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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

I have a confession to make to my seven readers, that is, if I still have that many. Last week for the first time in more than six years I absolutely forgot to write Rambling Remarks. Many times I have not found the time to write them, but this is the first time I have ever forgotten to do so. I am sure many of you forget to read them, so we are even now. . . . I should do an excellent job on the column this week, as I have just come from a deacons meeting, and if you do not hear Rambling Remarks there, then don't expect to hear them anywhere. We often talk about the Ladies Aid all talking at the same time, well most deacon boards are not far behind. But they get things done. Some day I am going to attempt to write a worthy tribute to deacons. . . . We are living in a brand new house here at Big Spring, and it has a chimney and a real fire place where you can build a fire, warm your feet and blister your shins in the good, old fashioned way. For the past week I have spent every minute I could spare sitting before that fire-place, gazing into the fire and living over again the days of my boyhood. It is astonishing how many memories flood back into your mind as you watch the blaze from the burning wood reaching up into the throat of the chimney, and listen to the crackling of the glowing coals as they fill the room with warmth and cheer. . . . It brings up the thought of the old wire pop corn popper, the heavy iron oven full of roasting yams, and an occasional one baked in the ashes, and roasted peanuts by the peck. I can all but see the old wood box stacked high with oak wood, and a bucket of chips nearby. And those notched newspapers which mother prepared to adorn the mantle board, which had as many different articles on it as a modern variety store, plus the old family clock placed in the center. The semi-circle of familiar faces seem to form around the hearth and the sound of familiar voices again ring with laughter as we all joined in the conversation. These are memories to cherish as long as we live, but not the kind of stuff that is supposed to go into this column. . . . One time we were getting ready for the closing of the old one-room school session. Of course we were to have an "exhibition," and what exhibitions they were. Norman, that's my youngest and smallest brother, was to dramatize "Little Black Sambo." We were proud of Norman and all joined in coaching him for his part. He was to tell the story about Little Black Sambo and the big, bad bear. When he encountered the bear

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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.

TRAINING U. MEETINGS ENLIST 12,450 PEOPLE

By T. C. Gardner

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Another victory has been won. Training Union Emphasis Week in Texas was a great success. Vision was enlarged, interest quickened spirituality deepened and souls were saved. Several team leaders reported conversions during the week. Others reported consecrations and dedications.

There are 112 associations in Texas and we are happy to report that on this Wednesday morning, January 28, 112 reports are in our office. This is a 100 per cent victory. The 22 team leaders and the 110 team members did a grand piece of work last week. We praise the Lord for them and for the work that they did. The drivers of the cars are to be congratulated. Not one accident was reported. The Lord certainly took care of us last week. Praise his name!

The total number attending the 112 meetings was 12,450. This is an increase of 1,238 over last year. It is interesting to note that 61 of the associations had more people present this year than last, and one association had exactly the same number that it had last year. The 112 reports from the 112 associations reveal the following:

1. Total No. att. meetings	12,450
2. Pastors att. meetings	848
3. T. U. officers attending	4,669
4. Assn. officers attending	736
5. Total churches represented	1,168

In all of the associations high goals were adopted and an enlarged and progressive program outlined. If Texas Baptists do what they have planned to do for the Training Union this year, we will close this year with the most encouraging and inspiring reports that we have ever had.

It was interesting to observe that many of the churches had adopted high goals before these meetings were held. Representatives of these churches brought their goals and programs to the associational meetings and inspired those present by reporting their aims and purposes for the year of 1942.

The date for Training Union Emphasis Week in 1943 will be January 18-22.

May we thank publicly the Sunday School Board representatives from Nashville and all Texas team leaders and members for the service rendered last week. We also wish to thank the pastors for their cooperation and the churches for entertaining the team members.

PLAINS PASTORS-LAYMEN WILL MEET AT WAYLAND

Wayland College will be host next week to the annual Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, which is to be held from Monday morning, February 9, through Wednesday afternoon. "The Church and Social Reconstruction" will be the conference theme.

Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will deliver a series of five inspirational addresses, while Dr. E. D. Head, pastor of First Church, Houston, will give five Bible lectures.

Dr. E. S. James of Vernon and Dr. A. C. Miller of Dallas, together with the missionaries and pastors of Districts 9 and 10, will bring other strong addresses. Dr. W. B. Irwin of Lubbock schools shares with Dr. Hill the honors of lay speaker.

Music will be in charge of a group of talented song leaders from Plains churches. Rev. A. F. Loftin of Estelline, will read Scripture at the opening of each session.

There are so many things in life that are superior to the things that have large cash value. What a priceless treasure, for instance, is a cheerful disposition! When we measure the costs of our religion, let us also measure the fruits it has raised up in our lives—the courage under fire, the strength under loads, and the hope in the midst of discouragement which it has furnished us. If your religion is not providing you with these inner resources, then you are not getting the most out of it.—Roy L. Smith.

Christ intended that His church become a spiritual brotherhood.—J. B. Lawrence.

CENTRAL TRAINING PLAN PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

The goal of 15,000 in attendance at 12 central training schools for Sunday School workers was closely approximated according to incomplete returns. The schools were held simultaneously in 12 Texas cities last week.

The largest enrollment was at Houston, which had 3,436 in attendance on a goal of 4,000. Dallas had 2,408 and San Antonio 1,245, with a goal of 2,000 each.

The surprise record came from Port Arthur, which had 1,167 with a goal of only 750. Four cities with goals of 1,000 were Austin, enrolling 906; Amarillo, 887; Abilene, 818; and Waco, 601.

Beaumont, with a goal of 750, enrolled 905, and Wichita Falls, which planned to enlist 500, went to 727. San Angelo and Denton, also in the 500 group, reached 463 and 294 respectively, in the incomplete report.

On the 818 who recigtered in the Abilene schools, the 18 came from churches out of the county, some as far as 80 miles. The enrollment from local churches follows: First 253, University 115, South Side 64, Immanuel 111, North Park 14, Calvary 15, Sunset 51, Temple 32, Caps 34, Merkel 29, Lawn 2, Elmdale 30, Colony Hill 2, Ovalo 4, Tuscola 4, Buffalo Gap 2, Frielndship Missions 28.

BROTHERHOOD LEADERS AT WAXAHACHIE

Judge E. S. Cummings, state Brotherhood president, and R. A. Springer, executive secretary, were guest speakers recently at a Brotherhood rally at First Church, Waxahachie, Dr. Joe Boone, pastor. Mr. Springer spoke on objectives and 1941 accomplishments. Judge Cummings, on "Priceless Gifts from Penniless Men." Approximately 200 were in attendance.

HONGKONG MISSIONARIES BELIEVED WELL TREATED

The following cable was received January 23 from Dr. Robert E. Beddoe, Wuchow, China: "Started sending runners December 8. Direct information: Canton missionaries all right. Indirect information believe Hongkong Macao missionaries well treated."—F. M. B.

FERN HARRINGTON TELLS OF PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS



The following letter was written by Miss Fern Harrington on November 22, from Baguio, Philippine Islands. One of our youngest and newest missionaries to China, Miss Harrington was studying at the Chinese language school, which had been transferred from Peking to Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines. In a personal letter to Miss Jaxie Short, Abilene, she tells of the increasing difficulty of securing American foods, due to the growing number of American soldiers. No word has come from this group of missionaries since General MacArthur was compelled to withdraw his forces from the northern part of Luzon Island.

