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The Sunday Schools Place In Soul Winning Campaign

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In selecting Sunday School officers and teachers, even though we believe in and have placed, and will continue to place, much emphasis upon training, pleasing personality, and neatly attired workers, these characteristics pale into almost insignificance in comparison with the one essential element and that is, a consuming passion for the salvation of the lost backed by a diligent effort to this end. The writer has known some to have the first mentioned traits, who without the latter, were little better than "clever devils."

These workers having been selected with this outstanding trait of character in mind and also having been rendering just such service regularly, will readily, cheerfully, and enthusiastically join in this christian crusade. For example, Dr. McKinley Norman's application for the Standard of Excellence which happens to be before the writer, has the following note pinned to it: "We have 172 additions in the last twelve months, fully 95 per cent of them have come from the Sunday school. We have 69 baptisms and 65 of these are from the Sunday school."

This challenge issued by our dauntless leader, Dr. R. C. Campbell, to win 100,000 to Christ during this year, calls for a more militant attitude on the part of our forces toward winning the lost to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

What a potential force we have in our 48,000 officers and teachers in this great state. Brothers pastor and superintendent, it is ours to marshal this great army to the same objective that our Master had in coming to this world. He stated it in unmistakable terms, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which is lost." He very definitely commanded his disciples to assume this same responsibility as He said to them, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." If each one of this army would assume the responsibility of winning two to Christ during the coming year, you can see the objective would almost be reached. The largeness of our army and the magnitude of our task multiply the importance of concerted effort. To this end we make bold to suggest the following:

1. Pastor and superintendent will lead their forces in an intensive visiting campaign and from the information gleaned will know their possibilities. Thus they can intelligently plan to reach and retain them.

2. In the light of the information secured the organization will be enlarged and adjusted to meet the needs of the possibilities in the territory covered. These will be grouped on the age basis, with each teacher having a number that is reasonable to expect him to reach, know, teach, and win.

3. The building will be adjusted to care for the departments and classes as planned.

4. All of this information will be tabulated and will show the present enrollment as well as a separate group indicating prospects found. After each name listed the address will be given, and also whether the prospect is a Christian or unsaved.

5. These forces will now be challenged to visit every possibility that has been discovered by regular and systematically directed work. At the end of each month from now until the first of September, these two leaders will call on each of their teachers to give a report as to the number reached and souls won to Christ and to church membership.

6. It is suggested that the way to make a good record in soul winning during the period that is indicated for this great offensive will be to do soul winning now and continue without any abatement.

7. It is suggested that during a week, when the largest number of officers and teachers can be present, a class be conducted in the book entitled, "The Way Made Plain." This book can be secured by the pastors without charge by writing this department and expressing a desire to inspect it with the idea of teaching it to his forces.

Let us not depend on just a few general announcements, and a few perfunctory remarks in meeting this Holy challenge. Jeremiah says, "Cursed be he that doth the work of Jehovah negligently." But to the contrary, call your forces together and direct them in keeping with the above suggestions, and then through prayer enlist the inexhaustible powers of

A Doctor Builds a Preacher

The Alabama Baptist recently carried an interesting article under the above caption, written by Dr. Spencer D. Beebe, Physician associated with the Sparta Clinic, Sparta, Wis. Here's what the doctor has to say in regard to the kind of preacher he has built in his own subconscious mind:

I have sat under the regular preaching of seventeen ministers of the Gospel—not one of them but has been, in some way or other, inspiration and a benediction to me and mine. Out of association with these men of God I have built up, in my subconscious mind, the figure of a Preacher, such as I think a Preacher ought to be. It has taken me sixty years to build up this Preacher of mine; and now I am allowed only three and a half minutes to "take him for a ride."

What do I desire of my Preacher? Four things: That he be a hater, a fighter, a lover and a leader.

He must be a hater; and he will be—if he follows the path the Master has trod. He must hate sham, hypocrisy, greed, crookedness and injustice in all places—high or low.

He must be a fighter; and he will be if he follows the leading of the Master. He must fight—unafraid—all those sinister influences which are dimming the inner lights of the souls of men.

He must be a lover; a lover of the Master and of the men; a lover of the banker and the bum; the brilliant and the dim; of the socially preferred and those who negotiate their beans on a knife. Unless my Preacher has fallen madly in love with the Christ he will be a time-server and a bubble blower. Not all the brains and logic in the world can substitute for love. Logic the sinner and lose him. "Love him and land him."

My Preacher must hate and fight and love and lead—seven days a week; and he must not kid himself into the fiction that his Sundays are any harder than the business man's Saturdays; nor that his Mondays are any bluer than the laymen's Sundays.

He must not think he has "arrived"—when the Chamber of Commerce and the Sisters of the Skillet call him by his given name. One of my dearest friends is a Roman Catholic Priest—Monsignor Henry Flock—I have never called him "Hank." My Preacher must be more to me than Bill, Bim or Buster. He must be—different.

My Preacher must not ask me, nor any other layman, what to preach; nor when nor where. He must and will be fair to all men, and afraid of no man; not even the member of his church who thinks that his subscription buys him a private pew and a private Pastor.

