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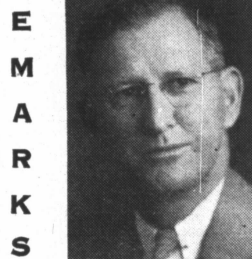
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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

Several weeks ago we ventured a questionnaire on the names of objects in common use a generation ago, but practically unheard of today. The public, all seven of them, seemed to respond very favorably to that test. I have added three new readers since that time and have decided to try another questionnaire on the revised list of ten. If you are forty years of age or above you should easily make 90 or a hundred on this test. The questions will center around the play life of a generation ago. Games that were played at school, in or around the home or at parties. You will credit yourself according to your ability to give the general rules governing each game, penalties, scores, etc. Also you should be able to say whether the game was for school, home or party. It will be fun after you have gone over this list to see how many out-of-date games you can think of not mentioned here. We would appreciate your writing us their names and nature. Well here goes, describe:

1. Well-over-the-river.
2. Red line.
3. Bull pen.
4. Snap, both the ordinary variety and "cross-eyed snap."
5. Town ball. What was an "1" in town ball? What did "crossing a runner out" mean? What was the rule concerning a "lost ball?"
6. What was the difference between a candy "pulling" and a candy "breaking?"
7. Describe the game of "stink base."
8. What was the game of "rap-jack"? How many players participated at one time? How did you know when the game was over?
9. If you are a youngster ask your mother and dad if they ever played a game called "One wheel's off of the little brass waggin. One wheel's off and the other one's draggin'."
10. In what game did they have a prison called "The Mush Pot?"

I suppose that will do for this time. If these old games set any of you oldsters to thinking back take time off and write me a list of games you remember. . . . I sometimes regret that we have gotten away from the days when you could take your best girl to a party, and she would be satisfied to walk a couple of miles with you as you led your horse, and would count you heroically generous if you spent anywhere up to a quarter on candy or ice cream which you shared with her. Usually you could get by on a dime and have a million dollars worth of fun. I never saw anybody who looked bored at those old fashioned parties. If we had music it (Continued on page 2)

EVENTS TO COME

- September 2-4—Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill, Texas.
- September 4-6—B. S. U. Retreat, Seminary Hill.
- October 18-20—B. S. U. Convention, Waco.
- October 27—Church elimination for State Training Union contests.
- November 3—Association eliminations for State Training Union contests.
- November 11-12—State W. M. U. Convention, Houston.
- November 12-15—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Houston.
- November 21-23—Texas Baptist Training Union convention, Dallas.
- October 20—Laymen's Day in all Baptist Churches.
- March 17-18—State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.

"PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE TURNING TO BIBLE"

Baptist Work Across the Pampas of Rio Grande Do Sul Far South Brazil

By Harley Smith, Box 118, Porto Alegre

Our Central Baptist Church of Porto Alegre continues its growth in a very pleasing manner. God is blessing us from day to day. We are happy to look to Him for guidance. Last night, July 10th, eight new members were received by the church.

The B. Y. P. U. is planning to organize a second union very soon. This will be something new for us in these parts. We are looking forward to this new organization with a great deal of anticipation because we believe that it will be greatly blessed of God. We are earnestly praying to that end.

The Adult Union is developing excellently under the leadership of Mrs. Smith. This work was entirely new when it was begun in this church two or three years ago. God is blessing the enterprise in a wonderful way and it is becoming a vital step in the progress of the kingdom.

There are two Juvenile Societies in the church, the younger Sunbeams and the Junior Sunbeams. The younger group has its meetings during the preaching hour in the morning and the older group has its meeting during the training hour or service of the church in the evening. We do not have either the Royal Ambassadors nor the Girls Auxiliaries yet. There are about 50 children in these two groups mentioned above.

The Sunday School is well organized and is planning greater things in the near future. We are greatly handicapped by the lack of equipment but we are learning to do "more and more on less and less."

The people everywhere are turning to the Bible. The future is dark to the unbeliever. "Men's hearts are failing within them." Everything is in confusion but there seems to be a ray of light in that the people are looking to the Word of God, as never before, for guidance. They seem to want to know the teachings of the Man of Galilee. I know that because of prevailing conditions it will be extremely difficult to establish a place where people can always go to get the Bible in their own language but it is our earnest desire to accomplish this and we are resolved to make possible the undertaking. Please pray that God will open the way for us to get gospels, New Testaments and Bibles in greater number than ever, in order to help the multitudes at this crucial hour of the world's history.

Do not forget to pray for our work in this most dynamic and important state of Brazil.

HARLEY SMITH.

TEXANS NEAR GOAL FOR BRITISH MISSIONS

Texas Baptists are only about \$3,000 short of their goal of \$40,000 for the aid of destitute British missionaries in foreign fields, reported Geraldine Hill, office worker in Baptist headquarters, Dallas. Miss Hill was in Abilene visiting relatives and friends over the week-end.

Of the more than \$37,000 raised in the state about one-fifth has been given by the First Church, Dallas, where Dr. Truett, chairman of the Southwide committee on this campaign, is pastor. The Texas goal is one-fifth of the \$200,000 which the Southern Baptist Convention asked the churches of the South to contribute as a love-gift to their British brethren.

IMMANUEL HOST TO TRAINING FEDERATION

The Taylor County Training Union Federation will meet at three Sunday afternoon, September 1, at Immanuel Church, Abilene. Rev. D. G. Reid is host pastor and Rev. C. N. Gilbert of Sunset Church is president of the Federation.

Charles McLaughlin, education director at South Side, Abilene, will be the principal speaker. Officers for the ensuing year will be chosen at a business session.



SEPTEMBER IS B. T. U. STUDY COURSE MONTH

By T. C. Gardner

All members of all Training Unions should complete at least two study course books each year. The new standards of excellence will very likely require that. The theme for Training Union revivals during the month of September is "Increasing in the Knowledge of God." The Scripture is Col. 1:10, "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." The song for the month is "More About Jesus." Churches and associations that would like to secure Training Union specialists from the State Training Union office may do so during the month. Some of our field workers are: Miss Gracie Knowlton, Miss Belle Lazenby, Mrs. A. Adamcik, Miss Nella Casement, Miss Elizabeth Simmons, Miss Clara May.

These women have all had wide experience in Training Union work and will be a blessing to any church. They already have many engagements for this fall. Churches and associations that would like to secure them should write T. C. Gardner, 708 Burt Building, Dallas.

BAIRD BAPTISTS CLOSE GOOD REVIVAL MEETING

The Baptists of Baird have enjoyed the blessings of a good revival meeting, which began Sunday, August 11, and closed Sunday night, August 25. The interest was good from the beginning and attendance good. The visible results were encouraging. There were 23 additions to the church, with 13 baptisms. In this group was one man 65 years of age who was converted and baptized.

Pastor A. A. Davis did the preaching and Ewell Bone, education and music director of First Church, Graham, directed the music in this meeting. He certainly won the hearts of Baird Baptists. His singing was all that could be asked of a singer. His directing assured good choir and congregational singing, and his consecration and ability as a worker with Young People proved very effective. His work was a distinct blessing to the church and town.

RECEPTION TO NEW WORKERS

First Church, Abilene, will give an all church reception to Miss Jaxie Short, young people's worker and Miss Margaret Williams, office secretary. The reception will be Friday evening, 7:30 to 9:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook, South 12th and Glenwood.

If only for self-defense, we should evangelize Latin America.—R. S. Jones.

