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H-SU ADDS TO FACULTY FOR JUBILEE SESSION

Three important old members of the Hardin-Simmons University faculty will return for the Golden Jubilee session, 1941-42; three new members will be added in addition to the new head coach and new freshman coach.

Returning will be Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, head of the department of history. During the past year, Dr. Richardson, who acted as executive vice-president during the illness and after the death of President Sandefur, has been teaching in the University of Texas and doing research and writing in the historical field. He is one of the outstanding authorities on the history of the Southwest.

Also returning will be W. C. Ribble, who has been working on his doctorate at the University of Texas. He has had charge of a dormitory during his stay there. He and Mrs. Ribble will relieve Prof. and Mrs. Emmett Landers at Ferguson Hall. The Landers will be located in the University apartments. Miss Loyce Adams, instructor in typing and shorthand, will be the third former member of the faculty to return. She is credited with exceptional ability in her field.

Jack Dean, '40, outstanding student musician, is returning to assist in the music department. He received the Master of Music degree at Eastman Conservatory this year. Louise Bolton, '34, will have charge of the Cowgirl Band. Prof. Herbert M. Preston, who organized this band, has been completing his Master's degree in Chicago this summer. He will devote his time to the symphony orchestra and to teaching violin. The third new addition to the faculty will be H. F. Ballinger, instructor in physics.

Students become acquainted with Warren Woodson, new head coach, during the spring training. Woodson comes from work at Hendrick College, Conway, Arkansas. He was teacher of a large Bible class in Conway. Moon Mullins, will be freshman coach. He is a former star of the Cowboy team.

Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the work of the world.—Ruskin.

EVENTS TO COME

August 17-19—Southwide Brotherhood Conference, Ridgcrest.

August 18-24—Brotherhood Encampment, Ceta Canyon.

August 18-24—District 10 Encampment, Ceta Glen, near Canyon.

August 23-31—Preachers School, Ridgcrest.

August 25-26—Southwestern Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill.

August 25-26—Brotherhood Rally, Lake Brownwood.

August 28—Runnels Association, Wilmett.

August 28—Clay Association, Vashiti.

September 2—Panhandle Association, Memphis.

September 2—Baylor-Knox Association, Vera.

September 3-5—B. S. U. Pre-School Conference, Seminary Hill.

September 3—Fisher Association, Highland Home.

September 3-5—Pre-school B. S. U. Conference, Seminary Hill.

September 4-5—Cochran-Hockley Association, Levelland.

September 6-7—Big Spring Association, Immanuel Church, Odessa.

September 8—Opening fall term, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

September 9—Mitchell-Scurry Association, Loraine.

September 9-10—Lamesa Association, Wilson.

September 8-9—Throckmorton-Young Association, Olney.

September 10—Red Fork Association, Childress.

September 11-12—Lubbock Association, First Church, Lubbock.

September 11-12—Jones Association, Hodges.

September 11-12—Brady Association, Eden.

September 11-12—Wichita-Archer Association, Kamay.

September 15-17—Fall term begins, Hardin-Simmons University.

September 16—Palo Doro Association, Amarillo.

September 18—West Plains Association, Anton.

September 22-23—Floyd Association, Matador.

DISTRICT TEN ASSEMBLY TO MEET AT CETA GLEN

The sixteenth annual session of the District Ten Encampment, together with the Brotherhood Encampment of District Nine, will be held August 18 to 24 at Ceta Glen, near Happy. The camp may be reached by turning off Highway 87 nine miles south of Canyon and travelling a graded road 12 miles. The grounds are in a branch of the famous Palo Duro Canyon.

President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons University will be camp pastor, with Rev. Vernie S. Pipes of Shamrock preaching the opening sermon. Dr. W. W. Melton, general secretary of the Baptist General Convention will speak twice Tuesday.

Judge E. S. Cummings, state Brotherhood president, will be speaker at the Brotherhood hour, 9:00 to 9:45. At the same time Mrs. J. Walton Moore with her daughters, Miriam and Ruth, and Mrs. John Ward will have classes for W. M. U. organizations. J. I. Payton of Canadian is Brotherhood President and Mrs. D. A. Grundy, Memphis, W. M. U. president.

Dr. G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, and Missionary J. C. McKenzie, Amarillo, will have Sunday School classes and Mrs. A. Adamcik, Dallas, will direct the activities of boys and girls at that time. Harry W. Miner of Amarillo is in charge of the Sunday School program.

The Training Union service will be conducted from 6:50 to 8:00 each evening. Study course classes will be taught by Mrs. Adamcik, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hasty, Amarillo; Mrs. N. B. Ellis and T. D. Sumerall, Pampa; Miss Clara May, Wilson; and Mrs. E. J. Bones, Borger. H. Paul Briggs, Pampa, is district director. Miss Martha Nelle Payton of Canadian will have charge of the B. S. U. hour.

Afternoons will be given to recreation, including swimming. Rev. Ira M. Powell, Borger, is camp president and J. I. Payton, Canadian, camp manager.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

After some weeks of experience in reporting attendance at Sunday School and Training Union, the West Texas Baptist finds that the early deadline for copy is a handicap in receiving reports from many churches. For that reason, we are omitting reports this week and next week will have the list for July 10 instead of July 17. This will give the whole week to send in the figures. Any reports for July 10 mailed by Saturday, July 16 will reach the office in time to be included.

In response to requests, we will hereafter include churches of any enrollment instead of omitting the larger ones as has been the plan. It seems that this will make for greater interest.

To review: Send reports to Box 1560, Abilene, any time during the week include enrollment or not as you like. Any church of any size in West Texas is invited to participate in this column.

BAPTIST RADIO PLANS CALL FOR 13 PROGRAMS

Beginning with the first of January, 1942, Southern Baptists plan for a series of 13 radio programs, with speakers still to be selected, announces Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The announcement follows a recent meeting of the Radio-Committee at Nashville.

An appeal is to be made for \$25,000 to be used in carrying out the program of conveying the Baptist message to homes, offices, trains, factories, soldier camps and automobiles throughout the land, states Dr. Hamilton.

RALLS CHURCH RECALLS W. R. DERR AS PASTOR

The members of the First Baptist Church re-elected Rev. W. R. Derr as their pastor at their regular business meeting Wednesday night. This is the seventh consecutive time the church has called Rev. Derr. He has served the church almost six years.

Mr. H. C. McDermott was re-elected as the superintendent of the Sunday School at the Wednesday night meeting. This is the fifth consecutive time that Mr. McDermott has been elected as superintendent.—Ralls Banner.

ONLY DEAF BAPTIST CHURCH ON EARTH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AT FORT WORTH



Missionary C. F. Landon, left, is enumerating the duties of the clerk of the new church, L. R. Hiett, right, while Missionary J. W. Gardner looks on. "There are SEVERAL more ready to be baptized," says the clerk in the sign language.

The Deaf Baptist Church of Fort Worth, organized on July 27 as the result of Southern Baptist Home Mission work, is the only one of its kind in the world.

Twenty-two charter members, including five baptized by Home Board Missionary C. F. Landon, constituted the new church which was organized by a presbytery of eight Fort Worth pastors.