My Preacher must dare to step out and say to us laymen: "Ye must be born again." If—indeed—he has not, himself, been born again, then he has not gone "the last long mile" with the Christ. There are some things which some surgeons feel that they forego in order to keep himself fit for saving immortal souls.

My Preacher must preach a Social Gospel. God bless him in the Picket Line.

My Preacher must preach a Personal Gospel. God bless him in the Prayer Line.

My Preacher must be far-seeing and near-sighted. He must dare to fight the devil—not only in the Far-East but in the Near-West; right under his own nose and before his own eyes. He must fight those terrible triplets—prostitution, intemperance and gambling—till the cows come home. If that is not—at least—ONE way to apply the Gospel of Christ to the social order, then—as the late lamented Al Smith would say: "I'm a Chinaman with a hair-cut."

My Preacher must be a leader. He must dare to lead with God; and even to lose with God. He must follow the Master; but lead his flock.

Finally—he must stand up; speak up; but NEVER, NEVER, fold up.

And now—with sincere affection, best wishes and God-speed I commend to my beloved Preacher my text: taken from the 14th chapter of 1st Corinthians—8th verse:

"For—if the trumpet give an UNCERTAIN sound—who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

MEMORIES OF FATHER

Sweet memories of father dear, o'erwhelm my soul today,
And I can feel his presence near; yes, I can hear him say,
"Do not forget thy mother's love, nor yet thy mother's God;
Be true and faithful unto Him as on life's way you trod."

Dear father was a kindly man, a Christian strong and true;
He was a neighbor and a friend to every one he knew.
He always stood for God and home, whate'er might be the test;
He taught the right by word and deed, as seemed to him was best.

Dear mother always had his help in teaching me the right—
I see him now with bowed head, at morning, noon and night
Returning thanks to God above, for blessings of the day,
Asking His pardon for our sins, and guidance on the way.

I see him in the Sunday School, I hear him singing there;
I see him in the little Church, I hear his humble prayer—
Oh! How these visions flood my soul, they mean so much to me,
As I recall my childhood days, and his sweet memory.

His days have all been numbered now, we see his face no more;
His spirit is at home with God, and loved ones gone before;
Some day, thru God's eternal grace, I know they'll welcome me
To that bright Home where we shall dwell with Christ eternally.
—W. O. LEWIS, Goree, Texas.

LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT WILL BEGIN SESSION NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Workers have been busy the past few days getting things in readiness for the annual session of Lueders Baptist Encampment which is to be held next week, June 21 to 27.

The program this year will last only one week but it will be a week filled almost every moment with things that will entertain, inspire and instruct.

Sermons will be brought daily by Dr. I. L. Yearby, of El Paso, camp pastor, and the vesper services will be conducted each day by Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford. Messages will also be brought by a number of denominational leaders of the state.

Sunday, June 27th will be the closing day of the encampment. Sunday School services will be held with District S. S. Superintendent George McBeth of Abilene, in charge. The B. T. U. services in the evening will be in charge of Rev. Roy Shahan of Rule. Sunday afternoon will be devoted to Hardin-Simmons University, and a program will be given by the University, followed by an address by President Sandefer.

Hendrick Memorial Hospital, as usual, will have an emergency tent where trained nurses will be on hand to minister to the physical needs of the campers.

Following is a schedule for the encampment:

Daily Schedule

7:45-8:30—Sing Song—I. E. Reynolds.

8:30-9:10—B. T. U. Work. (Meeting in Departmental Conferences). Young People and Adult Conferences—P. C. Williams.

Intermediate Conference—Miss Clara May, of Wilson.

Junior B. T. U. Conference—Dee Carpenter, of Wink.

Primary and Beginners—Mrs. W. M. Joslin, Albany.

9:15-9:50—W. M. U. Work.

W. M. S. Class—Mrs. J. E. Leigh. Pastor and Layman—B. N. Shepherd.

Y. W. A.—Mrs. A. N. Crownover, Lueders.

Int. R. A.—Avery Rogers, Gorman.

Int. G. A.—Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford.

Junior R. A.—O. M. Jones, Sylvestor.

Junior G. A.—Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Clyde.

Sunbeams—Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Rotan.

9:50-10:05—Intermission.

10:05-10:45—Sunday School Work. Departmental Conferences.

Adult and Young People. Mrs. B. M. Whitaker, Haskell.

Dramatic Class for Intermediates and Juniors—Sibyl Glass, Abilene.

Story Telling for Primaries—A. U. Hathaway.

Music Class—I. E. Reynolds.

Intermediate Workers—Miss Virginia Creighton.

Junior Workers—Mrs. J. L. Winter, Merkel.

Primary Workers—Mrs. L. J. Leach, Cisco.

Beginners and Cradle Roll Workers—Mrs. P. C. Williams.

10:45-11:15—Denominational Hour. Tuesday—Mr. Hal Buckner.

Wednesday—Mrs. J. E. Leigh.

Thursday—Dr. R. C. Campbell.

Friday—Dean Z. T. Huff, Wayland College.

Saturday—Jeff Davis, on temperance.

Sunday afternoon—Simmons University.