CETA CANYON CAMP REGISTERS 700 GIRLS

By J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview

Yesterday, August 24, closed the greatest girls camp in Plains history. An even 700 registered. There were 93 decisions, 50 of them conversions. Many came surrendering for special service. Thursday morning was the greatest single service we have ever witnessed. Thirty-six conversions and 20 other decisions. The invitation lasted an hour and five minutes. The Spirit of the Lord came in power.

The singing of the camp was of the highest order. Joe Trussell of Brownwood had it in charge. Mrs. Trussell was at the piano, and daughter Lucille helped. In the last minutes of the last service, Brother Trussell sang "Grace." We'd heard him sing it many times before, but it never lifted higher than then. A heart-warming part of it was watching Lucille, his daughter, watch him singing. Her eyes never moved from his face. As he preached the sermon in song, her eyes filled until the tears ran freely. It was a picture we'll not soon forget.

There were conversions and decisions in campfire services of individual church groups. After most of the campers had gone, a pastor came to the missionary and Brother Reavis said, "There is an 18 year old girl in our group who is unsaved. We can't leave without her finding Christ." Brother Reavis and that pastor went. She found the Lord.

Forty-seven churches were represented. Eleven of that number had perfect attendance records. That means every one in the group attended every service.

In the last service Brother Reavis asked if there was any word from anyone as to what the camp meant to them. Such stirring testimony! The first one up was an eleven year old Junior girl. She said, "I thank God for this camp because I found Jesus yesterday morning." That broke the thing. Many had substantially the same to say.

The camp faculty and speaker staff was of the highest order. L. Boyd Reavis, First Church, Plainview, was evangelistic speaker. Mrs. J. L. Moye of San Antonio, was mission speaker. Her message and spirit won all hearts. The many teachers did good work. Mrs. Vernon Shaw, district Young Peoples leader, has done a grand piece of work in promoting this work. Our hats are off to a fine leader for a job well done.

The combined registration of the two camps for this summer is 1,148. I wonder what would happen if we owned the property and had it properly equipped? For the information of those outside the district, there are very few cabins on this privately (Continued on page 2)

DR. WHITE'S DATE BOOK IS FILLING RAPIDLY

When Dr. W. R. White accepted the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University with the assertion that he would "hit the ground running," he might not have realized how literally the prediction would be fulfilled.

His promise to supply as needed at the First Church, Oklahoma City, does not add to his duties, only that he is preaching there instead of some other city, perhaps nearly as distant.

After preaching at the Bloys Camp Meeting near Fort Davis, the new president of the university returned to his office last week for a day or two and preached at his old pulpit in Oklahoma City on August 25. Monday evening, he addressed a joint meeting of H-SU exes from Fort Worth and Dallas. Tuesday was spent at his desk, speaking in the evening on the College Hour of Station KRBC.

A series of addresses at annual associational meetings was inaugurated Wednesday, when he spoke to the Fisher county meeting at Hobbs in the morning and to the Runnels at Winters in the evening. Thursday he is scheduled to address Paluxy association at Glen Rose.

On Sunday, September 1, he will supply at both hours for Dr. Fred C. Eastham at Wichita Falls. Monday he will speak at the dedication of a new high school building at Spur. Tuesday and Wednesday he will spend in District 8, appearing on the programs of the Lamesa, Mitchell-Scurry and Big Spring associations which meet respectively at Five Mile, Colorado Firs and Forsan.

Thursday he will speak at the Jones Association at Avoca, Friday he will address the Abilene high school teachers and on Sunday, September 8, he will return to Oklahoma City again.

NEW PRESIDENT SIGNS SIXTY SUMMER DIPLOMAS

Sixty diplomas, including 14 for masters degrees, were awarded by Hardin-Simmons University at the close of the summer session last week. They were the first to bear the signature of Dr. W. R. White as president. There were 46 bachelor degrees, including two bachelor of music, 18 B. A. and 26 B. S. These graduates received recognition to the June commencement and there was no ceremony at the close of the summer school.

Candidates for diplomas in the graduate school are not recognized until they have fully completed all requirements for their degrees, hence, these will be presented in the public ceremony at the annual commencement in June, 1941.

STUDENTS MIX WORK AND FUN IN NEW NURSES HOME

By N. H. KINCAID
In Abilene Reporter-News

A movement to give the girls of West Texas a professional training at a minimum expense was begun in Abilene 13 years ago by the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, now the Hendrick Memorial hospital, when the School of Nursing was inaugurated. Since then there have been 104 graduates, representing practically every town in this area coming as well from Tyler, Lubbock, Dallas, and Brownfield. Abilene led in the number of graduates, while Clyde and Winters were close seconds.

Of necessity the number of students has been limited and their entrance requirements made strict. They must be graduates of affiliated high schools, and have two credits in science, preferably chemistry and biology, and two credits in mathematics other than commercial arithmetic. An enrolling class is not admitted on the spur of the moment as its members may present themselves, but is assembled carefully throughout the previous year. At present, fifty girls are enrolled and twenty more are expected in September. Of the sixteen who finish this year, most of them have already made definite arrangements for the future.

Wishing to obtain first-hand information of the student angle, the nurses were observed on duty in the modern \$390,000 hospital plant in North Abilene. On the second floor the breakfast had just come up on the dumb waiter. Quickly, efficiently, the nurses were assisting in arranging it on the patients' trays, according to the doctors' orders. An undercurrent of satisfaction, of joy in their work, permeated everything; and an informal line of conversation, of happy give and take, and merry little laughs, were heard from the busy group. The thought was borne home that though efficiency and exactness were prerequisites in their training here, that these girls were not grim faced but were like any similar group of college students, enjoying their comradeship and their work.

Busy, too, was the group of thirteen students who began in February and are considered pre-clinical students and can not wear their caps until they pass their first six months' work in practice and theory. They had already completed instructions for general hall duty and were putting them into practice. These duties included all those pertaining to the general care of the patients, such as bathing, giving treatments, taking temperature and pulse, and making of the beds.

"But, before we do anything on the floor we must do it first in the classroom. We practice on Gertrude, our (Continued on page four)

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING DATES IN WEST TEXAS

- September:
- 2-3—Stonewall at Bulah.
 - 3-4—Callahan at Baird.
 - 3-4—Panhandle at Clarendon.
 - 3-4—Lamesa at Five Mile.
 - 3-4—Mitchell-Scurry at Colorado City First.
 - 3-4—Dickens at Duncan Flat.
 - 3-4—Staked Plains at College Heights, Plainview.
 - 3-4—Throckmorton-Young at Olney.
 - 4-5—Big Spring at Forsan.
 - 4-5—Red Fork at Paducah.
 - 5-6—Jones at Avoca.
 - 5-6—Lubbock at Post.
 - 6-7—Mills at Trigger Mountain.
 - 10-11—Palo Duro at Pampa First.
 - 10-11—Baylor-Knox at Seymour.
 - 10-11—Tierra Blanca at Dimmitt.
 - 12-13—Trans-Canadian at Dumas.
 - 12-13—Brownfield at O'Donnell.
 - 12-13—Wichita-Archer at Lamar Street, Wichita Falls.
 - 17-18—Floyd at Crosbyton.
 - 17-18—Canadian at Booker.
 - 19-20—West Plains at Littlefield.
- October:
- 1-2—Wilbarger-Foard at Prairie View.
 - 8-9—Concho Valley at Carlsbad.
 - 9-10—Haskell at Rule.
 - 10-11—Cisco at Cisco First.
 - 10-11—Sweetwater at Tuscola.

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MEXICAN MISSIONS

The majority of associations in Central West Texas are making some contribution toward mission work among the Mexicans living within their bounds. Much of this work has achieved important results and some of it has been undervalued because of lack of understanding.

