

By DICK O'BRIEN

I am taking the liberty of using a letter which I wrote to my baby sister who took such tender care of our mother during the last years of her life, and was especially faithful to her in her last days of suffering. My oldest sister, Mrs. W. B. Bennett, and nephew, C. H. O'Brien, assessor-collector of Eastland county, and a niece, Mamye Lee O'Brien, deserve special tributes also, but mother lived her last years and passed away in the home of the younger sister, Mrs. Clara Bisbee.

Dear Clara:

Since the fatal accident early in November I have made 19 trips to see mother, have traveled a little more than 1,700 miles, but that is as nothing to what you did for her. There is no way for me to make known the appreciation I feel toward the hundreds of friends who came while she was sick, sent flowers to her sick-room, sat up nights, took care of us in their homes, attended her funeral, bringing flowers, words of comfort and tears of sympathy, along with those of my own friends throughout Texas who never saw her, who have written or wired me; but most of all I am unable to express to you how very deeply we all appreciate what you did for her, in our place. May your reward be bountiful in this world and never ending in the world to come. You will have sad and lonely hours there and the rooms will seem awfully empty, but none of your sadness need be caused by regret for anything you might have neglected to do for her. It has been 48 full hours since we laid her to rest under the mound of fresh flowers by the side of one by whose side she walked for a half century, but not one instance of neglect on your part can I recall. You proved yourself a true soldier and the other nine brothers and sisters salute you. As I write these words tears blind my eyes until I can hardly see the keyboard of my typewriter, but none of them are tears of regret or remorse for anything we might have done and did not.

When I kneel to pray she is the first one I think of, and now that she does not need our prayers I expect to put you and the others who are left in her place and pray for you, not each day but many times each day. My hope is that you will go to church this morning, a privilege you have not enjoyed for months, that you will sing songs of praise to Him who gave us our mother and father and then took them to Himself, join a Bible class, and feed upon the bread of life as it is broken to you by the pastor. In due time take a place of leadership in the church, teach a class, lead a Union or otherwise use your talents in active service to the Master.

May God bless you and your children and indeed all of us as we face the responsibility of carrying on until the day for our promotion.

Yours in tenderest love,
Your brother,
DICK.

Rev. A. R. Posey of Hardin-Simmons supplied at Clyde March 31, for Pastor J. S. Tierce, who has been seriously ill. There was one conversion and one rededication at the services.

EVENTS TO COME

April 16-17—Annual W. M. U. convention, District 17, First Church, Abilene.

May 2-3—Meeting for associational officers in Training Union, Waco

May 13-16—Evangelistic Conferences, Seminary Hill.

June 12-16—Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore.

June 24-30—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.

July 2-12—Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios.

July 8-10—Girls Camp, Lueders.

July 9-17—Menard Baptist Encampment, Menard.

July 10-12—Boys Camp, Lueders.

First, then the women's Missionary Union had their program and closed the meeting with a pageant at the evening hour. The second day the Sunday School and Training Union programs were given.

We were very fortunate to have the leaders of the four phases of work presented. Brother R. A. Springer, Brotherhood leader, and Mrs. E. F. Lyon, W. M. U. secretary were there for the first day and Brother Springer substituted for Dr. Campbell. The second day Dr. G. S. Hopkins and Dr. T. C. Gardner were on hand for their parts. Dr. Gardner was ably assisted by Brother J. D. Riddle, State Training Union, president, who was with us both days. All of this work was very thoroughly covered, considering the time given.

Suitable resolutions were read commending the First Baptist Church, Midland, and their pastor, Dr. H. D. Bruce, for the excellent way in which they acted as host. Nothing was left undone in the way of preparation for this meeting.

Among the other visitors were Dr. Edward Jenkins, North Carolina, Rev. Minor Cole, Warren, Arkansas.

Rev. Ira Harrison, Snyder, could not be with us to preach the convention sermon, on account of a recent illness. The District Missionary W. C. Harrison, substituted.

Aside from the host church, Lamesa First Church led in numbers attending. Five Miles was a close second. Big Spring Association led as an association with Lamesa second.

Several of our best pastors were kept away from the meeting because of serious illness in their homes or among their membership. Nevertheless the crowd was good and most of the speakers on the program were present.

Among the activities of the churches of the district since January 1, there have been 16 Training Union courses had with an enrollment of 1,060. Seven Sunday School study courses with an enrollment of 329. There have been several revivals and a number of new organizations such as new Unions, R. A., G. A. and Y. W. A.s, and a number of Brotherhood organizations.

So, we are still on the map and hope that our reports will be better from time to time.

The following named officers and Board members were elected:

Ira Harrison, president; Owen C. Taylor, vice-president; G. A. Elrod, secretary; J. C. Douglas, treasurer; H. L. Wren, Brotherhood president; Mrs. J. M. White, W. M. U. president; R. E. Dunham, S. S. Superintendent; J. W. Arnett, B. T. U. director.

Board members:

Big Spring Association: H. D. Bruce, C. E. Lancaster, Fred McPherson, B. A. Rogers, A. T. Willis.

Lamesa Association: Roy Clayton, E. F. Cole, Henry Heath, Z. T. McMullen, Ernest Phillips.

Mitchell-Scurry Association: M. H. Godfrey, T. D. Wiman, Cone Merritt, H. H. Eiland, pastor, Colorado City, First.

JAPANESE CHRISTIAN GIRL TO SPEAK IN WEST TEXAS

Itsuka Saito, Japanese student in Southwestern Seminary who thrilled audiences at District 17 workers meetings a few months ago, will address the Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene, Monday evening, April 15. Tuesday morning she will speak at chapel exercises of Hardin-Simmons and in the evening she will be at First Church, Ballinger.

Miss Saito was led to Christ by a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Honolulu, Hawaii, and came to the attention of Dr. M. E. Dodd on his trip to the Orient a few years ago. He arranged for her a scholarship in Dodd College, Shreveport.

After finishing junior college work at Dodd, she attended and graduated from Baylor University and is now in her second year at the Training School of Southwestern Seminary. After completing her work there she plans to do mission work among the Japanese in Hawaii.



REV. PHILLIP C. MCGAHEY
Breckenridge

Stamford will be host to the annual convention of District 17 in 1941 and Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge pastor, was chosen as the district convention president for the ensuing year at the close of the 1940 session at Breckenridge which was held Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29.

The date for next year was tentatively set for March 6 and 7, with the understanding that if that date should conflict with the Southwide week of prayer for Home Missions that the District board would make a suitable adjustment.

Although the attendance was somewhat reduced from that of other years, due in a large measure to widespread illness, the convention reached a new high in spirituality and unanimity.

Brotherhood Meeting

Notable among the meetings of the Brotherhood for the district was the gathering in separate session Thursday evening which almost filled the First Christian Church of Breckenridge. (Continued on page 2)

Glowing Report Made by Brotherhood President of District Seventeen

By Emry S. Cummings

For the year of March 6, 1939, to March 28, 1940, inclusive, your president desires to make to you at the annual convention, his annual report on behalf of the Brotherhood of the 17th District including some of the detail activities.