11:15-11:30—Songs and Announcements.

11:30-12:15—Sermon—Dr. I. L. Yearby, of El Paso.

12:15—LUNCH.

1:30-4:00—Directed Recreation.

4:00-5:30—Swimming.

6:00—Supper.

7:25-8:00—Vesper Service—P. D. O'Brien, Stamford.

8:00-8:20—Song Service—I. E. Reynolds.

8:20-8:45—Surprise Period.

8:45-9:15—Sermon—Dr. I. L. Yearby.

9:15-10:30—Play Hour, directed by J. S. Tierce.

Sunday Services

S. S. Supt. Geo. McBeth, Abilene.

B. T. U. Director—Roy Shahan, Rule.

Rev. C. G. Sewell has resigned as pastor of the Church at Slaton to become pastor of one of the churches at Phoenix, Ariz.

from THE WATCHTOWER

It has been some time since the editor has visited this department off on our usual respecting readers. There are several reasons for this. For one thing there are lots of things more readable. And then, most all the time there is more reading matter than the make-up man can handle, and naturally this department has always been the victim.

But coming right down to brass tacks, the editor hasn't been feeling just up to par since the doctors have started in to make him over (physically). The doctors started in on a minor (?) operation—a tonsilectomy. I am still insisting that the name "minor" here is a misnomer. At least there is a shock involved in an operation of this sort that is hard, even on the nerves of a seasoned editor.

At this time we are right in the midst of the second of the series of operations. The dentist this time is the victim. We say that because we actually sympathize with the dentist as he goes about the task of "extraction." It's a he-man's job pulling an editor's teeth. However, don't misunderstand us, the sympathy switches about two hours after the operation. The actual operation is painless but those after hours are really nerve racking. Well, about all we can say about it is don't expect too much of this paper for the next week or so.

It seems the special called session of the legislature is "going to bat" on the gambling situation in Texas. To be sure something ought to be done about it. The gambling instinct is really on a rampage in our country at this time. Most of the reckless driving and excessive speeding is prompted by the gambling craze, with human lives as the stake. Live on an international highway for a while, as does this editor and you will soon be convinced that a big majority of those using the highways are headed somewhere at a maddening death-defying pace.

Speaking of the legislature we are still wondering why something isn't done about these drug store saloons. We still claim that a community should have the right to vote dry if it so desires, but it just can't be done as long as the present laws regulating "prescription liquor" is in force. Either put the drug stores out of the liquor business, or turn the thing wide open and let the dear public get its "fill" of the liquor traffic in the least time possible. The operation will be rather severe, but the patient will be much better off in the long run.

NEGRO EVANGELIST VISITS IN ABILENE

Rev. J. W. Bailey, State and National evangelist is in our city this week. He speaks to both white and colored. He preached in the First Baptist Church here last fall. He visited and preached at Anson last week to the colored S. S. and B. T. U. convention.

This week's engagements: He will speak at the men's brotherhood of Emanuel Baptist church Monday night. Last Sunday morning and Sunday night he preached for Rev. Clyde Jackson, at View, Texas. He will preach for him at Caps, Texas, next Sunday night.

Rev. Bailey is a great preacher of the old time gospel. The pastor wants everybody to come out and hear him. Texas Baptists, white, and black love to hear him.

DRUNKENNESS IS NOW MAIN DIVORCE CAUSE

Drunkenness has become the chief complaint in district court divorce cases in Des Moines, Iowa, according to judges on the bench in that city.

Judge Joseph Meyer, long-time head of the court of domestic relations, said there had been a marked increase yearly since the end of prohibition, with this year exceeding previous years and that habitual drunkenness was the principal grounds for separation.

News Notes

Rev. P. C. Williams of Stamford filled the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, at both hours Sunday. Dr. Jenkins was called to Ridgecrest, N. C., for the annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Next Sunday Rev. Paul Porter of Campinas, Brazil, will preach at the First Baptist Church here. They will sail July 17 for Brazil.

We are glad to report that Brother J. D. Riddle, educational and choir director of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, is rapidly recovering from his recent severe operation. He was removed to his home from the hospital last week.

The Baptist New Mexican states that New Mexico is experiencing greater floods than it has experienced in many years, and many Baptists in the state are in needy circumstances as a result of damage to their homes and crops by flood waters.

Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, is doing the preaching in a revival meeting with the First Church, Albany. The meeting had a good start last week with several additions to the church. Brother Joslin, pastor at Albany, preached at University Church here Sunday.

The Methodist and Baptist churches of Blackwell united in a Daily Vacation Bible School from May 24 to June 4. There was an enrollment of 75, with an average attendance of 59. The splendid commencement program at the close of the school won the admiration of the parents of the children who attended the school. Brother J. H. Dean, who went to the Blackwell Church from Calvary Church, Abilene, is making a fine start on that important field.