The people in the churches and the pastors in these associations are missionary-minded. They have a vision of the opportunity to do foreign missions in their own neighborhoods. But the fact remains that, taken as a whole, the work has sometimes been a bit disappointing because those who compose associational boards do not speak Spanish nor understand the Mexican psychology. Consequently, they are at a loss in dealing with the Mexican missionaries, who usually have a very imperfect knowledge of English.

Some associations in the state have worked out a cooperative plan with the Home Mission Board, whereby they pay part of the salary and the Board supplies one of its workers who is endorsed and supervised by sympathetic, informed and capable field workers.

At present there are at least five more or less unrelated phases of Mexican work in the Southwest, including workers sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Board, the associations, local church missions and the independent, self-supporting Mexican churches. Any steps which will bring greater unity of purpose and which will place responsibility in experienced hands will be a welcomed forward step.

WHY STING?

A fine business man and deacon recently deplored the tendency of many people to put a sting into whatever they do. If they agree to do something, it is done in such a way that all the joy, both for themselves and others is taken away. If they refuse, it is with a bitterness which poisons the atmosphere.

All this waspishness is unnecessary. To do an act with an air of spiteful condescension may feed one's ego, but it certainly does not raise him in the estimation of his associates. To decline a civil request with a snarl only proclaims the snarler an anti-social, predatory animal.

Such a disposition is un-Christian. If anyone in this disordered world has a right to a joyous disposition, it is the heir of God and joint-heir with Christ, who is able to suffer the disappointments and discouragements of life for a brief season, knowing that the best of the world is as nothing compared to blessings which the Lord has prepared for His children in the life to come.

The sting of a soured disposition is doubly venomous. It poisons the one at whom it is aimed and it gives a self-inflicted wound to the stinger. The chance recipient of such a sting may soon recover, but the toxic effect upon one's self does not produce immunity but develops a cumulative effect which becomes incurable.

Why sting at all?

SPIRITUAL PROMOTION

Denominational leaders and denominational papers alike give the greater portion of their efforts to promoting the various activities of the denomination. Indeed, that is the major reason for their existence. But in the multiplied calls for promotional emphasis, sight must not be lost of the spiritual.

There have been instances where such has happened—where spiritual leadership has given way to the coldly calculating processes of the professional promoter who fails to realize that without things of the spirit there is nothing left to promote in the religious field.

Baptists, happily, have had little experience along this line. They have been blessed with a leadership that is both aggressive and spiritual. But denominational leaders and pastors alike are called to fight this battle within themselves constantly.

There is so much to promote and so many calls for its promotion that one comes in danger of neglecting the spiritual side of his life and actions. We need to learn the lesson which some of our great leaders have learned, which is to promote the things of the Kingdom through humility, prayer and a deeply spiritual personality.

"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things."

"A LITTLE OLD"

"The children liked him; his messages were profound but simple; all were pleased with him; but he seemed a little old." Such ran the report of the pulpit committee of a pastorless church in answer to a query as to how a certain preacher had been received when he appeared before the church. One suspects that the words would fit many a circumstance.

As the result of such psychology among the churches there are many strong preachers without pastorates who are still capable of ten, twenty and thirty years of usefulness in the ministry.

Some are advocating a retirement age of sixty instead of sixty-five for those participating in the plan of the Annuity Board. We do not believe that is the solution. The Annuity plan is to provide for an enfeebled ministry and not an unemployed ministry.

One of the most beautiful pictures in literature is that of a wise and fatherly pastor who, in the wisdom of accumulated years, is tenderly shepherding a flock of all ages; the playfellow of the children, the counselor of youth, the yokefellow of men and women of affairs, and the companion of the aged. We have use for such men.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Harold Russ is preaching with Pastor W. S. Brown in a meeting at Moro Church.

First Church, Lubbock, reports the best Vacation Bible School in the past ten years.

There were 10 baptisms in the Mexican mission at Colorado City, following a recent revival.

Rev. Dick O'Brien of Stamford will conduct a revival in First Church, San Angelo, September 8 to 15.

The Lovington, N. M., Church, where Rev. Loyal E. Brown is pastor, has had 78 additions in the last three months.

Sunday, September 8, will mark the completion of the 43rd year of the pastorate of Dr. George W. Truett in First Church, Dallas.

Missionary O. D. Martin of Beaumont and District 3, is spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in West Texas.

Rev. Melvin Byrd and Connell Taylor assisted Pastor Almon Norris in a revival at Rockdale, Haskell Association. There were seven baptisms and 18 rededications.

Rev. Dean Elkins and J. G. Collins of Nolan are conducting a meeting at Oplin which began August 23. This is the second time Rev. Elkins has assisted Pastor Howard Martin in a meeting at Oplin.

Editor W. T. Curtis of the Texas Evangelist, Baptist historical magazine of San Antonio, worshipped at Abilene Sunday while on his way home from a trip to the Plains.

Rev. Fred A. Porter, pastor at Tye, has accepted the call to be pastor for half time at Trent and is now living in the pastor's home there. They began a meeting Sunday, August 25, with the pastor preaching. Rev. A. R. Posey supplied for him at Tye.

Education Director Ray Rozelle and Mrs. Rozelle of First Church, San Angelo, were visitors in Abilene last week. They came over with Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Foreman, who went to the bedside of Mrs. Foreman's uncle Mr. Tom Warren of Merkel.

Great crowds and many additions are reported from the revival at Terrell where Rev. Clarence A. Morton of Ballinger is doing the preaching and F. P. Black of Longview is leading the song service.

G. A. Carlton, formerly education director of First Church, Oklahoma City, and more recently with First Church, New Orleans, has accepted a similar position at Temple Church, Los Angeles.

There were nine conversions and two additions by letter in a recent revival at O'Donnell with Rev. Lawrence L. Trott of Rotan preaching and J. N. West of Oklahoma leading the singing. Pastor J. A. Lunsford says he never worked with a finer pair.

Evangelist William S. Dixon, Dallas, reports a busy year thus far, with meetings in Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, and Washington, D. C., doing a serious, constructive evangelism to the glory of God. For a few remaining open dates, in 1940, pastors may reach him in care of Robert H. Coleman, Dallas.

There were seven conversions and two additions by letter to Fairview Church, Jones County, in the recent revival led by Pastor H. E. East of Hamlin. Pastor Charles Tarrance reports the church greatly revived.

There were 11 baptized and ten added by letter to North Park Church, Abilene, in the recent revival with Pastor F. A. Hollis doing the preaching and Roy Lee Williams of H-SU leading the song services.

Pastor C. J. McCarty of Calvary Church, Lubbock, was bereaved last week of his faithful life companion. The West Texas Baptist joins friends in extending sympathy.

Oak Grove Church in Jones County has called Rev. W. E. Hall.

Pastor J. H. Ballard recently led Neill Church in an all-day study course.

Dr. A. D. Foreman of First Church, San Angelo, with Pastor Fred DeLashaw of Paint Rock and Rev. M. C. Golden of Ballinger, assisted Pastor E. F. Graham in ordaining several deacons in the Miles Church, August 23.

Evangelist Cleveland Autry is in a revival at Centenary Church, Oklahoma City, where Rev. I. A. Harrison is pastor.

Rev. F. A. Hollis is assisting Pastor DeGuire in meetings in Jones Association. He began services at Delk Sunday. Rev. Beatty of Arkansas is also assisting in this meeting.

Rev. Milford Howell has resigned as missionary of University Church, Abilene, and expects to enter the Southwestern Seminary this fall.