How I wish I might slip in and say "Merry Christmas" to you but that seems impossible so I am coming via "S. S. Kodak" to greet you in a Philippine setting since this is my first Christmas in the tropics. I'm wearing a native mestaza dress simply for your benefit so that if you chance to visit the Philippines some day you won't feel as foolish as I did my first day in Manila. Upon see-

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Dr. Walker In Africa Parks Car, Buys Horse

Native Administration Leper Colony
Ogbomosho, Nigeria,
Dec. 19, 1941.

Dear Friends:

Greetings, the season's best, and may your paper be better and better each year. You can notify Dick O'Brien that he has one or two African readers, but they are white people from West Texas.

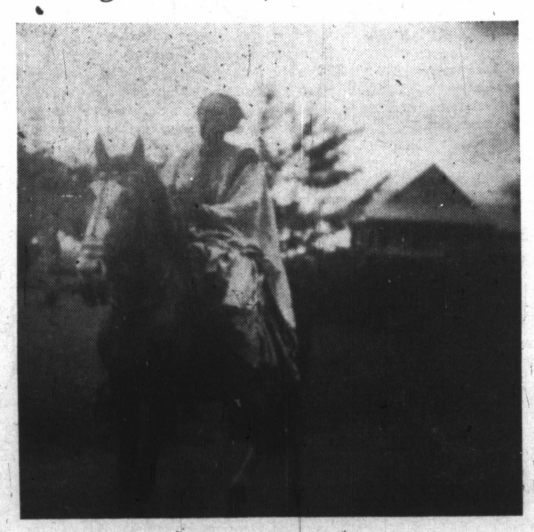
Dealing in homespun philosophy, we heard a chief say something the other day that has been through our mind more or less from that time, so we unload on you. I was trying to buy a horse, and he has about 10, and he said for me to just pick the one I wanted and he would name the price. I inspected feet, mouth, and general posture of all the horses and finally pointed one out, he then said, "Why pick that one?" I said, "It seems to me the best one here." "Yes," he said, "it is the best one, and the only one I will not sell. I have had that horse for 16 years, and I would rather part with a couple of my younger wives than to part with that one."

Then a few minutes later he begged me to give him some gasoline for just a joy ride as he called it. I told him I would give him a lot of gasoline for the horse, then it was that he pulled something that made my mind turn a cog or two. He said, "No, I would not trade my horse for the best car on earth. He means something to me. He has a value that is not expressed in money. The car, when it burns gasoline, gives joy for a moment and then it is gone, but that horse has given me nothing but pleasure for 16 years."

I thought of life like that—so many of us chase after mechanical gadgets, and things that are not really living.

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Nigerian Chief on Horseback



BUILDING BEING ERECTED FOR MEXICAN MISSION

After many delays, due to difficulties in obtaining workmen and materials under current conditions work is at last under way in the erection of the Abilene Mexican Mission building. The concrete foundation has been run, considerable progress has been made on the rock work of the walls and much of the needed lumber is on the ground and paid for.

January 19 was a great day in the lives of Missionary and Mrs. Pedro Hernandez. On that date the foundation was started and their little daughter Orpha Ruth was born.

Current plans call for a combined revival and Training Union campaign as soon as the building may be used. Pastor Hernandez has arranged to secure Mexican students from Hardin-Simmons, Howard Payne and Southwestern Seminary to assist in the services.

The rising cost of labor and materials has approximately doubled the anticipated cost of the building, states J. D. Riddle, chairman of the Mexican mission committee of Sweetwater Association, which body supports the mission. It is estimated that an additional thousand dollars will be necessary to complete and furnish the building.

Searching for the "tenderest words of appreciation in the English language to express the Mexican gratitude for all that has been done," Missionary Hernandez states ,"The Mexican people are not resting. They tithe, they sow, they pray, and are willing to carry on as we learn how to live the Christ way of life."

BUFFALO GAP CHURCH DEDICATES BUILDING

The Buffalo Gap Church held dedication services Sunday, February 1. Missionary J. Henry Littleton preached the morning sermon and Rev. G. B. Bradshaw, Baptist pastor at Camp Barkeley, preached in the afternoon. A large crowd was present and enjoyed dinner at the church.

The work of the Woman's Missionary Society was presented in the afternoon by Mrs. Littleton and the Training Union work was represented by Mis Jaxie Short. Rev. C. S. Williams, a former pastor, prayed the dedicatory prayer.

There were six additions during the day. Pastor Scott W. Hickey continued services through Monday and Tuesday nights and was to have a baptising Wednesday evening at Temple Church, Abilene. Eight candidates are awaiting the ordinance.

Pastor Hickey also serves at Mesquite Church, Mitchell-Scurry Association.

WICHITA FALLS HOST TO MEXICAN ASSOCIATION

The West Texas Mexican Baptist Association met in the Mexican Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, January 30 through February 1. Approximately 100 messengers were in attendance and as many as 250 were present at the sessions. This was the first meeting of the body in the northwest Texas city.

Featured speakers were Pastor Homer B. Reynolds of Lamar Avenue Church, who spoke on "Missionary Baptists" Sunday afternoon, and Dr. Fred B. Eastham of First Church, who spoke Saturday afternoon on "The Fidelity of the Baptist People in the Present Situation." Rev. Pedro Hernandez was interpreter. Dr. Eastham paid tribute to the Mexican work in the city, commenting on the number of baptisms since the coming of Missionary Rodriguez, one of whom was a woman of 97.

The next quarterly meeting of the association will be at Lubbock in April.

MISSIONARIES SAFE IN INTERIOR CHINA

"We are happy and safe in the Father's care. Kaifeng missionaries are in detention but quite comfortable."

This message was sent by Miss Addie Cox through the Chinese International Broadcasting Station XGOX Chungking, January 17, 1942, and was picked up by the official listening post in Ventura, California.—F. M. B.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."—Alfred Tennyson.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By J. HENRY LITTLETON
517 Hickory, Abilene

I was with the Buffalo Gap Church Sunday in a dedication service. Brother Scott Hickey is their pastor. He accepted this work just a few months ago and they were in a very discouraged attitude. For years they have been trying to build a house, but seemingly could never complete same. Brother Hickey found the house with thme walls up and a roof on. He began a meeting and this past week they were able to finish the building.

There have been a large number of additions during the few months Brother Hickey has been out there. Seven awaiting baptism at this time. There were five who came by letter Sunday morning. It looks like a new day for Buffalo Gap.

Next Sunday I go to Mattson Church in Haskell County, for another dedication service. Brother Walter Copeland is pastor. This church was built several years ago while Brother Fred Porter was pastor. They are just now dedicating it to the service of the Lord.

I hope to preach at Brushy Sunday night. They have been without a pastor for many months. I feel like the church is well able to do things for the glory of God.

I attended the Worker's Conference in Fisher County, meeting with the Cross Roads Church today. There was a good spirit, and many good reports were heard from over the association. Brother Joe Mayes is the pastor, but has been ill for several days and there was special prayer

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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. Gordon Lang, 94th successor to Augustine as Archbishop of Canterbury, which position of leadership of the forty million persons included in the Church of England and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States he has held since 1928, will retire March 31. He will be the fourth Archbishop of Canterbury to leave office before death. Seventy-seven, Lang feels that a younger man should now assume the heavy responsibilities incident to the war and afterward. He prefers that Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of York, succeed him.

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.
—Daniel 2:44.