TYE CHURCH ORDAINS FOUR NEW DEACONS AT SERVICE SUNDAY

On Sunday afternoon Brethren Earl King, Alton Rockmore, Troy Briggs and Lee Hassey were set apart as deacons at the Tye Church. The council called by the church for the purpose of ordination was composed of the following ministers and deacons: Rev. Clyde Jackson, Caps; Rev. W. C. Ashford, Southside Baptist Church, Abilene; Dr. N. A. Moore, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene; Rev. J. W. Saffle, Merkel; Rev. Melvin Byrd, Shep; Rev. Ernest Bowman, Buffalo Gap; Rev. Loyal E. Brown, pastor of Tye Church; W. H. Pillion, W. L. Ray, J. C. Hamilton, Shep Church; T. J. Amason, Stith Church; W. L. King, H. A. King, J. B. Boyett, M. S. Briggs, Tye Church; Burl King, First Church, Abilene.

The council elected J. W. Saffle as moderator of the council and Melvin Byrd as the clerk. The following program was adopted by the council; the pastor L. E. Brown to lead in the questioning of candidates; Clyde Jackson to deliver the charge to the candidates; N. A. Moore to bring charge to the church; W. C. Ashford to preach ordination sermon and N. A. Moore to give the ordaining prayer.

After a brief devotional led by the pastor Bro. Loyal E. Brown, the council convened and the candidates were examined. Many present said that the examination by the council was unusually rigid but that did not prevent the brethren being examined to meet that examination in a splendid manner. The Tye church was very proud of their showing. Brother Ashford brought a splendid sermon. In fact each speaker seemed to be led of the spirit of God in doing unusually well. The afternoon will no doubt remain a high spot in the history of the Tye Church.

MELVIN BYRD, Clerk of Council.

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ON TO LUEDERS

Next Monday workers in this section of Texas will turn their thoughts toward the Lueders Encampment grounds. The program which will run through Sunday, June 27, is appearing again in this issue of the West Texas Baptist. In spite of the fact that this is an unusually busy season of the year in this section of the country, the attendance should be large, and representative of District 17. The encampment will furnish a fine opportunity for fellowship, recreation, training and spiritual upbuilding. Make your plans NOW to be at the Baptist camp grounds on the Clear Fork of the Brazos river, near Lueders, June 21-27.

HOSPITAL GRADUATION

Graduating exercises for the class of 1937, Hendrick Memorial Hospital School of Nursing was held one June 6th at the First Baptist Church, Abilene. Dr. Louis J. Bristow, superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans, La., was the speaker for the occasion.

This occasion marked another milestone in the program of our great institution of healing at Abilene. Superintendent E. M. Collier, his assistants, the five groups of nurses, the medical staff, the board of directors, and Judge and Mrs. Hendrick, who have made such generous contributions to the institution, are to be congratulated on the rapid growth and ever increasing service to suffering humanity of Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

These fine young women who have completed their years of training have joined the ranks of the ever increasing group who have devoted their lives to a ministry to suffering humanity.

THE REVIVAL SEASON

Texas Baptists are now entering the summer revival season. This season is always a time of great concern, for it is a time when the eternal destiny of many souls will be weighed in the Divine balance. This year the revival season should be of especial concern, because of the challenge task Texas Baptists have set out for themselves. The fact that our people have launched a campaign to carry the gospel to every Baptist Church and every school house community in Texas, should drive our people to their knees. A mighty victory should be won for Christ this summer, but if such victory does come, it will come because our people were willing to go through Gethsemane for lost souls. During these next few weeks the prayer of Texas Baptist should be "Oh Lord, wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in Thee." And like the Psalmist we should pray: "Restore unto me the joys of thy salvation, and uphold me by thy free spirit, then will I teach transgressors thy way and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY

Dr. J. E. Dillard has called attention to the fact that June is Christian Education month throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. The last Sunday is designated "Christian Education Day." Each state has its own plan; but all seek to stress the importance of Christian Education and the institutions of Christian Education. The subject is vital; the time is opportune.

Wide awake pastors and Sunday School superintendents will plan together for the suitable observance of this period. Such plans should include at least the following:

A special program in the Sunday school setting forth the importance of education, higher education, and Christian education. (Pictures of our colleges and seminaries should be prominently posted).

A Sunday morning sermon or appeal to parents to religiously educate their children and to support with their prayers, patronage and purses our Christian institutions of learning;

A Student Night using college students themselves in the service, and inviting those interested to have a talk with the pastor. (Of course, he will have catalogs and definite information on hand).

A special offerings in the Sunday school, and the loose offering in the preaching service to be given for Christian Education in the state.

If the program is intelligently and sympathetically carried out, it will help the church and pastor; it will inspire some young person to make special preparation for intelligent Christian service and leadership; and the offering will greatly help the cause of Christian Education in the state.

Send the offering promptly and properly designated to your state secretary.

A soldier of Christ contending for righteousness and the whole Gospel of Salvation cannot be a diplomat. The soldier in the fierce battle loses all by yielding ground. He wisely employs strategy of course in attack and defense but this strategy is never compromise. It is simply a fiercer attack from another angle with the objective unchanged and unchangeable. Between the Bible, as really inspired of God, God's own Word; and the Bible as errant and man's record of his religious development, there is no place for middle ground

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 20, 1937

Hight C. Moore

JOSEPH'S KINDNESS TO HIS KINDRED

Read Genesis 45:16 to 50:26

Study Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; 50:24-26

Along with rich presents to his father, Joseph sent wagons to bring him from Canaan to Egypt with all his property and household, which included sixty-six males in the immediate family, and a total constituency of perhaps two hundred and fifty. When they reached the border of Egypt, they were met by Joseph, who brought his father and five of his brothers before Pharaoh and placed them in the land of Goshen, which was most suitable to their profession as herdsmen and best located for the Exodus in the fullness of time.