Present to deliver the inaugural sermon was Rev. J. W. Gardner, the second of the Home Mission Board's staff of two workers among the deaf. The sermon delivered simultaneously in the sign language and vocally for the benefit of visitors, was on the text, "On this rock I will build my church."

Both church ordinances—baptism and the Lord's Supper—were features of the full day of services.

Rev. Landon who has been in charge of the work at the mission since 1934, is pastor of the new church and will divide his time between the pastorate and his work as missionary to the deaf west of the Mississippi River.

L. R. Hiett was elected church clerk and Tom Davis church treasurer.

ARMY CAMPS AND COLLEGES

A few inquiries have come with regard to army camps and our colleges. To reassure our friends and patrons and the denomination as a whole, we thought it perhaps wise to make a joint statement.

The present army camps are not made up of professional soldiers but of typical boys from your homes.

The boys in the army camps have as high a batting average for behavior as the boys of a town similar in size. In fact, taking it as a whole, they are under stricter discipline.

It must be remembered that what a soldier does that is spectacular is played up in the press more than the conduct of a boy in private life. This is also true with reference to preachers and religious workers.

The communities where the army camps are located are safer than many communities located some distance away. This is true because the restless, roving type of soldier likes to get away from the military police and go to a community where they have a wider range. Local police forces have been augmented by adequate military police, thus giving greater protection to these communities than before the coming of the camps.

On the whole, the religious attitude of the soldier is higher than it was during the last world war. They go to church in fine numbers. Great numbers of them were church workers in their local churches before going away to the army camps.

There is no way to escape the presence of the soldiers. They will be more and more present in every community some time during the week. The sooner all of us, as well as the young women, become accustomed to them and learn how to deal with them, the better it will be. Certainly the supervision we have given in the past will not be lessened in our oversight of girls at this time.

Our Christian schools close to army camps are available for two great types of service. First, our students and faculty can work with the camp pastors in putting on strong religious programs at the camp. Second, we can make available a number of college courses through extension and otherwise.

Our two schools are thoroughly alert to all problems that might arise. They are thoroughly prepared and are happy over the results.

There are many more jobs available now for students as a result of the army camps near by. Most of them are jobs in town, created by better business conditions.

Both of us have our own relatives and loved ones in school with us and have every confidence in their safety and higher welfare.

W. R. WHITE for Hardin-Simmons University,
THOS. H. TAYLOR for Howard Payne College,

FURTHER DONATIONS TO HOSPITAL CHARITY FUND

Superintendent E. M. Collier reports the following additional gifts to the charity fund of Hendrick Memorial Hospital:

Mr. H. N. Turner, Abilene, \$15.00; Ft. Stockton W. M. S., \$1.00; First Church W. M. S., Abilene, \$12.00.

Breckenridge W. M. S. (Hunt Circle), 3 towels, 5 wash cloths, 2 pr. pillow cases, 8 qts. canned fruit, 17 pts. canned fruit, 1 can peas; Shamrock W. M. S., 2 sheets, 5 towels.

Ropesville W. M. S., 16 cup towels; Adrian W. M. S., 8 hand towels, 4 pr. pillow cases; University Church W. M. S., Abilene, 6 wash cloths, 2 dresser scarfs, 6 pts. canned fruits and vegetables, 10 qts. canned fruits and vegetables, 29 cup towels, 6 vases, 5 dis drags.

North Side Church Vacation Bible School (Jr. and Int. Girls), Wichita Falls, 4 baby slippers, 2 baby gowns, 5 baby dresses, 8 baby bands, 8 dresser scarfs, 12 napkins; Evans Avenue Church, Fort Worth, 53 blankets, 92 diapers, 2 gowns, 1 baby book, 2 sheets, binder material.

First Church W. M. S., Abilene, 3 qts. canned goods, 2 prs. pillow cases, 1 sheet, 1 towel, 48 cans fruit juice, 36 jars preserves, 11 cans fruits and vegetables, 2 gallons prunes, 7 pkgs. Jello; Red Springs W. M. U., 16 jars jelly; Mt. Blanco W. M. U., Crosbyton, 6 jars jelly 1 towel, 1 pr. pillow cases; Albany Church, 14 qts. jellies and preserves; 8 pts. jellies and preserves, 12 dresser scarfs.

Hamlin W. M. U., 12 jars peaches; Mrs. G. W. Myers, Mankins, 14 napkins.

NEWS COMMENT COLUMN IS ADDED TO FEATURES

"This Changing World," vital comments on world happenings of especial interest to Baptist, now becomes a regular feature of the West Texas Baptist. Dr. Louie D. Newton, dynamic pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, is the writer. He originally prepared his comments for the Christian Index, Baptist state paper for Georgia, but growing interest has induced Dr. Newton to furnish copy to a number of other papers, of which we are fortunate to be one.

Dr. Newton was a newspaper man before he was a preacher and came into the pastorate from the editor's desk of the Christian Index. He is one of the busiest men in the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to serving as pastor of a great city church, he finds time for a great deal of denominational activity. Among other duties he is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and serves as chairman for its committee on the Baptist papers circulation campaign, and secretary of the committee on Baptist World emergency.

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HAWLEY AND HODGES HAVE JOINT BAPTISM

Hawley and Hodges Churches in Jones County had a joint baptismal service in the Clear Fork of the Brazos Sunday afternoon, July 10. Dr. E. B. Atwood, pastor at Hodges, baptized seven and Pastor J. B. Bradford of Hawley, three.

Rev. Melvin Byrd, pastor at Shep and Drasco, led in the Hawley revival, which Pastor Bradford describes as the most far-reaching in many years. There were 11 additions and the church greatly benefited.

Rev. Chas. R. Smith of Broadway Church, Galveston, preached for the Hodges meeting, which had a total of 15 additions. This is his third revival in West Texas this summer. He has preached successfully in good meetings at Caps and at Corinth and Hodges in Jones County.

WICHITA FALLS WILL BUILD \$50,000 UNIT

First Church, Wichita Falls, of which Dr. Fred Eastham is pastor, will break ground in the fall for a new \$50,000 unit for class rooms. The church has already spent \$10,000 in improvements this year and will pay cash for the new annex. They are averaging around 35 new additions each month.

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.

Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, noted Roman Catholic radio preacher is a patient in the New England Baptist Hospital, Boston; while Dr. B. D. Gray, noted Southern Baptist statesman is a patient in the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Infirmary, Atlanta.

The Ladies Home Journal, in its September issue, makes an appeal in the leading editorial for the revival of the custom of "saying grace before meals."

Mayor Clint Vinson of Meridian, Mississippi, has called upon the people of that city to pause at high noon every day and pray for peace. The whistle at the city's waterworks will remind everyone of this call to prayer.

Roman Catholics in the United States are alarmed at the decline in the number of nuns available for their institutional work. A survey, published in a recent issue of America, widely read Catholic weekly, indicates

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There is no power but of God.
Romans 13:1

that only three-fourths of the candidates needed for sisterhoods could be found. Reasons suggested: the changed economic position of women; growth of more secular work which offers the satisfaction of service without imposing so many restrictions; and the declining size of the average Catholic family.