This column could easily be filled with comment on the illustrious career of Dr. Gordon Lang. He is the first unmarried man to fill the office since the Reformation. He has often proved himself the master of difficult situations, as, for example, forcing Edward VIII to abdicate the throne when he married a divorced woman. He said in his statement of retirement: "I expect to withdraw to some obscure place to face the restraints and inconveniences of very slender means." He will draw pension of fifteen hundred pounds.

Dr. George Barton Cutten, 67, announced lost week that he will retire

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WE BELIEVE WHAT WE WANT TO BELIEVE

In discussing a Sunday School lesson recently, Edmund C. Yates of Abilene drew a parallel between the officers at Pearl Harbor, who apparently refused to believe repeated warnings of imminent danger, and lost, sinful men who stubbornly avoid a realization of their peril, by taking refuge in total agnosticism.

After all, the failing is not altogether confined to non-Christians. Almost everyone refuses to believe what he doesn't want to believe. Not only does the one without Christ refuse to believe that he has an eternal soul in imminent danger of being lost, but his friend, the professed Christian, surely does not want to believe it himself or he would be more earnest and impressive in his warnings.

Culpable as dereliction of duty is, the commanders in Hawaii were supported in their skepticism by men in the national capital, who, in spite of abundance of evidence to the contrary, equally disbelieved that any danger existed. And awful as is the sin of unbelief in the sacrificial Christ, surely there must be some mitigation when that unbelief finds strong support in the indifferent attitude of those of us who, while professing to believe that our associates are lost, apparently show a total disregard for their jeopardy.

We may believe what we want to believe, but never forget that such misplaced trust does not make our faith reliable. It seems that it was believed firmly that no Japanese foe would ever assail the impregnable outpost in Hawaii. But unwarranted credulity proved to be the greatest fifth columnist of all. We condemn the men in uniform, who guarded our ramparts in utter carelessness. And we forget that we are watchmen who have been warned that the blood of the wicked will be required at our hands, unless we deliver our souls by giving ample and urgent warning.

If we are thus derelict in our duty, how can we cast stones at Admiral Kimmel and General Short, or even the men in Congress who encouraged their want of faith?

TERSE

In the whirl of global conflict, numerous editors, commentators and literati have taken time to pay tribute to a petty officer of the naval air force, nameless as yet, who has added a rare gem to the historic treasury of terse military dispatches which have been forged in the glowing white-heat of battle. This frugal young man reported, "Sighted sub. Sank same."

This message undoubtedly would meet the approval of President W. R. White, who contends that "those who think by the inch and talk by the yard should be stopped by the foot."

The completeness of the flier's meager message should shame this verbose generation, which is unable to report inconsequential events without an appalling waste of words. We need to study more carefully the economy of words in the Bible. There ten short words are used to report the most stupendous engineering feat imaginable —Genesis 1:1. The climax of pathos is depicted in two words—"Jesus wept." The triumph of the ages is proclaimed in a sentence of three words—"He is risen."

When we are seized with an impelling urge to express ourselves in columns of type or hours of speech, public or private, may we consult the Masterpiece, and sighting verbosity in our clumsy efforts, let us sink same.

ARE YOU A PARASITE?

President Roosevelt has started a new slogan, "Are you a parasite?" The Chief Executive is striking at unnecessary inhabitants in the national capital, whose room he covets for added workers during the emergency. But those are not the only parasites around.

Are you a parasite in your church? A parasite is defined as a hanger-on; an animal or plant nourished by another to which it attaches itself. By that definition, we have seen churches which were overloaded with parasites, hangers-on who had their names on the roll, whose attendance was like that of the man who insisted that he attended church regularly—every Easter, whose contributions were negligible, if not altogether absent.

Some of these have been known to talk disapprovingly about what "they" do down at the church. There are reports that some have been hurt because the pastor and members did not, in some omniscient way, discover them in time of illness or other distress. There are even some who have been said to have called for unreasonable attentions at times.

Farmers rid their plants and their stock of parasites through rather unpleasant processes. Ships go into dry docks to have the costly, speed-reducing barnacles removed. A nation at war may issue work-or-fight orders to secure fuller cooperation. But a church can be rid of parasites only through the grace of God, working with the guilty party and transforming the parasite into a worker.

None of us would want to live in a community without the influence which radiates from the church. We look with horror upon the attempts of Russia, and now Germany, to wipe out Christianity. Such challenging attacks always arouse a spirit of stubborn resistance. The attack of the parasite is more insidious, gradually sapping the life without raising opposition.

Let's not be parasite, and above all, not parasites on the church.

News Notes

Dr. Garry C. Meyers, national authority on child psychology, will be guest speaker in First Church, Sweetwater, Sunday evening, February 15.

Rev. Bill Marshall will lead in a four-day student revival at First Church, Lubbock, February 15 to March 1.

Rev. Luther Holcomb. pastor at Durant, Okla., supplied January 25 at First Church, Dallas. Dr. Truett was in a revival at Miami, Florida. Dr. W. F. Powell of First Church, Nashville, is to assist the Durant Church in a revival beginning February 8.

Tommie B. Allen was recently ordained by the Anton Church and will serve as pastor at County Line Church in the Staked Plains Association.

Rev. J. Ralph Grant of First Church, Beaumont, is assisting Pastor A. Hope Owen in a revival at First Church, Shawnee, Okla. Only a few years ago these men were neighboring pastors in West Texas.

Rev. Fern Miller from Oklahoma has accepted the call of the Stratford Church.

Rev. Kennth Marshall of Dalhart is now pastor at Trinity Church, Ada, Okla.

Friends will be interested to know that Mrs. John T. Kee is now teaching in the junior high school at Odesa.

Rev. Clyde Jackson of Temple Church, Abilene, will assist Pastor George A. Dale in a meeting at Tahoka, beginning January 25.

There were 31 additions to First Church, Albuquerque, in the recent youth revival led by Rev. J. W. Bill Marshall. Rev. Philip C. McGahey is pastor.

Miss Genevieve King of Southwestern Seminary and Mrs. George Stewart, dean of women, are teaching Training Union study courses at Mary Hardin-Baylor College this weke. The courses are sponsored by the college B. S. U.

Mother Barry, beloved of generations of girls at Blue Mountain College, passed to her reward last week.

Tom and Phillip White, Negro Baptist ministers from near Waco, were guest speakers for the Fisher Association Brotherhood at Rotan Friday evening, January 30. The eight Brotherhoods of the association are fostering mission work for Negroes and Mexicans in the county.

Headed by Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a preaching mission team is conducting services in San Angelo this week. Rev. Guy Newman of Temple is directing work among young people.

Ralls and Crosbyton churches had a combined Sunday School council on January 26 with Leo E. Waite of Lubbock as guest speaker.

First Church, Lubbock, has challenged the 30 churches in the association to reach a goal of 1,500 awards in Training Union work this year. First Church will try for half of the goal. They earned 535 awards last year.

Mrs. R. L. Brown of College Station, Mission Study chairman for the W. M. U. of Texas, will conduct an institute at South Side Church, Abilene, on Friday, February 6. A covered dish luncheon will be served.

JANUARY RECEIPTS FOR DISTRICT 17 MISSIONS

Callahan Association	$25.75
Cisco Association	33.50
Fisher Association	20.00
Haskell Association	25.00
Jones Association	35.00
Stonewall Association	12.00
Sweetwater Association	80.00

R. E. DUDLEY, Treasurer.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

He who does his best today can do better tomorrow.

Too many have a high regard for the law.

