts of the Home Mission Board were at the low point for the previous 20 years, and did not provide sufficient funds to meet payments on principal and interest of its debts, a very tense situation arose between its creditors and the Board.

The representatives of these creditors, not being Baptists, had trouble in understanding the voluntary relationship between the churches and the Board. They kept asking about the authority of the Southern Baptist Convention to order payment.

When told that the Board, though a corporate body, was dependent on the voluntary gifts of the church members, and yet had used extensive financial credit and had done a large amount of business each year, their comment was on the lack of credit basis under ordinary business requirements. Their general attitude was that receivership should wipe out the loss and teach financiers a lesson.

Trusting "Good Intentions" It was with some difficulty that Dr. J. B. Lawrence and his Board members persuaded them to arrange an extension of the payments on the debts over a long period of years and to trust the good intentions of the denomination for payment rather than property security.

These creditors asked how such "intentions" were to be appraised. They were cynical smiles when told that the Convention constituted by messengers from the churches and having no authority delegated to it, would foster an appeal for greater gifts to the Board both to carry on

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AMARILLO MAKING PLANS FOR 1943 T. U. MEETING

By T. C. Gardner

Amarillo Baptists are already making preparation for the State Training Union Convention which is to be held in that city April 22-24, 1943. The chairman of the several committees that have been charged to complete arrangements for the convention are as follows:

Chairman, H. W. Miner, Jr.; registration, Jack Sisemore; district and local publicity, Tex Kelsey; hotel entertainment, J. T. Sisemore; conference rooms, Mrs. John Josey; reception, A. D. Foreman, Jr.; information, J. C. Sisemore; inter-association, J. C. McKenzie; exhibit, Mrs. J. W. Holley; ushers, H. E. Billingsley; transportation, B. Frank Hasty; finance, J. D. Horton; special program, John Josey; home entertainment, C. E. Buchanan; special equipment, Irving Toizien; radio, Ray Parks.

CHESTER SWOR CONTINUES TEXAS YOUTH REVIVALS

Chester E. Swor, dean of students at Mississippi College and now on leave for youth revivals, went to San Antonio, following eight days with the students of Hardin-Simmons University, to conduct a meeting there, which is being sponsored by the Training Unions of the city. Later he is to be in San Angelo.

The week of services at H-SU made a most powerful impression upon students and others who were privileged to attend the meetings. His emphasis on all-out surrender to Christ brought scores of rededications and many conversions. His conferences and question hours with students had large attendance and deep interest. Besides these periods, he spoke there times daily to the students, and twice on Sunday at Abilene churches.

H-SU Lengthens Summer Term

Announcement of a lengthened summer session, from 12 to 15 weeks, to shorten the time required to complete requirements for a bachelor degree to two years and three summer sessions, or five semesters and two summer sessions, was made last Friday by Dr. W. R. White, Hardin-Simmons University president.

The lengthened summer session will be operative for the summer term, and will enable students to earn a maximum of 18 hours of credit, Dr. White said. It will also permit freshman students entering at mid-year to become full-fledged sophomores in the fall, he pointed out.

MEETING DATE CHANGED FOR FISHER ASSN. S. S.

The Fisher Association Sunday School meeting will be held at Roby at 2:45 Sunday afternoon, February 15, instead of February 22, announces Rev. O. D. Henley, superintendent. The change has been made necessary on account of a patriotic rally which will be held at Roby on the latter date.

"Do right, and God's recompense to you will be the power of doing more right."—F. W. Robertson.

This Changing World

"... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."—Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Dr. John R. Mott has resigned as chairman of the International Missionary Council, a position of leadership which he has filled with distinction since 1910. With this resignation, Dr. Mott retires from all public responsibility after 54 years of worldwide religious leadership, including the Student Volunteer Movement, Laymen's Missionary Movement, Young Men's Christian Association, and numerous other Christian movements. He is a Methodist. He is 76.

In his resignation the other day, Dr. Mott said: "If Christianity should die out in Europe and America, it exists in such vitality and propagation."

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

—Romans 8:28.

ing power in the younger churches of India, China, Japan and Africa, that sooner or later it would spread from those bases and reestablish itself among us."

Rabbi Nelson Glueck, 41, of Cincinnati, was last week named director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, composed of the half million Reform Jews in the United States. Reform Jews, as distinguished from Orthodox Jews, are a decided minority of the total Jewish population of the nation, but they have within their ranks the most influential Jews in the country. They do not observe the Mosaic dietary laws, attend their "temples" on Sunday, and put emphasis upon Judaism

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"OWE NO MAN ANYTHING"

Every loyal Baptist will thrill to the story which appears in this paper, telling of the enviable credit rating which Southern Baptists have earned. Sunday, February 15, is the day for emphasis on the Hundred Thousand Club. Let's get those debts paid—now. Then if another depression comes there will be no payments to meet. And if we have post war prosperity comparable to the 20's, we can move out to evangelize the world.