Gathered about the ancient well in the quadrangle at Oxford, many noted British churchmen last week faced the implications of the present and the future for the church, concluding: "Let us so turn to God that if in His providence victory is ours, we may neither waste nor misuse the terrible responsibility of victory but may turn it to the service of God's laws in the reordering of our social life, the re-discovery of the dignity of man, and the refashioning of the comity of nations."

Strasbourg Cathedral, the finest example of Gothic architecture in re- (Continued on page 3)

STUDENTS WILL DISCUSS BETTER COLLEGE CLASSES

The annual pre-school B. S. U. conferences will be conducted for college Sunday School classes and departments officers and teachers, with the hope that next year we will have better college Sunday School work than ever before.

Every officer and teacher of every college class and department should make an effort to attend this pre-school B. S. U. conference, for the latest and best methods in college Sunday School work will be presented and discussed.

More than 400 college students are expected to attend. Mrs. J. W. Bill Marshall, approved, State Young People's Sunday School worker will assist in this conference work.

H-S DORMITORY RESERVATIONS ARE NEARING CAPACITY

Five weeks before the opening date for fall registration, the advance reservations for dormitory room at Hardin-Simmons are nearing the room capacity. Nearest full is the senior girls' apartment, which can take only one or two more. Mary Frances hall is likewise nearing the limit. Ferguson hall for men has more rooms reserved than at any time in ten years. There is still some room available in Smith hall, where girls can board for \$15 per month, plus an hour or so of daily work. The new dormitory, under construction to provide low-cost board for boys, will be able to take care of some additional roomers, state university authorities.

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ON LANGUAGE

"Young people do not understand or else dislike the vocabulary of the average preacher," Editor E. C. Routh quotes a theological student writing in a non-Baptist periodical. Dr. Routh comments that this indictment should make every preacher examine his own messages on sin and salvation to see that they are so plain that any normal person can understand them.

Our observation is that the number of Baptist preachers who offend in that respect is diminishing. But there are some preachers and some Sunday School teachers who use a sort of sanctimonious cant which is nauseating to normal ears. We have more that err in assuming that everyone knows what they are talking about, not taking pains to make it so the uninitiated can understand. From the viewpoint of a layman, we would venture to suggest that a preacher needs no more to identify himself by a meaningless, pious jargon than by a clerical costume.

As we understand it, Jesus talked in the vernacular of the common people and made his message plain by illustrations from everyday life. He told of the deep things of God, but without high-brow phrases or references to an abstruse theology. Nor was His Gospel so spoken as to be intelligible only to the elect. The learned Nicodemus, the Samaritan slattern, the wayside beggar, the rich Zacchaeus, the gentle sisters of Bethany, all heard with an understanding which generated love and induced surrender.

No God-called preacher need alter his message merely for those who are so modern that they think of sin, Satan, salvation and souls as out-of-date words from a provincial generation. But preacher, teacher and writer, we can study the messages of Jesus for His matchless methods, and note that he spoke in the speech of His own day and not that of David or of Moses, nor of the Pharisees.

THE SOLDIER OFFERING

Returns are coming in slowly regarding the offering for Baptist work among men in service. The main thing that is sure is that a very great number of churches did not find it convenient to take this offering on July 27, the day set aside for that cause. That was to be expected. A very large number of churches were in the midst of a revival meeting and the leadership did not deem it wise to shift the emphasis for a day, even for so worthy a cause. Other churches had so recently had some other cause presented for a special offering that it was felt that it would defeat the purpose of the collection for soldier work to take it without an interval. It was known that these things would occur. They are part of the glorious Baptist way of doing things. If it were otherwise, we would be deprived of our cherished liberty of action and our church independence.

The point is, that those churches which for good reasons, or for no reason at all, failed to observe July 27 as Soldier Day, must not overlook having a worthy share in the work which that day emphasized. For a great many churches even September will be a better time for this offering, and the money will be needed quite as badly by then as now. The danger in putting off is that some other emphasis may arise and this most important cause suffer from neglect.

Some churches are putting the work in the regular budget. We hope that all will have the opportunity to do that next year. But for the fact that the need arose after the meeting of our State convention last fall, it would very probably have been included in the Cooperative Program in Texas this year. Because it could not be done makes the emergency all the greater.

The U. S. O. is making extensive preparation for the recreational life of the men. The devices of the Devil are spending vast sums to ensnare them. Only Baptists can provide means to reach men in the service with the Gospel message as Baptists understand it. If we fall down, it will not be done.

THE HEAVENLY HOME

In an earlier and harsher generation, many Christians found escape from the ugliness and hardships of life in the anticipation of beauties and joys in "the Home Beyond." Out of those days came songs like the "Southern Baptist Anthem," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks." Preachers delivered their masterpieces, the climactic sermon of the camp meeting, on Heaven. Song books were filled with the theme. Christians referred to it in their conversation, their testimony and their prayers. Sophisticates sneered at them as "other-worldly."

Then, with the increase of creature comforts and sensual pleasure, the glories of the Hereafter became vague, misty, and finally, all but obscured. People ceased to sing, "We are travelling to a better land." They were too busy rushing about, with a heavy foot on the accelerator, from one mad thrill to another, in a land where they were acquainted.

The theory was popularly preached that the world was getting so much better and better that soon we would have a heaven here on earth. Even the depression came to be looked upon as only an outgrowth of social injustices, which were soon to be ironed out, bringing in the "abundant life," meaning an abundance in material possessions.

Now, with a veritable hell in half of the world instead of the anticipated terrestrial paradise, with an uncertain, horrible shadow spreading across our own doorway, there is evidence that men are again turning their thoughts toward a place where God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

If the Creator had not intended that men should contemplate Heaven and enjoy in anticipation its delights, He surely would not have had so much on the subject throughout His Book. Parents do not talk to their children of Christmas unless they are sure of gifts for them on Christmas morning. And if He wants us to think on those things, we err in not giving more thought to a blessed eternity.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. W. C. Taggart, Jr., has entered service as a chaplain. He has been assigned to the air corps and will be stationed at Salt Lake City.

Rev. Vergil Reynolds is assisting Pastor R. G. Alexander in a revival with the San Saba Church. He was in charge of the song service at the Lampasas Encampment.

Rev. T. J. Sparkman is in a revival at Mesquite Church, in Mitchell County. Rev. Scott Hickey opened the meeting, preaching from Friday night through Sunday. Rev. Hickey is now located in Abilene and is available for supply or for evening services.

Rev. W. C. Taggart supplied August 10 at Roby for Pastor Thomas J. Young. Three members came for baptism.

Because of a shift in his schedule, Rev. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, has the first two weeks in September open. He will be glad to help any church desiring his services at this time. His address: 528 Cooper, San Antonio.

Rev. Sam Brian has just closed a good revival meeting with Pastor S. C. Shipley and the church at Key. In the week's meeting there were 34 decisions, 24 of these came by church membership and 13 by baptism.