Carrying out the program of education started in 1939, a part of which was covered by my report to you at that time, I followed through with tracts distributed into each association and added to that additional tracts of Lawson H. Cooke, "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood." This last, together with quarterlies that have been distributed as a means of enlightening our men as suggested by the Memphis office, we have found that these tracts have been of great value to new organizations and to those that had not yet organized, and through which great help in the organization of a number of our Brotherhoods carried out. To this must be given additional credit to our pastors and to our District missionary for their wonderful assistance in carrying into effect in a number of places the organization of these Brotherhoods, and the high and forward movement in the Brotherhoods themselves, sufficient that several associations have had a greater number of Brotherhoods organized in the district during this fiscal year than at any other time and while my information, unfortunately, is not completed, you will be interested in knowing:

In The Fisher Association, the following have been organized: Sardis, with 15 men, J. F. Upshaw, Rt. 2, Roby, president; Cross Roads, 16 men, R. A. Acker, Rt. 1, Rotan, president; Sylvester, 25 men, W. A. Thompson, president; Highland Home, 16 men, Geo. McBeth, president; Hitson, 10 men, W. R. Townsen, president, and immediate organization will be perfected at McCaulley, Pleasant Valley and Roby and a Mexican Brotherhood at Rotan in the very near future. These with the Rotan Brotherhood, with C. A. Jones as president, and the N. Roby Brotherhood, with eight men, C. B. Murphree as president, gives us a very complete organization in the

retary of Texas, as the campus of Hardin-Simmons University during the week of March 11-16, to conduct a revival, which has resulted in the greatest spiritual awakening in the history of the school.

During the six-day meeting, 27 students were saved, five surrendered for special service, and a great number rededicated their lives. When the revival closed with a requested last-minute service on Monday morning, March 18, it was believed that over 90 per cent of the student body had made some form of decision.

Throughout the week there was a wholesome, sane, religious spirit. No one seemed indifferent; all joined in. Wherever students would congregate the subject of discussion was Christ, Christianity, the church, or other phases of religion. A large majority cooperated in prayer and in attendance at all meetings. Truly the Holy Spirit swept the campus.

Nor does this fine spirit cease to exist now that Bill Marshall has left Hardin-Simmons.

Many things are evident that the revival spirit continues. Sunday School classes and Training Unions have swelled in attendance. Few students stay away from the church services.

Each evening at 9:45 a cornet playing some religious hymn, opens a prayer meeting over the whole campus. Wherever a student may be drops what he is doing, and for 15 minutes opens his Bible to read and joins in prayer with his roommate. Once a week, this prayer service is combined with a fellowship hour, at which time the whole student body (Continued on page 4)

Fisher Association, and the Associational Brotherhood has as its president C. A. Jones of Rotan, with very splendid work.

Callahan Association is likewise to be congratulated. Brotherhoods having recently been organized at Clyde, Baird and Cottonwood, during this year and with the Potosi and Putnam Brotherhoods already in existence, makes a very splendid showing. Their associational president is H. L. Deshazo of Putnam, who assures me that 1940 will be an outstanding year in the Callahan Associational Brotherhood.

Sweetwater Association has one new Brotherhood at North Park, Abilene, organized this past year, making Brotherhoods in the Sweetwater Association at Sweetwater First, Lamar Street, Nolan, Trent, Merkel, Abilene First, South Side, University, Temple and North Park. A reorganization of the Merkel Brotherhood is assured, together with Brotherhoods in the smaller churches under the leadership of the Associational president, E. M. Collier.

Jones County Association with T. A. Upshaw as president now has a new Brotherhood at Anson, with splendid work, one at Stith, doing most excellent work and a very fine one at Stamford and an organization at Lueders has been perfected recently with one assured at Hamlin in the very near future and I am sure the rural churches are likewise going to be organized during this year.

The Haskell Associational Brotherhood with Joe Smith at Knox City as its president has been doing some very fine work and it is expected that in the very near future Brotherhoods will be organized at Haskell and other important churches in that association. While the movement in the Haskell Association has yet been slow the men are interested and we are looking for great results from Brother Joe at Knox City soon.

The Stonewall Association has no local organization within it, but does have a very splendid association organization and my opinion is that they (Continued on page 3)



Quarterly Report

To the Executive Board of District 17:

I am submitting my report for the first quarter of this calendar year. Days labored and ill 91. I was ill eight days with the flu. Study courses conducted, 5; awards, 139.

Sermons and addresses, 46. Received into churches by letter, 1; also had one conversion.

I have attended two state-wide meetings, one at Dallas and one at Harlingen. Have attended 14 workers conferences. I have had 63 personal conferences about the work in various ways.

I have preached in the following churches: Hamlin, Jayton, Peacock, First Abilene, First Cisco, Johnson Chapel, Blackwell, Eula, Roby, Munday, Anson, Gorman, Mattson, and View. The study courses were held with Johnson Chapel, Eula, South Side Abilene, Gorman and Swenson. Am to be in Oplin for an all-day service March 31. I have preached to three pastorless churches which have called pastors.

I have given away 300 books and tracts. I am building a rental book service library without cost to the district and expect soon to have all the Sunday School and Training Union books so any church can rent them at 10 cents per week. Many are using these books now.

I have arranged for two evangelistic meetings in April.

I have driven 9,692 miles these first three months. These have been busy months. There is much work to do. I am trying to answer every call possible, yet I know I am not getting to them all, but will as soon as I possibly can.

—J. Henry Littleton.

Brother Tierce has accepted the work at Knox City. We hate to see him leave Clyde but we feel that the Lord is definitely in his going to the Knox City Church.

Brother Posey supplied the pulpit at Clyde this past Sunday. He will supply at Knox City this coming Sunday and Brother Fred Porter will supply for the Clyde Church.

Brother Joe R. Mays was to begin a meeting with the church at Clairemont this next Sunday on account of the closing of the schools there within the next two weeks he will not begin the meeting until the third Sunday. He is going up there for services this Sunday.

The District convention was very well attended and the spirit was all that could be hoped for. Good services (Continued on page 4)

HOSPITAL WILL ERECT ROOM FOR MORE NURSES

The board of trustees of Hendrick Memorial Hospital reached a decision last week to build an addition to the nurse's home and to install a central heating plant for the building.

The addition will make possible a school of nursing of 60 to 75 instead of being crowded to care for 50 as at present. A class of sixteen will be graduated in May.

The cost of the improvements will amount to approximately \$15,000.

The hospital had a record patient average of 70 daily during February, states Superintendent E. M. Collier, with nearly as large number during March. The total charity account during February amounted to over \$1,700.

At the regular board meeting Friday, March 29, the trustees elected officers. George S. Anderson was re-elected president of the board; T. T. Harris, vice-president, and T. N. Carswell, secretary.

MANY TEXANS APPEAR ON WACO PROGRAM, MAY 2-3

Texas Baptist leaders will assemble in Waco, Thursday morning, May 2, for a two days' conference dealing with the problems, programs and work of the Baptist Training Union. All phases of Training Union work will be discussed by men and women who are specialists in this field.

The Waco conference is making a bid for church leaders. Pastors, associational moderators, and Training Union officers of all age groups have been invited to attend the Waco conference. All sessions will be held at the First Baptist Church where Dr. J. M. Dawson is pastor. The first session will begin Thursday morning, May 2, at 9:30.