Pay Baptist debts while we have the money.

WE CAN STILL PROTEST

One reason democracies hate war and go to such lengths to avoid it is that it is repugnant to the whole democratic concept. Consequently, their governments are not geared for war and they assume a war economy blunderingly. This is perhaps the reasons for some of the inconsistencies in our present effort.

For example, the present tire rationing system allows tires for a man to minister to ailing dogs and cats but not for one who would minister to a broken heart and a sick soul. The plan to allow tires for wholesale trucks, but not for retail delivery, results in prohibiting new tires for the dairyman or creamery who would carry milk to homes where there are babies, but it allows them to brewers, distillers and their jobbers who carry poison narcotics to saloons, roadside dives and honky-tonks.

Then there is the matter of sugar. There seems to be sugar for alcohol but rationed supplies for the table.

In case someone, high in authority, has allowed these inconsistencies to get by in the rush of war effort, it might be wise for those who do not approve to let a voice be heard in protest.

SEEKING GUIDANCE

It is little wonder how poorly some Christians succeed in their undertakings, when one stops to consider how many of his important decisions are made upon his own unaided judgment—most often, on snap judgment—and how little is done after first seeking, earnestly and prayerfully, to know and to do the will of God.

"But," someone asks, "how am I to know what is the will of God? He is in Heaven, and here I am with a job to do and a living to make. How can I come to decisions regarding my daily affairs except to use my best judgment?"

Most assuredly, you must use your judgment. If the Lord had not so intended, He doubtless would not have created man with such an attribute. But He did not leave us here, beset daily by difficulties, temptation and grief, without a greater aid than our own faltering wisdom. Through the manifestation of Divine Grace, we have the help of a Senior Partner. We are told that we are His co-laborers.

Now, suppose a man has, as a business partner, a person of wealth who has paid for everything which went into the business, and that the joint affairs were turned over to the first man to manage and operate. Should not the man of means expect his partner to consult with him freely and frequently, discussing every change of policy and each important decision? And would it be surprising, should the manager plunge recklessly ahead on his sole initiative, if the other member of the firm withdrew and left him to shift for himself? Yet we Christians make that gross blunder continually.

But how may we consult our Partner? By asking Him for guidance, not merely daily, but continuously. "Pray without ceasing." If you have not yet prayed over a perplexity until the answer came clearly and unmistakably, you have missed one of the most priceless joys and privileges of Christian living.

However, such a reply is not always granted. Then, we may have an answer through reading the Word of God. An absent partner would be likely to write concerning the mutual enterprise. When reading the Bible with a sincere desire to know the will of God, there often comes some message out of the sacred page as definitely personal as a special delivery letter.

Again, there may come experiences, as definite as the dew of Gideon, which lay dry upon the dew-drenched ground. If our Partner wants to be consulted, would He not find a way to make his counsel known?

The rationalist will scoff at all this as silly superstition, but he is without spiritual perspective. Yet that same scoffing materialist can go into a dark room, switch on a radio without a dial light and select a desired program? How? Because he knows the voice of the announcer and is familiar with his program. One phenomenon is not more unbelievable than the other.

The trouble is that we are so alienated from our Partner that we are not familiar with His voice nor attuned to His station. We neglect to ask His advice and to consult His infinite wisdom.

Remember, however, that the senior partner does not expect to make decisions, otherwise he would not want a partner in the business but a hired man. So, if we fold our hands and say, "The Lord will take care of me," we need not expect any message from Him except, "Thou wicked and slothful servant." But if we approach the peak of our capacities and abilities, we must counsel with our Senior Partner and know Him so well that we will recognize His voice in the dark.

News Notes

Rev. Edd Hawthorne, residing at Vernon, has accepted half-time work with the Rayland Church.

A sister of Mrs. Joe R. Mayes of Abilene died unexpectedly in Fort Worth, Monday.

R. E. Brazil of Ende, N. M., brother-in-law of Rev. Douglas Carver of Abilene, was buried at Tucumcari last week, following a brief illness.

Merkel Church will have a mid-winter revival beginning February 22, with Pastor Cooper Waters and home forces in charge.

Dr. E. S. James was guest speaker for the Foard County Union Brotherhood meeting at Crowell on February 5.

Dr. E. B. Atwood supplied at Paducah Sunday, February 8.

March 8 has been set for a field day for United Drys in Abilene.

Dr. A. C. Miller, supervisor of Baptist work among soldiers in Texas, was guest speaker at First Church, Lubbock, February 8.

Connell Taylor, Gospel singer, who is training at an air corps base in Oklahoma, was guest soloist at one of the Oklahoma City churches February 1.

Sweetwater workers set the March meeting for Thursday the 12th instead of the 5th on account of the district Sunday School and Training Union convention at Rotan on the latter date.

Rev. Luther Holcomb, pastor at Durant, Okla., will lead in a youth revival at First Church, Abilene, April 26 to May 3.