It has been found necessary to raise the cost of meals at the Mexican Encampment at Menard, August 23 to 29, to \$1.50, states Rev. Hiram Duffer. It has been previously announced that the rate would be \$1.00.

Rev. Clyde Campbell of Calvary Church, Abilene, is in a revival with the Klondike Church, Lamesa Association. Rev. E. A. Phillips is pastor.

Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater and Charles McLaughlin of Abilene will assist Pastor D. G. Reid in a revival at Immanuel Church, Abilene, August 24 to September 7.

Rev. W. C. Taggart of Abilene will supply for Pastor H. D. Bruce at Midland Sunday, August 17.

Billy Trice of Lubbock, State B. S. U. vice-president, is entering Hardin-Simmons this fall as a ministerial student.

Rev. W. D. Green of Liberty Road Church, Houston, assisted in a revival at Sidney. There were 15 conversions and 15 additions to the church, 12 by baptism.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is quoted as saying that Russians by the thousand flocked to churches for prayer at the beginning of the war with Germany.

Rev. David H. Barnhill is the new pastor at Clayton, N. M. He and his wife are both graduates of Southwestern Seminary.

Rev. Sam D. Taylor of San Saba has accepted the position of financial secretary of Howard Payne College.

The Plains Association in New Mexico has been formed out of the northern part of Portales Association. Rev. J. T. Barbee, pastor of First Church, Clovis, is moderator.

The Roby Church was greatly revived in a meeting led by Rev. A. C. Turner of Calvary Church, Tyler. Pastor Thomas J. Young is in a meeting this week with the Ira Church in Scurry County.

Evangelist J. Lawrence Deavers of Snyder is in his second revival at Sudan. He has had a date cancelled from August 24 to September 7. In the 11 months that Pastor H. B. Naylor has been at Sudan there have been 114 additions, 62 by baptism.

Workers from First Church, Abilene are conducting a Vacation Bible School for Negroes this week.

Rev. Geo. W. Parks of Roscoe supplied at First Church, Sweetwater, Sunday, while Pastor J. M. Sibley was in a revival at Westside Mission.

Rev. Woodrow Harris, pastor's assistant at First Church, Sweetwater, is leading the music and speaking both morning and evening in a revival with Pastor C. E. Dick and the McCauley Church.

Dr. E. S. James, Vernon, is assisting Pastor L. A. Doyle in an eight-day revival at Anson.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Craighead, Southern Baptist missionaries who were driven out of Bessarabia, when Russia took that province, are being

transferred to Argentina, where they will probably work among European immigrants.

Rev. W. B. Teel has resigned work in the Wilbarger-Foard Association to do mission work for Lamar Avenue Church in Wichita Falls.

Rev. W. R. Derr is beginning a two weeks meeting with Highland Heights Church, Wichita Falls. Joe Trussell of Brownwood is leading the singing. Pastor A. C. Huff of this church was formerly missionary in District Nine.

Dr. W. R. White left Tuesday for the Bloys Camp meeting at Skillman Grove near Fort Davis, where he is preaching again this year.

Dr. N. A. Moore supplied at First Church, Midland, August 10. Rev. Kelley Barnett met his classes at Hardin-Simmons on Monday.

Rev. Judson Prince of Cisco has just closed a good revival with Pastor J. S. Tierce and the Knox City Church. There were 40 responses noted.

Dr. W. R. White supplied for Pastor E. Douglas Carver at University Church Abilene Sunday, August 10. Rev. G. Avery Lee preached at the evening hour.

AT THE TOP O' LIFE

By ORVAL A. HENDON

A Baptist preacher differs from others in that he does not have a boss over him to see that he keeps at the job. The result he is hunting cannot be measured or counted in bushels, nor pounds, nor yards, nor dollars. Of course numbers of people coming to him, hearing him preach, working with him in the different church organizations, giving of themselves and of their money are encouragement to him but he knows that neither crowds nor contributions are a sure measure of the success of his work.

I was thinking the other day on this question and I realize more and more that our duty as Christians is to win souls to the Lord. We must be thoughtful Christians and then teach and train those about us to be thus minded. The preacher above all should be a thoughtful Christian and lead his flock to follow in his footsteps. The principle duty of a pastor is to develop thoughtful Christians.

It's an easy matter to say that we believe in Jesus Christ and want to follow him. It is a rather easy matter to get people to join the church. But it is another matter to get them to live the whole-hearted Christian life; and this is where thoughtfulness comes in. We must think out our own salvation reason on the scriptures then follow their teaching.

If people can be led to think earnestly and soberly they will not be found following a foolish course of life. Let us resolve in our hearts to be thoughtful Christians. Think things through; live at the top of life—a thoughtful Christian.

"Come and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isaiah 1:18.

I AM A BAPTIST

"I love the beautiful symbolism of the ordinances of the Baptist churches. I love a baptism that does not have to be argued, defended, or explained, but is in itself such a living picture of burial and resurrection that even the blind eye must close itself if it would not see. And I love the creed that is written nowhere save in the New Testament, which allows growth, and the changes which must come with increase of light and stature without periodical revision. Then, I love the simplicity of the Baptist organization. If there were not a Baptist church in the world there would, nevertheless, be millions of Baptists in every generation. I love the democratic churches, and I love the Baptist recognition of the right of 'private judgment' the liberty of personal opinion. I love the free responsibility of the human soul, standing on a level platform face to face with God, with no shadow of pope, bishop, or priest, or man-made creed falling between the individual and his Master. That's why I am a Baptist."—Robert J. Burdette.

NEW "SIX POINT RECORD SYSTEM" BOOK OFF THE PRESS

The new "Sunday School Secretary and the Six Point Record System" book by Miss Emma Noland, is off the press and may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Baptist Bldg., Dallas. The study of this book gives credit on the regular Sunday School training course. Write this department for free material.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for August 17, 1941

PETER ENCOURAGES SUFFERING CHRISTIANS

Read and Study 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

The mission churches in Asia Minor in the sixties of the first century were subjected to many reproaches by their neighbors. The Jews reproached them for abandoning ceremonial observances and the Gentiles reproached them for not joining in idolatrous festivities as of old; and this feeling broke out in violent persecution. On hearing through Silvanus from the troubled churches in the West, Peter, then laboring among the many Jews in Babylon, wrote his first letter addressing Christians generally in Asia Minor, naming the countries from northeast to south and west.

1. Suffering (1 Peter 4)

SUFFER for the name of Christ. (1) Expect Severe Tests. The trials may be fiery but they are not exceptional for the others are undergoing them. They are disciplinary and developing to the sufferer; they energize also his witness before others. (2) Rejoice in Fellowship With Christ. As you share what he suffered you will exult at the revelation of his glory. (3) Realize the Blessedness of the Divine Presence. You may be denounced for bearing the name of Christ, but upon you will rest the glory and power of the Spirit of God. (4) Suffer as a Christian. Be sure of that. If one suffers as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or a meddler and busybody, he simply gets what he deserves, and he deserves no credit. But if he suffers because he is a Christian, "he must not be ashamed but must glorify God for that" (Moffatt). (5) Submit to the Providential Judgment of God. They who are of the household of God must submit to judgment; and if they escape through the "strait gate" like Lot out of Sodom and Israel out of Egypt, what must become of the ungodly and irreligious who reject and disobey the gospel? (6) Suffer According to the Will of God. When he directs, let no one disobey. (7) Commit the Soul in Well-Doing to the Creator. He is faithful and will never forsake.