Texas Baptist leaders who will appear on the program are as follows:

R. C. Campbell, T. C. Gardner, Mrs. T. C. Gardner, J. Earl Mead, A. D. Walters, Mrs. A. Adamcik, Miss Nella Casement, Dallas; Clarence Johnston, Fort Worth; J. D. Brannon, Houston; F. E. James, Fort Worth; W. L. Howse, Fort Worth; J. D. Riddle, Abilene; Frank Gayer, Jacksonville; Bob Wideman, Dallas; Mrs. J. W. Mason, Edinburg; Mrs. Joe Amerine, LaFeria; Mrs. Rayford Harris, Shiner; Chas. T. Tally, Childress; Mrs. H. R. Yount, Nome; Joe Parks, Jr., Houston; Mrs. Roland P. Hood, Texas City; Mrs. Merle McCracken, Amarillo; R. O. Feather, Austin; R. G. Commander, Rosenberg; A. C. Miller, Belton; Fred McCaulley, Waco; Don O. Covington, Kenedy; Troy Brooks, Nederland; Mrs. Presley Hand, Fort Worth; Paul Counts, San Angelo; Carroll R. Jones, Swinney Switch; Mrs. Fletcher Royal, Edna; E. M. Agee, Fort Worth; Mrs. E. M. Agee, Fort Worth; Mrs. M. O. Davis, Falfurrias; Miss Connie Dear, Stephenville; J. M. Dawson, Waco; H. P. Black, Longview; Harvey Nelson, Dallas; Mrs. Harvey Nelson, Dallas; Marie Sadler, San Angelo; Martha Griffith, Alamo; K. P. Walker, Livingston; Alice McDonald, Kenedy; Volus Norsworthy, Vernon; Lillian McCullough, Temple; Mrs. Guy Flippen, Temple.

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HELP WANTED

The West Texas Baptist wants to print news while it is news and no correspondent or contributor is more disappointed than the editor when timely copy reaches the office too late to be used that week.

In an effort to promote a better understanding of the situation, we will endeavor to give the reader a glimpse behind the scenes to show something of the system under which your paper is produced.

In the busy office where the West Texas Baptist is printed, there are several other publications issued weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, annually and occasionally. To bring out all these publications at their stated times requires careful planning and a definite schedule.

Formerly the West Texas Baptist could be made up, printed and mailed on Thursday, the date of publication. With the happy increase in circulation, however, that is no longer possible. The schedule now calls for make-up on Tuesday afternoon and printing on Wednesday. This necessitates copy reaching the office earlier than in the past.

Tuesday morning in the deadline for copy to reach the office. However, that does not mean that all copy coming in that morning is assured of publication that week. Only a limited amount of type can be set that morning and when a choice must be made preference is given to bulletins from church budget subscribers who use that service and to late news.

As a matter of fact, as soon as the forms are closed for one paper we begin to assemble and to edit copy for the following week. This process continues along through the week. By Saturday noon, when the print shop closes for the week, half the paper should be written and at least one-fourth in type. By Monday night, three-fourths or more of the paper should be in type and the remainder is set up on Tuesday morning.

It is now impossible to use any material which reaches us Wednesday and it is very seldom that we can get anything in print after noon on Tuesday. So if the news or article which you send us arrives then, we are sorry but it has just missed the train.

We have gone to this length in explanation, believing that most people are cooperative in mind if they are informed, and that our correspondents and contributors will be glad to fit themselves into our necessary schedule.

It is our earnest desire to put out the best paper possible and to carry, as much of the Baptist news as we can get and have room to print. Sometimes it is necessary to blue-pencil part of the material that we get, not because it is undesirable, but because of lack of space. Moral: The items which reach the office early are less likely to be cut down.

We appreciate this growing expression of confidence as reflected in the increasing circulation, and we covet your prayers that this paper may be an instrument of God in the growth of the Kingdom and the spread of the Gospel message in West Texas and around the circle of the globe.

DIVIDE AND MULTIPLY

Recently the Watchman-Examiner carried a significant article by Dr. Earl V. Pierce, former president of the Northern Baptist Convention, in which the writer decries the tendency toward mergers of denominations and branches of denominations.

Special reference is made to the "rumbling of agitation that the Baptists and Disciples or 'Christians' get together into one convention." Dr. Pierce showed conclusively how impossible it is for Baptists to unite with anybody except locally, one church with another. By any other form of union, he says, the resultant body would cease to be Baptist.

Again, he speaks of a proposal for the union of the Northern and Southern Baptist conventions into a nation-wide, super-Baptist body. "Since when," he demands, "has bigness been power, except for coercion?"

Commenting on this article, Editor Victor I. Matthews of the Western Recorder observes, "Sounder reasons might be given for dividing, at least the Southern body, into two or three smaller bodies—to bring leadership back into understanding touch with and responsiveness to the churches."

"Divide and multiply" has been the method of Baptist growth through the ages. This does not mean division in the sense of antagonism and strife. Such is not the method of growth. But Baptists have ever divided as the bees swarm, for greater efficiency in utilizing the workers.

In other ages much of this dividing and scattering abroad was the result of persecution and migration. Happily that day is now past in our land.

Leaders in Sunday School and Training Union work are preaching this philosophy for growth in these organizations with surprising and beneficial results. In our cities Baptist work grows through division and multiplication until Houston has half a hundred growing and prospering independent churches, Dallas nearly as many, and other cities in proportion to their size.

We believe neither this year nor next is the time to take action in regard to Editor Masters suggestion, but in the course of events, under God, there may come a time when there will be more Baptist bodies, closer to the churches, and working constructively and fraternally together for the same mighty end of reaching the world in general and each one's nook in particular with the Gospel of Christ. Who knows?

News Notes

Norman Shafer, ministerial student at H-SU, is preaching in a mission revival in his home town, Sweetwater.

The First Baptist Church, Graham, where Rev. J. Dale Thorn is pastor, will observe its 68th anniversary on April 14.

Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist, will assist Pastor W. T. Hamor in a revival at Winters beginning April 21.

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state W. M. U. secretary, will meet with the Lamesa Association women at Andrews on April 18.

Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford was guest speaker at a meeting of the adult department of Broadway Church, Fort Worth, April 1.

Fairview Church, Lamesa Association, will have a revival beginning April 12 with Dr. J. W. Cobb of Wayland College preaching.

Pictures of Chinese work will be shown the Brotherhood of First Church, Sweetwater, at their meeting April 11. The public is invited.

State Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner is now in a revival with Dr. W. D. Bowen and First Church, Navasota. L. C. Gayle, Tyler, is assisting with the music.

Rev. V. W. Tatum supplied for the Sunday evening service at Merkel, March 31, and Roy Lee Williams of H-SU conducted song services for the day.

Rev. C. D. Owen of Temple Church Abilene, addressed the H-SU ministerial council on the establishment and perpetuity of the New Testament Church, March 29.

There have been five conversions in recent services in the Taylor County jail during services conducted by members of the Hardin-Simmons ministerial council, led by Winford Harper.

Rev. A. C. Healer of Sweetwater has accepted the call to New Live Oak Church and will preach on the First and Third Sundays. Sunday School Superintendent Dave Anderson has been ill and A. I. Cook has carried on in his stead.

A car will be loaded at Stanton April 19 with goods for Buckner Orphans Home. Food, feed other than bundles, and clothing will be gathered from over District 8 for this car.

Mrs. A. Cook, faithful lifetime member of Baird Church, who died early this week was buried Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. Joe Mayes, former pastor, conducting the service.

Rev. Jones Weathers of Eastland and Chas. McLaughlin, assistant to the pastor at South Side, Abilene, are assisting Pastor Henry Weldon in a revival at Albany. Rev. Douglas Carver of Harlingen was scheduled to do the preaching but was prevented by illness.

Evangelist Norman McKinley, who is now in a revival at Silsbee, will go next to Sulphur Springs with Dr. H. R. Long. He has just closed a meeting at Moody where there were 44 additions with 32 for baptism. One surrendered to preach and 25 rededicated their lives.

