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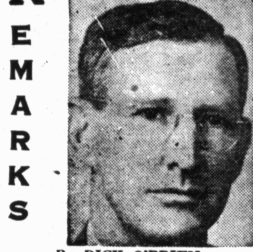
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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I am addressing the remarks this week to our second daughter, Marie, who has just finished her first week away from home as a student in Hardin-Simmons University. . . . Dear Marie: I am using you as an excuse for not writing Rambling Remarks this week but substituting my first letter to you as a college student. I have always thought you might come in handy sometime for something, and sure enough this week I have neither material, time nor disposition to write the column, hence this way out. To me it seems incredible that you could be old enough to be away in college. It seems but yesterday that you were a lisping, gangling kid who seemed to look on life as some perpetual picnic. I will not embarrass you by mentioning how you looked and the "cute" (?) things you said and did. Since I have seen myself reflected in you many times I feel that you will understand the things that I would like to say to you as you take your first uncertain footsteps in the new life that begins in college. You can never be the same again. Life will, for a while, seem to you like a maze of mirrors where in you will often meet yourself and amass as you look for a way out. At home when similar conditions have arisen you have been able to find a way out usually by calling mother or dad to come to your rescue. Now it is largely up to you to thread your own way through. You will find patience and persistence fine helpers in tests like these. Don't be afraid to try, even if you fail. It is better to try and fail than to fail to try. You will probably learn more by your failures than by your successes anyway. The best way to learn where the hidden rocks are in the channel is to bump them a few times, then you learn how to avoid them. . . . You, like your dad, have a definite inclination to become homesick. I hope you never get over it. Of course from now on you will be away from home much of the time, but never forget John Howard Payne was right when he said, "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." We can't come for you or pay your way home as often as you will want to come, but we are glad you do want to come. As you know I am not the demonstrative type. I do not use many endearing terms nor make a public display of my affections but I want you to know that I love you very deeply and believe in you with all my heart. I think you have one of the brightest minds. I have ever touched but remember it must be cultivated in order to produce its best fruit. Remember that the deep fertile soil which is capable of growing the finest harvest is also capable of growing the rankest weeds. You are like your dad in another way, you are easily influenced by the folks around you, so be careful that you be found only with the best and they will bring out the best that is in you. . . . I admit that I have not given you much myself. Since you were born on Seminary Hill 17 years ago I have been in the whirl of a busy ministry. Weeks on end I have spent away from home and when I would return I would be tired and irritable and unfit for the company (Continued on page 2)

EVENTS TO COME

- Sept. 25—Annual Promotions day in all Sunday Schools and Training Unions.
- State Brotherhood Convention, Dallas, Sept. 26-27.
- Oct. 1—H-SU Homecoming
- Oct. 4-5—Concho Valley Association, Barnhart.
- Oct. 7—Cisco Association, Ranger.
- Oct. 16—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Local Unions.
- Oct. 23—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Churches.
- Oct. 30—B. T. U. Elimination Contests, Associations.
- Nov. 14—B. T. U. District Contests.

DISTRICT BOARD PONDERS FATE OF ENCAMPMENT

Meeting Tuesday at Hamlin in connection with the Workers Meeting of the Jones association, the board of directors of Lueders Encampment transacted routine business and adjourned to meet about November 1, at which time they will canvass the results of a campaign to retire the indebtedness on the property. They will decide at that time, according to the success of the campaign, whether to retire the debt of approximately \$4,000 and make plans for increased usefulness of the property, or to return all gifts to the donors and allow the property to be sold to satisfy the creditors.

The latter step will be taken only in the event that the full sum is not raised. District leaders expressed confidence that the churches of District 17 would promptly raise the necessary amount if they understood the seriousness of the situation.

Churches of Jones County, who have been asked to contribute to this fund, oversubscribed their quota and pastors expressed the belief that the money would be paid within thirty days. Leaders from other associations who were present at the board meeting pledged themselves to use their time and energy to carry the appeal for the encampment to the churches in their sections.

Camp Manager, J. Henry Littleton of Hamlin, has repeatedly shown figures demonstrating that the camp is self-supporting outside of this old debt on the grounds.

Many speakers at the Jones County Workers Meeting Tuesday testified to the value of the encampment to the young people of their communities.

A CONTINUING REVIVAL AT WILSON CHURCH

Brother Cal McGahey did the preaching in a meeting the last two weeks of August at Wilson Baptist Church, Lamesa association. The visible results were 27 rededications, 12 conversions, 11 additions by baptism and 3 by letter.

Brother Cal is a Bible preacher and has done some lasting good here for us. The pastor and church are closer together and the revival is still in progress, though our series of services ended a month ago. We have had 5 additions since the meeting closed. We organized a B. T. U. and the second Sunday night we had 91 present out of a church membership of 109. At one of the Wednesday evening prayer services since the revival we had 77 present. The church has given the pastor a raise in salary, also a love offering at the close of the meeting and a pouncing last Friday night, so you see the pastor and family are happy.

Brother Cal has the love and respect of all the folks here, we believe he was God's man for the place at this time. We are on higher ground and anxious to follow our Savior and Lord from victory to victory.
Ernest Phillips, Pastor.

BETHEL CHURCH FOUNDED

Bethel Baptist Church, Sweetwater association, was organized, after lying dormant for some twelve or fifteen years, on Sunday afternoon, September 18. There were 29 charter members, 17 of whom joined by experience and baptism. By vote of the church Rev. Thomas J. Young, who recently held a revival meeting in the community, baptized the candidates.

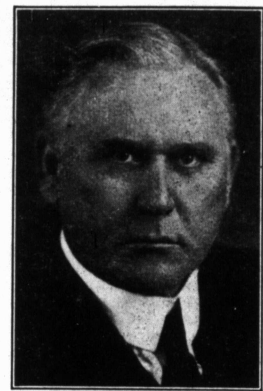
It was in the Bethel community that this fine preacher conducted his first meeting in 1929, and upon his recent return to West Texas he was urged to lead them again.

In the church organization Rev. Young was chosen as temporary moderator and Mrs. Jack Hammond, clerk. Rev. Clyde Jackson of Caps and Shep read and commented on the church covenant which was adopted by standing vote.

Missionary B. N. Shepherd discussed the scriptural basis of the articles of faith which were then adopted. Rev. C. A. Powell followed with a very clear and interesting explanation of "The Church, What It Is and Its Relationships."

After the organization of the church, the baptizing was administered at the creek. Missionary Shepherd has arranged to meet with this people at their weekly services Friday evening. Bethel school house, where the meeting was held, is in the hills northwest of Lake Abilene.

State Brotherhood Conference



Dr. Geo. W. Truett



Dr. L. R. Scarborough



Dr. Thomas H. Taylor



Dr. R. C. Campbell



Judge E. S. Cummings



Earl B. Smyth

A TABLE OF BAPTIST TRAGEDIES A Mighty Challenge

By L. R. Scarborough

This actual demonstration is taken from the actual records of the Baptist churches of the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1937 from the "Southern Baptist Handbook of 1939"—the greatest book on evangelism among Baptists published in a generation. It is the record of 24,671 churches state by state and association by association. This table is only a small part of this monumental record.