2. Service (1 Peter)

SERVE the God of grace. (1) Serve by Submission. Since God sets himself against the proud but gives grace to the humble, our duty is plain and imperative: "Humble yourselves therefore under the Mighty hand of God." Submit in all humility to his righteous dealings knowing that in due time he will raise you up. Jesus himself has said, "he that humbly himself shall be exalted." (2) Serve by Serenity. As Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount had told his followers not to be anxious, so now Peter bade his persecuted readers in the midst of their trials to cast all their anxiety upon the Lord. He cared for them with infinite care and he alone could bear their burdens for them. Thus they could be free from care and live the life serene. (3) Serve by Self-Restraint. Be calm and circumspect. Be thoughtful and temperate. Be sober and keep self under perfect control. (4) Serve by Vigilance. There is a malicious opponent abroad. He wants to devour every Christian. He is the devil who prowls like a roaring lion, symbol of his fierceness and strength. Thus there

is necessity for constant attention. Be watchful. Keep wide awake. Be on the alert every moment. (5) Serve by Resistance. In his search for whom he may devour, Satan will make direct attack many a time upon every Christian. He must be resisted. And it can be done. Therefore, withstand him firm in your faith. Be steadfast in opposition to him. "Keep your foothold in the faith." (6) Serve by Suffering. Peter's immediate readers were not the only ones of the time who were suffering for their faith. He therefore urges: "Learn to stand the same tests of suffering as the rest of your brotherhood throughout the world." (7) Serve in View of Reward. God is the God of grace. He has called you to share his grace through Christ. It may be his will for you to suffer but it will be for a short time. At last he shall himself make you perfect, firm, and strong. He shall repair and recruit and strengthen you, setting you on a solid foundation that shall never be shaken. To him be the dominion forever.

When Christianity Is Under Fire Be Not Nervous, trembling for the ark of God or fearful that the kingdom of God can be destroyed.

Do not "Fight Fire with Fire." Abuse and sarcasm, chicanery and falsehood are in the hands of your foes, but David must not wear the armor of Saul.

Do Not Rely Altogether upon Intellectual Weapons. Argument for the sake of argument is seldom convincing.

Be Spiritual, first of all; for a spiritual life is the best possible answer to the critics of the cross. In wordy argumentation men may muddy your brain, but they cannot pump the life-blood out of your heart.

Be Loyal to God and His Word. Allegiance to his sovereignty and unwavering confidence in his Word are forts of strength in time of war.

Be Aggressive, Evangelistic, Missionary. Instead of stopping to shiver with fear or parley with foe, herald the good news fervently, faithfully, persistently.

Be Courageous, Wise, Hopeful, Persevering. For they who are "blasting at the Rock of Ages" can do nothing more than remove some of the moss that has gathered there. And they who would dissect the Bible are unable to insert the scalpel deeper than the cuticle of a creed or the wart of a theological system. And they who by dispute and denial would destroy the deity of Jesus might as well attempt to warm Greenland with a candle or overpaint the sun with an ink drop.

Gold in the Golden Text

If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 1 Peter 4:16.

Daily Bible Readings

August 18 — The First Covenant. Hebrews 9:1-10.
August 19 — The Law Inadequate. Romans 7:12-25.
August 20 — Our High Priest. Hebrews 8:7-13.
August 22 — The New Covenant. Hebrews 9:11-22.
August 23 — The New and Living Way. Hebrews 10:19-25.
August 24 — Passing on Toward Perfection. Hebrews 6:1-3.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

THE PARABLE OF THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT RETURNING

Luke 11:24-26

In the parable of the Unclean Spirit returning, Jesus teaches two lessons very clearly: (1) The futility of mere moral reform, and (2) The help of Jesus is invaluable in overcoming the temptations of the Devil.

A man sweeps and garnishes his house (reforms). Satan is forced to leave that house for a time at least, but he soon returns to look over the situation. Upon returning he finds that the man has not done anything bad, the house is swept clean; but neither has he done anything especially good. He has been only negatively good. Negative goodness alone is dangerous. The person who is doing neither good nor evil is in a position to stagnate. He is the target of the Devil's every scheme. The man who is only negatively good has worst of all not let Christ take possession of his life, for Christ makes his servants be progressive in their good-

ness. Satan has no trouble getting back into the heart of the man who has had no ruler on the throne. No man is happy unless someone rules his heart. Because of the emptiness of the throne, Satan is allowed to come back home.

When Satan returns he brings a host of evil associates with him, which is to say that after a person has a moral lapse from a reformation that he is much worse off than at the beginning. The futility of moral reform without spiritual reinforcement is hereby shown. In any case when Satan is overthrown in the human heart he will make an attempt to reclaim that heart. His attempts will be successful unless Christ is on the throne to battle against those temptations. No man of himself is able to combat successfully the appealing temptations of the Devil.

The entire object of true education is to make people not merely do the right thing, but to enjoy the right things.—Ruskin.

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EVERY CHRISTIAN A WITNESS

By JEWELL THOMAS
Texas Representative in Better Speech
Contest, Ridgecrest

The real issue before us today, even as it was in the days of Paul, is still this: Shall we support Diana or Jesus? Are we concerned more about prosperity in things material than things spiritual? What is your answer as you think on conditions today? Are we making the proper effort in intensity and degree to see that God's work goes on? It appears that many are devoting much time and energy to worldly pursuits and as long as this continues, some form of material idolatry takes precedence over Jesus. It is time for us to do some real thinking in this direction.

For what purpose does God save us? Certainly not just merely to keep us out of hell, though that is important. He really saves us for himself and His work. The saved person is expected to unite with the church and through the church we work for our Saviour, laboring together for God.

Are you a Christian? When the sunshine falls around you, or clouds the sunshine hide, Do clouds or sunshine alter your faith in God to guide? And do you strive to praise him, with service as with song? Are you a Christian, brother, or do you just belong?

Ere' long you'll face life's long evening and view with pride or shame The record of your journey, the way by chance you came, And he who keeps the record, no soul has ever wronged, He'll write "you were a Christian" or that "you just belonged."

What a great thought these lines, written by O. Brown, brings to our minds. What kind of a Christian are you? Are you one that is proud to bear the name of Christ and to carry His banner high? Or, are you like the young man who went away to college for the first time? His pastor warned him that he would not find the spiritual atmosphere there that he had here. When he returned after several months the pastor asked him how he was getting along. "Oh, just fine," he said, "and you know, they never did find out I was a Christian." Too many Christians keep their lights hidden under a bushel and it doesn't do them any good or anyone else either.

God expects each one of us to witness for Him. Not all in the same way, of course—he has a plan for each one of us and He gives us strength and power equal to the task he has for us. God has never expected more of anyone than he is capable of doing. Some He calls to be missionaries, some to preach and others to special service, but many of us He only asks that we be Christian business men and women and witness for Him whenever we have the opportunity.