Rev. Claude Harris of H-SU is leading in a meeting at Oakley in Cisco Association, following which he will preach in a meeting at Wayland. No service has been held at Wayland in a long time.

The Dunlap Church, Rev. W. T. Goodman, pastor, has just closed a good one week meeting. There were 20 additions to the church. Rev. Aubrey F. Russell, pastor of Dimmitt, did the preaching.

Rev. Arvil Richardson was with Johnson Chapel in a revival from August 11 to 18. There were three conversions and these three joined the church and were baptized.

Rev. L. E. Lamb of Mount Pleasant and Roy Camp of Fort Worth assisted Pastor Roy Shahan in a recent meeting at Littlefield. It is Mr. Camp's third meeting there. A good, constructive meeting was reported with 21 additions for baptism, 10 additions by letter and two by statement.

Pastor R. A. Scranton of Big Lake is a pastor of a full time church who finds time to preach at several mission points.

There were six baptized following a great meeting at Necessity last week with Pastor Guy Lewis preaching.

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was furnished by community talent usually with one fiddle carried in a flour sack and with wire strings and a wheezy bow, one guitar or mandolin (remember we called them "later bugs") and maybe a five string banjo, and somebody to "second" on the parlor organ, if any. After breaking a few strings in the "tuning up" period, I tell you a symphony orchestra never pleased a modern audience better than that music (?) satisfied us. Ah! them good ole days!!

CETA Canyon Camp—

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owned property. More than 90 per cent sleep under the stars, and each group does all its cooking on a campfire. It is simply a good, old fashioned camp meeting.

It is hoped that right now all pastors will begin looking forward to the camps of next year. It would be fine if they would leave this date open so that they might attend. It is the finest opportunity they have of getting acquainted with their own young people. All formalities are laid aside, and the real personality is open to see. Next year we want many more churches, and many more young people.

Now for a few notes other than the camp. H. B. Naylor has accepted the Sudan Church. He is preaching a meeting there this week. The missionary was to have held it, but gave way to the new pastor. Pastors, don't forget to report ALL meetings you hold in the district, or meetings held in your churches. Report to your Associational Evangelistic chairman.

We'd like to have these reports at the annual associations. In the morning we preach at Cedar Hill, in Floyd Association. Last Sunday this church was voted into the convention. It has been a BMA affiliate. Brother Applewhite has just closed a meeting there. Sunday night we preach at O'Donnell. Monday we are going to the Brotherhood two-day encampment at Lake Brownwood, where a District 16 Brotherhood camp opens with supper Monday afternoon. We want to do some observing and see if we can't get something going for the men of our own district. They are expecting near a thousand men in that meeting.

Have you sent in an offering for Cooperative Program this month? There is someone in every church who wants to give to missions. Give them an opportunity. Let's come to the association reporting every church making a mission offering.

See you at the Association.

P. S.—Moderators and Clerks: Will you please send the missionary a program of your annual association? Thanks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for September 1, 1940

By Hight C. Moore

PRaising GOD FOR HIS BLESSING

Read Psalms 103 and 107
Study Psalm 103:1-5, 10-18

In a great song of national thanksgiving (Psalm 103) David magnifies the mercies of God whose loving-kindness crowns the devout individual with tender mercies, includes all them that fear him in its greatness being as high as the heavens above the earth, and extends in its providence and power from everlasting to everlasting to such as keep his covenant and to those that remember his precepts to do them. And so the songful heart trilling its own note is joined with others in a chorus of gratitude which at length unites with the celestial choirs in one splendid paean of praise to him who has established his throne in the heavens and whose kingdom ruleth over all.

1. Praise for Personal Blessings

1. THE CHRISTIAN sings praise to God for personal blessings. (1) It is a song of supreme praise. To "bless the Lord" is more than to bow in adoration before him or merely to offer a word of praise to him. It embodies an affection amounting to love and a gratitude that will not remain unexpressed. It ascribes to God what it will not ascribe to anyone else. (2) It is a song of the sincere soul. It comes directly out of the heart. It enlists every faculty and every power. It calls upon intellect, feeling, and will separately and together to make an offering of praise. It utilizes memory and reason and observation. It is thoroughly and tremendously sincere. (3) It is a song of specified mercies. Re-read the inspiring catalogue. The first goes to the very center of our need, for with our iniquities forgiven we are ready for mercies to follow. Some of those mercies are physical, for the Great Physician heals our diseases. Moreover, life is redeemed from destruction, sometimes by rescue from danger, sometimes by warding off impending peril, and then by putting us where we can be of most service. Life is also crowned with the divine providence including our sustenance, support, and strength. All right desires are satisfied with good things from God. Youth is renewed so that in spite of advancing years one feels like the eagle soaring upon steady wing far into the upper air.

2. Praise for Public Blessings

2. THE CONGREGATION unites in praise to God (vv. 6:18) for public blessings. (1) The acts of his righteousness are worthy of all praise. Certainly the Judge of all the earth will do right. He is himself righteous and none else upon earth is entirely so. Not only does he do no wrong himself, but ultimately he will suffer no wrong. He will relieve the oppressed and execute his judgment upon the oppressors. (2) The truth of his revelation is an occasion for gratitude. Not until God made known his ways to Moses could the great Lawgiver write the laws which still survive in the code of civilization and the conscience of the world. His providential guidance of Israel from Egypt to Canaan was no more vivid and clear, though attended with pillars of cloud and of fire, than the divine Word which is still a lamp to our feet and light upon our path. (3) The greatness of his mercy will be the theme of endless praise. It is an attribute of God who being slow to anger and plenteous in loving-kindness is both gracious and merciful. It decides his attitude toward us which is not one of implacable anger nor constant chiding on account of our sins though we deserve the rebuke. It expresses itself in acts both negative and positive; on the one hand, he has not dealt with us as we deserve on account of our sins nor requited us in accordance with our iniquities; and on the other hand, his loving-kindness has been so great, so abundant, so spacious, that we find ourselves overspread by the canopy of divine care as the vaulted heavens overarch the humble earth. The achievement of mercy is infinitely glorious to the recipient, for it involves a complete riddance of the dominion and effects of sin which ultimately will put the sinner apart from his sin as far as the infinite east is from the infinite west. Moreover, the divine mercy is brimful of affection which is faintly typified by the pity of a good father for his dependent little children, for the pity of God toward us includes divine sympathy for us in our helplessness, our suffering, and our misfortune. He knows every fiber of our frame. Not for one moment does he forget that we are dust formed and fashioned by his creative hand. He realizes better than we do or can that our days are fleet-

ing as the flower of the field flourishing for a moment but fading and forgotten as soon as the sirocco or the storm, sometimes even a breeze, sweeps over it. In infinite contrast observe how his love is everlasting and his loyalty ever-abiding upon children's children "when they obey his compact and remember to do his bidding" (Moffatt). Truly we ought to fear him with a godly fear and to praise him with soulful and ceaseless gratitude.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God with Every Power. "O my soul; and all that is within me," God deserves all praise. Every faculty we have is needed to express our gratitude to him. Let the soul look up. Let the intellect bow down. Let the emotions be stirred. Let the will do its part. Employ memory to see blessings past, and observation to recount blessings present, and foresight to anticipate blessings to come.

Praise God in Everything. "Forget not all his benefits." Everything he does for us is beneficial to us. Not only has he never done us harm, but always he has done us good. We can see his gracious hand upon us at every turn in the road of life. We can trust him to do the best possible thing for us when darkness envelops us. Forget not one of his acts of love toward us.