Fury is natural to a fool.

Self is the sun of irreligian.

Satan is a good salesman.

Seek better ideas rather than new ones.

Be sure your gifts are good gifts.

The golden rule is to be practiced, not praised.

Divine assumption is satanic presumption.

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in August from the presidency of Colgate University, in which position he has served with distinction for the past 20 years. Son of a Nova Scotia sea captain, George Cutten worked as a young man as a reporter, apple-tree seller, pipe fitter, football coach and Baptist preacher. He worked his way through Yale, preaching every Sunday in nearby churches. He was a star football player at Yale, and a life-long friend of Billy Phelps. Always a strong prohibitionist, he leaves the presidency of Colgate hale and hearty, and intends to devote much time to fishing and preaching.

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Thousands of Americans are volunteering their blood to the Red Cross for plasma units which will be properly stored and made available for transfusions for the wounded men in service. The Red Cross is asking for one million pints of blood for this vital service . Already 45,000 men and women have offered their blood.

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Most talked of book of the week was Philip Guedalla's Mr. Churchill, Reynall and Hirchcock, three dollars. Striking sentence of the book: "The ardor of his soul had set the kingdom on fire." But most significant sentence in this remarkably engaging book, written by Britain's number one biographer, is this: "We shall never surrender," the words of Mr. Churchill.

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Most depressing statement of World War No. 2 was the report of the commission that investigated the Pearl Harbor tragedy. "Dereliction of duty!" Terrible words, indeed; and yet how tame they sound when we consider the gruesome details of loss of life and property which the inconceivable failure of Admiral Kimmel and General Short occasioned!

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"I promised the country I would do this job or step out," said Donald Nelson to his newly-appointed departmental heads last week, "and that same rule goes for everyone else in this organization. . . . Any failure from now on is a failure of men." As we pray daily for the President of the United States let us not forget to pray also for Mr. Nelson and for all the men and women who bear the heavy responsibility of leadership in this day of destiny for democracy.

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Hitler's National Reich Church, previously described in this column, as setting aside the Bible and in its place substituting Mein Kampf, is further described in a recent statement by one of the official spokesmen of Nazi paganism in these words: "The purpose of the National Reich Church will be to destroy the Christian faith imported into Germany in the unfortunate year of 800." Which leads me to say again, We've got to win this war.

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The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. is now raising an emergency fund of one million dollars "the money to be used for various tasks imposed upon the church by the war emergency. The Methodists of the United States raised approximately a million dollars last year for war emergency needs. Northern Baptists are reported as having raised approximately four hundred thousand dollars within the past two years for their War Emergency Fund.

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Gott und Volk, one of the official books now being distributed widely throughout Germany in support of the National Reich Church, having reached a total of two hundred thousand copies at the end of 1941. I quote one sentence from this book: "A thousand bonds tie us to the Christian belief, but one blow will make us free; and to make Germans strong and ripe for this step is our task of holiest obligation." The book goes on to declare that two signs or symbols oppose each other today—the Cross and the Sword. And that chapter closes with this sentence: "Our heroes must again carry swords in their fists instead of a cross on their backs. . . . Take the Bible and burn it in consecrated places, and let all Germans know that it is our honor to break with Christianity."

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Biggest headline of the past week: "America's Man Power Moves Overseas." Events in Russia continue to astonish even the most optimistic strategists. General MacArthur's stand thrills the world. Churchill's speech and the vote of confidence cheers the United Nations. The reports of American air victories in the Pacific fulfill our highest hopes in our pilots and planes. Redoubled effort throughout our civilian population steadies our morale. Let us pray and work, and work and pray. The

Sunday School Lesson

February 8, 1942

A BUSY SABBATH IN CAPERNAUM

Read Mark 1:21-34; Luke 4:31-41
Study Mark 1:21-34

Attended no doubt by the four fishermen whom he had called to be fishers of men Jesus spent the next sabbath teaching and healing in Capernaum. At the synagogue in the forenoon he taught the people and cast out a devil. At noon as a guest he healed Peter's mother-in-law of a maglignant fever. After sundown he ministered to the multitudes that assembled at the fisherman's home. During the night he withdrew to a quiet spot in the neighborhood for a season of prayer before starting on his first Galilean tuor.

1. Morning Miracale in the Synagogue

THE GREAT TEACHER remembered the sabbath day to keep it holy. According to his custom from childhood he attended service in the synagogue which was the appointed house of religious instruction. Recognized as a rabbi, and now with a Judean reputation, he was invited to instruct the people. When he began they at once recognized the new voice ringing with the accent of authority and not wavering with doubtful disputations like the scribes. But while his hearers were being charmed by his words of grace and matchless bearing, there was a rude intrusion. There was present a man whose body was indwelt and dominated by an evil spirit. The exact nature of demoniacal possession, so frequent and terrible in those days, has not been determined, but those possessed were most pitiable and were beyond the reach of medical skill. In the spell of religious fervor aruosed by the Great Teacher a corresponding activity asserted itself on the side of evil. The unclean spirit cried out through its victim's voice, representing the world of evil spirits, recognizing in Jesus their ultimate destroyer, and remonstrating with him for premature punishment.

True but unwilling and unwelcome testimony was borne to Jesus as the Holy One of God. Such a tribute from such a source at this time would not advance the cause of Jesus. So he silenced and cast out the demon which did not leave his victim without a spasm that tore the flesh, and a shriek that was unearthly. The audience, already filled with wonder at the teaching of Jesus, was now overwhelmed with amazement. The hum of surprise pervaded the crowd which almost instantly bracketed together the teaching and the power of Jesus. As the people dispersed from the synagogue they scattered the news of the wonderful Teacher and Healer who had just come to Capernaum to live. And his fame as on the wings of the wind sped throughout the country.

2. Noon Miracle in the Home

THE GREAT GUEST at the conclusion of the synagogue service went to the home of Peter and Andrew, who, though natives of Bethsaida, were now living in Capernaum. Apparently they occupied the same building and it was only the unpretentious dwelling of an ordinary fisherman. With them on this occasion were James and John. As the company entered the house, Jesus was informed that Peter's mother-in-law, who was evidently living with them, was then at the point of death with fever. Jesus probably did not sit down before he had healed this aged woman of her dreadful malady. Weak and emaciated as she was, the burning fever at once left her and her strength returned with more than wonted vigor. As evidence of her complete restoration and abounding gratitude, she ministered unto them, doubtless helping prepare and serve the noon-day meal.

3. Evening Miracles by the Doorway

THE GREAT HEALER, after a precious sabbath afternoon in the quiet home of Peter, was confronted in the evening with increased opportunity and widening work. At sundown the sabbath closed and the stir of the weekday set in. The morning miracle in the synagogue had been reported all over the city and the people were only waiting for the sbabath to end before assembling around him of whom all had now heard. We imagine that the sacred little company in Peter's home had hardly finished their evening meal when they heard the noise of the multitude outside. On going out they found that there had been an undesigned but simultaneous rush hither from all parts of Capernaum. The people had come with afflicted loved ones in search of healing. Many were the miracles of mercy wrought by Jesus in the evening twilight in front of the fisherman's door, and the darkness of night fell not upon them till petitions were turned to praises for the rebuke of dread diseases and the expulsion of torturing demons who were sentenced to silence in order that fitter tongues might tell the Gospel. So came to its close a model day in the life of him who went about doing good.

Gold in the Golden Text

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.—Rev. 1:10.