	No. Churches Which Had No Baptisms in 1937	Percent of Churches	No. Churches Which Had No Revivals	No. Churches That Had No Over 100	Unchurched Above 10 Years Old (White)
Alabama	602	26	330	5	612,719
Arizona, S.	4	25	No report	0	182,175
Arkansas	203	23x	217	3	619,027
D. of Columbia	3	10-	no report	0	136,156
Florida	204	25x	201	3	490,583
Georgia	626	24x	343	6	608,205
S. Illinois	258	43x	178	0	555,230
Kentucky	634	30x	469	3	871,811
Louisiana	199	22x	106	2	216,342
Maryland	223	23x	no report	0	411,935
Mississippi	331	21x	228	0	304,984
Missouri	696	40x	528	2	1,123,185
N. Mexico	49	33x	23	0	99,602
N. Carolina	614	24x	438	2	700,792
Oklahoma	198	18x	122	13	1,181,864
S. Carolina	258	21x	225	1	241,844
Tennessee	582	21x	403	4	845,056
Texas	584	21x	452	32	1,897,641
Virginia	337	29x	390	2	575,809
Totals	6,403		4,653	78	

Explanations and Suggestions

1. These figures are compiled from Dr. Alldredge's "Handbook." It can be bought from any Baptist bookstore and costs \$1.00. It should be studied by Baptists anywhere and everywhere. This is only a small part of what it contains.
2. The Great Need is more soul-winning pastors and other leaders.
3. There is a crying need for closer and better state, associational and church organization for soul-winning, more attention given to pastorless, weak and rural churches.
4. There are 6,000 pastorless churches and 5,000 churchless preachers. Can't we do something to bring these together, or train more and better preachers?
5. There were 6,400 churches with no baptisms and 4,653 with no more baptisms during the last year.

THOUSANDS OF LAYMEN TO GATHER IN FT. WORTH

Stewardship and mobilization of Baptist man-power in the South will be the dominant thought in the discussions at the first annual Texas Baptist Laymen's conference which meets in Fort Worth Monday evening and Tuesday, September 26 and 27.

Dr. George W. Truett, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Earl V. Pierce, former president of the Northern Baptist Convention; and Lawson H. Cooke, general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, are among the leaders listed on the program.

R. A. Springer, Dallas, state laymen's leader, and the district presidents of the Baptist Brotherhood are planning this conference as the beginning of a new organized movement to enlist the men for a greater interest in church work. Other state officers to assist in correlating the activities of the district organizations will be chosen during the state meeting.

William Fleming of Fort Worth, J. C. Hardy of Belton, and Earl B. Smyth and Springer of Dallas will preside at the conference sessions. Others on the program are Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary of The Baptist General Convention of Texas; Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard; George J. Mason, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas; Robert H. Coleman, assistant pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; B. Frank Hasty, representative of the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board; J. L. Ward, president of Decatur Baptist College, Decatur; Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Paul Greenwood, Harlingen; E. S. Cummings, Abilene; and C. E. McGaw, Longview, speakers; and H. P. Black, Longview; John Josey, Amarillo; Harry P. Jene, and F. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth, directing the music.

BLACKWELL SOCIETY INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Rev. J. H. Dean, pastor of Blackwell Church installed the officers of the W. M. S. for the ensuing year in a very impressive way, called "The Garden of the W. M. S.," teaching them to see the world as a field, themselves as sowers and the seed as God's word.

Each officer was represented as having one row in the garden and she is responsible for its cultivation and success. Mrs. J. W. Reynolds is the president.

SAN ANTONIO PASTOR THRILLS ABILENE CHURCH



DR. PERRY F. WEBB
Pastor, First Baptist Church
San Antonio

Dr. Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, and widely sought as an encampment speaker, commenced a two weeks' revival at the First Church, Abilene, Monday evening. Dr. Webb's hearers have been deeply impressed with his intense earnestness while they have been pleased with his warmth and personality. Without a revival service, the San Antonio Church, under Dr. Webb's ministry led all Southern Baptist congregations both in total additions and in baptisms during the last year.

PROGRAM TEXAS BAPTIST LAYMENS CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 26, 27

- Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium
Fort Worth
- Monday Evening, September 26.
R. A. Springer, Dallas, presiding.
7:30-7:50 Song and Prayer—H. P. Black, Longview; John Josey, Amarillo, organist.
7:50-8:25 "Forty Years Experiences"—J. L. Ward, Decatur.
8:30-9:00 "A Million Men Mobilized for the Master"—Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary, Baptist Brotherhood of the South.
9:00 "Militancy for the Master"—R. C. Campbell, Executive Secretary, The Baptist General Convention of Texas.
Tuesday Morning, September 27.
William Fleming, Fort Worth, presiding.
9:00-9:15 Song and Prayer—Harry P. Wootan, Dallas.
9:15-9:40 "Traveling Trails of Tithing"—F. M. McConnell, Editor, Baptist Standard.
9:43-10:08 "My Motto"—Geo. J. Mason, Executive Secretary, Baptist Foundation of Texas.
10:10-10:35 "The Blessing of Tithing"—L. R. Scarborough, President, Southern Baptist Convention.
10:38-11:03 "Possessing Our Possessions"—Robert H. Coleman, Dallas.
11:05-11:30 "My Maximum for the Master"—Paul Greenwood, Harlingen.
11:35 "Why Give At All?"—Earl V. Pierce, Former President, Northern Baptist Convention.
Tuesday Afternoon, J. C. Hardy, Belton, presiding.
1:45-2:00 Song and Prayer—J. D. Riddle, Abilene.
2:02-2:27 "Ministers Retirement Plan"—B. Frank Hasty, Representative, Relief and Annuity Board.
2:30-2:55 "Stewards I Have Known"—Thomas H. Taylor, Brownwood.
2:58-3:23 "The Layman and the Amarillo."
3:25-3:50 "Rendering Accounts"—E. S. Cummings, Abilene.
3:53-4:23 "Nothing Succeeds Like Success"—R. A. Springer.
4:23-5:00 Round Table Conference.
Tuesday Evening, Earl B. Smyth, Dallas, presiding.
7:00-7:20 Song and Prayer—I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth.
7:20-7:58 "The Supreme Beauty"—Earl V. Pierce.
8:00-8:25 "Christianity in Action"—C. E. McGaw, Longview.
8:28-8:50 "The October Round-Up"—R. C. Campbell.
8:52 "Into All the World"—Geo. W. Truett, President, Baptist World Alliance.

The executive board of District 17, meeting Tuesday at Hamlin, elected Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, as president, succeeding Rev. E. D. Dunlap who has removed to Mexia.

ANNUAL MEETING SWEETWATER ASS'N. W. M.

The W. M. U. auxiliary to Sweetwater association met in 34th annual session September 8, in the First Baptist church, Abilene, with the president, Mrs. C. C. Compere, in the chair.

Following a song service, Mrs. J. F. Clark conducted a devotional service on the day's theme, "Go Forward," reading from II Samuel 22, David's psalm of thanksgiving for God's deliverance. "Christ is our Rock, the corner stone of the building. We can find comfort and joy under the shadow of the Rock and we should do our work with joy. Christ is the Rock of hope and with such a leader we can go forward for another year confident of victory." Greetings were extended by Mrs. E. O. Keeton, the newly elected president of the First Church W. M. U. In her response, Mrs. A. E. Radcliffe of Sweetwater expressed the pleasure of the body in meeting with the mother church that fosters two important denominational institutions, Hardin-Simmons university and Hendrick Memorial Hospital. She voiced the universal regret at the going of Pastor and Mrs. Dunlap from Sweetwater.

The address of the president was (Continued on page 4)

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OUR MANHOOD FOR CHRIST

All of us rejoice in the mighty achievements for the Kingdom which Southern Baptist women have accomplished in their golden half-century for the Lord. Mission fields have been occupied, colleges endowed, hospitals opened, orphanages maintained, and in all this the work of our heroic women has been a prime factor. Without their persistence and their enthusiasm, one wonders how little we might have accomplished and what a backward people we might have become.

Yet during these fifty years the laymen have not kept pace with their wives and sisters in forwarding the causes of the Kingdom. Any doubting Thomas may compare the number of adult women who have some active interest in the church work with the number of grown men who do more than nod through the Sunday morning sermon.

We believe the reason for this is that for half a century the women have had an organization which challenged their sacrificial efforts. And it is a characteristic of the Sons of Adam to let the Daughters of Eve do the sacrificing if they will.

Coincident with the widespread evangelistic movement in Texas is an aroused interest among our laymen in the Brotherhood movement. Fruits of this are becoming apparent in increased tithing, in growing missionary effort for the unchurched communities and a general awakening all along the line.