Praise God for Pardon of Sin. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." We have nothing in us to merit divine grace. Deliberate sin deserves dreadful sentence. Yet in infinite love he blots out not only the penalty but the iniquity that caused it. And he forgives not one or two here and there, but all the iniquities that make life crooked and uneven. "What greater blessing than the pardon of sin!"

Praise God for Health of Body. "Who healeth all thy diseases." Maladies will come now and then. Disease and defect are the lot of our depraved race. But the Great Physician walks among men as in days of old. To him is due the credit for every cure of every disease from Adam to the present hour. Do we enjoy good health? We ought to be grateful to God. And has he not more than once brought us back from the edge of the grave to physical vigor?

Praise God for Redemption of Life. "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction." It is great and good for God to save our bodies from danger and disaster. It is even better for him to save our lives from destruction. How many lives are absolutely wasted as a village laid in utter ruin by a cyclone! If our lives amount to anything for ourselves or the world they must be redeemed by our divine Redeemer.

Praise God for Answer to Prayer. "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things." God does not stop with hearing our prayers. He goes deeper and defines the inward desire so four better nature. Then he satisfies such desire with good things which are best for us and all concerned. He does not promise to give us everything we desire but he does better by satisfying our desire with what he knows to be best.

Gold in the Golden Text

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. — Psalm 103:2.

The object of praise is God. He is the Creator and Preserver of the universe. To him we are indebted for life and every blessing that accompanies it. He deserves all praise from all people always.

Daily Bible Readings

September 2—Why Worship God?

Psalm 96.

September 3—Invited to Worship.

Isaiah 2:1-5.

September 4—Worship in the Home.

Romans 16:1-10.

September 5—God Speaks Through

Worship. Acts 10:1-6.

September 6—When Worshipers Assemble. Acts 16:12-18.

September 7—Won to Worship.

John 4:19-29.

September 8—The Gladness of Wor-

ship. Psalm 122.

PARALYTIC BAPTIZED

Missionary James Alexander of Friendship Mission, Abilene, last Sunday afternoon baptized a man who had lost both feet in an accident and who was paralyzed on one side. The assistance of five other men was required, three outside the baptistry and two assisting the minister in the water. The candidate professed conversion in boyhood but had never joined the church until his tragic accident brought him back to God. Since that time, three of his sons and two of their wives have been converted.

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION BEGAN IN 1888

By J. M. Corley, Breckenridge

In the year of 1888 there was a young men's prayer meeting organized in the Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth which developed into the first Baptist Training organization in the State of Texas. Like many other new organizations, it soon died for the lack of interesting programs and the lack of proper outlook on the part of its members. This organization was soon resurrected, however, and out of it came the Young Christians' Co-Laborers' Society. Although the prayer meeting was first for young men only, these young men soon observed that it was not good for men to be alone and, therefore, the young women were invited to participate. Dr. A. E. Baten, in reality, is the father of the Training Union movement. He was pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church at the time the Christians' Co-Laborers' Society took definite form and came into its own.

Some of the charter members of the Christian Co-Laborers' Society are as follows: J. M. Corley, President; R. B. Morgan, Vice-President; Clay Martin, Johnnie McMurray, Henry Black, Sherwood Jackson, Marvin White, Oscar Anderson, Miss Hattie Binyon, Miss Nattie Binyon, Miss Kittie Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lillie White, Miss Florence Corley, Miss Teresa Jackson, Miss Mattie Jackson, Miss Huber, Miss Thompson, and Walter Sheard.

Early membership after the organization was set up are as follows: Tom Hamilton, Joe Jackson, Miss Mary Jackson, Miss Sue Cullip, Miss Cara Hardin, Miss Olivia Hardin, Miss Willie Hardin, Miss Mattie Eads, Miss Dorcas Bentley, Miss Cassie Bentley, Miss Julia Bentley, Miss Josephine Bush, Miss Cora White, Miss Beulah Burton, Will Harris, George Pollard, Lex Whitlow, Miss May Calvert, and J. D. Turner.

Coming out of the early work of the young people in Broadway Baptist Church were many consecrated church workers. Bro. R. B. Morgan was ordained to serve White Settlement Church. Bro. L. L. Lusk was ordained to serve a church that has slipped my memory. Many of the early members have gone to their reward.

Another list of members was: Miss Adnah Dawkins, Marvin Ross, Henry Huber, Frank Badlebrock, Ed Milligan, L. L. Lusk, Morton Milligan, Burns Durham, Miss Lola Perkins and Lucius Perkins.

Under the direction of Bro. Baten we conducted services each Tuesday night in Bethel Mission. In one of these services on the corner of 12th and Main Street a clown in the Andrews Theatre was convicted, two nights later was converted and quit the show. His name was Charlie Barron, who became a Methodist Evangelist of some note.

Our young people's society organized the first Sunday school in Glenwood Addition, Fort Worth. Ed Milligan was the first Sunday school superintendent, and out of this work Ed Milligan was ordained to preach.

There were 21 additions, 20 by baptism in the recent revival in First Church, Coleman, with Dr. E. D. Head of Houston assisting Pastor Floyd Chaffin.

PROGRAM

20th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill, Sept. 2, 3, 4

All sessions will be held at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas. Room and board will be provided at the Seminary at \$1.00 per day, the individual furnishing sheets and pillow cases.

Monday Evening, Sept. 2
President T. C. Gardner, Presiding
7:15 Praise Service led by W. E. Young, Oklahoma City, Okla.
7:30 The Development and Growth of Religious Education Work During the Past Twenty Years, J. M. Price, Seminary Hill, Texas.

7:55 Development We Should Expect in Religious Education Work in the Next Ten Years, J. D. Riddle, Abilene, Texas.

8:20 Open Discussion directed by Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, Ark.
8:35 Special Music.

8:40 Development of Religious Education as a Vocation in the Past Twenty Years, J. C. Hockett, Kansas City, Mo.

9:00 Open Discussion directed by Luther Harrison, Little Rock, Ark.
9:15 Adjourn.

Tuesday Morning, Sept. 3
Vice-Pres. Luther Harrison, Presiding
9:00 Praise Service directed by Lee Stulce, El Paso, Texas.

9:15 How to Deal with Parents Who Object to Their Children Uniting with the Church, C. E. Matthews, Fort Worth, Texas.

9:40 Open Discussion directed by Norman O'Neal, Nashville, Tenn.
9:50 Special Music.

9:55 Utilizing the Bible School and Training Union in Evangelism, R. O. Feather, Austin, Texas.

10:20 Open Discussion directed by R. M. Chambers, Oklahoma City, Okla.

10:35 Progress in Correlation Among Our Educational Agencies, Forbes Yarbrough, Shawnee, Okla.

11:00 Open Discussion directed by H. P. Black, Longview, Texas.

11:15 Question Box—"Solving Our Leadership Problems," Miss Mable Elrod, Dallas, Texas.

11:30 Special Music.

11:35 A New Testament Educational Program for the Church (an all-round, well-balanced educational program), T. L. Holcomb, Nashville, Tenn.

12:00 Open Discussion directed by L. H. Tapscott, Dallas, Texas.
12:15 Adjourn.

Tuesday Afternoon, Sept. 3
Vice-Pres. Forbes Yarbrough, Presiding

2:00 Praise Service directed by Harry P. Wootan, Dallas, Texas.

2:15 An Adequate Education Building, W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tenn.

2:40 Open Discussion directed by R. S. Bazzell, Oklahoma City, Okla.

2:50 Special Music.

2:55 Meeting the Problems of Classification and Graduation in the Sunday School and Training Union, W. H. Souther, Alexandria, La.

3:20 Open Discussion directed by Walter Jackson, Houston, Texas.