Rev. Omar E. Hyde, H-SU '41, pastor at Ranchvale, N. M., has accepted the call of Flagg Church in Texas for half time. This gives him full work.

Rev. Fred Molkenhuth of H-SU supplied for Pastor Sidney Cox at Clyde February 8. The new pastor will begin his work there February 15. The Clyde G. A. observed "Focus Week" by giving a playlet on Wednesday night.

Anson Church had 72 in prayer service last week. They have also had 14 additions during January. Pastor J. P. McBeth is greatly encouraged with the response of the people.

Rev. John P. Hardesty supplied at Potosi last Sunday for Pastor M. F. Richardson, who is suffering from a fall. Rev. Duayne Parker preached at the evening hour.

Dr. Victor I. Masters was honored last week upon the completion of 21 years as editor of the Western Recorder, Baptist state paper for Kentucky. The Recorder is in its 116th year and has one of the larger circulation lists among Baptist papers, reaching thousands of readers beyond the state border. Dr. Masters is still vigorous and virile after his extended years of service.

Dr. Porter M. Bailes, Tyler, recently assisted Pastor W. M. Turner in a revival at First Church, Mineral Wells. There were 49 additions, 25 for baptism.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins will be at Eunice, N. M., the week of February 15, assisting Pastor Colson in a Training Union revival. February 8 he supplied for Pastor Finis A. Williams at Moran.

The Mitchell-Scurry Association met Tuesday, February 10 at Roscoe. They had the regular worker's meeting during the day and an association Training Union meeting in the evening.

Rev. H. N. Baldere, pastor at Putnam, has been named superintendent of Sunday School work for Callahan Association.

Rev. Sidney Cox will begin his work as pastor at Clyde on Sunday, February 15. Rev. J. D. Alexander has been supplying for him for several weeks.

Major Walter McCollum of the Air Corps and former superintendent of the Sunday School at First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., addressed the adults of First Church, Lubbock, at the Training Union hour February 8.

This Changing World

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as a religious rather than a racial concept.

"Troops were quartered last week in five Protestant churches of a southern California town." Time News magazine, issue February 9, page 52. This is, perhaps, the first instance of the use of meeting houses for troop quarters. Explanation of the incident in California, no doubt, would be found in the congestion there resulting from the heavy movement of troops for overseas duty, embarking from west coast cities.

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin was selected by William Lyon Phelps, Pearl S. Buck, Hendry Willem Van Loon, and John Kieran as the first book in a list of the world's finest masterpieces. Do you agree? I wouldn't quarrel with them. Someone has said that this book is "the most straight-forward narrative of its kind in the English language."

First Lieut. Russel M. Church, Jr., graduate of the University of Indiana, 1937, was the first American pilot buried with military honors by the Japanese. He dove his flaming plane over a half-mile string of grounded Japanese planes, and, rather than jump, machine-gunned and bombed the entire line before crashing. The Japs set up the wing of his broken plane as a marker for his grave.

Complete mobilization of the manpower of the nation is the suggestion of Paul McNutt. This will require new legislation, endless appropriation; but even General Lewis B. Hershey, head of the Selective Service, declares that the time is not far distant when citizens must face the possibility of being either in the armed forces or an essential war industry. By the end of this month it is expected that sixty million people will be registered. Women are included in the plan, and "children may have to help ultimately," said General Hershey.

General Douglas MacArthur's cable to President Roosevelt on January 30 thrilled the nation. It read: "Today, January 30, the anniversary of your birth, smoke-begrimed men, covered with the marks of battle, rise from the fox holes of Bataan and the batteries of Corregidor to pray reverently that God may bless immeasurably the President of the United States."

President Roosevelt stirred the ire of Washingtonians last week when he declared that the "parasites" of Washington must clean out and give room for governmental employees. What he meant was rather clear, perhaps; but there was plenty of talk, just the same, resulting in, one instance, in this jingle: "I do not work for NYA—Parasite! Just parasite! I do not work for FLA—Parasite! Just parasite! I only work for Mister Joe, we get none of this Guv'mint dough, We only pay the taxes—so—we're parasites! Just parasites!"

The American Magazine, in its March issue, raises the question, "Should Preachers Be Censored?" Referring to the censorship of the press for the duration, the comment is made by the Rev. Waldemar Argow, pastor of the Unitarian Church, Baltimore, and director of the magazine's open forum on religion, that "many fear that preachings by pacifist and politically-minded ministers may spread doubt and disunity." What would you say?

The churches of Richmond have been so effective and zealous in their provisions for the religious and social welfare of the men in the armed forces that the USO has decided that it is unnecessary for them to establish a center in that city.

The creation of blood "banks" by which many people are giving their blood to be used for wounded soldiers and suffering humanity throughout the war-torn world offers one of the finest opportunities for effective aid in the present crisis.