The church with an aggressive Brotherhood is doing great things for the Lord. The Brotherhood is not just one other place to go. It is a challenge to twice-born Baptist men to show their faith by their works, to witness of their redemption before a bewildered and groping world, to magnify a loving, unselfish Savior in an age of hate and greed.

A MILLION PROSPECTS

You will want to read the searching article concerning Emphasis in Evangelism by Dr. Howse which appears on other pages of this issue.

You will be startled and challenged by his statement that we have enrolled in our Southern Baptist Sunday Schools a total of one million unsaved and unenlisted Christians!

We need to obey the command to go out into the highways and byways, seeking the unchurched and the lost. We are not doing nearly enough at that task, but it might be more easily accomplished if we first become sufficiently concerned to see out those within our own doors.

The merchant feels that the buyer who walks into his place of business is a far better prospect as a customer than a person walking down some other street. So the person who attends a Sunday School, even occasionally, is, on the average, a better prospect for Christ than those who have persistently refused to attend.

The churches and the individuals who are not making earnest efforts to reach all the lost within their sphere of influence are guilty of sinful negligence. But when we allow unsaved boys and girls, men and women to attend our Bible school repeatedly and to go away without a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, may God have mercy upon us.

If, instead of dropping the names of those who lower our standing on the records through irregular attendance, we would make a prayer list of them and unite in prayer in their behalf each Sunday morning, some of our Bible classes would be transformed from a Sunday morning club meeting into evangelistic centers which would transform communities.

CONSERVATION

In that challenging article by Dr. Howse in this issue, he stresses the conservation of the converts. That is, not only winning an acceptance of the Christ but also the devotion of the convert's life to His service.

"Evangelism," says Dr. Howse, "is the process of guiding a person into a right relationship with Christ through the conversion experience, and"—note the rest—"and the assumption of the further responsibility of his Christian growth and training."

Thousands of people have been won to Christ through the evangelistic campaigns of the summer and undoubtedly thousands of others will be won during the months to come. Shall we desert these babes in Christ to the wolves of the world, or shall we be willing to guide them with all tenderness and love into channels of training and service for the Kingdom?

There is no time in the life of a Christian when he can be so easily won to life of service as immediately following his conversion and baptism. He has taken the most vital step in his whole life. He has publicly renounced a life of sin and worldly pleasure. He has publicly assumed a new relationship and has aligned himself with the church and all for which it stands. His heart is tender and he is easily led.

When the newly-baptized member does not enroll promptly in the Sunday School and the Training Service, do you assume that he is not interested in those things and let it go at that? Or do the pastor, leaders and teachers whose concern it should be, visit that one and win his interest?

If we had conserved the gains of our evangelistic efforts through all these years, it would be much easier to reach the lost about us. If the five million, whose names are on the church rolls of Southern Baptists were all actively enlisted in forwarding the Kingdom and living Christ-like lives, we would not have for long some twenty-four millions of neighbors untouched by religion.

Something to Think About

By A. W. Aline

We hear much today of preacher retirement at age of 65. We are very much in favor of taking care of our aged ministers and feel that Baptists will have to answer for their neglect in the days gone by, but there seems to be no indication in the Bible that God ever expects his servants to retire before their strength is gone. We cannot feature John or Paul or Peter or Timothy retiring at age 65. These brethren were faithful unto death.

Suppose that Dr. George W. Truett and Dr. J. B. Cranfill and some others had retired at age 65. Stalwart heroes of the faith like these will march on until the evening shadows fall, or, to use the words of the Psalmist, they will go forth to their work and to their labor until evening. If such men had retired at age sixty five then this generation would have missed the fruit of their lives, mellow and ripened by years of experience in the Master's service. The same may be said in regard to those who may take up the torch or receive the prophet's mantle in the years to come.

God's servants should never expect to retire as long as there is one street corner left with one soul to hear the Gospel.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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of little girls who were full of life and energy and who didn't know that a daddy was for anything but romp and play with. But out of that ministry has come clothing, food and other necessities of life which I have delighted to supply for you. The one thing that I gave you in life for which we should both be grateful is a mother who has never let down in her loyalty and devotion to you while I largely have given myself to others. . . . I remember thirteen years ago when we attended an opening of what was then Simmons College, you were greatly impressed and announced that you did not want to go to kindergarten but you wanted to go to Simmons. Well, you had a slight, but I trust pleasant, detour, but now you have realized your ambition so make the best of it. . . . Re-

and of the school are for your good. If you observe them you will add to rather than take from your happiness in school. In spite of heavy assignments and strict requirements the teachers are your friends. Long after you have forgotten things read in text books or committed to note books, you will remember the teachers and unconsciously imitate them in your life. Without making yourself a pet stay close to them and court their friendship, work hard for them and watch them give you their best. . . . I am sorry I cannot give you and Doris Wayne a large allowance, but that is probably best as education largely consists in being able to face life as it is and battle through with your own resources. . . . There in school you will find the same type of people with whom you will live the rest of your life, so learn to love them, make friends of them all, and cultivate the best that is in them and the best will always come back to you. . . . Life is very much like an echo valley, so if you want pleasant things to come to you send out only that sort and like an echo it will come back to you. . . . Two things I know about you, you are a born again child of God, have a healthy body and a keen mind and the only person on this earth who can cause you to fail will peep out of your mirror at you tomorrow morning when you start to tuck in your curls and powder your nose for Miss Rudd's English class. . . . The anchor is lifted, the mooring is cut, you are headed for the open sea, so bon voyage, and may the Great Pilot bring us all to His heavenly port on time.

SENTENCE SERMONS

Friendship makes civilization possible. He who is going down hill doesn't need a shove. The devil doesn't mind repeating a temptation. We are never too old not too good to sin. The devil never takes a vacation.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas How many, and what were the "plagues sent on the Egyptians" and what was the occasion? Exodus 7th to 12th Chp.

"Let us take down the Bible where in reverence we placed it, and in neglect have left it."

News Notes

Evangelist and Mrs. Hyman Appleman announce the birth of a daughter, Esta Rebecca, on September 5.

At the request of the church, Pastor Winston Borum is conducting the fall revival at Altus, Oklahoma, beginning September 18.

The Baptist Messenger Reports: The committee on digest of letters for the Pottawatomie-Lincoln association of Oklahoma found that "where he most Baptist messengers went, the gifts were largest per capita."

Churches in the Sweetwater Association which desire to entertain the Worker's Conference during the next quarter are requested to notify Rev. J. H. Dean, Blackwell, chairman of the program committee for the fall quarter. Rev. C. A. Powell of the University Church is the program chairman for January, February and March.

Rev. Carson Taylor is speaking on the alcohol problem in the larger places in New Mexico, including addressing the State W. C. T. U. which meets at Las Vegas, September 23 and 24.

Rev. Kelley Barnett, formerly pastor at Talpa, now a student in Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, is pastor at McHenry, Kentucky.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Deter from Brazil are spending some time at 1602 Ambler, Abilene. Among Dr. Deter's speaking engagements have been at University and Immanuel Churches, Abilene, and at Blackwell. Large audiences have thrilled to his mission message at each appointment.

Rev. Joe B. Mayes has accepted calls to do pastoral work at Oplin and Denton Valley, Callahan Association. These churches are to be congratulated upon securing so able a pastor.

The Mexican Baptist Church at Rotan is having an attendance of about 150 during the cotton picking season.

Rev. Clyde Campbell, pastor at Hodges and Bethel, in Jones association, is serving as mission pastor at Riverside, southwest of Anson, where the church has been re-established and is having enthusiastic services.

There were 38 additions to Hamlin Church in a revival ending Sunday, September 18. Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford did the preaching and Joe Trussell of Brownwood led the song services. The church has been greatly revived and is going forward in a great way. Pastor J. Henry Littleton baptized 19 of the converts at the end of the meeting.

Rev. E. E. Latta of H-SU preached Sunday at Mt. Olive Church, Sweetwater association, supplying for Pastor Selby Aswell.