1. Joseph's Faith in His Kindred (Genesis 46)

Kindness Lifts. By the princely provision of Joseph for his father, Jacob made his journey to Egypt. We note two things about the patriarch whom the premier honored. (1) **His Age.** Jacob had now lived three decades beyond the century mark. He had, therefore, attained an age far exceeding the average life in Egypt or elsewhere, and this as well as his relation to Joseph focused all eyes upon him. It is indeed a notable thing to become a centenarian and more notable still to climb the stairway of several decades beyond. And it is not an accident. Sometimes it is due to heredity which imparts a sound and healthy body to begin with; sometimes to strict observance of the laws of health; sometimes to the poise and equanimity of mind which refuses to fret over the worries of today or take from the troubles of tomorrow; sometimes to fortuitous circumstances which shelter one from the sterner and more strenuous conflicts of life; but, in all cases, it is due above all to the mercy of God that lengthens the cord of time. And while we live in deeds rather than in years, yet the years and the deeds may now and then be united in a single individual. And when this is so, we find that the gray hairs of the good are wreathed naturally into a very coronal of light. (2) **His Character.** There was far more of interest in Jacob than his long years, his gray head, his patriarchal form. We imagine that his great soul shone through his eyes and that the tone of his voice was the evident vibration of his heart-strings. His varied experiences must have been written large in his face, making the countenance at once a study and a benediction. Jacob had ripened with age and had been sanctified during the process of the years. The passion of the old deceiver was gone. The fraud and trickery and mischief of other days had all disappeared. Besides he had emerged from a long course of discipline: The hate of Esau his brother; the deceit and chicanery of Laban, his brother-in-law; the wickedness of his own children; his sorrow at the death of Rachel and disappearance of Joseph—all were but chisels in the Sculptor's hand chipping off the crudities of that wild early life and developing at each stroke the better nature within. And so, what Pharaoh saw in Jacob was more the white soul than the white head, and beneath the exterior of the tribal chief he felt the glow of the imperial personality chastened and refined by long experience. What is more lovely, more attractive, more heavenly, than old age purified as gold in the fires of life?

2. Joseph's Love to His Kindred (Genesis 46)

Kindness Loves. Note the beautiful deeds of a dutiful son. The Prime Minister of Egypt sent for his famine-stricken father in Canaan, supplying paternal want out of filial wealth. He left the palace and met his father on the border of the country, receiving the old embrace and renewing the old love. He provided for his father the best pasture lands in the lower Nile Valley, thus guaranteeing support and agreeable occupation. He brought his father to the palace and gained audience for him with the King of Egypt, knowing that shepherds were despised by the Egyptians, yet unashamed of the rural patriarch at the most brilliant court in the world. He nourished his father in the land of Goshen during the remaining seven years of the patriarch's life, presenting his sons for the ancestral blessing and taking oath at Jacob's word to bury him in Canaan. And when the aged sire was gathered to his fathers the faithful son embalmed the body, mourned over it for many days, and with an impressive retinue carried it on the last journey to the cave of Machpelah. More than all, Joseph honored his father by reproducing his virtues, adhering to his religious faith, conforming to the purpose of God regarding the chosen family, and handing down a name unsullied to future generations.

3. Joseph's Hope for His Kindred (Genesis 50)

Kindness Looks Forward. In the last five verses of Genesis we have the briefest glimpse of the closing half of Joseph's career. (1) **The Silent Years.** When the sacred penman grasps a half century in a single phrase—"And Joseph dwelt in Egypt"—we are given a vivid picture of the unbroken happiness of a wise and honored prince. He lived to see in the line of Ephraim his great-great grandchildren; and perhaps under his own roof resided the children of Machir, the son of Manasseh, inspiring in him paternal joy and receiving his fatherly benediction. So the sun of his life sank slowly down through a cloudless sky to its horizon. (2) **The Peaceful End.** The Egyptian idea of a fully rounded life was exemplified in Joseph's case. He had lived to the age of one hundred and ten years. In view of death and having confidence in the promise of God to his fathers, Joseph summoned his brethren and declared to them his prospect, his faith, and his last request. Thus satisfied of identification with Israel's future and surrounded, we may suppose, by his loved ones Joseph breathed his last. In the midst of a nation's tears his body was embalmed in costly Egyptian styles and deposited in a princely sarcophagus ready for transference two centuries later to the conquered land of Canaan.

Gold in the Golden Text

Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32.

Brothers ought to be brotherly. In a world of hate, they ought to be kind one to another. In a world that is hard-hearted, they ought to be tender-hearted, compassionate, sympathetic, affectionate. In a world piqued by its hurt and peevish by its slights, they ought to be considerate, forgiving, and fraternal. And they have not only the best motive in them but also the highest example before them in the forgiveness extended them in Christ.