Oftentimes we can witness for Christ without saying a word, for in many cases, "actions speak louder than words." The way we react when hardships come, sorrows and disappointments, show what kind of a Christian we are, and many people

never read the Bible except in our lives. Our influence is a sacred thing—it's like the little marble, that when thrown into the ocean, creates a wave that goes on and on and on. Our lives are thrown out upon the great sea of time and going out from each one of them is a wave of influence that will not stop until it reaches the shore on the other side.

Life is a gift of God that is to be used every day. It should not be hidden in niches and corners or stored away as a keepsake in a treasure chest but should be used every hour of the day. Some unknown author certainly had learned the value of life when he wrote those beautiful lines: "Life is a gift that the humblest may boast of, And one that the humblest may well make the most of."

Get out and live it each hour of the day, You'll find that in service its beauty improves."

We can only grow in grace if we get out and really live our lives every day according to the pattern God has set out for us. The only difference in the weak and strong Christian is that the strong Christian is being continuously guided by and filled with the Holy Spirit.

If you are one of those who have become disillusioned and discouraged because your life has not fulfilled the hopes you held for it, try using it in service for the Lord, keeping in mind this Scripture "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do with all thy might" and before long you will find that your life, instead of being just a dwarfed pot plant, is growing into a sturdy oak—the abundant life with unlimited resources.

We receive a double reward for serving Christ—a blessing and joy in this life and a crown over there. But to me this life is made so much more worthwhile, so much happier and so much more pleasant in the services of Christ, I share the sentiments of that poet when he said: "I ask for no crown with glittering gems When my race on earth is run, But I long to hear from those gracious lips Those wonderful words, 'Well done.'"

DYING FOR ANOTHER

By Edward B. Jenkins

During the revolution in Spain the Reds unmercifully murdered all their victims in a most cruel manner. In one city they were seeking a professor of medicine, who was a Catholic (the Reds burned 13,000 Catholic churches in Spain during the revolution). They went to his home to arrest him, but he was gone. Instead they found his brother and after questioning him they thought he was the professor so they carried him away and executed him. Sometime after this the professor got a letter from his brother and it said:

"Juan I am not married, but you—you have a wife and four children. They need you. Your duty is to carry on. And so I go for you gladly."

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some one would even dare to die."

"But God commended his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:7-9).

JONES ASSOCIATION VOTES DISTRICT MISSION INCREASE

At the July meeting of the Jones County Association Executive Board, it was voted to increase their monthly payment for district missions from \$35 to \$42.50, an increase of \$7.50 or over 20 per cent. The purpose of this voluntary movement on the part of the board was that they felt the district missionary should have a secretary who would greatly increase his efficiency and his value to the district. Moderator L. A. Doyle states that they would like to get in touch with other associations and see if they would do likewise.

The workers of Jones Association have decided to omit the August meeting because so many of the pastors and churches are in revivals at this time.

WERE YOU?

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.—Psalm 122:1.

"EVERY S. S. REPORTING A GAIN IN ENROLLMENT"

By G. S. Hopkins

What Can the Associational Officers Do Toward Making Every Sunday School Show a Gain in Enrollment This Year? Urge it over and over. Say it in every meeting. Suggest it personally to every pastor and superintendent. Ask others to urge it. Show how it may be accomplished in any Sunday School.

What Can the Pastors Do? Decide that it ought to be done. Present the challenge of it to the officers and teachers. Create a desire for it—lead the officers and teachers to want to do it. Confer with the superintendent—working out plans that will produce growth. Emphasize it and urge it in every meeting held and with every possible individual worker.

What Can the Superintendent Do? Plan for it. Organize a Cradle Roll department. Enlist additional Cradle Roll visitors. Start an Extension Department. Organize some new classes. Hold a training school. Lead the departments, classes and groups to set enrollment goals. Secure the names of some prospects. Get more visiting done. Lead the officers and teachers in a program of visitation. Publicize the idea of Sunday School enrollment gains in the local papers, on placards, by the use of poster, by the distribution of hand bills, by outlining a telephone campaign, and in this way invite people to come to Sunday School.

What Can the Teacher Do? Co-operate with the superintendent. Set goals, look for prospects, visit, visit, visit, and urge others to visit.

Will your Sunday School report a gain or loss in enrollment this associational year? Definite planning and hard work will, no doubt, make the answer yes. Neglect will, in most cases, make the answer no.

MEN LIKE CHRYSOSTOM NEEDED TODAY

By William H. Joyner

State Evangelist

Chrysostom was ordered by his Emperor to cease preaching Christ. His reply was, "I cannot but speak the things I have seen and heard." The Emperor then said, "I will put you in prison." Fearless Chrysostom answered, "Prisons cannot bind me; if the Lord has made me free, I am free indeed." "I will put you to death," declared the enraged Emperor. This matchless servant of God then said, "Your Majesty forgets that my life is hid with Christ in God."

God give us men of such conviction and courage today. We need them everywhere.

"BON VOYAGE"

"Bon Voyage" is a program designed as a parting message for the Young People of the church who are about to leave for college. It should be presented by the Young People's Department of the Sunday School, and may take place in the department assembly on Sunday morning. If the pastor thinks wise, the program may be featured in the church auditorium on Sunday evening. This would give the occasion due recognition.

Write the Sunday School Department, 310 Baptist Building, Dallas, for a copy.

C. D. SCOTT IS ORDAINED TO GOSPEL MINISTRY

C. D. Scott was recently set apart to the gospel ministry at the call of the Hartwell Church, Big Spring Association. Missionary W. C. Harrison served as moderator and questioned the candidate. Rev. Paul Jakes delivered the charge to preacher and church, Rev. R. A. Brown presented the Bible, Rev. Sidney Cox preached the ordination prayer and Rev. J. C. Cook offered the ordination prayer. Rev. E. E. Mason served as clerk. Other members of the council were Rev. Hugh Thames and Deacons J. W. Hayworth and L. H. White.

AVERY LEE WILL DIRECT B. S. U. IN LOUISIANA

Rev. G. Avery Lee, H-SU '39, has accepted the position of Baptist Student Union secretary at Louisiana State University for the coming year. He and his wife and classmate, Ann Rader Lee, were prominent in undergraduate activities in Hardin-Simmons. For the past two years he has been engaged in study in Yale University. L. S. U. has one of the most active Baptist Student organizations of any non-Baptist school in the South.

"NOT KNOWING"

By GORDON BARRETT

Paul said, "And now, behold, I go bound in the Spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Spirit witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me."

The old saint had met his Master face to face on the road to Damascus. He made a complete surrender on that eventful day. He realized there and then that he would enlist as a full-fledged soldier of Jesus Christ and that it was his to take orders from Christ and execute them for Him. He was not looking for a "big" church in a thriving city with a good salary. The paramount preponderous thought in the Apostle's mind was: Is the cause worthy? Will it be best for all concerned? Is the work that I am doing and the truth that I am teaching, pleasing to the one I met on the highway that eventful day? If so, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy."