Dr. C. E. Hereford of Lubbock is assisting Pastor M. L. Rhodes of the First Church, Houston Heights, in a revival. Dr. Thomas H. Taylor supplied March 31 and Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, evangelist to the Jews, on March 24.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Abilene, is in a revival with Dr. J. P. Boone and First Church, Waxahachie. Dr. Robert E. Beddoe of Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, China, spoke at First Church, Abilene, at the morning hour and at First Church, Sweetwater, in the evening, while Pastor Cooper Waters of Merkel preached at Abilene.

Rev. Thomas J. Young closed his work at Trent and Neill on March 31 to accept the call of First Church, Roby. The closing services were hours of love, fellowship and rededication. In the past 18 months there have been 75 additions to the two churches and total contributions of \$4,500, which includes a parsonage purchased at Trent.

REYNOLDS IS SPEAKER TO NATIONAL MUSIC GROUP

Professor I. E. Reynolds, director of the School of Sacred Music of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been asked to speak before the Church Music Committee of the Music Educators National Conference.

This Conference, which meets this week in its Biennial Convention and Festival in Los Angeles, is the largest educational music organization in the United States. Professor Reynolds is to speak on the subject, "How to Secure the Use of Better Hymns in Sunday School and Church Worship."

As a member of the committee he is urging a division into the Liturgical and Non-Liturgical groups. In a recent edition of the Music Educators Journal, Professor Reynolds wrote a timely article on "The Contributions of Public School Music and Musicians to the Churches."

A forward step in promoting a better church music program in our Southern Baptist Convention will be taken at Ridgecrest this summer. The Southern Baptist Convention adopted a recommendation of the Music Committee for a Church Music Emphasis program to be conducted during the Home Mission Week, August 4-9. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, who is in charge of the program that week, has asked Professor Reynolds to direct the activities. The faculty will consist of one from the music department of each Seminary, along with others. Promotion of this program is in the hands of the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards.

MISSION INSTITUTE HELD BY CISCO ASSN. W. M. U.

Sixteen of the 20 Missionary societies in Cisco Association were represented at the Mission Study Institute which was held at Ranger March 19. Associational Missionary H. D. Blair and a number of pastors were also present. Several visitors from De Leon accompanied Mrs. D. D. Tidwell, who taught a class of Intermediate leaders.

Featured on the program was Mrs. R. L. Brown, College Station, state chairman of mission study, who taught a class for the W. M. S. and Y. W. A., delivered the inspirational address of the morning and discussed methods in the afternoon.

Mrs. L. Connett, Breckenridge, conducted a class for Sunbeam leaders in the afternoon. Mrs. L. A. Lamer, Eastland, district mission study chairman, brought a devotional at the opening of the service and Mrs. Pat Crawford, Eastland, associational president, led a period of song and praise after the covered dish luncheon.

The institute was presided over by Mrs. N. A. Sanders, Gorman, associational mission study chairman.

DISTRICT 8 COMMENTS RETIRING PRESIDENT

Whereas, Rev. W. C. Harrison has resigned the office of president of the District 8 Convention, to become Missionary of said District No. 8, and Whereas, Brother Harrison has served well in the capacity as President of our convention as a co-laborer and as a leader of the work of the district, and making for himself a place in our hearts;

Be it therefore resolved that we express our sincere gratitude for his service, and for the privilege of thus having served with him and under his fine leadership. May we further extend our gratitude for the opportunity we now have of following his leadership in the capacity as District Missionary.

Be it further resolved that we commend him to the Baptist Fellowship of this great district, and bequeath to him the finest of co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. William Arnett,
A. T. Willis,
T. D. Wiman,
Committee.

Resolution adopted by District 8 Convention in session at Midland, March 26 and 27, 1940.

WEST SIDE HOLDS LOVE OFFERING DAY, MARCH 31

A all-day service with a self-denial offering for the building fund was observed March 31 at West Side Church, Big Spring. Pastor A. T. Willis of Forsan preached at the morning hour. A Brotherhood rally featured the afternoon. Special music was interspersed throughout the day.

The church hopes to raise enough money at once to complete the basement of the new building which will make it possible to care for the growing Sunday School. Many friends of the church and Pastor E. E. Mason have made gifts of one dollar and more to help with the building.

At a recent Training Union service there were 44 present with 44 remaining for the preaching service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 7, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

AMOS PLEADS FOR JUSTICE

Amos 5 and 7

In his prophecy dealing mainly with the guilt of the nations, the denunciation of Israel, and the visions of doom, Amos pleads for justice in four aspects: The national aspect in his lamentation over the fallen virgin of Israel; the social aspect in his picture of the oppression of the poor; the moral aspect in his call for reformation; and the spiritual aspect in his gospel of righteousness through redemption.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Lamentation is made over the fallen virgin of Israel and it implies a plea for justice in its national aspect.

(1) Attention is called to the world. It is the word of God. It is the divine word through the prophet Amos. It embodied a message to the house of Israel, referring specifically to the Ten Tribes of the Northern Kingdom. It was a lamentation, for the prophet raised his voice to pronounce a dirge over Israel.

(2) Notice the content of the Word. It concerned a grievous fall with its wreck and ruin. It was the fall of a virgin nation which had never been conquered and carried away into captivity. Specifically, it was the fall of the virgin of Israel which had resisted pagan invaders and oppressors, but soon must fall before the fierce Assyrian hosts. The sin of that disaster would be upon her own land. Its fat valleys should be laid waste. Its capital stronghold of Samaria should be overthrown. Its fertile and fruitful lands should be harried to bedrock. Nor was any hope of restoration in sight. The Ten Tribes should become the "Lost Tribes." The nation in its earthly glory and power should rise no more. Without Jehovah to raise her up from her rebellion and ruin she could but remain helpless and hopeless in her woe.

2. Transgression is charged in cruel trampling upon the poor and it sharpens the plea for justice in its social aspect.

(1) The judges who are faithful enough to reprove the law-breaker and criminal must face a storm of calumny and hate.

(2) The prophets who speak uprightly and frankly to their fellow men must know what it is to be abhorred, sneered at, and vilified.

(3) The poor, as ever, in such a land, are trampled upon by those who despise them and defrauded as by excessive exactions in wheat by those who have business dealings with them. But the oppressors of the poor cannot get away with their wickedness. They may indeed build houses of hewn stone while the poor are huddled together in huts of sun-dried bricks, but they shall not live in the mansions they have made. They may plant pleasant vineyards but not a goblet of their wine shall they drink. There is a God of justice still seated in the heavens and regnant upon the earth.

(4) The just who are loyal to their religious convictions and their national ideals suffer afflictions from those who have in hand the reins of power.

(5) The needy are not given their rights under the law because those in authority yield to bribery and fraud.

(6) The prudent seeing the futility of remonstrance and, unwilling to cast pearls before swine, can do nothing better than to keep silent in such an evil day.

3. Reformation is demanded which will aspire to the higher goal of the good and it emphasizes the plea for justice in its moral aspect. Two imperatives lead up the stairway to divine promise.

(1) Seek good. In its highest reach good includes God. And good must be sought, for it will not be forced upon anyone. It must be sought with a whole heart and dominant in the whole life. It must be sought in spite of the seductions of evil which crowd heavily upon us on every side and all the time. Not until we seek good can we live the life worth living. Then only can we realize with us the presence and power of the God of hosts. It is vain to think or boast that we are kept in the hollow of his hand unless we earnestly and ardently seek good.