February 15 is the day when Southern Baptists will make a united effort to enlarge the membership of Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. Dr. Dillard writes that the gifts already received through the B. T. H. C. and paid on the principal of our south-wide debts have amounted to enough to pay the salaries of 1,875 foreign missionaries for a whole year. If we could get 100,000 new members on February 15, we could pay all our debts in 1943. Let's do our best, for Christ's sake.

Sunday School Lesson

February 15, 1942

THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS

Read Mark 1:35 to 3:12;
Luke 4:42-44; 5:12-39.
Study Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum from the first Galilean tour in the summer of A. D. 28, he attracted such throngs that a paralytic, unable otherwise to reach him indoors, was lowered by four friends through the roof into his presence. Immediately Jesus ministered to the man's spiritual needs by forgiving his sins. This aroused the questioning of the critical scribes. But by healing the paralytic and so ministering to physical needs Jesus demonstrated his ability to minister also to the man's far greater spiritual needs through the forgiveness of sin.

1. Call in the Need of the Multitude

CURIOSITY ABOUT THE HEALING CHRIST was evident in the eager gathering of the multitude. Quickly spread the news of the return of Jesus to Capernaum from his brief tour of the neighboring towns. The people not only filled the dwelling, rooms, and court, but crowded around the door and overflowed into the streets near-by. Of course Jesus greeted them graciously and gave them the Gospel as his first and fundamental contribution to their whole welfare.

2. Channel in the Faith of the Five

CONFIDENCE IN THE HEALING CHRIST was exhibited by a poor paralytic and at least four of his friends. So perhaps at his request they carried him on his cot from his home to the home of the Great Healer. On arrival, however, they found that they could not reach him through the crowd. In the eagerness of preserving faith they went up by outer stairway to the top of the house, tore up a part of the roof (which could be replaced readily), and let down the palsied man on his pallet directly before Jesus. Seeing their faith (the faith of the four friends and of the man himself) Jesus did a strange but fundamental thing: He forgave the sick man's sins. Possibly his condition was due to drunkenness or some other form of self-indulgence and he may have confessed his sins to Jesus. Only forgiveness could affect the basic cure.

3. Challenge in the Reasoning of the Scribes

CRITICISM OF THE HEALING CHRIST was manifest in the critical reasoning of the scribes. They were on hand, thought not so bold as they became later. Yet in their hearts arose the bitter reasoning that Jesus must be a blasphemer—one "speaking impiously of God and laying claim to a divine attribute": for, they said, only God can forgive sin. They were right in saying that none but God can forgive sin; but they were wrong in calling Jesus a blasphemer since he was and is God. The proposed test would clarify and certify the truth. He asked whether it were easier to forgive the paralytic's sins or to bid him be well and strong. As physical proof of spiritual forgiveness let the patient take up his small mattress and return in his own strength to his home from which he was brought in utter helplessness. If Jesus could not

heal, he was a blasphemer as they said; but if he could heal, then would be proved his power to forgive sin. What greater philanthropy or what more convincing proof could be given?

4. Certification in the Cure of Paralytic

CURE BY THE HEALING CHRIST was a complete certification of his authority and power.

(1) The command of Jesus direct to the palsied man was a clear call from utter prostration to efficient power. It involved both spiritual and physical elements and combined power both human and divine. "I say unto thee" in ringing personal call; "Arise" in obedient faith and imparted power; "take up thy bed," as one removing debris from a new structure; "go thy way" without friends helping; "into thine house" henceforth a place of service rather than suffering.

(2) The cure was instantaneous and complete. "He arose," as if electrified from the Divine Dynamo before him. He "took up the bed," now being master of that which mastered him. Without delay and now without anyone standing in his way, he "went forth before them all."

Gold in the Golden Text

Jesus . . . was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.—Matthew 14:14.

Follow the Great Preacher and Physician to the grassy slope on the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. Thither, upon hearing of the martyrdom of John the Baptist, Jesus sailed with the disciples from Capernaum. Many saw the boat depart and with their eyes they could follow it across the sea. Vast and increasing throngs began following along shore, for the point of destination was but six or eight miles distant by land. Reaching the other side, Jesus was moved with pity for the eager throngs and spent several hours teaching and healing.

Today the sick with every sickness are on every hand about us and everywhere. What is best to be done for them? What is the only thing that can be done, and who alone can cure every ailment of the defective, the diseased, and the dying? Jesus the Great Healer. He is near and can hear the faintest call for him. He is concerned and compassionate and can cure completely. Quick, then, to him come every one who is sick in body, mind, heart, and soul. And tell all the world that "the Great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus."

Daily Bible Readings

- Feb. 16—The Twelve Chosen. Luke 6:12-19.
- Feb. 17—The Twelve Taught. Luke 6:20-26.
- Feb. 18—A Master Teacher. Matthew 7:21-29.
- Feb. 19—The Apostle to the Gentiles. Acts 22:14-21.
- Feb. 20—The Daring of the Early Apostles. Acts 5:17-29.
- Feb. 21—A Model Church. Acts 2:42-47.
- Feb. 22—Ancient Heroes of Faith. Hebrews 11:32-40.