Paul makes it clear that if any person could attain unto righteousness without Christ, it was his mother's son. He rehearsed his life, and from the standpoint of morals, it was a thing of beauty. But when he saw himself in the light and power of Jesus Christ, he exclaimed, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

"Not knowing," I am going to venture as to what the thorn in the flesh meant to Paul. He loved his nationality as but few men could. He hoped that they might see the folly of their ways as he had seen the folly of his ways. He knew that if the Jews could see Christ in the light in which he had seen Him, they would love Christ as he loved Him.

Then, too, he had to suffer so much by the hands of the people that he loved best—not for any crime or disloyalty on his part, but purely through the blindness of his people. Once and again he went to Christ in prayer over this matter. Then no doubt the Lord said unto his saint, "Son! I cannot save this people against their will. They will not repent and accept me as their savior, but, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.' After this third prayer of Paul's and Christ's answer to it, he exclaimed out of the depth of his heart, "Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake."

"So I go on not knowing, I would not if I might, I had rather walk with Christ by faith, Than to walk alone in the light."

Awhile ago, I was in deep distress, My heart was broken. And in my meditations, I said, "Paul, you said, 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.' My dear old Apostle, I just can't see it." He answered back in clear tones, "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even also as I am known."

"Not now, but in the coming years, It may be in the better land, We'll read the meaning of our tears, And there, sometime, we'll understand."

"We'll know why clouds instead of sun Were shed o'er many a cherished plan; Why song has ceased when scarce begun, 'Tis there, sometime, we'll understand."

"Why what we long for most of all, Eludes so oft our eager hand; Why hopes are crushed and castles fall, Up there, sometime, we'll understand."

VALUE OF CHURCHES

The safety of all we have is due to the churches, even in their present inefficient and inactive state. By all that we hold dear, let us from this very day give more time, money, and thought to the churches of our city, for upon these the value of all we own ultimately depends.—Roger Babson.

"Be rich in the things that you can't lose."—Dr. White.

This Changing World

(Continued from page 1)

conquered Alsace, has been secularized by the Nazis and turned into a museum. The Nazis have stripped its altars, stopped all religious services, refused to admit the bishop and other clergy, and require all male visitors to keep their hats on as evidence that the cathedral is no longer a place of worship.

Ablest piece of writing of the past week: The article in Time, under Foreign Relations, on "Diplomat's Diplomats," page 10-13, being a factual and interpretative sketch of Acting Secretary of State, Sumner Welles. One should read carefully this article, and be grateful for such inside information on the man who appears to have done and gives promise of continuing to do such a good job in welding together the nations of this Hemisphere; and that is not to discount his ability in dealing with the other nations of earth on behalf of Uncle Sam.

Vice-President Henry Agard Wallace heads the Super-cabinet, to be known as the Economic Defense Board, charged, for the present, with the difficult task of waging economic war against the Axis. The Super-cabinet will set policies for the control of foreign trade, handle transactions of foreign exchange, administer the frozen assets of European countries. Other members of the eight-man board: Hull, Morgenthau, Stimson, Knox, Wickard, Jones, and the Attorney General (when named). Wallace will likely appoint New Dealer W. W. Riefel of Princeton University, as his assistant.

London's cockneys have dubbed Harry Hopkins "Mister Hurry Upkins." Hopkins is the President's Number One Man, whether at home or abroad. What he has said to Churchill and Stalin will have far-reaching effect, perhaps, upon the future obligations of our country in the Battle of Democracy with Totalitarianism. One can only hope that he doesn't tie us up too closely with Communism, present and future.

One of the very few spots in Washington which has escaped the moles-

tation of this utilitarian age is the Congressional Cemetery, where 80 former members of Congress are buried, and many another notable American. An hour spent in this cemetery on your next visit to Washington will prove rewarding.

Editor Roy L. Smith, in the August 7th issue of The Christian Advocate, devotes his leading editorial to the need of bedrock religion in the numerous church-sponsored camps for youth. He says there are more than one hundred thousand Methodist young people in the more than two hundred summer camps of our country; and estimates that there are upwards of three-quarters of a million young people in summer camps at this time—camps definitely sponsored by Protestant church groups. "The basic purpose of every such camp must be to assist young people in their search for God," says Editor Smith.

Hotter than the weather in Washington was the correspondence between President Roosevelt and Chairman Robert Lee Doughton of the Ways and Means Committee over the pending tax bill last week. The President's suggestion of revision of the bill were turned down, and Chairman Doughton concluded his letter, informing the President of the committee's action, with these significant words: "I am surprised to learn that your views are antagonistic to those expressed so emphatically by the Treasury." The President shoved the hot letter aside, mopped his sweaty brow, and made for the Potomac, luxurious yacht on which he is now spending a vacation somewhere in the North Atlantic.

Question of the week: Will Churchill and Roosevelt meet somewhere in the North Atlantic during the President's vacation? Answer to this query, if ever the answer is known, may probably be the common possession of the reader ere this page appears in type. Meanwhile, let us not forget daily to pray for "those in authority." Selah.

Greatness is achieved by courage to do a multiplicity of small things right.—Gloria Young.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR MEN IN SERVICE

By JAMES B. TURNER
Griffin, Georgia

The boys are on their way. And where are they going? The question is inserted to provoke us to good works, not to cause speculation about miles and geography. Where the soldiers detain or disembark is important, and it may be decisive, but mothers at home, and wives and sweethearts are concerned more about the direction of their feet. The prodigal son left home. Where he had been, what he had seen, didn't concern the father half so much as the beautiful fact that when he came back home he was a better boy than when he went away.

We have heard it said from time to time, and some of us know from firsthand experience, that the boys in uniform are the same boys we used to talk with on the street corner, mingle with on church grounds, advise about, problems that confront every young man. The uniform has changed their prospects but the introspective view has undergone little change. It is my conviction that these soldier-boys are as desirous of avoiding pitfalls, living a clean life, as they were when they wore civilian clothes. Two members of our church from Fort Jackson came home a short while ago. They were refreshing in their disclosures, and equally frank about answering inquiries about army life in general. I was not surprised that they attended Bible school and B. T. U. the only Sunday they were at home.

It is somebody's responsibility to see to it that these boys, and countless others like them, come back home, when they put aside their uniforms, just as strong, and stronger, in things religious, as they were when they went away. When one's church follows one to camp, or anywhere else, the influence is different, no matter what the chaplain and other helpful contacts may do. The church back home is unique, it sheds a light that goes far in making for "good deeds in a naughty world."

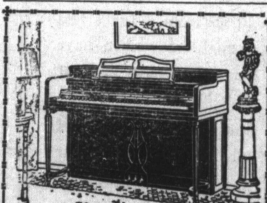
We believe this when we think of our boys and girls on the campus. The B. S. U. is rich evidence of the fact. Not more important, unless the stress and appeal of unique experiences makes it so, but equally important, are these boys, rudely and suddenly, in some instances, called from the quiet of civilian life to live among thousands of strangers in an atmosphere surcharged with a new quality.