3:35 Responsibility of Baptist Schools for Training Church Leaders, J. B. Tidwell, Waco, Texas.

4:00 Open Discussion directed by Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio, Tex.
4:15 Adjourn.

Tuesday Night, Sept. 3
President T. C. Gardner, Presiding

7:00 Praise Service directed by Arthur Nelson, Pampa, Texas.

7:15 Personal Study and Reading Habits of the Educational Director, J. Earl Mead, Dallas, Texas.

7:40 Open Discussion directed by Miss May Detherage, Shreveport, La.

7:50 How May the Educational Director Budget His Time in Order That Proper Emphasis May Be Placed on All Phases of the Work? Miss Beulah Doerr, Monroe, La.

8:15 Open Discussion directed by W. E. Young, Oklahoma City, Okla.
8:25 Special Music.

8:30 The Cooperation of the Home and the Church in Developing Christian Character, P. E. Burroughs, Nashville, Tenn.

8:55 Open Discussion directed by H. A. Zimmerman, Phoenix, Ariz.
9:10 Adjourn.

Wednesday Morning, Sept. 4
Vice-Pres. Mark Roberts, Shreveport, La., Presiding

9:00 Praise Service directed by L. E. Payne, Gladewater, Texas.

9:15 How to Enlist Baptist Students in the Sunday School and the Training Union, J. W. Marshall, Dallas, Tex.

9:35 Open Discussion directed by A. C. Miller, Belton, Texas.

9:45 The Need and Value of a Closer Relationship of the Teaching and Training Departments, Ray Rozell, San Angelo, Texas.

10:05 Open Discussion directed by Harry W. Miner, Amarillo, Texas.

10:15 Growth and Development of Sunday School and Training Union

Work During the Last Twenty Years, W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, Texas.

10:35 Open Discussion directed by G. S. Hopkins, Dallas, Texas.

10:45 Growth and Development We Should Expect in Sunday School and Training Union Work in the Next Five Years, Joe Parks, Houston, Tex.

11:05 Open Discussion directed by Frank Mowry, Fort Smith, Ark.

11:15 Special Music.

11:20 How to Inspire the Sunday School and Training Union Leadership to Attend the Morning and Evening Preaching Services, Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, Ark.

11:45 Open Discussion directed by Joe Heacock, Oklahoma City.

12:00 Adjourn.

Wednesday Afternoon, Sept. 4
Vice-Pres. J. W. Marshall, Dallas, Presiding

2:00 Praise Service directed by Carlyle Bennett, Fort Worth, Texas.

2:15 God's Plan to Finance His Church, R. A. Springer, Dallas, Texas.

2:40 Open Discussion directed by H. P. Black, Longview, Texas.

2:55 A Balanced Program for the Church Year in Calendar Arrangement (How can Southwest, Statewide, District, City and Local Events Be Correlated?), Volus Norsworthy, Vernon, Texas.

3:20 Open Discussion directed by Miss Lillian McCullough, Temple, Texas.

3:35 An Adequate Church Music Program, Shelby Collier, Paris, Texas.

4:00 Open Discussion directed by I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth, Texas.

4:15 Adjourn.

Wednesday Night, Sept. 4
President T. C. Gardner, Presiding

7:00 Praise Service directed by I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth, Texas.

7:15 Recreational Program for the Church, Miss Lorelle Coffman, Wichita Falls, Texas.

7:35 Open Discussion directed by Woodrow Harris, Sweetwater, Texas.

7:45 The Place of the Brotherhood in Growing a Great Church, Hugh F. Latimer, Memphis, Tenn.

8:05 Growing a Church by Visitation, Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio, Texas.

8:25 Where and How May Spiritually Trained Leaders Be Secured? H. P. Black, Longview, Texas.

8:45 Trend of Education Toward the Religious Field, N. A. Moore, Abilene, Texas.

9:10 Open Discussion directed by J. M. Price, Seminary Hill, Texas.

9:25 Adjourn.

PROGRAM

WORKERS CONFERENCE OF CISCO ASSOCIATION
Meeting With
First Baptist Church, Necessity,
Tuesday, September 3, 1940

Subject: "Missions."

10:00 A. M.—Devotional, Rev. C. P. Cowart.

10:25 A. M.—Source of Missions: God's Word, Rev. Herbert Christian.

10:45 A. M.—Channel of Mission Work: The Church, Rev. Philip C. McGahey.

11:05 A. M.—The Aim of Missions: Salvation of the Lost, Rev. Finis Williams.

11:25 A. M.—Business.

11:35 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. Henry Littleton.

1:30 P. M.—Board Meeting and W. M. U. Program.

Subject: "Using Our Contacts for Christ."

1:30 P. M.—Devotional, Mrs. Ira Dee Koen, Carbon.

Conserving the Results of Our Evangelistic Efforts, Mrs. Geo. Bailey, Olden.

Every-Member Canvass, Mrs. W. R. Jackson, Caddo.

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PROGRAM

52nd Annual Session, Callahan Baptist Association, Tuesday, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 4, at Baird

Opening Session—Tuesday
7:30 P. M.—Song Service, M. A. Hudler, Austin.

7:50—Organization of Association, C. E. Poe, presiding.

8:15—Young Peoples programs, Mrs. W. E. Clark, presiding.

Wednesday
9:00—Song Service, M. A. Hudler.

9:15—Report of Committees on Order of Business.

9:20—Report on Sunday Schools, H. W. Martin.

9:30—Report on Training Unions, Elmer Thomes.

9:40—Report on W. M. U. Work, Mrs. W. E. Clark.

9:50—Report on Brotherhood, H. L. DeShazo.

10:00—Report on State Missions, E. L. Redden.

10:15—Report on Home Missions, L. A. Thompson.

10:30—Report on Foreign Missions, H. C. Reddock.

10:45—Report on District Missions, J. Henry Littleton.

11:00—Ideals for Church Music, M. A. Hudler.

11:15—Recognition of Visitors.

11:30—Special Music.

11:40—Sermon, O. D. Welch, Clyde.

12:20—Noon lunch at Church.

Afternoon Session
1:30—Devotional, J. O. Folkes.

1:45—Report on Buckner Orphans Home, Mrs. C. E. Poe.

2:00—Report on Cooperative Program, J. O. Folkes.

2:15—Report on Religious Literature, R. E. Dudley.

2:30—Report on Executive Board, C. E. Poe, presiding.

3:00—Report on Seminaries and Schools, Dr. Z. T. Huff, Howard Payne College.

3:20—Report on Hospitals, E. M. Collier.

3:40—Report on Digest of Letters, Royce Gilliland.

3:50—Report on Committee Resolutions.

4:00—Report on Obituaries, Judge B. L. Russell.

4:10—Report on Time, Place and Preacher for next session.

4:20—Report on Civic Righteousness, J. Henry Littleton.

4:40—Adjourn.

Night Session
7:30—Song Service, M. A. Hudler.

8:00—Sermon on Evangelism, Dr. W. R. White, Abilene.

Adjournment of 52nd Annual Session.

PROGRAM

Sweetwater Association Workers
Conference
Meeting with Merkel Baptist Church
Rev. Cooper Waters, Pastor
September 5, 1940

10:00 A. M.—Devotional, Rev. C. N. Gilbert.

10:20 — "Teaching All Nations," Rev. Pedro Hernandez.

10:50 — "Teaching Them to Observe," Rev. Fred Porter.

11:20 A. M.—"Teaching by Preaching," Rev. Dean Elkins.

Noon.

1:15 P. M.—Board Meetings.