Think On These Things

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

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"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation." Heb. 6th Chap.

In the first part of this chapter Paul said, that "It is impossible for those who once received salvation, if they shall fall away to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

But, "Though we thus speak, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation."

Every person expects a consecrated upright devoted life from the professed christian and unless at least, some of the things "that accompany salvation," are manifested in their life, disappointment follows, and their influence crippled, and their salvation questioned.

The only way we can prove to the world that we have salvation, is by practicing the "things that accompany salvation."

How ungrateful are those who have salvation, and do nothing to prove their salvation.

In the 5th chapter of 1st Thess. Paul tells us some of the things that accompany salvation.

"Ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men."

"Comfort the feeble minded."

"Support the weak."

"Be patient toward all men."

"Pray without ceasing."

"In every thing give thanks."

"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good."

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."

"And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts. 4th Chap.

Devotional Thoughts

I NEED THEE, LORD

I need Thee in the morning Lord,
Again at noonday's hour.
I need Thee when the shadow's fall
O, keep me by Thy power.
I need Thee when my path is strewn
With flowers and sunshine bright;
I need Thee when the storm-clouds lower,
And all seems dark as night.
I need Thee when my faith is weak,
When doubts my hope assail;
O let me hear the still small voice,
Then, Lord, I cannot fail.
Hold fast my hand, dear Lord, I pray;
I am so prone to sin;
O give me strength from day to day
And keep me pure within.

MELISSA ARVIN CAMPBELL,
Burlington, Ky., in Western Recorder.

JESUS IN US

Every man who came to Jesus saw in Him the image of his own true self, the thing that he might be and ought to be. . . . And so it has been ever since. All kinds of men have found their ideals in Jesus. Entering into Him, the timid soul has seen a vision of itself all clothed in bravery, and known in an instant that to be brave and not to be cowardly was its proper life.

The missionary toiling in the savage island, and thinking his whole life a failure, has gone apart some night into his hut and climbed up into Christ, and seen with perfect sureness, though with most complete amazement, that God counted his life a great success, and so has gone out once more singing to his glorious work.

Martyrs on the night before their agony; reformers hesitating at their tasks; scholars wondering whether the long self-denial would be worth their while; fathers and mothers, teachers and preachers whose work had grown monotonous and wearisome, all of these going to Christ have found themselves in Him, have seen the nobleness and privilege of their hard lives, and have come out from their communion with Him to live their lives as they have seen those lives in Him, glorious with the perpetual sense of the privilege of duty, and worthy of the best and most faithful work which they could give. . . .

This, then, is the great truth of Christ. The treasury of life, your life and mine, the life of every man and every woman, however different they are from one another, they are all in Him. In Him there is the perfectness of every occupation: the perfect trading, the perfect housekeeping, the perfect handicraft, the perfect school-teaching, they are all in Him. In Him lay the completeness of that incomplete act which you did yesterday. In Him lay the possible holiness of that which you made actual sin. In Him lies the absolute purity and loftiness of that worship which we this morning have stained so with impurity and baseness. To go to Him and get the perfect idea of life, and of every action of life, and then go forth, and by His strength fulfil it, that is the New Testament conception of a strong successful life. How simple and glorious it is!—Phillips Brooks.

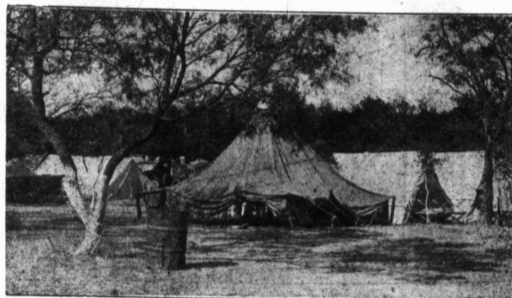
GOD OUR FATHER

God is my Father and I am his child. He has a father's heart, and I can count on the tender affections of that heart in the midst of all my feebleness and need. He loves me, not because of what I am able to do, but because I am his child.—McIntosh.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Joseph's Kindness to His Father. Gen. 46:1-7.
Tuesday—Joseph's Kindness to His Brothers. Gen. 46:28-30; 50:24-26.
Wednesday—Remembering Loved Ones. Col. 2:1-5.
Thursday—Honoring Parents. Prov. 1:7-9.
Friday—Forgiving One Another. Col. 3:12-17.
Saturday—Standing by One Another. Neh. 4:19-23.
Sunday—Jesus Helping in the Home. Luke 2:46-52.

LUEDERS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT



Some Facts You Will Want to Know About Encampment

GROUNDS

The grounds will be in good shape for the camp. Conditioning the grounds has been under way for some time. Everything will be mighty pretty by camp time.

WATER

This has been a major problem for years. Stamford put in a purifying plant last year. The well will also be in good condition so you can get water from the lines or the well.

BUILDINGS

Come with the assurance that the tabernacle will not leak. A crew of men are on the grounds now painting a number of the main buildings. It will look really white and clean.