The Lord's Day and the Holy Spirit were united in sabbath revelation through John on the Isle of Patmos. Because of the truth he held and the testimony he gave, John the apostle and sole survivor of the twelve, and shepherd of great churches in Asia, had been sent into exile at Patmos, an island fifteen miles in circumference and 25 miles from the mainland. John was evidently spending in worship the first day of the week, the day on which Jesus rose from the dead and which then had come to be called the Lord's Day. The revelation that came to him was unmistakable for the voice though loud was articulate. And the revelation that came to him then we have today in the last book of the Bible.

The sabbath was changed from Saturday to Sunday by the authority and the act of Jesus. He had the authority to change it for he alone could claim to be the Lord of the sabbath. He changed it by the crowning miracle of his own resurrection on the first day of the week. As the seventh-day sabbath was the culmination of the former creation so the first-day sabbath was the commencement of the new creation. He consecrated the change by his first two meetings with the apostles as a body on that day and by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, which also was Sunday. He must have embraced it in the Great Commission which included "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you," for they began immediately to observe it as the Lord's Day. As the Son of David he observed the seventh day as the sabbath under Jewish law, but as Son of Man he established the first day as the sabbath of Christian liberty.

Daily Bible Readings

Feb. 9—A Preaching and Healing Mission. Mark 2:1-12.

Feb. 10—Healing and Forgiving. Luke 5:17-26.

Feb. 11—The Breadth of Jesus' Sympathy. Luke 9:49-56.

Feb. 12—A Cure for Doubt. Luke 7:19-23.

Feb. 13—The Power to Heal. Matthew 17:14-21.

Feb. 14—Gentleness and Grace. Isaiah 42:1-7.

Feb. 15—An Adequate Salvation. Psalm 103:1-14.

STRENGTH THROUGH PRAYER

By Edward B. Jenkins

In 1920 we heard one of the leading laymen of the Northern Baptist Convention tell of a marvelous answer to prayer. t was just at the time when automobiles came into use. He with his brother was carrying some of his products to a distant town, and being early in the morning very few people were on the highway. An accident occured and the car turned over and pinned him beneath it, but his brother managed to get out without an hurt. He tried to help his brother, pinned beneath the car. There was nothing with which he might prize up the car, and he was unable to lift it off him. The second time and the third time he tried to no avail. Then the brother pinned beneath the car asked him to try again. He prayed for the Lord to give his brother strength and this time he lifted the car and the man beneath crawled out to safety.

This man was Kraft, the cheese man, whose products are on almost every American table. Mr. Kraft is a tither and one of the largest contributors to the Northern Baptist Convention.

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows to the most high: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalms 50:14-15).

Chester E. Swor, popular leader of Southern Baptist youth, is conducting the annual student revival at Hardin-Simmons University. He is speaking at the chapel hour and at 7:30 in the evening. He also meets with the morning watch service of the B. S. U. at 7:15 in the morning and is conducting a question hour in the afternoon. He will speak at University Church Sunday morning, February 8, and will close the series at First Church in the evening.

Religious Leadership In The Days Ahead

By Dr. J. M. Price

Just now our main thought is on the matter of winning the war. Even the moral and religious welfare of the soldiers is more or less overshadowed by this question. Very little consideration has been given to what we should do as religious leaders in the days ahead. To that thought I should like to direct your attention.

Some Tasks to Be Confronted

For one thing we shall face as moral and religious leaders the problem of correcting evils that have grown out of the depression and the war. Prior to the war, we have been developing as a nation a great group of people who are practically depending on the government taking care of them. Designing politicians have played up this desire for governmental support in order to ride into office.

We shall need in the days ahead to seek to direct people back to the idea of self-dependence. For thus only can the most substantial character be developed. Also, the pre-war conditions have developed, particularly in organized labor, a grasping desire and sometimes extreme demands for pay with force used as the means of getting it. This tends toward covetousness, and when normal conditions return, will need to be tempered with the Christian spirit of service.

Just now millions of young men are being trained and will be, for the different phases of war, and inevitably in being trained to kill an element of hate develops. Young men simply cannot be drilled in the art of shooting, bombing, and running bayonets through dummy persons without getting into their subconscious minds an attitude not in harmony with Christianity at its best.

Also if what happened in the past war occurs again, the spirit of crime will spread. For, as Walter Athearn pointed out, those who became the leading criminals in the years following the last war were youngsters in knee pants of the sidewalks as the soldiers marched by. If what the psychologists tell us is true, what goes into the thinking of childhood affects all of life later and we shall have problems there in the years to come.

Likewise, intemperance is rampant, particularly around the camps. A parent returning from a visit to a son in the maneuvers in Louisiana reported shocking conditions of drinking near the camps. And we know that during the past war the cigarette was popularized tremendously through group influence and many will become affected who would not in times of peace.

Immorality is always a problem to reckon with in war times. One colonel in the last war stated that he had lost more men from diseases growing out of impurity than from the shot and shell of the enemy. So, without question, the most tremendous and significant "mopping up" activities that any group has ever been called upon to engage in, will be faced by the religious and moral leadershi in the days to come.

We shall need not only to correct the evils that have grown out of present conditions, but also to do all we can to counteract the influences detrimental to character. Some of these will have grown up or been accentuated by the depression and the war, and others have been active for a long time.

Too often in the schools there have been materialistic teachings that are contradictory to the teachings in our churches, and harmful to character. Not so long ago a father was indicted by a federal grand jury for sending obscene matter through the mail when he published excerpts from a book being used in a class in a state school attended by his daughter. In another institution, when a student asked a teacher as to whether or not a certain practice was right, he replied that it was not a question of being right or wrong but a question of what is beautiful. In as far as it can be done, organized Christianity should seek to eliminate or at least counteract such influences.

Furthermore, there has grown a tendency in our public school system for amusements under the auspices of the schools that, to many Christian parents and taxpayers, are very questionable. Recently the leading high school in a large city officially put on a dance on Thanksgiving Eve which was the regular prayer meeting night of the churches. There ought to be a closer correlation and cooperation between such character-building agencies as the schools and the churches. And the influence of a school system should not be put behind practices questionable to taxpaying Christian parents whatever may be the viewpoints held, or unofficial recreational activities engaged in, by school people.

One of the serious commentaries of present-day life is that questionable procedures are used to promote worthy ends such as the President's Ball for helping crippled children, dancing for the soldiers in camps, and legalized horse racing or lotteries to pay benefits to old people or to support schools. We need not only to go on our way in teaching and training, but also to assert our influence to prevent the existence of such counteracting and handicapping activities.

Recently when a group of financially involved business men in Fort Worth asked the city council for a bond vote for nearly a quarter of a million dollars to restore the Casa Manana where gambling had been operated contrary to city regulations and Sally Rand's "nude ranch" entertained the public, the Tarrant County Baptist Association, with the support of individuals from other churches, succeeded in blocking the whole thing and saved the city from an era of demoralizing influence.

Not only will religious leadership in the days ahead need to correct evil results and counteract harmful influences, but also set themselves in a thorough-going way to grow a Christ-controlled citizenship. That means that we must not only have regenerated individuals, but also have them so enlightened and developed as will enable them to control their amoitions and passions and desires and carry the Christian spirit into the activities of home, business, government, and all other relationships.