PROGRAM

Haskell Baptist Association Meeting With the Weinert Church October 5-6, 1938
10:00 Song and Praise.
10:15 Organization, call for letters, business.
10:45 Report on Evangelism in this Association, followed by round table discussion.
11:20 Annual Sermon, by J. W. Partin, Rule.
12:00 Lunch.
1:30 Song and Praise.
1:45 Mission reports: Foreign, Clarence Wainscott. Home, S. E. Stevenson. State, Houston Scott. District, B. N. Shepherd.
2:30 Missionary Sermon, H. E. East, Knox City.

Thursday
10:00 Song and Praise.
10:15 Report on Buckner Home, Mrs. Gay, Rule.
10:45 S. S. Report.
11:05 Report on Christian Education, Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Haskell. Address.
12:00 Lunch.
1:30 Song and Praise.
1:40 B. T. U. Report, Clarence Norwood, Rule.
1:55 W. M. U. Report, Mrs. Bowden, Munday.
2:15 Business: Report of committee on time, place, preacher. Digest of letters. Treasurer's report. Miscellaneous business.
2:30 Closing message, H. R. Whatley, Haskell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

September 25, 1938

By Hight C. Moore

DAVID: TRIUMPHANT FAITH

Psalms 23 and 27:1-6
GOLDEN TEXT: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23:1.

The triumphant faith of David shines to this day in the radiant Psalms he left us. Is he not at his best in the songs of faith and courage we study today? Possibly they are the most personal of all the Psalms, for the pronoun of the first persons—I, me, my, and mine—occur seventeen times in Psalm 23 and twenty-six times in the first six verses of Psalm 27.

1. The Lord Is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Faith never wants. Think again through this Shepherd Psalm. (1) My Shepherd. What a tender relation existed between the Oriental shepherd and his sheep. He fed and led them, helped and healed them, sheltered and saved them. Is not the Lord the same to me? Truly, and with a whole heart, I can say: "The Lord is my shepherd."

What infinity of condescension is his; what infinity of privilege is mine! (2) My sufficiency. Since Jehovah shepherds me and while I follow willingly in his flock, is there anything good for me that I shall lack in this life or in the life to come? In full faith and unflinching trust I can say: "I shall not want."

My sufficiency is of God. (3) My repose. The world is turbulent around me. Temptation, trials, and tribulations abound on every hand. Where is there repose for my soul in the noonday of heat or in the eventide of weariness? From a joyful heart I can say: "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

What sweet rest is there in these meadowlands for the soul! (4) My refreshment. Have "the streams of the South" dried up in their channels? And am I left in a dry and thirsty land? Nay; the waters of rest and the wells of plenty are through his mercy accessible. I can sing with confidence: "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

(5) My restoration. How often I stray from the path of safety and fall among the thorns and thistles of the thicket! And how often I faint under the labors of life and the glare of noonday! Who is there to refresh and strengthen my weary heart? I call upon the shepherd to lay his healing hand upon me, for "He restoreth my soul."

(6) My leadership. False voices are ringing around me and there is danger that I may heed them and go astray. In my own self-will, I would be certain to walk in paths unsafe and forbidden. Happily I can look to my Shepherd for guidance: "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

And I know that if I always follow his leadership, I will always go right. (7) My loneliness. But even in the path of duty there is now and then a Hill of Difficulty and a Valley of the Shadow of Death, as Bunyan pictured in his matchless allegory. Long before I reach the end of the earth-life, I may have occasion more than once to say: "I walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

(8) My courage. In the midst of my darkness and difficulties, I must not lose heart. In fact, I need to be stronger in soul than at any other time. Happily because of my relation to my Shepherd, I can say: "I will fear no evil." How otherwise can the fears of life be calmed? (9) My companion. But the secret of my courage in the midst of my loneliness and danger lies in the fact that I have an omnipotent and omniscient Companion: "For thou art with me."

While in the pleasant pastures I looked to my Shepherd and called him "He," but in the valley of the shadow of death I drew nearer to him and he to me so that I could say "Thou." No better companion is there in all the wide universe through all the ages. (10) My comfort. The Good Shepherd is equipped for my defense and my guidance through the dark experiences of life. Herein is my consolation in the trying time, for I can with truth and confidence say to him: "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

(1) My provision. After the valley of the shadow comes the banquet of blessing and the table of divine hospitality. With exultation I can say to my Shepherd: "Thou preparest a table before me."

(12) My adversaries. Though the Good Shepherd is so provident of my needs and though I am so safe in his banquet-hall, yet I must not forget that the table he prepares before me is "in the presence of mine enemies."

The wolf and the thief are abroad. (13) My anointing. Do I need the healing oil for my hurt or bruise? Or am I to be anointed and set apart

for special service? Or is it possible that the Shepherd would condescend to honor me in the presence of mine enemies? To him I look and gratefully say: "Thou anointest my head with oil." (14) My abundance. There is nothing scanty or penurious in the provision which Jehovah makes for his followers. As a guest and beneficiary of his I may say: "My cup runneth over." How abundantly even to overflowing is his mercy toward me! (15) My attendants. As I follow the leadership of my Shepherd I have through his grace the angels of Goodness and Lovingkindness as my attendants on the way. In view of their presence, I sing with joy: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me." (16) My life. Does my Shepherd lead me into the pleasant pastures and leave me there? Do Goodness and Lovingkindness attend me now and then only to forsake me in the moment of peril? Nay; I have the glad assurance that they will follow me "all the days of my life." (17) My eternity. By the power and goodness of my Shepherd "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

2 The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Faith always wins. Sing again this song of courage. It is a song of trust in God and triumph through God. Note: (1) My light. All the light I get and all the light I give must come and give of light but the light itself, from God. He is not only the source the only light, and all the light that reaches me and reaches all men. "The Lord is my light." (2) My salvation. None other can save me from my sin. None other can save me from danger and defect. None other can save me on earth and in heaven. "The Lord is my salvation." (3) My strength. Am I weak and helpless and exposed to peril? Yet whom shall I fear? And of what shall I be afraid? I have a stronghold in God. "The Lord is the strength of my life." (4) My sanctuary. Am I in a place in a strange land? Is the Temple of God far away? How my heart yearns to dwell in the house of the Lord where I can inquire of him and behold his pleasantness and enjoy his fellow-

ship. (5) My security. Do enemies of the good surround me? Yet I will be confident. Are evil-doers ready to devour me? My heart shall not fear. Do I have, will I ever have my day of trouble? His pavilion will be my refuge and his tent my shelter. (6) My stability. Am I new and then floundering in a bog with mire and quicksand? "He shall set me upon a rock." So my goings will be established. (7) My sacrifice. The Lord has been good to me. I can never repay him for the least of his mercies. But I can and I will offer him the sacrifices of joy which he desires of my hand and my heart. (8) My song. I may not be gifted in music and my notes may be halting and dissonant but my song can be spiritual and sincere and, best of all, acceptable to God. So "I will sing praises unto the Lord."

Home Daily Bible Readings
Sept. 19—God the Provider. Psalm 23:1-6.
Sept. 20—God the Defender. Psalm 27:1-6.
Sept. 21—David Anointed. I Samuel 16:10-13.
Sept. 22—David Awaiting God's Time. I Samuel 26:7-11.
Sept. 23—David Enthroned. II Samuel 5:1-5.
Sept. 24—David's Benediction. II Samuel 23:1-5.
Sept. 25—Joy in the Lord. Psalm 101:1-6.

Dad criticized the sermon. Mother thought the organizer made a lot of mistakes. Sister didn't like the choir's singing. But they all shut up when little Bolly chipped in with the remark, "I think it was a good show for a nickel."

We are poor judges of great and small. The little service which we can render may be all that is required to complete the circle of some greater work.—Bishop Westcott.