There are very few cabins to be rented. Such must be arranged for before the camp. There is always room in the Y. W. A. hut, the boys' hut, the men's building, and the woman's building. A large number can be cared for in this way, by the family separating to these various buildings. The charge in each case in men's or women's building will be \$1 each for duration of the camp.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

There will be no tents to be rented on the grounds this year. Please arrange for your tent before coming. Cots may be had for a rental of 75 cents for entire camp, or 25 cents for a single night. Bring your own linens, pillows, and blankets, for they are not available on the grounds.

REGISTRATION

Everyone is asked to register. The fee is only 25 cents. This is necessary in order to vote, and it helps toward financing the camp. Registration in charge of J. Lowell Ponder.

MEALS

Meals may be had at the cafeteria for \$4.50 for the duration of the camp. First meal served will be supper Monday night, June 21. Single meals will cost 35 cents, or three for \$1.00. Sunday dinner will be 40 cents. Come and eat with us, and enjoy this fine fellowship together.

CAMPING OUT

If you want to camp out, there will be plenty of shade trees to tie a tent to. You can do your own cooking. Bring some home canned stuff, a half dozen or so fryers, and live as cheaply at home and enjoy the Encampment in the bargain. Everything will be done for your convenience if you come to camp.

RECREATION, PLAY, ENTERTAINMENT

The play program of the camp will have a definite place in the daily schedule of activities. It is the purpose of the committee to plan such a varied program of play, recreation and entertainment that every one from the babies to the grandparents can find something they like.

The daily schedule calls for Directed Play from 1:30 to 4:00 each day. Swimming from 4:00 to 5:30 each day, and a Mass Social each evening from 9:15 to 10:30.

WHEN GOD FORGETS

There are some things that God does not remember. This is not because of any limitation of his; he wills to forget. Under his new covenant with man, made possible by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, God has pledged himself to remember confessed sin no more forever (Heb. 8:12; 10:17), and to blot it out as a thick cloud (Isa. 44:22). Man's standard of forgiveness comes far short of this. The former dean of a well-known Bible school used to emphasize the difference between man's forgiveness and God's. When we forgive some one, we often say we will forget the offense, and we do—for a time. But let that person wrong us again, and instantly we seize upon the remembrance of all former offenses and pile them on top of the new wrong, making as large and imposing a heap as we can. But God puts out iniquities from us as far as the east is from the west (Psa. 103:12). He buries them in the depths of the sea (Mic. 7:19). He remembers them no more forever. Shall we not ask him to teach us how we also may forget those sins that others commit against us, that our Lord's prayer may be literally fulfilled in our lives and God may forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us?—Sunday School Times.

Bountifully Sowing the Precious Seed

While the Centenary of D. L. Moody's birth is being celebrated throughout America and Great Britain, it is significant that the Bible Institute Colportage Association of Chicago, which the evangelist founded in 1894 for the publication and dissemination of Christian literature, should be able to show a larger output during the fiscal year just closed than that of any similar period in its history.

There are many things in the world to discourage the hearts and try the faith of God's people, perhaps as never before, but the report of this Association is most encouraging. During the twelve months which ended February 28th, the distribution of the society's own publications in this and foreign countries totals 6,376,259 copies of evangelical books, booklets, Gospels, Testaments, Pocket Treasuries and salvation tracts. This vast quantity exceeds the previous year's distribution by more than two mil-

lion copies. Much of this attractive Christian literature was sent free to prisons, hospitals, CCC camps, mountain and pioneer schools, fire stations, lodging houses, lumber camps, state institutions, and the peoples of Alaska, Philippine Islands, India, Mexico, Central and South America, Spain and Africa, as well as those in French Louisiana, and the flood and drought-stricken areas. Many books of the Moody Colportage Library were sold from home to home by a thousand or more faithful colporters, or book missionaries. A considerable quantity of the Association's publications reached the public through the mails and the usual book channels. And as a result of this ministry, many Christians have been built up in the faith and countless souls have been saved. Moody still lives, and the work he instituted continues with blessing. There was never more need of such ministry than now.



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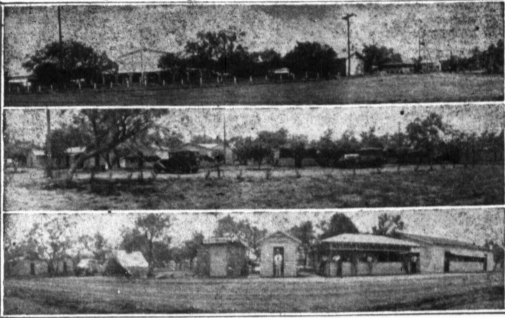
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HOW FAR WILL WE PERMIT OUR RELIGION TO CARRY US?

Annual Sermon, Southern Baptist Convention

Solon B. Cousins, Second Baptist Church, Richmond

(1) "Jesus came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of God."

(2) "And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them; and they were amazed; and as they followed they were afraid."

(3) "And Jesus entered into Jerusalem."

For our thought at this hour I raise this question: How far Will We Permit Our Religion to Carry Us? It is vividly dramatized in three descriptive statements which Mark records touching the ministry and life of our Lord. First, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of God. Second, and they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them; and they were amazed; and as they followed they were afraid. Third, and Jesus entered into Jerusalem.