This is necessary not alone for the promotion of the Kingdom of God, but as we have seen in recent months for the preservation of civilization itself. For, as Roger Babson has well told us, financial depressions are due primarily to moral let-down. And as Woodrow Wilson has well said: "Our nation cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually." Mr. Bryan was entirely correct in saying that the League of Nations would not be worth the paper on which it was written unless it was backed by the spirit of Christ. Even prohibition cannot be made thoroughly effective by legal processes only. We must train Christian citizens to live a good life even in an environment that is evil. As a poem states, we must build a fence around the edge of the cliff as well as put an ambulance down in the valley.

Some Elements Necessary for Success

To do in the days ahead what has been previously suggested here will require, for one thing, that religious leadership set a worthy example. Always what we are is more effective than what we say, and in recent years there has been an increased tendency to question the motives and practices of religious workers, due in part to the studies in high schools and colleges and to practical books and articles along these lines available to the public. So today people do not take at face value everything that a minister says or does, but often raise questions as to what motive lies back of his statement or practice.

When I was a youngster on a farm in west Kentucky and men like J. N. Hall and T. T. Eaton came our way to speak, it never occurred to me to question their motives or purposes or even very much the idea advanced. But today the situation is considerably different with young people and old ones. If we are to preach or to teach effectively, we must seek to live up to that teaching. One of the serious disillusionments in the deresion period was the way that pastors and denominational leaders frequently let out their employees with no work for them to go into, rather than reduce their own incomes and share reduced budgets together. One of the saddest things that comes to an individual connected with a seminary is to realize the large number of students who utterly ignore their financial obligations to the institution even after they are out on good salaries.

And it is not a wholesome commentary that in providing social security and retirement for those engaging in religious activities, the ministers have a 66 2-3 per cent larger proportion out of denominational funds than the janitors, secretaries, and other employees in the churches with incomes much less adequate for maintenance.

We must not only set a worthy example, but we must carry on a manifold ministry. While no less emphasis must be placed on preaching, more stress must be given to other responsibilities that come within the scope of the minister's task. In the New Testament the idea of pastor or shepherd, and bishop or superintendent, as well as preacher, characterized the task of the minister. This means that more attention still must be given to the Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Vacation Bible School, Brotherhood and other church activities, and that more capable men and women must be employed full time to assist in these lines of endeavor. It means also that we must extend our work into the week-day, correlate it with the public school, particularly the high school, and seek to do more for that great group of young people not regularly enrolled in our churches.

Likewise, while we must continue our activities in Christian academies and junior and senior colleges, we must also increase our effort through the B. S. U. and Bible chairs for the students in state and independent institutions. Particularly is this necessary since three-fourths or more of our Baptist young people are going to other than denominational schools. Furthermore, we must work consistently at the task.

One of the greatest dangers to religious leaders is to spend time in social, civic, fraternal, and even denominational organizations and gatherings that ought to be given to their own people. Personal guidance and counseling with sick, sorrowing, and perplexed people offers an opportunity for service that we have too much neglected. On coming to the Southwestern Seminary years ago, a Baptist deacon, then president of the largest business school in the south, told me to pass on to the ministers the statement that the average layman felt that the average minister was lazy.

To be what we should and to do what we ought to build the kind of lives and world order that we should have in the days ahead, we must not only set a worthy example and carry on manifold activities, but continually prepare and enrich our own lives for this service. Every prospective religious leader, whether a minister or lay minister, should have full college training or as much as conditions permit. This is especially true since such a large number of our people even in the rural and village places are themselves getting training in college.

One cannot lead others much above his own level. Certainly such workers should have an all-round preparation in seminaries covering not only Bible teachings, church history, and missionary studies, but also psychology and sociology so as to know the life within and the conditions without.

And that training should extend to plans and methods to make more effective every phase of one's ministry.

Furthermore, it should continue not only while in college and seminary, but also there should be continued and systematic reading and study to keep abreast of changing conditions and needs. Probably this is putting the responsibility very high, but it is not beyond what will be needed in the days ahead if we are to correct evils, counteract harmful influences, and develop character adequate for bringing a future world order that will preclude in the days ahead the disastrous conditions we face now. Nothing less than this will enlighten, motivate, and undergird a decadent civilization, and do what should be done in bringing in the Kingdom of God.

Rambling Remarks

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he was to offer different parts of his wardrobe as a bribe to the bear not to eat him. He was to offer his coat, shoes, hat and finally his trousers. Each of these articles were to be removed as he dramatically described the little man's predicament. Mother put two pairs of trousers on him so he could safely pull off one pair and still retain his social standing in front of a critical audience of neighbors who had gathered from Hog Town to Hard Shin to see the performance. Norman had on a pair of his own pants first then a pair of mine over his. He was to sacrifice my pants to the bear, and save his own for the sake of respectability, and the standing of the O'Brien family in the neighborhood. I saw when he got up to say his piece that he had a dangerous arrangement of his haberdashery, so did other members of the family, but we hoped for the best and expected the worst. The worst happened when he got to the britches episode he was so excited that he got hold of the wrong belt and shelled off both pairs of pants at one dramatic stroke. . . . We sold out and moved to the other side of the county as soon as possible.

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DR. WALKER IN AFRICA PARKS CAR, BUYS HORSE

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They give us joy for a moment and are a convenience, but I wonder if they will ever have the deep, stirring affection and can we ever express our sympathy and love for some of the gadgets like we could for some old nag, that has grown dear to us by his service and association over a number of years.

Spiritualizing, I wonder if our spiritual lives sometimes are not streamlined, and efficiency doesn't do away with some of the heart stirring emotions of the spiritual life. I don't know, it has just started me to thinking and I want to pass the thought on to you there in West Texas. Probably a while alone with a horse, a dog, or some living creature that we can fondle and that shows its appreciation for the things we do for it, would make us a bit easier to live with as human beings. As I say, I just am still puzzled about the matter.

I have been going about the country a lot since I last wrote you. I came home yesterday, the car had sprung a leak around the engine head, the water constantly dripping into the cylinder head and the exhaust looked like a shower bath. The car is using now one gallon of water every five miles and one gallon of gasoline every 10.

The English have been rationed on gasoline for a long time and I suppose we will be real soon, but the bus has had a good long life for this climate and the travel over dirt roads that it has done. It somewhat resembles the "one horse shay" just before it fell to pieces. The engine knocks, and the battery is down and the crank will not fit into the socket. It has all the corners worn out of the wheel, the body falls off in pieces when you try to move a door or window of its wooden body. When you stop the natives scrape up the oil to put on water for mosquito control. I have parked it in the garage until some parts such as gaskets, tires, and the like come. I am thankful that I have a horse and a comfortable saddle. Like the chief, I think the horse will have a larger place in my heart than this car, in fact, I glare at the car every time I pass where it is sitting.

We have been doing a lot of dispensary work in the outstations, have organized three new leper colonies and have secured land sites for another four colonies. If nothing happens we will have about a dozen such colonies in this province before I return home. Have applied for a site for a general dispensary and one for a midwife center (welfare or maternity), the natives in some instances have the money in hand for the building and the salary for one year for a nurse.

I was talking to one of the chiefs about the rescuing of lepers from the bush and how that their lives were saved, and he was very full of joy that we were bringing a colony for treatment of these people near his village. Then I asked him if he knew about eternal life, that even the lepers could have, and he said he wanted to know about that sort of life, and when he first heard the name of Jesus he said, "I have been thinking there ought to be something like that for all my people, but this is a revelation to me. Perhaps I can become a Christian, if it means so much in the life that is to come, and surely there must be a future life." So we are wedging with a leper program and cutting with the axe of Christ.