(2) Love the good. Our inner natures must cleave to the good and long after it with constant and unwavering ardor. If we love the good, it follows that we must hate evil. There is such a thing as a holy hatred. Jesus was righteously indignant. God has a holy hatred of sin. Not until we love the good will we establish justice in personal and pub-

lic relations. Then also the God of hosts will be gracious to the righteous remnant yearning upward.

4. Redemption is offered as the one source of a mighty stream of righteousness and it energizes the plea for justice in its spiritual aspect. To be right with man we must be right with God. And that means it is more important to be right at heart than to be punctilious in religious observance.

(1) Feasts and assemblies though divinely appointed and flaunting the religious banner may be utterly vain and hypocritical. If they are marked by externalism, they are not pleasing to God. In fact, he not only takes no delight in them, but even despises and hates them.

(2) Offerings and sacrifices however correct and generous may be quite unacceptable to God. The purpose of the burnt offering in which the whole sacrifice was consumed was to show entire surrender of the offerer to God.

"Righteousness as a Mighty Stream" Righteousness for God. "The Lord, Righteousness in Heart. "Love the good."

Righteousness in Aim. "Seek good, and not evil."

Righteousness in Speech. "Him that rebuketh—him that speaketh uprightly."

Righteousness in Industry. "Built—planted."

Righteousness in Possession. "Houses of hewn stone—pleasant vineyards."

Righteousness in Philanthropy. "The poor—the just."

Righteousness in Government. "Establish judgment in the gate."

Righteousness in Religion. "Your feast days—your solemn assemblies—your offerings—the noise of thy songs—the melody of thy viols."

Righteousness Throughout the Earth. "As a mighty stream."

GOLD IN THE GOLDEN TEXT

Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate. Amos 5:15.

Evil and good are contending for the mastery. One or the other will ultimately prevail. And we know which will win out at last. But which is winning out in our lives today? To be good, we must love good. To love good, we must love God and good only. To love good only we must love nothing else. We are thus shut up to antagonism of evil. Hate evil, therefore, and hate it with a perfect hatred.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- April 8. God Desires Goodness. Hosea 6:1-7.
- April 9. God Forgives Sin. Hosea 14:4-9.
- April 10. God Loves Sinners. Hosea 11:8-11.
- April 11. God Gave His Son. John 3:16-21.
- April 12. God Is Faithful and Righteous. I John 1:5-9.
- April 13. Prayer for Forgiveness. Psalm 51:1-10.
- April 14. Blessedness of the Forgiven. Psalm 85:1-13.

McGahey is President

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ridge. Speakers were state leader R. A. Springer, who made one of the best addresses of his career and Judge E. S. Cummings, district president, who presented a glowing resume of the work of the past year and challenging objectives for the year to come.

Judge Cummings was reelected to the district presidency. Superintendent E. M. Collier of Hendrick Memorial Hospital, vice-president, and Thomas E. Roberts, superintendent for Hendrick Home for Children, secretary.

Other convention officers include Helen Gresham, Breckenridge, secretary; E. S. Cummings, Brotherhood vice-president; J. M. Cook, Sunday School vice-president; L. B. Harden, Training Union vice-president, and Mrs. J. B. Buckley, W. M. U. vice-president.

COLORADO CHURCH EARNS 100 AWARDS

The Second Baptist Church of Colorado City closed its first Training Union revival last Friday night with over 100 awards requested. Mrs. D. V. Merritt directed the work and taught the Intermediates. Rev. Forest Huffman of Westbrook taught "Building a Christian Home" to the adults. Misses Huey and Curtis of Snyder taught the juniors and primaries respectively. The younger groups were entertained with games and refreshments at Ruddick Park, Friday afternoon.

GLOWING REPORT MADE BY BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

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are headed for great things and great accomplishments during the coming year.

Cisco Association. While I do not have a detailed report to give you from the Cisco Association I am sure that you will be interested in knowing that a new Brotherhood has been organized and functioning in splendid shape at Albany and under the leadership of the Cisco associational president, Judge L. H. Welch, I am sure that progress may be expected in this association, which gives now Albany, Breckenridge, Caddo, Eastland, Ranger, Moran and Gorman Churches Brotherhoods. I do not have a record of Cisco Church, but I am sure that with their very splendid pastor we may expect great things for them this year.

I cannot allow to pass the splendid work of going even beyond our District in organization and call your attention to the fact that Throckmorton, in District 11, was organized this past year through the assistance of the Brotherhood of the First Church, Abilene, and this Brotherhood is doing fine work and is now claimed as a part of the Cisco Associational Brotherhood because they have taken them under their wing to help promote the organization at Throckmorton. Congratulations!

Layman's Day
At the fifth Sunday services in October in practically all of our churches, layman's day was promoted. A great number of our laymen had a part in this work. At the same time collection for the cooperative program was had and it is through such movements that these organizations are being perfected. Your president spoke on two occasions for this particular movement.

There have been three general meetings of the District. The Lueders encampment last year was well attended and we had for our principal speaker associate southside secretary, Hugh Latimer, who conducted the entire week's layman study course as well. Later we had a very wonderful meeting with about 500 men present at the First Church, Abilene, using Dr. Raley of O. B. U. as the principal speaker; these meetings have been very helpful and worthwhile and great good has come out of them. The objectives have not been so well carried out this past year due to the stress of organization. Your president has spoken in each of the associations and has made a total of 41 talks, either to associational gatherings, workers conferences, churches, individual brotherhoods and District meetings during the past year and has participated in the organization of five Brotherhoods and at the same time has attempted to put into effect suggestions made from time to time from the Memphis and the Dallas offices to the end that full cooperation to our Baptist program might be given our men. A total of over 2,000 miles in this capacity has been traveled within the District and has personally paid all expenses incurred, nor has your president allowed any of the organizations or churches within his District to stand any expense except that of allowing them to purchase Mr. Lawson H. Cooke's tract,

"Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," at 5c a copy, which is a rotating fund of the Memphis office.

I am very pleased to report to you a very enthusiastic pastorate sponsoring this movement now and I am confident that before long each of our pastors holding pastorates in this District will have the men thoroughly organized in the respective churches. It is interesting in the meantime to know that Brotherhoods have followed the plan adopted by the First Church, Abilene, and are, wherever possible, taking on mission points, where they are building or securing buildings for these outlying mission points under the direction of the Mother Church and your attention is directed now to the University Church Brotherhood, Abilene, which has built a new mission in the Sears addition in North Abilene where a student pastor has been quite successful and this the University Church Brotherhood has paid for at a total cost of about two hundred dollars and is sponsoring. Likewise the Brotherhood of the First Church, Stamford, has taken on a mission in East Stamford and are sponsoring that and doing very valuable work. I am sure that the Rotan Brotherhood will soon have a mission point fully organized under the leadership of its splendid president and through the direction of its pastor. Others are being sponsored which are not yet completed and I look to see, before another year has expired, a great number of our Brotherhoods taking on missions and sponsoring these particular things as a great incentive to the movement of the church and the winning of the lost.

Much help has been rendered to the Brotherhood organization by the West Texas Baptist during the past year. Its editor, Brother R. E. Dudley, has not only given of his valuable space, but has given his time and talents in assisting in the organization of these men. I should like to stress in this report that if at all possible each of our churches follow the example of a number of them already and send the West Texas Baptist to every member of their church by the subscription handled through the church budget, a comprehensive, enlightened membership will result in this District, much to the benefit of the local church and the entire religious activities of the District. Our denominational papers are being stressed now by our Dallas organization and we ask that you do something about it in your respective local churches.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1940
I am convinced that you would be interested in the objectives set out for 1940 and suggested as our work in this State, particularly for this remaining part of the year up to our next State Convention. They are, namely:

- First, a functioning Brotherhood in every church in Texas.
- Second, increased attendance at all of our regular worship services in our local churches.
- Third, an educational campaign covering, (a) A study of our local church needs, (b) A Baptist paper in every Baptist home, (c) Stewardship and tithing, (d) Missions, home, state and foreign, and (e) personal evangelism.
- Fourth, regular stated meetings for all of our Brotherhoods, local, associational, District and State.
- Fifth, a pastor for every church with full cooperation between laity and pastor. Pastor and evangelist to the end that 1940 may be the greatest year of soul winning in the Baptist ranks.