First Church, Vernon, is taking a love offering to assist Calvary Church of that city.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE UNJUST STEWARD

Luke 16:1-13
Here is the case of a man who is entrusted with the property of a rich man and he has misused it. The same word "wasting" is used to describe his conduct with his master's money as is used in the story of the Prodigal Son in the preceding chapter. The difference is that the Prodigal Son wasted his own money whereas this man was wasting money that belonged to someone else.

Upon learning that he was going to be called to account, the steward went to some of his master's debtors and settled their accounts for a small fraction of what they should have settled for. He thus endeared himself to the debtors and put himself in position to go and live with them when his master discharged him.

In order to get the lesson from this parable we must keep in mind the fact that it was told to the disciples (not to the Pharisees and Scribes); it was a lesson in stewardship to those who were already saved and not a lesson on salvation. Jesus instruct-

ed his disciples on another occasion to learn the lesson of wisdom from the serpent and the lesson's harmlessness from the dove. Now, in telling this story, Jesus intended his disciples to learn the lesson of produce in spiritual stewardship from a worldly man. The story has one point and that is simply that every Christian will be called to account for his stewardship; and if we are wise we will make provisions for that accounting.

The only good thing about the steward in this story is that he looked ahead to a day of reckoning. Even an unjust man who has wasted his master's substance has enough foresight to make provisions for the day of accounting. Therefore, those who are entrusted with spiritual objects of stewardship should be even more concerned to lay up for themselves treasures in heaven. Any and all treasures laid up in heaven will be waiting for us and will provide a place of resort when we are called to account to God. Treasures laid up in heaven will show the wisdom of our stewardship.

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We have a baby clinic and each week mothers come bring their babies—sick and well—for treatment and to learn how to care for their children. I just wish that you could see the little fellows. Some are afraid of me at first and it takes a great deal of coaxing for me to convince them that I am only trying to help them. Of course it delights the mothers for someone to admire their children, so every day I hold dozens of the little things on my lap while I talk to the mother about the care and treatment of the child. They are sweet and I do love to hold them. Seven little strangers have come into the world at our hospital since I came. These people are exceedingly fond of children so when a child is born there is great rejoicing. After the baby is born, and both it and the mother have had proper care, we call in the relatives that accompanied the woman. We place the baby in the arms of the mother for the first time, and whether the time be midnight or high noon, we pause for a moment of thanksgiving to God for the gift of the child to the parents.

But mothers and babies are not the only patients that come. We treat men, women and children of all ages for dozens of diseases that I shall not mention. The majority of those who come are taken care of through the out-patient department while we do have an average of ten patients that remain in the hospital for treatment. The surgical cases and others that cannot be cared for here are sent to the Baptist hospital at Ogbomosh.

We have a special time each day for the college students and day school pupils to come for dressings and for any other ailment that they may have. I like to bandage sore toes, fingers, strap sprains, irrigate eyes and ears so I find a special delight in helping with these. After every football game that the college has we usually do a rushing business for the players do not wear shoes so there are many cuts, sprains, and a few broken toes.

I shall never forget the first tooth that I extracted. I think that I was as frightened as the patient. She came in one morning and I saw that it needed to be removed, but I just did not have the nerve that it takes to perform such a procedure, so I gave her a bit of medicine to ease the pain and told her to return next day if the pain did not stop. Next morning before I got out of bed she was knocking on the door. Miss Manley from Ogbomosh was here and so I thought she would come to my rescue, but, no, she would not and I had to extract the pesky tooth. It came out beautifully and since then I have become an experienced dentist.

Our leper program is one of the most interesting and most valuable works that we have. Some 120 receive treatment. Their camp is about five miles outside the city limits and is a very beautiful place. They have their farms on a tract of land that has been set aside by the government, and those that are able work in the corn and yam fields. They have cut a road through the brush from the main road to their huts, a distance of one mile, and they are now constructing a church of mud. Occupational therapy seems to work wonders in Africa as well as in America. They receive their injections of chaulmoogra oil each Thursday. Every Monday I cycle out to the camp and visit them. They all gather around and we read God's Word, sing and have prayer. Sometimes I speak to them through an interpreter, and sometimes the Dispensar goes along and talks to them. A few weeks ago I asked the college quartet to sing for the lepers. I borrowed an organ and played while the students sang to them in the Yoruba tongue. I think you would have been deeply touched if you could have beheld the scene. The fine young Christian men singing of the love of Christ and just a few steps away stood the unfortunate people, many of whom were cripples, unclean in society and some unclean in the sight of God. Numbers of them have accepted the Christian religion while many of them are either pagan or Mohammedan. It is a glorious privilege to show them the Way of Salvation!

Dr. Walter visits the hospital here twice each month. Several days before he is to come we broadcast through the city and countryside that he is coming so those who wish to see him may do so. By the time he sees the lepers and all the others, he has certainly done a day's work because they come from far and wide to see the doctor.