The U. S. O. is conducting a successful campaign to raise eleven million dollars to furnish entertainment for the boys. This is well, and each of us has been given the privilege of contributing. Recreation is needed, the more the better is the unanimous vote of men in uniform. But this reach is not enough, however engaging and popular it is. The lack is an open door for the churches, the invitation and challenge that should arouse us to privilege and duty. One of our State Secretaries has put it this way: "The funds when received will be used to provide a distinctive spiritual ministry in the army camp and defense project communities, thus ministering to a vast number of young men from every state and section."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Christian education takes its place as one of the 'must' activities of Christian people." John W. Raley, president O.B.U. says, "Christian colleges are necessary:

1. For the training of intellectual leadership in spiritual things.
2. For a trained consecrated church membership.
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4. For Christian workers.
5. For ministers and missionaries."



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By WILLIAM H. JOYNER
State Evangelist

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Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. A. R. Watson,
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Text: Heb. 12:18-24.

Introduction. There may be an element of uncertainty as to the date and authorship of the Epistle to the Hebrews, but there is no such question as to its design. To bring the Jew to the full realization of the relation of Judaism to Christianity to make clear that Christ fulfilled those temporary and provisional institutions, and thus abrogated them, is the great design of this Epistle. The Epistle unquestionably shows a tendency of those to whom it was addressed to forsake Christ for the Levitical System, or to still hold to it while believing in Christ. The writer makes it perfectly clear that to rely upon the ordinances of that system for salvation, in whole or in part, was to rest their faith upon that which was imperfect and inferior. He sets forth the imperfection and temporary nature of the whole Levitical System, first, by calling attention to the imperfection of the Aaronic priest as seen in the fact, that before offering a sacrifice for the worshiper, he was required to make a sacrifice for himself; and, second, he shows the imperfection of the sacrifice by citing the fact that it could not put away sin.

A perfect sacrifice is possible only where there is a perfect priest. The Levitical System being imperfect in both priest and sacrifice, it follows that it was imperfect and temporary and must of necessity pass away. In the provisions of the New Covenant we have Christ the Great and Perfect High Priest, and also the Perfect Lamb of Sacrifice. This Perfect High Priest has, by the sacrifice of himself, made actual expiation for sin, and provided for direct and immediate access to the throne of grace, to which we are all invited, with the assurance that we shall obtain mercy and find grace to help us when we thus come.

Christ, our Great High Priest, is superior to prophets, patriarchs, priests, and angels, the New Covenant infinitely superior to the Old, the blood of the New Covenant actually takes away sin when applied by the Holy Spirit through faith; while the priests and sacrifices of the Levitical System were all imperfect and temporary, and the blood of bulls and goats utterly powerless to take away sin and give a new heart.

Why, then, be entangled again with a yoke of bondage, when perfect freedom in Christ is offered? Why undertake the burdensome and impossible task of attaining salvation by conformity to a system, the requirements of which can never be met? To save his Jewish brethren from this unspeakable folly and blunder, was manifestly the purpose of the writer of this Epistle. In further elaboration of this thought, I now call attention,

1. To the inferior position of the Jew under the Levitical System. This is indicated in the first four verses of my text. "For ye are not come to a mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, and unto blackness and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that no word more should be spoken unto them; 'If even a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned'; and so fearful was the appearance that Moses said, 'I exceedingly fear and quake.'" We have here a very graphic and vivid description of the conditions that obtained at Sinai when God entered into covenant with the children of Israel. The mountain was supernaturally enveloped in smoke and crested with fire, the angry lightnings flashed and the heavy thunders rolled, shaking the very foundations of the mountain; the

blackness, and the darkness, and the tempest, and the sound of the trumpet, and the voice of words, all proclaimed the presence, power, greatness, and majesty of God. The whole situation was awe-inspiring to the last degree and well calculated to impress the minds of Moses and Aaron, and indeed all the congregation of Israel, with the importance and solemnity of the occasion. No wonder that the people entreated that no more be spoken unto them, and that Moses looking upon the fearfulness of the scene said, "I exceedingly fear and quake."

It was easy for the people to understand that they were entering into covenant relations with a God that was wonderful in wisdom, greatness, and power, a God that was abundantly able to fulfill all his promises and that would by no means clear the guilty.

It is said that Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah in the book of the covenant and then read them to the congregation of Israel, and that the people, without any hesitation whatever answered, "All the words Jehovah hath spoken will we do." Moses then sprinkled the blood of the slain victim upon both the book and the people as a token of the obligation of both parties to the covenant to faithfully comply with the terms thereof.

This covenant, repeatedly referred to as the Old Covenant, was strictly a covenant of works, and promised numerous temporal blessings as a reward for perfect obedience. The ideal of this covenant was peace and rest and temporal prosperity in Canaan on condition of perfect obedience. The ideal was never realized because of the weakness and disobedience of the people. Of course this promised rest in Canaan was typical of the rest "that remaineth for the people of God," and the Levitical System was an imperfect type of the provisions of the New Covenant.

II. The superior position of the Christian under the Christian System. This is clearly indicated in the remaining verses of my text. "But ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable hosts of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of

just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than that of Abel."

Of course, every Bible student knows that "Mount Zion" sometimes denotes the whole city of Jerusalem; it also denotes the southwestern and highest of the hills on which Jerusalem is built. It is also used to represent the spiritual city, "the City of the Living God." As used in this last sense, it stands for the place of God's abode, where Christ sits on the mediatorial throne at God's right hand; the abode of innumerable hosts of angels, and of the spirits of just men made perfect, and where is found the blood of the New Covenant, by virtue of which the soul is cleansed from sin and made spiritually alive.

Time forbids a detailed exegesis of this wonderful passage of Scripture, but even the most cursory examination of the passage shows a striking superiority of the position and privileges of the worshiper under the provisions of the New Covenant to those of the worshiper under the Levitical System.

Under the Old Covenant the sincere worshiper came face to face with a broken law without a mediator; he heard the muttering thunder of God's eternal displeasure, he saw the lightning flashes of God's consuming wrath, he heard the "voice of words" from above the cloud declaring in terms unmistakable and authoritative, "Cursed is every one that continues not in all things written in the book of the law to do them." But when we come to Christ the Mediator of the

New Covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than that of Abel, we find peace with God, conscious forgiveness and joy inexpressible. The voice of Abel's blood crying from the ground pronounced the curse and condemnation due to sin upon the murdered; but the blood of the New Covenant pronounces just, righteous, and free the one who turns from his sin and unbelief and throws himself upon the mercy of God in Christ, his substitute and sin-bearer.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, I wish to say that Sinai precedes and conditions Calvary. Figuratively speaking, the sinner must stand with uncovered head and anxious heart at the foot of Sinai and listen to the demands of God's holy law, and witness the lightning flashes of God's wrath against sin, and hear his pronouncement of condemnation of the sinner before he is either able or disposed to turn to Christ as the Mediator and Savior. And even though Sinai crested with fire may thunder the anathemas of the law, and Calvary, crimson with the blood of the Lamb, may portray the incomparable love and abounding grace of God, still such is the blindness and obduracy of the un-renewed heart, that it is untouched and unmoved by all this unless the Holy Spirit shall awaken, incline and enable the sinner to hear and heed.

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