In sponsoring and furthering this program I have through an agreement of a number of our pastors and missionaries set aside the month of May as loyalty month and using the following aim and motto, "Every member of every church attend his church at every regular meeting during the month," and that at the conclusion of the month an honor report be rendered by each church in the district through its Brotherhood or through the church itself. This will give us an opportunity of fulfilling the second objective set out of increased attendance upon all of our regular services and I hope that each pastor of every church will take up this program through the Brotherhood and that the Brotherhood will sponsor it and that we may have a definite organized movement where our men and members will lay aside all business, pleasure and every other thing where humanly possible that would interfere with their regular attendance at their own church at all of the regular services of that church during the month of May.

I am sure that I speak the sentiment of every pastor in all of our churches when I suggest that this program be carried out by my successor and that in the furtherance of the program that immediately following this that the month of June be set aside by each church as the layman's month. During that month a drive to be made to give recognition each Sunday to the laymen of

Life From the Viewpoint of Christian Education



WM. D. BOND

By Wm. D. Bond
What is the meaning of life? For what should a man live? What are life's highest values, and its best rules and right uses?

These are questions which thoughtful men have pondered through the ages. They are questions which no thoughtful person turns lightly or indifferently away from. They are not idle interrogations, to be carelessly or flippantly answered.

The answers which men give, in their attitudes and purposes and endeavors, have profound significance—indeed, they are destiny-determining. For good or bad, for gain or loss, for success or failure, for ultimate happiness or misery, all men give their answers.

Not all thoughtful and earnest men reach the same conclusions in their consideration of life and its problems. Nor do they always follow the same paths toward goals which all may agree are worthy of their best efforts to attain. But such men do have much in common in their convictions as to what are the highest values and the nobles uses of life.

But let us come to the main point here. We shall have to admit that there is difference of opinion as to some of the means and methods of preparing young people for living in the world which we know and are much concerned with today. That complete agreement on the types of schools, the content of instruction, and the proper procedures in formal education will ever be reached is something for which we can hardly hope. Nor is there urgent reason, perhaps we well may argue, for such agreement. But when we look at the ends of education, the results which years spent in school are designed to bring, we surely must see something toward which worthwhile people everywhere look.

We shall not be far wrong, my conviction is, in believing that the results purposed, worked for, and expected, using associational meetings and closing with a District meeting for men. In this the approval of your missionaries has been gladly given and it is my hope that my successor, as president of this wonderful organization will make great strides in carrying out at least a part of this program to final conclusion.

May I again express my sincere thanks to each of you for your very splendid cooperation and for the honor you have afforded me by electing me as your president? May I likewise say that the cost of this service has been repaid to me a hundred times in the joy of seeing a forward movement, a revival of spiritual welfare of our communities and the friendship made by association with these men and the love manifest with the many pastors with whom I have come in contact with and I want to assure each of you that the further success of this organization, the furtherance and the carrying out of the programs is my earnest prayer.

GIDEON'S 300 HAVE GOOD SERVICES

The Gideon's 300 of University Church, Abilene, had three good services March 31. One group presented a program at Bethel, near Loraine, which resulted in five conversions, many rededications and one addition by letter. Another program on the theme, "The God Planned Life," was given at Loraine in the evening. Another group appeared at the evening service at Elddale Church, where a good service was reported.

pected are, essentially, the desire and the ability to put something into life and to get something out of life.

What one will wish, as he grows into mature personality, to make of his resources of life and to get out of his life will be determined largely by the influences which surround and shape him during the formative years. It is, therefore, immeasurably important that young people should be in their college days in an environment that gives encouragement to every high and noble aspiration and purpose, that constantly reminds of the spiritual values in life, and that tends to inspire faith in great truths.

And where is such environment to be found? In the Christian college, surely, if anywhere in institutions that propose to prepare young people for life. The truly Christian people aims at something vastly more significant than preparation for making a mere living. Aware that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," it strives to emphasize the meaning of life and the uses of life as taught by the Great Teacher. Confident that the Christian religion, rightly interpreted and sincerely and intelligently appropriated, is the most inspiring first in human life and the most heartening source of hope for a nobler humanity, it seeks to keep before young people the ideals of worthy personal character, of unselfish service and helpfulness, and of integrity and justice in human relations.

Christian education makes no claim to power that will make a great and noble character of every person whom it touches, in spite of his previous training or in spite of himself. It is not to be judged by some who go from its influences untouched—no more, indeed, than Christ is to be judged by some who profess to follow Him. But it may be judged by thousands of men and women who have been and still are the salt of the earth, who have been and still are hope and encouragement and inspiration in a world where such elements are sadly needed.

To parents whose chief concern for their children is life, life at its highest and in its noblest expression, the choice of a place where they will receive their college training cannot be a matter to consider lightly or indifferently. It is a choice, surely, upon which hang results of eternal meaning.

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PROGRAM

Quarterly Meeting of Baptist W. M. U. Auxiliary to Stonewall Assn., Swenson, April 5, 10 A. M.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."—Matthew 5:16.

Devotional, Mrs. R. B. Whitaker, Swenson.

"Let your light so shine" through: Missions, Mrs. E. Galloway, Johnson Chapel.

Stewardship, Mrs. J. B. Rowan, Aspermont.

Personal Service, Mrs. G. E. Aycock, Aspermont.

Young People, Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton.

Bible Study, Mrs. R. S. Respass, Swenson.

Mission Study, Mrs. F. F. Clack, Peacock.

Margaret Fund, Mrs. H. C. Robertson, Johnson Chapel.

Special Music, Swenson.

Sermon—Rev. J. Henry Littleton, District Missionary, Abilene.

Lunch.

Devotional, Mrs. J. L. Chenault, Aspermont.

Beneficence, Mrs. Tom Cooper, Girard.

Publicity, Mrs. G. C. Tarrance, Swenson.

Education, Mrs. Lula Rice, Jayton.

Periodicals, Mrs. Ward Gardner, Swenson.

"Let your light so shine" through the local organization:

Aspermont, Mrs. C. E. Brannen.

Girard, Mrs. Alf Parks.

Johnson Chapel, Mrs. W. E. Watson.

Peacock, Mrs. H. J. Powell.

Swenson, Mrs. Ed Hahn.

"Our Gifts," Mrs. Ellis Scogin, Peacock.

Business.

Adjourn.

Mrs. Reese Ward, chorister.

Mrs. G. C. Tarrance, recording secretary.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas, president.

Mrs. Ellis Scogin, corresponding secretary-treasurer.

PROGRAM FISHER CO. WMU AT MCCAULEY, APRIL 15

10:00 Song, Mrs. Dr. Williams leader.

Devotional, Mrs. George McBeth.

Special music, Mrs. E. T. Gilbert.

Reports of local presidents.

Address, Miss Lois Glass, of China.

12:00 Lunch. All bring covered dish.

1:30 Devotional, Mrs. Parks.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Corresponding secretary-treasurer's report, Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Business.