It seems that I could talk forever about the work at the hospital, and I have not even mentioned the fine Christian Dispensar, the well trained and charming little mid-wife, the five efficient and consecrated young men who make up the nursing staff, and the faithful man who cares for the yard and helps with the lepers, but I must stop somewhere and tell you about other phases of my work. I have a Sunday School class of 35 young men who are in college and 25 in Training Union. I only wish that you could see the union in action for every program is perfectly planned and carried out. No one uses a quarterly to give his part; everyone reads the Daily Bible Readings, and each one likes to be on program. Of course our morning and evening services here at the college church are in English, but on Sunday afternoon we attend the First Baptist Church in the town and the whole service is in Yoruba. As yet I can understand very little of the sermon so I sit and strain my ear to catch every word that I have had in my language study.

A few weeks ago I was helping Miss K. Manley in an associational W. M. U. meeting in a nearby city. It is a custom for strangers to go and salute the king so as I had never been there before we sent a messenger to his royal highness to ask what hour we might see him. At high noon we entered his palace and were cordially received. Just after we had exchanged greetings he called to one of his messengers and whispered something to him. In a few minutes—about time for the chase—in came the messenger with a big, fat, frightened turkey—our gift from the king! Of course we were very pleased and after we had expressed our gratitude and were about to leave the palace he called forth his driver and sent us home in his automobile.

I should like to tell you many other experiences that I have had, but the letter is becoming very lengthy. To live in Africa is not to be unhealthy provided a strict health program is carried out. There are four things that a missionary must do to live here and they are as follows: Wear a sun helmet when out in the sun from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Take quinine every day. Rest a bit during the heat around noon. Drink an abundance of water. Personally, I have never felt better in all my life. Life in Africa is very interesting and filled with opportunities of witnessing for Christ. I am exceedingly grateful to my Master for giving me a place of service among the Africans. They are lovely people. There is much work to be done for there are millions who have not heard the Gospel. I only wish that you could see the need for I cannot begin to tell you about it. The task is great and in my own strength it seems very difficult, but through the help of Him who sent me I can carry on. I hope that you will remember to pray for our work here in Iwo, for the lepers, for the many others who come for medical care, for the students and for the thousands in the town who do not know Christ.

That God will abundantly bless you in all your efforts in bringing in His Kingdom in America is the prayer of your missionary.

PROGRAM

Jones Association Workers Conference, at First Church, Hamlin Tuesday, February 17

- 10:00—Song and praise, T. R. Harrison.
- 10:05—"What Should the Community Expect from the Church and Pastor?" Rev. Howard Martin.
- 10:30—"What Should the Pastor Expect from a Church?" Dr. E. B. Atwood.
- 11:00—Song and praise, T. R. Harrison.
- 11:05—"What Should the Church Expect from a Pastor?" J. P. McBeth, Anson.
- 11:30—Special music, T. R. Harrison.
- 11:35—Sermon, Miles B. Hayes, Stamford.
- 12:00—Lunch.
- 1:00—Board meeting.
- 1:30—Song and praise.
- 1:35—Our Associational Training Union, H. E. East.
- 1:45—Our Associational Sunday School, T. R. Harrison.
- 1:55—Inspirational address, Rev. Lawrence Trott, Rotan.

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Sunday School	
Church	Att.
Amarillo, First	1864
Lubbock, First	1305
Abilene, First	1086
Wichita Falls, First	1087
El Paso, First	871
Vernon, First	785
Wichita Falls, Lamar Avenue	696
Breckenridge, First	678
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	674
Abilene, University	620
Pampa, First	592
Plainview, First	548
Coleman, First	448
Sweetwater, First	439
Burkburnett	410
Levelland	409
Wichita Falls, South Side	281
San Angelo, Immanuel	277
Wichita Falls, Highland Heights	276
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A PREVIEW OF OUR POST-WAR WORLD

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.
Great cause for hope of the post-war world is seen in Jan Masaryk, foreign minister of the exiled Czechoslovak government, who undoubtedly will be one of the key men in European politics after Hitler is defeated. The man himself, a giant in both stature and intellect, his sincerity and if repeated references to God and civilization's progress as synonymous tell as much about him and the future of Central Europe as could anything else. He leaves no doubt but that the flag of his little stronghold for democracy once again will be unfurled in the European breeze and that the future of the world definitely is not Hitler's.

He stopped at Baylor University for a few hours pause on a cross country trip just following his conferences in Ottawa with Winston Churchill and his attendance at the meeting of the 26 United Nations in Washington.

"There must be a federation and a free Europe, with freedom of speech and freedom of religion," he states with force. "There's not enough room in the same world for both Hitler and the Statue of Liberty. There's not enough room for Nazism and Christianity. Hitler actually believes he's the savior of the world and that the musician Richard Wagner compares with Jesus' John the Baptist. His greatest crime is that he has forced the world's people to hate one another."