He began in Galilee. He ended in Jerusalem. That, then, was the end of His patient, passionate pilgrimage. To follow understandingly that ascending road is to enter into the Master's secret, to see the goal toward which always He had been moving, to witness His tragic glory and the beginning of His triumphant, eternal reign. And more—it is to discover the heart of the Christian Gospel and to learn the privileges and obligations of Christian discipleship.

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The day Jesus entered Galilee preaching the Gospel of God, Jerusalem was foreshadowed for The God He came preaching was too great for the frame in which His religious kinsmen had confined him. The spear point of His teaching was that God loves the world and that was too inclusive for a generation that believed God spoke only the Hebrew language, had His settled abode in one Holy Land and communicated His will to only one race. In Mathematics the corollaries are quite as significant as the theorem. Indeed, the theorem is sometimes set to establish the corollaries. And it was the implications of the Gospel of God that disturbed His hearers, aroused their suspicions, excited their fears, and later inflamed their hostilities. For that radical Gospel added another dimension to their Diety. To Sovereignty was added Fatherliness. And if God is The Father of all mankind, that defined man's origin, every man's origin, his place in this universe, has value and the divine intention for him. That defined also the relationship among all men. They belong to one family. And that Gospel which Jesus came preaching in Galilee by the same token brought a new test for all institutions—religious, social, political, economic. And that test is: What do they do to people? That meant that nothing could be sacred to God that is not helpful to men—they being made in His spiritual image. That meant that we are tied up in the bundle of life together and no accident of race or color or condition or geography can ever free us from a family obligation. Then was the axe laid to the old genealogical tree. For His commission read "to preach the Gospel to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to free the oppressed, to proclaim the Lord's year of favor."

As the implications of His Gospel became clearer, the Jerusalem that was foreshadowed became the Jerusalem that was inevitable. Correctly the leaders in church and state foresaw that the spread of this new truth threatened their economic and

Rev. J. H. Hunt has resigned as pastor of the church at Eliasville, effective July 1.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

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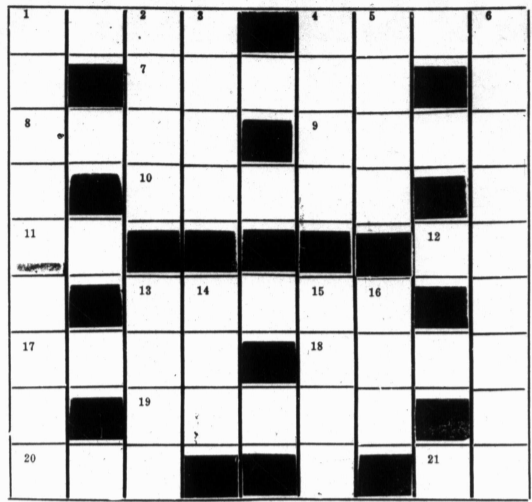
- 1. SEEK.
- 4. WORD.
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- 12. OR.
- 13. SAVED.
- 17. IRON.
- 18. RABI.
- 19. UNTIL.
- 20. NIL.
- 21. BE.

DOWN

- 1. SALVATION.
- 2. EASE.
- 3. KEEP.
- 4. WORD.
- 5. OSEE.
- 6. DETERMINED.
- 13. SOUL.
- 14. ANN.
- 15. ERIN.
- 16. DAL. (DALLAS).

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ACROSS

- 1. "— the Lord while He may be found."
- 4. "Thy— have I hid in mine heart."
- 7. Air-carriers.
- 8. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and— his own soul?"
- 9. Ye shall find— to your own soul."
- 10. A lyric poem.
- 11. An exclamation of surprise.
- 12. Conjunction.
- 13. "For by Grace are ye—."
- 17. The most common of the metals.
- 18. The spring harvests in India.
- 19. As long as.
- 20. Nothing.
- 21. "— thou faithful unto death."

DOWN

- 1. "This day has— come to thy house."
- 2. Woe to them that are at— in Zion."
- 3. "— thy heart with all diligence."
- 4. Same as four across.
- 5. Greek name for Isaiah.
- 6. To decide.
- 13. "The— that sinneth, it shall die."
- 14. Income of a year. From Latin word annus. Also girl's name.
- 15. Poetic name for Ireland.
- 16. City where Pan-American Exposition is being held (abbreviation).

The First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, has called Rev. Phil McGahee of Houston, and we understand he is accepting the call. He was pastor at Wilson and Snyder before going to Southeast Texas. West Texas will welcome him back with great enthusiasm.

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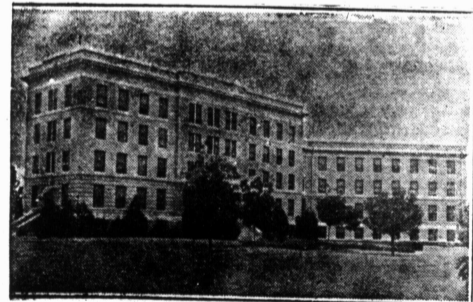
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