2:00 P. M.—Devotional Music, Roy Lee Williams, Jr.

2:20 P. M.—Getting Ready for Promotion Day, Woodrow Harris.

2:50 P. M.—The Annual Church Election, Rev. F. A. Hollis.

3:10 P. M.—Sermon, Rev. C. D. Owen.

PROGRAM

Annual Meeting of Callahan Association W. M. U., Baird Baptist Church, September 3

Theme: "Abounding in the Work of the Lord."

Tuesday Morning
9:45 Song Service.

10:00 Devotional, Mrs. A. E. Baten, Clyde.

10:10 Special Music.

10:15 Greetings, Mrs. A. A. Davis, Baird.

10:20 Response, Mrs. L. M. Green, Clyde.

10:25 Report on order of business. Appointment of committees: Nomination, Mrs. W. L. Sikes, Clyde; Resolutions, Mrs. C. E. Poe, Cross Plains. Recognition of visitors and new members.

10:45 President's message, Mrs. W. E. Clark.

10:45 "Abounding in the Work of the Lord" in the local societies: Admiral, Miss Maurine Eubank; Baird, Mrs. A. A. Davis; Clyde, Mrs. W. L. Sikes; Cottonwood, Mrs. R. C. O'Neal; Cross Plains, Mrs. Tom Cox; Denton Valley, Mrs. H. W. Martin; Dressy, Mrs. C. R. Steele; Oplin, Mrs. Ernest Gwin; Potosi, Mrs. W. R. Webb; Putnam, Mrs. E. G. Scott.

11:20 Address, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene.

Tuesday Afternoon
12:50 Board meeting.

1:00 Song Service.

1:15 Devotional, Mrs. H. W. Martin, Abilene.

1:25 Conferences.

2:00 "Abounding in the Work of the Lord" in Christian Education, Mrs. R. P. Adams, Clyde; Talk to Report, Mrs. N. A. Moore, Abilene; Periodicals, Mrs. Mary Voshelle, Baird; Bible Study, Mrs. A. A. Davis, Baird; Mission Study, Mrs. W. B. Barton, Clyde; Personal Service, Mrs. W. B. Atchison, Baird; Missions, Mrs. Howard Strahan, Cottonwood; Benevolence, Abilene.

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1:25 Conferences.

Mrs. G. A. Gwin, Oplin; Talk to Report, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, Abilene; Stewardship, Evelyn Hollis, Clyde; Margaret Fund, Mrs. C. E. Poe, Cross Plains; Publicity, Mrs. Ralph Fuller, Clyde; Report of Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. B. D. Dillard, Potosi, Mrs. Floyd Lowe, Abilene.

Report of committees.
Election of officers.
Reading of minutes.
Adjournment.

Tuesday Evening
Young Peoples Service

NURSING SCHOOL IS PART IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Continued from page 1)
big doll, and on each other," the girls smiled.

Course of Study

Along with this these girls are studying such subjects as professional adjustments, anatomy, chemistry, physiology, nursing art, dietetics, and pharmacology and therapeutics — or the use of drugs in the treatment of disease. As the student advances, these studies become even wider in their scope. More library work is required and studies of communicable diseases, of operating room technique, of diet therapy are added.

"And the interesting part of it is," Miss Findley, senior student, explained, "that these subjects are made to live for us. In chemistry we learn the symbols, their actions and reactions to other chemical symbols when we balance our equations. Then in pharmacology we learn the drugs which contain these chemical elements, and thus what drugs will 'balance' or act favorably together, and which will not. And we see this chemical action of the drugs put to use daily in the doctors' prescriptions."

Up on third floor Miss Adams and Miss Starnes had just completed bathing and dressing seven little newcomers. And in spite of all the kicking and yelling that some indulged in, and also in spite of the fact that greasy olive oil is preferred to water in bathing them, all were handled with the same air of professional competence.

"You see," Miss Starnes explained, "we had Gertrude first; Gertrude, our doll, occupies a place of importance in our class room." Yet only the more advanced students work in the nursery and even these are under the careful supervision of a graduate nurse who is a specially trained supervisor. The two months required in the delivery room before graduation follow even the four months required in surgery. The entire course covers three years.

The faculty of this School of Nursing is composed of doctors of medicine, of graduate nurse instructors, and two professors from Hardin-Simmons university. The nurse instructors do the follow-up work by supervising the students in the wards.

And what will a professional training of this calibre cost a girl, including everything? "The fee is \$80," says Miss Stella McCullough, superintendent of nursing and head of the school, "and the books for the three years will be \$90 more. Each girl must furnish her own clothing and spending money, but we include her room and board, her laundry, and any hospitalization expense she might accrue." Thus finances are not a great barrier, if a girl wants the training and is willing to work for it.

Not All Work

"But it is not all hard work. We have lots of fun, especially in the dormitory," every nurse questioned would answer. "All of the girls are good sports. We have a house mother or matron just as they have in college dormitories, and about the same rules."

Speaking of rules, every girl deplored the fact that somewhere in the past some nurses had evidently so lived that the profession was given a black eye, socially. For many of their parents had hesitated long before allowing them to come. "But there is absolutely no grounds for such ideas here," they maintained. One might add that one of the nurses who was given leave to attend the Coleman rodeo recently would not stay as a spectator for the dance afterwards, in spite of the colorful costumes. "Someone might see me and criticize our school," she said.

The girls are quite happy that the new dormitory is nearing completion. It will accommodate seventy-five and will be modern in every detail. "Besides the nice reception room where the girls can receive and entertain their company," explained Miss McCullough, "there will be a gymnasium. We want them to feel that this is their home as well as their school while they are here."

Friday evening, the school had its colorful capping program on its own campus. This is the service all pre-clinicals look forward to, for with it they become full fledged student nurses.

It is then that the student robes herself in the cloak of her profession by accepting the mantle from the shoulders of the great nurse of the Crimea, Florence Nightingale; and with her pledge in her heart she steps forth into a new life dedicated to service: a nurse.

The Florence Nightingale pledge is: "I solemnly pledge myself, before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain

DR. WHITE'S MESSAGE RESIGNING HIS CHURCH

(Upon accepting the presidency of Hardin-Simmons University, Dr. W. R. White wired his resignation to the chairman of the board of deacons of First Church, Oklahoma City, where he had been pastor for five years. He then wrote the following letter to the church, which was read at prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, July 31. It was published in the First Church edition of the Baptist Messenger, August 8).

The decision I have made was not dictated by man. The Lord reopened the matter in my own heart before I had any intimation that the trustees of Hardin-Simmons would reopen the matter with me. I believe the Lord reopened the question with them. Soon after the matter was reopened in my own heart, and without it being announced or known to others, the quietest and deepest spiritual approach was made to me in an unofficial way. I sought to divert them and to reassure myself that I had made the right decision. I believed for the time I had made the right decision and that real good had come from it. The conviction grew on me, however, and it grew on the trustees and in the hearts of others, many of whom knew nothing about what some of the trustees were thinking. They wrote me from different sections of the country.

It became my deliberate conviction, after having gone through the greatest emotional strain of my life, that in quietness and prayer I must find my own guidance without aid from flesh or blood. Therefore, I did not discuss the matter with the membership or with the deacons. To have done so would have necessarily disturbed the membership again. When I had found the Lord's will in my own heart, to have opened the matter for discussion with you would have been the same as raising false hopes. As long as there were reservations in my mind, and that was the situation when the first call came, I sought every possible means of finding out the direction in which the Lord was leading, and I gave you and your point of view the utmost consideration. That period had passed and a new situation had arisen. I had to face it out for myself.