Masaryk believes Americans needed for their own good to get into war. He asserts we've gotten too soft and too "gagetized." If we are to win the war, and win it we must, it means we must master "the over-indulgence that has shadowed the souls of Americans."

"All of America's gadgets, your automobiles and orange juice before breakfast, won't make you good Christians or good Americans," the Slovak leader stated. "You must learn how to walk again and must make sacrifices. Yours can be the generation that saves the world."

"Our sacrifices, our subjection to bombings, isn't so bad if we believe, and I do believe with all my heart, that we will return to God and to a civilized world."

Pausing a moment he meditated, "When you sang the doxology a few minutes ago—this throng of young people stopping in the morning to praise God—it thrilled me deeply. We aren't allowed to do that in my country."

"After the war we must not forget God and his principles for civilization. We must make our mechanism a service to humanity, use our genius to save and promote humanity."

If that spirit can be true of all the post-war leaders, great and boundless are the possibilities of the post-war world. If that spirit does not dominate—in the souls of our leaders and in the souls of all Christians so strongly we won't accept any other verdict—the war is not worth the winning. It's a time when we all need with all our might to work for the supremacy of Christ in all things.

A sense of keen humor runs through Masaryk's veins. He told our press conference that one of the most encouraging signs he has noticed on this trip to America is that we've learned how to spell Czechoslovakia.

Again he laughed: "I've become a typical American. I never stay more than two hours in the same place."

Missionary Messages

(Continued from page 1)
to the extreme on things that it does not teach.

I went to Brushy Sunday night, and had a good service. I am going back there the last Sunday in this month. This has been a good church and I think there are wonderful possibilities for forging forward again.

I go to New Hope Church in Stevens County, Wednesday night, and will preach each evening during the week, and Sunday morning. They are pastorless. Pray for us there.

I go to Sagerton for the service Sunday night.

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CONVERSION IS REPORTED AT S. S. ZONE MEETING

By Mrs. V. L. Merritt
Record meeting of Zone 1 Sunday Schools, Jones Association, since organization four years ago was held with Truby Church, February 1, with eight pastors and ministers present in a great defense program.

Inspired by the timely program "Faith—The Christian's Defense," presented by Noodle Sunday School, a firm resolution and statement was made by the zone superintendent that he would never close another monthly meeting without extending the Gospel invitation. His determination deepened, as a young lady came to accept Christ as her personal Savior at the invitation of the pastor, Rev. Loyd Gentry.

H. G. (Blondie) Smith, superintendent, is serving his second year in this capacity, devoting much thought and time to the up-building of Sunday Schools in the zone, he is getting things done. The secret of his success is due to his intensive visitation program and circular letters mailed the pastors and superintendents the first of each month relative to the month's work.

Two new officers—recording secretary and corresponding secretary—were elected at Sunday's meeting to fill the place of Mrs. V. L. Merritt (resigned), who has moved to the Sweetwater Association. Mrs. Merritt has served three years as publicity chairman and two years as recording secretary. Fannie Boaz and Charlaye Smith were elected as recording and corresponding secretary respectively, effective March 1.

The March meeting will be held with Stith Church.

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:	
Balance Oct. 24	\$113.29
November	
Callahan	13.00
Cisco	20.00
Fisher	40.00
Haskell	35.00
Jones	35.00
Stonewall	1.50
Sweetwater	132.00
	389.78

December	
Callahan	12.50
Cisco	8.00
Fisher	20.00
Haskell	25.00
Jones	35.00
Stonewall	4.50
Sweetwater	66.00
Special	32.49
	151.25

January	
Callahan	25.75
Cisco	33.50
Fisher	20.00
Haskell	25.00
Jones	35.00
Stonewall	12.00
	170.50

February	
Callahan	30.50
Fisher	25.00
Haskell	35.00
Sweetwater	80.00
	170.50

Disbursements:	
J. H. Littleton	\$810.00
Annuity, a-c Dist. Board	24.28
Program, Dist. Convention	3.50
T. C. Gardner, Bible for Sword Drill Contest	1.35
	839.13

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Cash on hand Jan. 1st	415.14
Receipts:	
First, Abilene	35.00
University, Abilene	22.05
Elmdale	3.00
Merkel	12.50
Bethel	3.00
Blackwell	9.76
Shep	3.00
Nolan	8.00
Tye	1.00
Trent	2.00
Calvary, Abilene	2.00
New Live Oak	5.00
South Side, Abilene	7.50
First, Sweetwater	11.00
Sunset, Abilene	3.00
Immanuel, Abilene	5.00
Special Mexican Mission Bldg. Fund	132.81
Trent	2.00
Tye	1.00
Mexican Mission WMU	25.00
First, Abi. (donation)	500.00
W. P. Chaney	1.00
	529.00
Totals Receipts	1,076.95