3:00 Message, Miss Lois Glass.

PROGRAM

The Floyd County monthly associational Worker's Conference will be held April 9 with the First Baptist Church, Quitaque, Rev. J. Lowell Ponder, pastor. The following program has been arranged for the meeting:

10:00 Song Service and Scripture Reading, Rev. Clifford Potts.

10:15 The Often Missing Note—Compassion, Rev. B. P. Harrison.

10:40 The Often Missing Note—the Deeper Essentials of the Plan of Salvation, O. C. Edwards.

11:05 Special Music, Quitaque Church.

11:10 The Preparation of the Church, Rev. G. C. Applewhite.

11:20 The Faith of God's People, Rev. J. J. Terry.

12:00 Noon Lunch.

1:15 Board meetings; executive and W. M. S.

2:00 A Meeting in Every Community in 1940: A Survey of the Association, Rev. A. L. Shaw.

2:20 Wayland College: Girl's Quartet.

In Behalf of W. B. C., Rev. Vernon Shaw.

Girl's Quartet.

Inspirational address, Miss Florry Conway.

3:00 Adjourn.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Sweetwater Association, Tye Church, April 11

10:00 Song Service, Billie Buchanan

10:15 Devotional, Garland Hawkins.

10:30 The Association as a Promotional Agency, Clyde R. Campbell.

10:55 The Opportunity and Program of District Missions, J. H. Littleton.

11:20 Ladies Quartet, First Church, Sweetwater.

11:30 Sermon, E. B. Atwood.

Lunch.

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

2:00 Song Service, Billie Buchanan.

2:10 Our Summer Evangelistic Campaign, D. G. Reid.

2:30 Inspirational address, Clyde Jackson.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Fairview, April 11; Rev. W. C. Wright, Pastor

Theme: Evangelism.

10:00 Song Service, Earl Esmond.

10:10 Devotional, M. C. Bruce.

10:20 Evangelism Our One Task, W. C. Harrison.

10:45 The Need for Evangelism, W. M. Draper.

11:10 Business and announcements.

11:25 Special Music.

11:30 Prayer and Evangelism, O. C. Curtis.

Noon.

1:30 W. M. U. and board meetings.

2:00 Enlisting and Winning Through the S. S., J. W. Arnett.

2:25 The Fruits of Evangelism, E. A. Phillips.

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DISTRICT 16 MISSIONARY MAKES MARCH REPORT

District Executive Board, District 16.
Dear Brethren:
Please find report of my work during March as follows:
Workers conferences attended, 6—Lohn, Center City, North Coleman, and Miles.

Pastorless churches contacted, or preached to, 11—Pear Valley, Shiloh (Coleman County), Maverick, Marie, Robert Lee, Mason, Plainview, Shiloh (San Saba County), Bell Plains, Central. Other fields contacted, 18. Preachers assisted in ordaining, 2.

Mission appointments organized in rural communities: McMillian school house, China Creek, Wallace Creek, Algerita, Bowser, Milburn, Fairview, Holt, Cowboy, Shiloh, South Bennett, Neighbor's Creek, Rattler, Ebony, Rigency, Central, Bowman, Anderson, Shive, Union, West Point, Fife, Waldrop and County Line. Most of these places once had strong churches. They will now have preaching two Sundays each month, revivals during the summer, organize Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions.

Much interest is being shown in the District Itinerary to be held April 8-16. Sunday School, Evangelism and Missions will be discussed during the day. There will be associational-wide Brotherhood meetings at night in most of the associations. We appreciate the cooperation of those who have helped make these meetings a success.

Some of the speakers to take part on the program are: Miss Marie Sadler, District Vacation Bible School leader; Mrs. B. L. Lockett, returned missionary from Africa; Dr. R. A. Springer, treasurer of Baptist General Convention of Texas; and Dr. J. P. Edmunds, associate secretary of Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Surely we are thankful to have such efficient speakers with us and will do our best to have a good attendance at the meetings.

We crave your prayers and cooperation in our work.
Sincerely,
JULIUS P. KING,
Brownwood.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION

We your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following to the District Convention of District 17:

First, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the officers of this Convention for their untiring efforts, and the fine work they have done through the past year; and for the very fine program they have arranged for this Convention.

Second, we wish to commend our District Missionary, Brother Littleton, for the very fine way he has begun his work. The outlook, under his leadership, is very promising. Our prayer is that he will follow the leadership of the Lord and that District 17 will follow him to the greatest achievements possible in this new year.

Third, we wish to thank the First Baptist Church of Breckenridge for the use of their building; the pastor and members for their unselfish, generous, fine entertainment. Everything possible has been done to make us happy during this Convention, and they have been very successful.

Fourth, we appreciate the publicity by OUR West Texas Baptist. We thank the Lord for the editor, Brother Dudley. May one of our most sincere resolutions be to support this Baptist paper for West Texas Baptists as it should be.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence L. Trott.

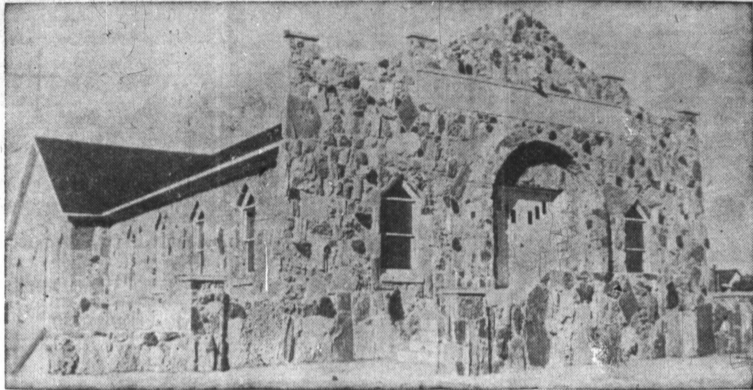
Deep Revival Spirit--

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comes together. Town students, as well as hall students, participate in all these services.

One commendable result of the revival has been the formation of an extension department of the B. S. U. The purpose of this department is to utilize the talent on the campus in presenting programs each Sunday in the churches of the surrounding towns. The department seeks to impress upon the people the value of religious education and religious institutions.

The programs presented will consist of more than just speeches. Out each weekend will go students who can sing, who can play instruments, and a group of students with religious drama. There will be chalk talks, cantatas, readings, and sermons. Any and all students will help in this work. The department is to be permanent. The revival did not end with the speaking. New and awakened Christians are acting to maintain the uplifting atmosphere.

Church of Less than 100 Builds \$10,000 Home



A church plant valued at \$10,000 was erected, paid out and dedicated within four months at Garden City by a resident membership of 68 and a total enrollment of 89.

The actual expenditure of cash on the building amounted to \$7,000, of which only \$2,000 was given by the local members, including \$500 transferred from the general fund. The balance of the money was freely contributed by friends over West Texas.

The auditorium has solid oak pulpit furniture and pews for over 300, Sunday School rooms for over 150 are provided together with a study for

the pastor. The church building was dedicated on the fifth Sunday in December with Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, assisting Pastor Blair Morris in a great all-day service.

The Garden City Church was constituted on June 21, 1896 with eight charter members, five of whom presented themselves for baptism. In 1902 the first building was erected at a cost of \$922 in addition to donated lots, labor and hauling. Under the leadership of Pastor Morris this old building was outgrown and the

new plant was undertaken with miraculous results.