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Emphasis on Evangelism in the Light of Religious Education

Dr. W. L. Jones

The stage is set for a great evangelistic effort among Southern Baptists. For several years the feeling has been growing in the hearts of many people that as a denomination Southern Baptists should be winning more people the Christ. Several factors have entered into the development of this spirit. The Five Year Promotional Program launched three years ago by the Sunday School Board under the leadership of its secretary, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, awakened individuals to the fact that such a great territory may be efficiently organized for enlistment. The whole program of this movement has emphasized reaching needy communities.

The reestablishment of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board under the leadership of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell did as much as anything to intensify the belief that the denomination should be reaching more people for Christ. City-wide and association-wide revivals have been conducted under the leadership of this department eventuating in glorious results.

This growing spirit was further climaxed by the election of Dr. L. R. Scarborough to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Richmond last May. This was not simply a tribute to him as a denomination leader, but it was in reality the turning of the entire denomination in the greatest undertaking of its history to a leader the major passion of whose life has been evangelism.

The Evangelistic Seminary

This spirit is one in which the Southwestern Seminary has already shared and to which it is destined to contribute more in the future. Evangelism has been the keynote of this institution since its organization. The president has occupied the chair of evangelism, and in no other theological institution has there been such a consistent emphasis upon personal soul-winning. That note has been a constituent part of the curriculum in the field of church music and religious education. In addition to preachers, musical directors, church secretaries, educational and recreational directors, and all workers who have had contact with the seminary have gone out to become personal soul-winners.

Those students of other years have had a part in creating sentiment which is now rapidly culminating in a sweeping evangelistic effort. The students who are now here and who will come here in the future will serve to keep that spirit alive. When one views the possible results of the success of such movement, he is amazed because of the far-reaching influence involved. When in Texas alone, during the evangelistic campaign in 1937, seventy-five thousand people were won to Christ, one immediately visualized thousands upon thousands of redeemed souls through a southwide program of evangelism. When one thinks further that the Baptists of the world are regarding this campaign with prayerful and earnest interest, he immediately realizes that here in the South there may be germinating the greatest revival in history. With these events transpiring, it seems that the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance next year in the heart of the Southern Baptist Convention territory is providential. Through this meeting our denomination will have an opportunity to influence the world for Christ.

The Bible Belt

The South has often been referred to as "The Bible Belt," but this intended slur is the South's greatest bulwark. Nowhere will you find a greater group of God-fearing, God-honoring men, women, and children who still believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God and that God hears and answers prayer. The strength of any nation is not in its economic security but in the character of its people. As the national government seeks to rehabilitate the South, as industrialists come to invest their capital in our realm, and as improvements are made, we as Christian people will have an unparalleled opportunity for evangelism and development.

Since these facts are true, and since soul-winning is the finest of the fine arts, evangelism should be put on the soundest basis possible. A period of special activity in preaching and personal work is fraught with many dangers as well as many possibilities. Extremes must be guarded against and all that is done should look forward to a program which will be lasting in its influence. Evangelistic efforts have frequently failed to accomplish their purposes because of a lack of understanding of the factors involved. There has been a failure to properly clarify evangelism in the minds of many. It has been variously construed and possibly no one definition is entirely suitable. As a practical interpretation it might be well to say that evangelism is the process of guiding a person into a right relationship with Christ through the conversion experience and the assumption of the further responsibility of his Christian growth and training. In too many cases religious workers have been guilty of simply leading people to an acceptance of Christ and have assumed that following that experience everything would be all right. They forget that the person who has found his Saviour is a new born babe and must have spiritual nurture as a newborn child in the physical world must have child in the physical care. One preacher has said that "Baptists are like Johnson grass, they multiply and scatter." If he is correct, his statement only proves the need of greater work. If we accept a definition for evangelism that includes the plan

of conservation, then we must admit that a campaign covering every community in eighteen southern states is fraught with many difficulties. Evidently there are some emphasis which need to be given in an effort of this kind. These apply not only to a mass movement but to any program of evangelism centering in the local churches.

Child Evangelism

The first emphasis needs to be the proper approach to child evangelism. The average age of conversion is being lowered. Sunday schools have greatly improved their work in recent years. Much attention has been given to grading, the selection and training of teachers, the improvement of teaching conditions, and the development of the curriculum. Because of these factors, children are accepting Christ at an earlier age than heretofore. Some are being converted at five, six, and seven years of age.

With their life span before them, such children may be exceedingly useful for Christ if properly directed. Because children instinctively imitate and desire to conform to the pattern of conduct of those about them, mass evangelism is an unwise method to use with those below the Junior age in Sunday school. Unless wisely handled it is also a dangerous instrument to use in winning Juniors. Therefore, the pastor, the educational director, volunteer Sunday school teacher, and parents must either train themselves or be trained in how to win the child to Christ. In most cases it has been found that a person must first win the child to himself before he may introduce him to his Saviour.

Children do not have a background of theological terms. They understand the vocabulary of their parents and no doubt are unfamiliar with the words which a pastor would use; hence, there is the difficulty of a suitable vehicle of thought which will assist the pastor in making himself clear to the child. This requires a technique as skillful as any in the minister's life and activity. There is a need for a study and mastery of the psychology of child life, for an understanding of the problems and needs of childhood, and the technique of explaining salvation in simple terms.

The most satisfactory way is in the presence of parents and in the quiet of the home atmosphere. Recently a little girl called her pastor over the telephone making an engagement with him to come to her home to talk with her about becoming a Christian. Her mother had counseled with her, and they had agreed upon this procedure. With the mother's help, the child had a happy experience of accepting Christ as her personal Saviour. Of course, where there has been no home atmosphere and where the parents are indifferent, the task is harder but still may be accomplished if the workers will take time to understand the child, his nature, and his needs.

Some do not believe in trying to win the child to Christ. Certainly too much initiative should not be taken and there should not be a spirit of coercion, but it should be remembered that the rays of the sun are reflected in a tiny dewdrop just as much as in a beautiful lake. A pastor told recently of an eight-year-old child who came down to accept Christ following the services on Sunday morning. His first question was, "Do you want to accept Christ as your Saviour?" to which question she immediately replied, "I want to real bad."

If children are given the proper background for their religious experience and care is taken to explain as simply but as positively as possible the steps involved in conversion, they will prove to be glorious members of our churches and useful in their days ahead. When the personal worker invests his time in this manner, giving the child the proper religious concepts, much of the period of doubt and indecision of later life will be taken out of his experience.

Young People's Revivals

Another emphasis should be a renewed effort toward reaching young people. Youth has taken the spotlight in the realm of church work more completely in recent years than ever before. For a long time young people were not encouraged to engage actively in service for Christ. When the B. Y. P. U. was struggling for recognition there were many who felt that young people were not capable of having any part in kingdom enterprises. The period of totomanence has passed in the denomination, but there is still a great need for the utilization of young people in the program of youth makes a decision for or against Christ which is likely to be an attitude throughout life. Failure on the part of any church to make provisions for its young people will result in that church's eventual suicide.

Ninety per cent of all of those who come into our churches do so before they are twenty-one years of age; hence, a great deal of thought and planning should be given to take care adequately of this large percentage. Young people are not attracted by the antiquated methods frequently followed in the church's organized life. Youth is attracted by vigorous leadership and positive personalities. Daniel Poling has well said in his book "Youth Marches" that youth does not follow programs that youth does not follow programs that youth will be challenged to give its best to Christ largely in proportion to those who challenge them. A young man who was giving his life to the spread of Communism

was asked by a Christian minister why he was doing so. Not knowing that his interrogator was a preacher, he said, "I am giving my life to Communism because most preachers are fossils and do not have a challenge to offer young people." The minister replied, "I am a preacher, but I do not consider myself a fossil," to which the youth said, "Give yourself time, mister; give yourself time." All too frequently this has been the attitude of young people who have never been approached and given some definite service. The leadership of our churches is adult, the programs and frequently the services of worship are planned according to what will please the leadership rather than according to that which will attract membership. The mature wisdom and judgment of adult life needs the energy and enthusiasm of youth.