Disbursements:	
Pedro A. Hernandez	35.00
Dist. Missions	80.00
Ima D. Petty, programs	1.50
Hilton Hotel, SS workers	5.75
Rev. Floyd Chaffin	2.50
Abilene Ptg. & Sta. Co.	31.50
University Florist	2.50
Spl. Mexican Mission Bldg. (rock hauling \$50; lumber \$318.26; for foundation labor and material \$176; moving rock 1.60; labor on rock work \$45; for sand \$9.38)	600.24
	758.99

Balance Feb. 1st	317.96
Division of Funds on Hand:	
Mex. Mia. Bldg. Fund	214.07
Assn. Budget	103.89
	317.96

CHURCH SENDS LOVE TO FORMER PASTOR NOW ILL

Dear Brother Mayes:
It is with deep regret that we learn of your recent illness. For many years our lives were lived together to the end that we have an undiminished interest in your welfare and happiness.

We are not the least unmindful of your strong faith in the Lord—nor forgetful of your long, active, and useful life in His service, both of which have been a great inspiration to us and our church to which you gave the best part of your life. But, in the light of these facts, we thought it good that we express now to you our deep appreciation of your ministry and in sending our prayers to the Throne of Grace for you—wish for you a speedy recovery, that you may again take the place in active service which the Lord has assigned you and which work you so zealously covet.

May our Heavenly Father grant to you every good thing needful to make you healthy and happy again in His service.

Yours in Galatians 2:20.

Done by action of Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Baird, Texas, in their regular session, February 1, 1942. A. A. Davis, pastor; B. L. Russell, Sr., chairman of the Board of Deacons; W. D. Boydston; W. T. Payne; M. J. Holmes; W. B. Atchison; B. Thompson.

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By T. C. Gardner
Dr. T. L. Holcomb of the Baptist Sunday School Board has announced that during the remainder of 1942 a textbook will be given to each teacher of a Training Union class.

Dr. Holcomb suggests that those who order books for classes request the Baptist Book Store to include a free copy for the teacher. A cloth bound copy instead of the paper edition will be given the teacher of the Training Union class when ten or more of the same title are purchased for class use.

This offer only applies to books published by the Sunday School Board and listed in the Training Union course for juniors, intermediates, young people, adults and the administration course.

We sincerely hope that each and every church in the state will have training schools this year. Now is the time to plan your school. If you would like to have one of our state Training Union approved workers to lead in the school, write me and we will be delighted to send one to you. Let's accept the offer from Dr. Holcomb. Let's make our plans immediately.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Lubbock Association, at College Avenue Church, Lubbock, Tuesday, February 17

Theme: Home Missions.
Rev. H. G. Verner, Lorenzo, presiding.

10:00—Song service and prayer, Mr. J. G. Leverett, Lubbock.

10:15—The Work of Our Missionary to the Jews, Rev. J. H. Johns, Lubbock.

10:35—Baptist Mission Service to the Indians, Rev. Wayne Perry, Wayland College.

10:55—How Baptists Are Aiding the Negroes, Rev. A. R. Wright, Wayland College.

11:15—A View of Our Mission Enterprise in Cuba, Rev. Carl Lamb, Wayland.

11:35—Special music, Mr. J. G. Leverett.

11:40—Sermon, Dr. John W. Cobb, Wayland College.

12:15—Lunch.
1:15—Executive Board and W. M. U. sessions.

2:00—Song Service, Mr. Leverett.
2:10—How Baptists Minister to Our Foreign-Speaking People, Rev. T. M. Gillham, Post.

2:40—The Future of Home Missions, Rev. C. J. McCarty, Lubbock.

You may transmute your life into gold and lose them both. But you may transmute your gold into life and save them both.—S. B. Gordon.

THE MARVELS OF GOD'S GRACE

By Edward B. Jenkins

In the days of his young manhood, he was a bootlegger, a fighter and a lost sinner. One day a Christian man spoke to him of his need of Christ. The Holy Spirit then and there convicted him of his sins. He had seldom darkened the door of a church, but under the invitation of this Christian friend he went to the house of God. He honored this friend for his devotion and loyalty to Christ. He went again to the house of the Lord and in response to the call of Christ, he went forward and confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

We sat in his house, ate at his table, talked with him of his life as a sinner, and as a new born babe in Christ. We could not but marvel as we could see the remarkable change in his life. Today he is honored in his church, held in high esteem by all who know him as a faithful child of God and a loyal servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love herewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved)."

"And hath raised us up together and made us to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus;

"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness towards us through Christ Jesus.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

"Not of works lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:4-9).

Take a pound of kindness, mix it with a pound of kind words, use the mixture freely, and many friends will be yours. Take a pound of thoughtfulness, mix it with a pound of courtesy and you have a product that will oil the rough places and make them smooth and pleasant.—Religious Telescope.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
Non-producers are heavy consumers.

We often petition for God's permission then go ahead before we hear from the application.
Backseat drivers make poor front seat drivers.

Sounding a low note is no worse than countenancing one.
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All lives are complementary.
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