The boys have done well since our coming out. David is taking his school work very seriously, and seems to be learning fairly well, due in part to the persistence of his mother in teaching.

Wish I could catch the Clipper home for graduating exercises at H-SU next year. It would take only five flying days from Lagos to New York, and I would be home in eight days. They started the flying service sometime last week I think. My youngest brother will graduate from the college and I may never see another of the family finish college and university unless it be one of the coming generation. But guess this time, with regrets, June will come and I cannot attend. But I shall think of those at the beginning of a career in these times and perchance they will have as good a beginning as I had some 15 years gao.

Good-bye for this year.

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PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP
Luke 15:3-7

The familiar parable of the Lost Sheep works upward from man's concern over property to God's concern over souls. It contains some important symbolisms. The sheep represents man. The shepherd is Christ, and the wilderness into which the sheep went is sin. The point of the parable is found in the comparative attitudes of God concerning the one repenting sinner and the 99 righteous persons. He doesn't cease to rejoice over the ninety and nine safely in the fold, but he is overjoyed when a new one enters. God is always ready to receive sinners and is happy when they come. Three facts stand out in this story.

1. **The Waywardness of Man.** Man is compared to sheep throughout the Bible not only because the sheep is helpless when lost from the shepherd's care but also because the sheep is a very obstinate and wayward animal. A sheep can not be forced to do anything against his will; he must have a desire created in him before he can be expected to do a thing. Just so is man, he must have the will to be saved before he can be saved. As the sheep has left the shepherd's care and the others of the flock so man leaves God and the flock of the redeemed of his own accord and on his own responsibility.

2. **The Peril of Sin.** The path of sin always leads to the darkness of night without a shelter. The sinner is tossed about in the storm without a roof over his head. Sin holds nothing but empty promises. The path that looks good to the youth in the prime of life proves to be the regret of old age. The flowers of the morning fade under the heat of the midday.

3. **The Anxiety of God.** No story of man would be complete without the mercy of God being manifested. The anxiety of God is revealed in the broken-hearted, searching shepherd going over the hills in the darkness of the night. The anxiety is finally proven in the rejoicing of the shepherd when he finds what he most desires, the lost sheep.

PROGRAM

Stonewall Assn. Workers Conference, Meeting with Swenson Church, Tuesday, February 10

S. R. Respess, Pastor.
Theme: The Growing Church.
10:00 Devotional, Mrs. Bob Whitaker.
10:20 Christ and the Growing Church, C. N. Gilbert.
10:45 The Christian and the Growing Church, Don Armstrong.
11:10 Announcements; special music.
11:20 Sermon, W. T. North.
1:00 Board and W. M. U. meeting.
1:45 Song service.
2:00 The Work of the Growing Church, Mrs. J. E. Marshall.
2:30 The Brotherhood of the Growing Church, C. B. Bryant.

PROGRAM

Mission Study Institute, Fisher Association W. M. U., at Roby Thursday, Feb. 12

10:00—Song Service, Mrs. T. D. Whitten, Sylvester.
10:10—Devotional, Mrs. C. E. Dick, McCaulley.
10:25—Mission Study, Pioneering for Jesus, Mrs. J. P. McBeth, Anson.
11:25—Special music, Rotan Church.
11:30—Inspirational Message, Rev. J. P. McBeth, Anson.
12:10—Covered dish lunch.
1:15—Song service.
1:25—Devotional, Mrs. L. W. Dickson, Roby.
1:40—Business.
1:50—Mission Study, Mrs. McBeth.
3:30—Adjourn.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 25

The following reports have been received reporting attendance at services for January 25. Send reports to Box 1560, Abilene.

Sunday School

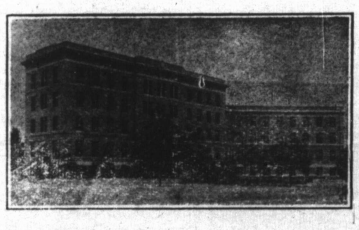
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Lubbock, First		1288
Abilene, First		1164
Wichita Falls, First		1071
Vernon, First		898
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.		752
Abilene, University		594
Sweetwater, First		477
Burkburnett, First	696	401
Wichita Falls, South Side		303
Wich. Falls, Highland Hts.		303
San Angelo, Immanuel		291
Wichita Falls, North Side		260
Thrift	209	153
Johnson Chapel		52

Training Union

Amarillo, First		654
Abilene, First		341
Abilene, University		190
Sweetwater, First		180
Vernon, First		163
Burkburnett, First	166	126
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EXTENSION LIBRARY FOR PREACHERS IS READY

By L. R. Elliott, Director

The Southwestern Seminary Extension Library, Seminary Hill, Texas, is now ready to lend books to Baptist pastors and other Christian workers. This announcement climaxes several years of preparation by the Southwestern Seminary and a cooperating committee appointed by the Texas Baptist Pastors' Conference. Many pastors, who do not have an adequate book supply of their own, will find in the Extension Library the mental and spiritual help they need. For a nominal fee they can have books that would cost them well over $100 a year.

When Americans are being told they should read more books in war time surely our preachers should read more if they are to hold the moral and spiritual leadership of their communities. Good books bring a preacher into stimulating fellowship with the great souls through whom God has saved multitudes in the past. Iron sharpeneth iron. Dr. Gambrell used to say that a preacher was not put on the shelf until he began to leave his books on the shelf.

The Extension Library has been set up in a special room in Fort Worth Hall and will be exclusively operated for the benefit of its members. The library now has on its shelves more than 1,000 books and new books will be added regularly. They will treat of Bible study, Christian doctrine, church history, missions, evangelism and all the various problmes and activities of churches and the ministry.

The private library of Dr. Forrest Smith has been given by his family to start the Extension Library. It is a well-selected collection made by one of the best pastors in our generation. He loved his preacher brethren and delighted to serve them. In this beautiful way he continues that gracious ministry. The first member of the Extension Library is Rev. W. R. Miller of Fairfield, Texas, and his first book request is Broadus, "Sermons and Addresses," a book full of spiritual meat. This book was in the Smith collection and has gone to Brother Miller.

The membership rules, drawn up by the committee of the Pastors' Conference, are:

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CONVICTION AND COURAGE IN GREAT SOULS

By W. T. Rouse

There are certain characteristics to be found in all great souls. Among these might be mentioned, honesty, sobriety, truthfulness, conviction, courage, loyalty. I have in mind in this connection to mention only two of these qualities—conviction and courage.

Perhaps men might differ as to which precedes the other; but certainly if one is to be found in a man, the other will be there also. I suppose we will all agree that among Bible characters, no nobler characters are to be found than Joseph and Daniel. Joseph stands out for all time as a young man after whom young people may safely pattern their lives. He had a conviction that all young men as well as young women, ought to be pure in their lives. When confronted with the temptation, he had the courage to exemplify his conviction.

Daniel is another immortal example which has been an inspiration to all people of conviction and courage since his day. Daniel believed that there was but one God; that He should be served and obeyed at all cost. He believed that a simple diet and abstemious life was best for young men as well as older ones. His conviction was as deep as life itself, and he had the courage to voice his conviction. We are in a day when men need the courage to voice their convictions. All of us have many opportunities in life to exemplify our courage.

Two or three instances of conviction and courage to voice it may be found in the loyalty to temperance and prohibition, in the life of our lamented and much loved Dr. J. D. Sandefer.