Christ or Crime

If young people are not saved for the church, it should be kept in mind that they will possibly yield themselves to the influences of evil. On August 18, the Associated Press carried an article saying that youth plays the leading role in Texas crime. Of 17,670 offenses reported in thirty-two cities for the first six months of the year, 4,006 were charged against persons in the twenty to twenty-four year level. Their names appeared most on police records charging murder, criminal assault, robbery, burglary, theft over and under fifty dollars, and auto theft. They also led in forgery, commercialized vice, violation of narcotic drug laws, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, and gambling. One can see that by the time a person is twenty-five years of age he is either leading a life of usefulness or a life of crime, or a life of complete indifference.

Contrary to the belief of many, young people are easily reached. Some have gone to an extreme in thinking that levity, frivolity, and compromise appeal to this group. Nothing could be further from the truth. Youth is ready to put religion to the test and is eager to attempt great things for Christ. Communism itself is appealing to young people because it demands extreme self-denial.

Some are pessimistic over present-day conditions, but the situation today is not a stark as it was in the latter part of the eighteenth century when there was a great movement among young people from infidelity to religion. Dorchester has written concerning the membership of one of the infidel clubs of that era. In part, he says, "the number was about twenty men and seven females. Of these some were shot, some hung, some drowned, two destroyed themselves by intemperance — one of whom was eaten by hogs — one committed suicide, one fell from his horse and was killed, and one was struck with an axe and bled to death." It was out of such a situation as this that a great revival came among the college students of that early day in American history.

Many young people today are revolting against conditions and are waiting for Christianity to sound a clarion call. One of the most hopeful signs for the evangelistic program at present is the success of the youth revivals which are being conducted. These usually have been led by young ministers and musicians. The young people in each church have taken charge of the preparation for and direction of such campaigns. They have usually been conducted for eight days beginning on Sunday. The appeal which has been made has met with remarkable results. It is not necessary to have young leadership in order to attract youth, but the success of these revival efforts proves that young people will respond to a program in which they have the opportunity to share.

Half Time City Churches

A third emphasis should be the personal attention of the pastor, educational worker, and church leader to the problems within their own church.

The pastor should give particular attention to his own field. Too often the opportunity to leave his own situation and enjoy the fellowship of another congregation leads the pastor of the larger church to neglect his own work. There are great times each year when it helps the pastor to be away from the problems of his own church. In holding revivals for others he comes back with greater spiritual power and with greater alertness for his own tasks. However, many pastors are away from their fields so much of the time that one greatest problems the denomination faces is not the "half-time" city church, but the "half-time" country church. If the pastor of any church with a membership of more than one thousand fulfills of more than one thousand of his ministry, there would never be an opportunity time to be away from his field even though he is justified in occasional absence.

In too many cases a minister's life consists of a routine of funerals, weddings, visits to the sick, and the preparation of his regular message. There needs to be more visits on the part of the pastor for the enlistment of his membership. It is realized that he cannot do this alone, but he must lead in the matter and train others to share this responsibility with him. The pastor must also give attention to his preaching ministry so that

it is kept fresh and vigorous. There must not only be the evangelistic appeal, but there must be other basic elements which will guide and sustain individuals in their Christian growth and development. One sees a weakness in present day sermon preparation in the increasingly large number of books of sermons which are flooding the market. This message carries no criticism of books of sermons except when they are used as mental props. Even during the evangelistic conference this year the manager of the book store reported that books of sermons led all other types of books in sales. We will never have an effective evangelistic effort through preaching "warm-over" sermons. If the minister's heart is not so aflame that he has a message from within, our churches will remain powerless. Dr. Jefferson in his book, "The Minister as Prophet," states that the spider does not weave its web from the rough material of the street but rather it weaves it from itself. He also says that the bee gathers its material and to it makes its own contribution before it produces honey."

Soul Winning in Sunday School

The pastor must lead in developing the Sunday school teachers as a soul-winning force. He does not need a special "soul-winner" shand, but should use those who day by day are in touch with the unsaved. The evangelistic fires in any Sunday school will develop a spirit of perennial evangelism. Soul-winning should not be limited to the Sunday school, but this organization has within it more unsaved than any other. J. N. Barnett has estimated that there are 750,000 unsaved individuals enrolled in the Southern Baptist Sunday schools, and 250,000 unaffiliated Baptists and members of other churches, or an average of 40 to every church in the Southern Baptist Convention. Here are one million possibilities within our gates. It has been said by one Sunday school authority that in soul-winning, figuratively, the pastor is across the street, the Sunday school superintendent is one the same side of the street as the pupil, but the teacher stands face to face with the unsaved individual. If this relationship exists, more attention should be given to developing teachers as soul-winners. There are individuals who teach classes an entire year but do not personally seek to win their members to Christ. These lose the joy of their work and many resign because they do not have the added happiness of participating in the harvest of their teaching.

Baptist Tragedies--

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vivals and thousands of revivals with no baptisms. Where lies the blame? Is it in the ministry?

6. There were only 78 churches in the South that baptized over 100—only four that baptized over 200. It took more than 23 Baptists to win one soul to Christ. We must improve the soul-winning of our Baptists or be counted a sorry lot of Christians.

7. I suggest that every state secretary, every editor, every associational missionary, every pastor secure, study, analyze, and tell the people in all areas about the tragedies and glories of our record, that the Brotherhoods, the W. M. U., the B. T. U., the Sunday Schools and the churches have study courses in this remarkable book on evangelism. There is enough in it to sadden us,

There should also be some definite missionary activities to challenge the people to greater attainment. Too often the entire emphasis has been placed upon keeping the organization placed upon keeping the organization going. (Continued on page 4)

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SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH MEETING



DR. W. Y. POND
State Evangelist

The South Side Baptist Church of Abilene has experienced one among the best meetings of its history. Dr. W. Y. Pond, evangelist for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, did the preaching. There are two outstanding things with regard to his ministry in South Side, that of fearlessly denouncing sin but tenderly dealing with the sinner, and his wonderful skill in drawing the net or bringing decisions for Christ and church membership. Many were the deeply touching incident happening during the two weeks' meeting. The morning attendance was above the average and with one or two exceptions the auditorium was filled at night. I desire to commend W. Y. Pond to my brother pastors should they be led of the Holy Spirit to use him in a meeting.

There were 127 additions during the two week meeting, 79 coming on profession of faith for baptism and 48 by letter.

W. C. Ashford, Pastor,
South Side Baptist Church.

TRAINING UNION SENIOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

By T. C. Gardner

Young men and young women between the ages of 17 and 21 will find it profitable to enter the State Senior Oratorical Contest. The subject is "The Christian Home." I know that all who enter the contest will be constantly on the search for material that will aid them in preparing the oration. We wish to suggest that all who are interested, read the articles and stories as indicated below.

The following articles appear in the May issue, 1938, of the Baptist Training Union Magazine:

1. The Christian Home His Witness, J. E. Lambdin, Page 1.
2. Christian Conversation in the Home, Wm. R. Rigell, Page 3.
3. Bruisers or Binders, J. Dean Crain, Page 4.
4. The Witness of the Christian Home on Sunday Night, B. V. Ferguson, Page 6.
5. Purely Personal, John L. Hill, Page 15.

Christian citizenship is so related to the Christian Home that we wish to suggest that all who are entering the Senior Oratorical Contest read the following articles that appear in the July issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine:

1. The Kinship of Christian Character to Good Citizenship, T. G. Gardner, Page 3.
2. Christian Citizenship and the Future of Democracy, L. S. Sedberry, Page 5.
3. Training Christian Citizens, W. L. Howse, Page 8.
4. Rev. Elmer Dunham, Santa Anna, Texas, is the State Leader for the Senior Oratorical Contest.