Pastors who have served at Garden City include: M. D. Bullock, 1896; Rev. Nickleson; H. P. Wilsford, 1908-1909; Ira L. Parrack and J. B. Parrack, 1910-11; D. H. Palmer, 1911-12; J. O. Heath, 1916; W. B. Everett, 1917; A. D. Leach, 1917-18; Rev. Richardson, 1918; Rev. Williamson, 1920; J. B. Adams, 1920; Sam Morris, 1921; Clyde R. Campbell, 1923; J. H. McCloud, 1924; W. A. Watson, 1928; H. Richburg; J. O. Heath, 1930-34; W. A. Connelly, 1934-37; Blair Morris, since 1937.

Greatest Revival--

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their allegiance to Christ. This made a profound impression. It seemed that from the first the spirit of God took possession of all hearts. Ordinarily a college revival makes one appeal toward the close of the meeting to which there is almost unanimous response. In this case long lines of students accepting Christ and rededicating their lives, stood with tearful eyes and received the hand of fellowship in almost every service. It was truly a heavenly experience. Members of the football team were gloriously saved and are now leading prayer meetings, which continue to be crowded at 7:30 in the morning and at other special hours.

Brother Marshall is a great leader of youth and we thank God for his coming among us. In attempting to explain the revival several things may be mentioned. First of all, we had a leader who inspired universal respect and devotion. All the students without exception love Brother Bill. Again, it has been said that we had time for the revival. For the first time in many years there were no counter attractions, athletic, literary or lyceum numbers. The whole institution gave its thought to the revival. Then perhaps above all was the spirit of prayer. The students and faculty had been praying in preparation for the meeting, and President Sandefer, nearing the end of his life's journey, sent word that he was praying every day for the revival. Truly, "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Hardin-Simmons is rejoicing over this great meeting and we are praying that its results may be conserved for all the future; that this may be more and more a Christian institution, carrying out the provisions of its charter, which expresses its purpose: first, to bring young men and women to Christ; second, to teach them Christ; and, third, to train them for Christ.

Missionary Messages

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from the first to the last service. We meet with the Stamford church next year and I hope each pastor in the district will determine now to be in this annual meeting.

The North Park Church has called Brother Hollis of Putnam but he has not made any decision as to his going yet. We will pray that the Lord will lead him in this matter.

We had a good day with Brother Martin and his church at Oplin last Sunday in an all-day meeting. We spoke on Stewardship at the morning and evening services. We are in a Training school there this week. Started in a good way last night.

Brother Joe Mayes was with his church at Cross Roads in an all-day Training school Monday. Two classes were taught. Brother Alcorn taught Character Building and Brother Mayes taught From Adam to Moses.

Many of our churches are waking up to the benefits that come from the Training School work and we predict that there will be more awards issued for this district this year than ever before. May it be so.

GREAT STUDENT REVIVAL AT HARDIN-SIMMONS U.

By Jack Dean,
President Student Assembly, H-SU

Last week was religious emphasis week at Hardin-Simmons, but the name is very inadequate for what actually took place. Before the services were two days old, the spirit of revival had swept the entire campus as has never been known in the history of our University. Our guest speaker for the week, State B. S. U. Secretary Bill Marshall, presented Christ and His call to Christian service as life's greatest challenge to youth today. In answer to that challenge over 30 confessed Christ as Savior, many dedicated their lives to special service, and practically the entire student body reconsecrated their lives to Christian life and service.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the meeting was the total absence of any emotional or psychological appeal. It is very significant that nearly all the conversions occurred in private conferences or small group prayer meetings. Never have we experienced such a blessing, and never before have we seen such a revival of Christ in the lives of young people. Like the Apostle Paul, everyone seemed to count all things but loss that Christ might be won. Truly, this was a mountain-top experience for us, but won't you pray that this may be only a foothill of greater experiences to come.

Note: Jack Dean, the writer of the statement above, is a consecrated Christian and a popular and wise student leader among the students of Hardin-Simmons. His life is a con-

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, First Church, Desdemona, Tuesday, April 9
10:00 Devotional, Rev. L. A. Thompson.

10:25 Paul, the Missionary Evangelist, Rev. H. N. Baldersee.
10:50 Philip, the Lay Evangelist, Rev. Carroll Holtzclaw.

11:15 Greeting Visitors and Business Session.

11:25 Missionary H. D. Blair's report.

11:35 Special Music.

11:40 Sermon, Rev. A. A. Palmer.

1:30 Board meeting.

W. M. U. Program
"He was Concerned About Saving His People."
Devotional, Mrs. C. T. Holtzclaw, Caddo.
Special Music, Desdemona W. M. U. Suppose We Were Concerned, Rev. J. J. Ponder.

EASTLAND REVIVAL MARCH 27

The revival of the First Baptist Church, Eastland, came to a close Sunday evening with 50 additions to the church, 26 by letter and 24 by baptism.

Rev. C. Y. Dossey's preaching was true fundamentals of our faith. His evangelistic methods were constructive and his work was beneficial to every department of the church.

stant reminder and reflector of Christ's teachings.—R. A. Collins, Dean of Students.

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

FAIRVIEW, JONES COUNTY

Conference, 10 A. M. Saturday.
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Training Union, 7 P. M.
A group of Hardin-Simmons students will present a program both Sunday morning and night. Be in prayer for them. We have some important business for conference Saturday. We need a large number present.
Charles Tarrance, Pastor.

COLORADO SECOND BAPTIST

"Sure Word of Prophecy," will be the morning subject to begin the quarter's study of the Old Testament prophets, and a preview for Sunday School workers will begin Monday night, April 28.
"Prepare to Meet Thy God," the subject for Sunday night, will be illustrated with stereoptican pictures.
Scott Hickey, Pastor.

EULA

The Eula Church, Callahan County, will ordain two deacons, W. C. Whittle and Clyde M. Johnson. Rev. C. A. Powell of the University Church, Abilene, will preach the ordination sermon. Rev. Dick Bright of Potosi will lead the ordination prayer. This service will be at 3 o'clock Sunday, April 7.
T. J. DuBose, Pastor.

SUNSET

At South Fifth and Sunset Drive, Abilene.
Sunday School, 9:45, W. Baker, superintendent.

Preaching, 11:00, by the pastor.

Training Union Federation, 3:00, at First Baptist Church.

Training Union, 7:00, Lenora Hitt, director.

Sunday is our day set aside for a special love offering for the church. Let everyone come prepared to give. "God loveth a cheerful giver."
C. N. Gilbert, Pastor.

HATCHEL

Our church attendance was good for all services this week-end. Surely we will do our part to keep our church advancing. There are several who should unite with us soon.
Harold Russ, Pastor.

DRASCO

Our regular preaching services will be held this week-end, with conference and preaching Saturday night. We are hoping that our folk will all be well and that we will see you at church.
Harold Russ, Pastor.

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

I was at Cross Roads Sunday, and had a good day. Monday we had an all-day study course, but we got through by noon. Twenty-four were present, two books were taught, and every one pronounced it a fine course.

We have gotten new song books at Pleasant Valley and now you just come over and hear us sing. The work with both churches goes well.
Joe R. Mayes, Pastor.

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The variety of campus student activities is so great that any Hardin-Simmons University student may find a field of activity according to his or her interests and available time. Publications, with a college annual, the Bronco, and campus weekly, the Brand, attract many. Dramatics are popular, with radio speech courses. The Cowboy Band, internationally known, and the Cowgirl Band is growing in popularity, too. The Y. W. A., B. S. U., glee clubs, choruses, orchestra, ensemble and club groups provide added variety of opportunities for the profitable directing of student energies, under competent faculty direction or supervision.

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