While he was president of Strawn College, a local option election was approaching. Already he had made some speeches on the liquor question, and was to speak several other times during the campaign. His blows were telling mightily in the campaign. The chairman of the board of education went to President Sandefer and said: "Now, Professor, we have the best school in the country; we want to keep it that way. Some of the anti-prohibitionists do not like it because you are taking such a stand in the campaign. They have requested me and the board to ask you not to make any more prohibition speeches." "All right, call the board together to accept my resignation," replied the school president. Continuing he said, "I would not have self-respect enough to spend the night with myself if a group of people could dictate to me what course I should pursue when moral issues are involved." The president of the school board apologized and said, "Of course, you are going ahead with the campaign and we are not going to let you resign." Loyalty to conviction won out.

President Sandefer had not been superintendent of schools at Granbury but a few months until a hotly contested local option campaign was launched. He went ahead with his work, not seeking to get into the campaign. (One of the members of the school board was a saloon keeper). Finally one afternoon as he was leaving the school grounds he met a boy distributing circulars announcing a prohibition meeting that night, and the circulars announced the fact that Professor Sandefer would be the principal speaker. His friends had not consulted him, but he met the occasion with that courage which characterized him. His argument was so fair, his logic so convincing that he swept everything before him. The result was an overwhelming victory for the forces of righteousness.

These are only a few of the instances in which convviction and courage were exemplified in the attitude of President Sandefer in the matter of the liquor traffic.

DR. WALTON CONDUCTS REVIVAL IN LOUISIANA U.



Dr. W. Truett Walton, comptroller and assistant to the president of Hardin-Simmons University, is the speaker for the Religious Emphasis week program at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, February 1 to 8. Going on the invitation of Pastor J. Norris Palmer of the First Baptist Church of the city and G. Avery Lee, B. S. U. secretary, Dr. Walton is speaking twice daily to the students in addition to radio addresses.

Missionary Messages

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offered for his speedy recovery. In the afternoon, the Executive Board employed Brother George Reid, as Missionary to the Mexicans, for full time. Every report about him is good. He and his wife are both graduates of the Southwestern Theological Seminary. They have worked with the Mexican people for a number of years. We expect good reports from them, from month to month.

I am mailing out programs for the District Sunday School and Training Union Convention, which meets with the Rotan Church on March 5. You will find this program in this issue of the paper. I hope we have a good representative from every church in the district.

I am also writing each pastor concerning the Hundred Thousand Club. If there ever was a time when we needed to pay our debts, certainly it is now. I believe there is someone in every church that would give one dollar a month to debt paying, if they were approached in the right way. Surely, if one person could not do this, then someone could lead a Sunday School class, or some other organization in the church to do it. This war is going to be over, some day, and when it is, we will have the whitest mission field the world has ever known. Let Baptists be ready for that hour.

Remember the date of Brother Lawson Cooke's coming to our district. March the 8th through 14th. Cisco, Sunday afternoon, at the First Baptist Church. Baird, Monday night, March 9, 7 o'clock. First Church, Abilene, Tuesday night, March 10; First Church, Roby, Wednesday night, March 11; First Church, Haskell, Thursday night, March 12; First Church, Hamlin, Friday night, March 13.

Book Review

The Church and the Kingdom, by W. T. Rouse. Pages 36, paper. Printed privately. Copies may be secured from the author at Denton, Texas. Price 25 cents, 6 for $1.00.

Here is a scholarly discussion in clear and interesting style by Dr. Rouse of the Baptist Bible Chair at Texas State College for Women. Defining the Kingdom as "the realm in which the will of God is done," he shows essential differences between the Church and the Kingdom and restates convincingly the traditional Baptist conceptions of the meaning, sovereignty, character and perpetuity of the Church.

In a time when the land is filled with religionists who minimize and scoff at churches, Baptist people need to re-think and re-emphasize the dignity, the divine origin, and the mission of the Bride of Christ. This Dr. Rouse does effectively in this little book.—E. D.

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ing women and girls on the street dressed in these long, lovely sheer dresses, I remarked, "Someone must be having a formal tea!" And then I learned it was simply the native costume of the Tagolog and Ilocano people. With slight alterations this same attractive costume is worn by the ordinary women as they go about their everyday tasks. You can imagine how funny it looks sometimes to see an old wrinkled-faced woman tripping down the street in one of these dresses, the skirt of which is tucked up on one side, revealing a beautiful embroidered petticoat beneath—a six-inch cigar in her mouth (she rolls her own) and a bundle balanced on her head, barefooted except for clattering wooden sandals held on by a leather piece across the toes.

Ling Kang, the little Chinese girl, has vertiably become my little protege, and I grow more and more fond of her. She has been counting the days until Christmas since I told her about our American Christmas. She and her parents share the same house with the Grays, one of our Baptist couples, so that we plan to include them in all our holiday celebrations. For her sake, we're planning to hang our stockings by the fireplace on Christmas Eve. On Christmas day our Baptist group will have Christmas dinner, tree, and everything together. We're hoping that Dr. Rankin's plans will work out so that he can be with us, too. I shall never forget how thrilled and excited Ling Kang was when I described Christmas in America. "Do you mean that every child in America wakes up on Christmas morning to find toys and candy and things?" "Yes," I said, "except for the very poorest of children and even then their parents usually manage to have some little something for them." She sat and thought awhile and then she said, "I think I know why American children have such nice Christmases. It's because everybody knows about Jesus. If only someone would tell everybody in China about Jesus then Chinese children could have Christmas, too!"

Something in what she said stabbed my heart for I still have that mental picture of China on last Christmas day. As far as personal enjoyment I couldn't have asked for a more perfect Christmas, but once out on the streets that Christmas spirit seemed stifled as I realized that to them—the masses of China—it was just another day. (But how could it be otherwise when so many have never so much as heard the name of Him whose birth we celebrate). To the Chinese who are Christians it is one of the greatest days in the year, but their observance centers in the church (where it rightfully belongs) rather than in the home as in America.

The memory of the radiant faces of those hundreds of Christians in Tsining (where I spent Christmas with the Connelys) as they met together in the church for their Christmas dinner of fellowship and Christian testimony will ever linger and be a blessing to me. To hear an old man of 70 or more say, "This is my second Christmas," touched my heart as I thought of the many I'd had and enjoyed. It made me ashamed to think of how few of us Americans—even Christians—put Christ in the center of our Christmas. Oh, that this year might be different! That in the midst of all the world chaos, Christ the Prince of Peace, might be born anew in the hearts of men.

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District Sunday School and Training Union Convention

MEETING WITH THE ROTAN BAPTIST CHURCH THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH, 1942

10:00—Song Service, 10 minutes.
10:10—Address, Dr. G. S. Hopkins.
10:35—Open Conference, Dr. T. C. Gardner.
11:30—Special Music, Hardin-Simmons University Boy's Quartet.
11:40—Dr. W. R. White.
12:20—Dinner.
1:30—Song Service.
1:40—Open Conference, Dr. G. S. Hopkins.
2:35—The Need for an Organized Sunday School Visitation Program, Levi Price.
2:45—The Need for an Organized Evangelistic Effort, Roger D. Hebard.
2:55—Inspirational Address, Dr. T. C. Gardner.

LAWRENCE TROTT, Training Union Director
EWELL BONE, Sunday School Superintendent

This is our annual district meeting. I want to ask our pastors to announce this program and urge your people to come. From one to three cars should come from every church.

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