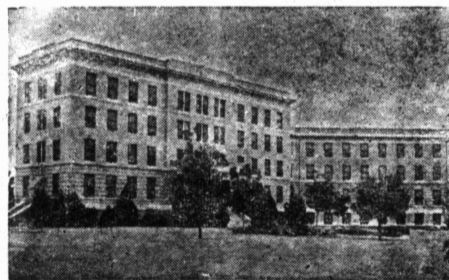
send us to our knees in tears and supplications, and to encourage us and challenge us all to go afield with hot hearts to preach, teach, organize, and press the battle to the gates for those 24,000,000 lost souls just around the corner from our 24,000 Baptist churches. Enough personal soul-winning for four and one-half million Baptists.

8. Look on page 8 and in other places and find the standing of your state as to soul-winning per capita. Arizona is first, 11 per member. District of Columbia is lowest, with 23 per capita. All are low enough to shame all of us.

9. This compilation is made by L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, as a message — facts to make us see the need of doing something about our obligation to a lost world and to Christ. We are able through Christ to do much more and we ought to do it at once.

Four and one-half million Baptists are near 24,000,000 lost and Christ commands us, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." "Go and I will give you power." "Teach them, win them, baptize them! Train them!"

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ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT SWEETWATER AUXILIARY

By Mrs. C. C. Compere
 Trumpets have sounded through the Southland this Jubilee year. Early in April in our district meeting at Stamford the trumpeter proclaimed the advent of this glad year of Jubilee in District Seventeen, then in our Southwide meeting in Richmond each session was called to order by the sound of the trumpet. In the twenty-fifth chapter of Leviticus we read: In the day of atonement ye shall sound abroad the trumpet throughout all your land, ye shall hallow the fiftieth year.

The year of 1938 has been a year of looking backward, of rejoicing over past achievements, but the glories of the past will not suffice for the needs of the future. Mrs. W. J. Cox in her beautiful Commemoration address in the Broad Street Methodist Church, Richmond, said:

Time speaks to us saying: I am Yesterday, I am gone from you forever. I am the last of a long procession of days, streaming behind you, away from you, passing into mist and obscurity and at last into the ocean of oblivion. I depart from you yet I am ever with you. Once I was called Tomorrow and was a virgin pure. Then I became your bride and was named Today, now I am Yesterday and carry upon me the eternal stain of your embrace. I am one of the leaves of a growing book, there are many pages before me. Some day you will turn us all over and read us and know what you are. I am rich for I have wisdom. I have borne a child and have left him with you; his name is Experience. Yet I am the same today and forever.

So let us turn from the glories and achievements of the past and obey the command of God as we hear Him say to Joshua, "Go forward." And as He said to Joshua even so He says to us, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee." He also said to Joshua, "Fear not neither be dismayed. I will go before you. I will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

One of the main objectives in our Jubilee year was an increase in our gifts to the Cooperative Program and surely we need to do this when in our last report of District 17 at our State Convention at El Paso we reported all apportionments met except to the Cooperative Program. I have never appreciated the Cooperative Program as much as when in our study this month on Cuba I read this in Royal Service, "We who contribute to the Cooperative program, even though our gifts are small, can rejoice because some of that money is at work in Cuba."

Go forward in prayer. The Women's Missionary Union was founded in prayer and its achievements are the result of prayer; its hope for the future is through prayer. Let us go forward in following the Calendar of Prayer, acquainting ourselves and praying for our missionaries. Let us be more diligent in prayer in our homes and around our family altars. O! that more women would meet together during our Seasons of Prayer for Foreign, Home and State Missions and our Relief and Annuity Board.

Go forward in enlistment. Of the large number of women in our Baptist churches it is safe to say that less than 50 per cent are active in our W. M. U. work. What a staggering task! But cannot we say as Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me?"

Go forward in mission and mission study. If we cannot go to the foreign fields in person, we can go through our sympathy, our prayers and our money. But how can we know about these fields without the knowledge to be gained through mission study? Ye shall be witness, intelligent, active and empowered. A little, eagle-eyed girl sat on the front seat every day for a week while a mission study class was being taught in a little town of the Ozark foothills drinking in the stories of Southern Baptist missionaries in China, Africa, Japan and Brazil. Today that little girl, a trained and consecrated woman, it as work in Brazil, because of a week's study in a Sunbeam band.

How important it is that we go forward in giving to the 100,000 Club. No church or institution or board can do its best work burdened down by debts. We must go forward in tithes and offerings.

Go forward in personal service. Mrs. Beam, one of our consecrated women, has been teaching the Personal Service Guide in the Circle of which I am a member and there are shown so many avenues of personal

service work I fear we have just been playing at the task. I recommend you study the Personal Service Guide by Mrs. Roberts Lawrence.

Go forward in benevolence. As long as time stands we will have the sick and orphan with us, also our aged ministers until the day comes when they will be more liberally provided for.

And surely we must go forward in Christian Education and training of our young people. What a heritage is theirs, for in them lies the hope of the future. But this will be brought to us more forcibly this afternoon by Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Moore.

Then we must go forward in placing our religious literature in our homes. Fifty years ago our sisters had not these helpers that so fire us today. A beautiful story is told in the Personal Service Guide of a visitor who came into the weaving room of Hull house just as the women were leaving their looms for the day. There in the looms were the unfinished tasks of the day, some patterns just beginning to show their form and color, some nearly done lacking only a few inches of careful weaving that these women from many lands were doing. Many of the looms bore cloth woven after the manner of ancient peoples in far away lands, for here in this great institution these people from many lands had found happiness in doing the work learned in their home lands. One woman, gray-haired, simply dressed, left her loom upon which was a beautiful tapestry just as the visitor came near. She had almost reached the door, when suddenly she turned, came back to the loom and while the visitor looked on curiously she began checking up on every thread, every bobbin; she tried a loose end here, adjusted a bobbin there, and with intent eyes went over every bit of the work. The foreigner, interested, asked, "Why did you come back?"

The woman looked up, slowly using the words with the difficulty of the foreigner who learns them late in life, said, "Tomorrow my daughter will weave." So with the workers in the W. M. U. Tomorrow our daughters will be weaving the tangled fabrics we call life. God has given us the tremendous power to achieve. Let us serve Him and so serve humanity that when our sons and daughters take up the weaving from our fallen hands they will find it even more perfect than when we took it up from our mothers. Let us go forward.

Annual Meeting--
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 timely and helpful and is being printed in this issue of the paper.

After a beautiful rendition of "The Holy City" by Mrs. M. B. Her-ring and organ music by Ruby Morris Millet, the following societies were represented and reports made by the presidents: Abilene, Calvary, Mrs. D. D. Gilmore; Abilene, First, Mrs. J. M. Chandler; Abilene, Immanuel, Mrs. Gene Moore; Abilene, North Park, Mrs. B. F. Oliver; Abilene, Southside, Mrs. W. C. Ashford; Abilene, Sunset, Mrs. Willie Baker; Abilene, University, Mrs. R. M. White; Blackwell, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds; Caps, Mrs. Clyde Jackson; Merkel, Mrs. A. R. Booth; Nolan, Mrs. Richard Hyde; Sweetwater, First, Mrs. Z. C. Steakley; Tuscola, Mrs. J. N. Anderson. Five societies made no report.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley, president of the district, spoke on "Our Golden Jubilee," urging especially that we strive to meet all financial goals in the closing months of the year, a ten per cent increase for the cooperative program and our apportionment for the special gift. There should be a ten per cent increase in organizations with the enlistment of new members.

The closing moments of the morning session were devoted to a memorial service conducted by Mrs. George Thomas.

At the close of the afternoon board meeting, Mr. J. D. Riddle presented Miss Carmen Arroyo, the first Mexican student to be graduated from Abilene high school, whose expenses in Hardin-Simmons are to be paid by the women of the association. A plate offering was taken to purchase necessary books.

Mrs. Boyd King, corresponding secretary-treasurer, reported 1,527 W. M. S. members and 153 tithers with 148 giving to the Hundred Thousand Club. The women gave \$1,865 to the cooperative program; \$1,031 to the Christmas offering; \$762 in cash to Buckner Orphan Home; \$513 to H-SU student fund; a grand total of \$34,983 for the women and young people, a large increase over the previous year.

Mrs. B. N. Shepherd, associational young people's leader, reported

eleven new organizations, making a total of 28 with 324 members. Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, district young people's leader, spoke to the report and urged the women to cultivate the mother instinct toward our junior societies.

Mrs. J. L. Winter reported on Christian Education and Mrs. N. A. Moore, district chairman, spoke on the meaning of Christian Education and stirred the consciences of the women to a more liberal support of this work.

Reports of other chairmen were filed with the secretary in order to provide sufficient time for the presentation of the pageant, "A Cloud of Witnesses," by the women and young people of the W. M. U. of University Baptist Church, directed by Mrs. L. P. Cook. This pageant portrays the beginnings of organized work for women and introduces early leaders whose names and labors should not be forgotten. All our societies are urged to present this as a part of the year's observance of the Golden Jubilee.

The registration committee reported an attendance of 171.

The nominating committee offered the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. C. C. Compere; recording secretary, Mrs. Bert Low, Sweetwater; corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Bryan Ball, Abilene. Mrs. Boyd King, who has served capably in the last named office for several years, felt unable to continue. The appreciation of the body was beautifully expressed by Mrs. O. H. Cooper, who at the close of her remarks presented Mrs. King a W. M. U. pin nestled in the heart of a flower.

The first hour of the evening session was allotted to the W. M. U., the main feature being an inspirational address on W. M. U. work by a guest speaker, Mrs. Phil McGahey of Breckenridge. She was asked to furnish her address to this paper and it should prove a blessing to all our organizations.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS FROM DIST. 17 FOR AUGUST, 1938

B. N. SHEPHERD, ORGANIZER
 Callahan Association

J. S. Tierce, Moderator, Clyde Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
Admiral	
*Antioch	
Atwell	
Baird	
Belle Plaine	.25
Clyde	5.46
Cottonwood	7.88
Cross Plains	1.00
Denton Valley	
Dressey	2.00
*Dudley	
Eula	
Oplin	1.00
Potosi	7.60
Putnam	4.00
Scranton	
	\$29.19

Cisco Association, H. D. Blair, Moderator, Cisco

Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
Albany	
Bluff Branch	
Breckenridge	108.17
Caddo	
Carbon	
*Center	
Cisco East	
Cisco First	65.53
Desdemona	1.52
Eastland	25.00
Gorman	25.00
*Leon	
*Long Branch	
Mangum	
Midway	
Moran	26.00
*Necessity	
*New Hope No. 1	
New Hope No. 2	
*New Hope No. 3	
Nimrod	7.36
Okra	
Olden	
Parks	
Pioneer	
Pleasant Hill	2.00
Pueblo	
Ranger First	
Rising Star	
Sabana	1.00
Staff	10.00
Union	
	\$271.58

Fisher County Association, D. G. Reid, Moderator, Roby

Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
Barron View	
Bethel	
Cross Roads	5.63
El Paso	
Gannon	
Highland Home	
Hitson	
Liberty	
*Longworth	
McCauley	
*Moody	
*Neman	

North Roby	
Plasterco	
Pleasant Valley	
Pledger	
Roby	32.25
Rotan	56.00
Royston	
Sardis	
Spring Creek	
Sylvester	12.25
	\$106.13

Haskell Association, W. D. Green, Moderator, Knox City

Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
Bethlehem	
Brushy	
*Cottonwood	
*Currys Chapel	
*Gauntt	
Gillespie	16.00
Goree	2.42
Haskell First	18.29
Howard	
Knox City	
Munday	1.00
*New Hope	
O'Brien	5.09
*Pinkerton	
Post	
Rochester	
*Rockdale	
Rule	
Sagerton	
*Smith Chapel	
Sweet Home	
*Tanner Paint	
Weaver	
Weinert	
*Weston	
	\$ 42.80

Jones County Association, L. A. Doyle, Moderator, Anson

Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
*Amity	
Anson	40.34
Avoca	
Bethel	
Boyd's Chapel	1.00
*Compere	
Corinth	4.00
*Delk	
Fairview	5.88
*Flat Top	
*Friendship	
*Golan	
Hamlin	50.00
Hannah	
Hawley	
Herron	4.92
Hodges	
Lueders	1.00
*Mt. Pleasant	
New Hope	
Noodle	1.45
Nugent	
Oak Grove	
Prairie View	2.80
*Shiloh	
Stamford First	87.64
Stith	
Truby	
Tuxedo	5.00
	\$204.03

Stonewall Association, J. B. Rowan, Moderator, Aspermont

Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
Aspermont	
*Bulah	
Center View	
Clairemont	4.03
Girard	
Jayton	
Johnson Chapel	
*Mt. View	
*Old Glory	
Oriana	1.00
Peacock	5.00
*Rio Vista	
*Salt Flat	
Swenson	
*Valley View	
	\$ 10.00

Sweetwater Association, E. D. Dunlap, Moderator, Sweetwater

Churches	Amt. Given to C. P.
Abilene Calvary	
First	\$171.55
Immanuel	21.00
North Park	7.00
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*Salt Branch	
Shep	6.00
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Trent	5.00
Tuscola	
Tye	1.00
View	
Whiteflat	3.50
	\$746.39

* Have not given this year.
 R. C. Campbell,
 General Secretary.

Emphasis on Evangelism--

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 be projected and the time could be spent in the Sunday sessions re-kindling spiritual fires for efforts during the week, much good could be accomplished.

Conservation
 An added emphasis needs to be placed upon correct methods of conservation. We cannot place too much emphasis upon winning people to Christ, but it is possible to underemphasize the need of utilizing them in constructive kingdom work. The Training Union organization of one of our Southern states has this as its motto, "There is but one thing better than a saved soul; and that is a saved soul plus a saved life. The Training Union adds the plus." Each church must realize that it bears a responsibility to each individual who joins. The first thing an average preacher says is a new convert after he walks down the aisle of the church is, "Be seated." Somewhere, at the proper time, someone needs to tell this same member to get up and go to work.

Some years ago the Interstate Commerce Commission employed a man at a salary of fifteen thousand dollars a year to trace and bring back empty freight cars. Churches need the same type of work done for their "empties." One church in the Southern Baptist Convention territory added nearly one thousand members to its membership last year. Where are

those members now? Where are the members who came in your last revival? Unlike Minerva they did not spring into the kingdom full grown. Each of those who come in a revival meeting giving his heart to Christ has a life which may be utilized for years of constructive service if someone enlists his talents. The Sunday school, the Training Union, Men's Brotherhood, the W. M. U., the church treasurer, all need to do their part toward helping this person enlist his talents in the service of Christ. No revival should ever be held without a constructive program of conservation immediately following.

Complete Surrender


As in every revival there should be complete surrender to Christ through intercessory prayer. Southern Baptists must organize for this great evangelistic undertaking. Everything humanly possible must be done to insure its success, but in doing all of these things it should be kept ever in mind that unceasing prayer should be offered for its accomplishment. Without a question the student body of the Seminary this year can have a great part in the success of this revival by praying daily—in private, in classes, in chapel services, and at all times—for the outpouring of the spirit upon pastors and churches throughout the world. If we can unite in this one great enterprise and support our president and those who work with him in what is possibly the greatest undertaking in Baptist history, we will be having a part in making real the kingdom of Christ on this earth.

Bailey, in his book "Evangelism in a Changing World," has said that the revival of Francis of Assisi was evangelism through song, that the great awakening of the fourteenth century in the Rhineland was evangelism through prayer, that the revival under Jonathan Edwards was evangelism through experience, that the revival under Whitfield was evangelism through preaching, and that the revival under Finney was evangelism through a sense of duty. Let this be a revival which has been brought about because a whole denomination was consecrated to the will and purpose of Christ.

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