Be assured that my going causes me, from the personal and human point of view, great personal pain. We have worked and wrought together for five years. God has marvelously blessed our fellowship and work together. I am now convinced that you need a new voice and a new type of leadership in order to come into your own. God has used me with you up to this point. It is ready for another leader. God has such a leader for you.

PROGRAM

Jones County Association, Avoca, September 5-6
Thursday Evening
7:30 Devotional message, Fred Moreland.
8:00 Organization.
8:30 Annual sermon, Dr. E. B. Atwood.

Friday Morning
9:00 Songs and prayers.
9:20 to 11:30 Reports: 1. Training Union, Sidney Cox; 2. Sunday School, P. D. O'Brien; 3. Baptist papers, J. H. Littleton; 4. Hospitals, E. M. Collier; 5. Co-operative Program, H. E. East; 6. W. M. U., Mrs. W. L. Boyd. Special music, by Mrs. W. C. Russell of Hamlin. Recognition of visitors.
7. Christian education, report read by L. A. Doyle.
11:30 Address, Dr. W. R. White.
12:10 Lunch.

Afternoon
1:30 Songs and prayers.
1:45 Obituaries.
2:00 Digest of letters, W. L. Daniels.
2:25 Solo, Mrs. H. C. Michael, Stamford.
2:30 Address, Dr. R. C. Campbell.
3:15 Report of committee on time, place and preacher for next annual session.
3:30 Adjourn.

Rev. Clyde Campbell has resigned as assistant pastor of University Church, Abilene.

from whatever is deleterious and mischievous; and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drugs. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standards of my profession; and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge as the practice of my profession. With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician and his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

Book Reviews

By Millard A. Jenkins
AMERICA NEEDS GO: By John Caylor, Broadman Press, \$1.00. A book of fifteen brief soul-fruit laden sermons. He not only points out America's need of God, but he paints the way by which this need is to be met. It is through dynamic Christian living on the part of God's people. Creed is not enough; it must be translated into life. Has given us an enriching volume. Who reads it, will find his faith strengthened. He carried the soul in the upreach for God, into visions that lie beyond world-horizons.

A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH: By T. Grady Nanney, Broadman Press, \$1.00. A successful leader and church builder, pastor Nanney, in eleven chapters, has led us along the lines that church success is attained. He deals with a good minister, a good layman, the necessity of the Holy Spirit's guidance, of prayer, evangelism, co-operation, spirituality, the Missionary spirit and stewardship. He illuminates his message with apt illustrations. The pastor will welcome this new volume to his library, and will find food for sermonmaking; and the layman will be a more useful layman for reading it.

A BIBLE REVIVAL: By President W. W. Hamilton, Broadman Press, \$1.00. Dr. Hamilton is not unknown as an author. From his gifted pen have come a number of superb volumes that have found their way into numerous libraries, and have enjoyed a wide reading. Himself an evangelist of pronounced success, an experienced pastor, and denominational leader loved by Southern Baptists, and now a trainer of pastors, missionaries and evangelists, he has written again, and in this volume has pointed the way of successful revivals. In eleven winsome chapters, from "Preparing For a Revival," to the "Revival That Makes Ready For Christ's Coming," he shows the need of prayer, warns against things that hinder, stresses the way of salvation, and magnifies Christ pre-eminent without which revival fires do not burn. The preacher will find here a glowing fire at which to light his evangelistic messages, and the lay soul-winner will find his heart encouraged and his zeal strengthened for the salvation for the lost. To both I would say, "supply yourselves with this book."

SIMPLE SALVATION: By Llew C. Northen, Broadman Press, \$1.00. These are not mere Gospel Talks, but pointed, earnest, searching evangelistic sermons. As you read them you feel the love-throb of the preacher's heart for lost souls. In these twelve brief but pungent evangelistic sermons, you see revealed an evangelistic pastor in his quest for souls. He has a message for lost men, and knows how to convey it; something to say, and knows how to say it.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
Kind words do not arouse unkind thoughts.
Love cannot choose but be constant. Bad deeds lead to bad dreams.
Only he who battles with God can battle for God.
The devil is a bluff.
Some who think they are the life of the party are its death instead.
Faith is never foolish.
God performs more than He promises: man promises more than he performs.
Sorrow for is better than sorrow in sin.
Simplicity is a good sign of sincerity.
A life is too crowded that has no room for God.
Experiments are often expensive. Satan makes ceaseless reappearances.
Every day has its threatening weather.
Even the fool can be master of ridicule.
Many are very thoughtful—of self. It is rarely wise to criticize.
The devil's terms are always hard. God doesn't object to anything that is right.
The devil entertains us while he robs us.
The devil is a doublecrosser.
The selfish deride the unselfish.

DR. W. R. WHITE "EARNs A PROMOTION," SAYS PAPER

Oklahoma City regrets to lose Dr. W. R. White but is happy over his promotion to the presidency of the college at Abilene, Texas. He has served his great Baptist congregation well here; he has ably filled his place in the community and civic life; he has become so well liked among business men in and out of church circles that he is known as "Bill" to hundreds. Level headed, clear in his thoughts, always standing and working for the right, and with a keen knowledge of the ways of everyday life, plus a good store of experience as an organizer and an executive, this preacher should make a splendid college leader. We wish him well.—Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Times.

WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

By Edward B. Jenkins
In one of our cities a travelling man went into a hotel to secure a room for the night. To his inquiry he was told that every room in the hotel was taken. The travelling man was much disturbed at not being able to get a room as it was late and weather bad. A portly gentleman standing nearby kindly offered to share his room with the travelling man. The offer was thankfully accepted.

When the two went to retire the portly gentleman knelt and prayed, and mentioned his guest in his prayer very kindly. In the morning his host informed him that it was his custom to read a portion of the Word of God each day and to pray before he began the duties of the day. The host then read the Scriptures and prayed. Then he gently pressed upon his guest the privilege of his acceptance of the Christ as his personal Savior. Then the travelling man who was much impressed made his surrender to the Savior. A soul had been won to the Master.

The guest wondered who was this humble ambassador of the Lord and who he resembled. It occurred to him that he looked like the prominent member of President Wilson's cabinet. When cards were exchanged before parting, to his amazement he read on the card: "William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State."

In Proverbs 11:3, we read, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever."

Life is short. Death is sure. Eternity is long. "Prepart to meet thy God."

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

We closed the meeting at Cross Roads with two conversions and two baptisms. It was a splendid meeting, the people were so busy that it was hard for them to attend, especially the men, but we had a good meeting. The last service was given up because the clouds were coming up so fast and so furious that I left and came home, that left it just a bit unfinished, but what was needed to be done can be looked after later. The church gave the pastor an offering of \$35.75, besides a nice bit of other things in the way of eatables and a real nice pair of shoes; for it all I say, thank you.

We are going forward at both these churches, they have both called for my services again for another year and it is my purpose to give them the very best I have. I feel that the meetings at both churches have left us better acquainted and in better fellowship one with another and so we can hit it off together better and the Lord helping we will do better this year. I have seen better crops I guess than they have in both of these communities, but not often, and I can not just now remember just when it was. The good Lord surely has been mindful of them. At Cross Roads we are going to do some repair work on the church, and the good crops are going to come in fine. We are also going to ordain some new deacons there soon. Brother Alvin Gruben and Brother Arlin Cross have been elected and at an early date we will ask some brethren to come help us and we will set them apart to this work.

I am leaving this morning (Monday) for Harper to hold a meeting and earnestly covet the prayers of all for the Lord's blessings in the meeting. Pray for us in our churches.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

MESQUITE

Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a.m. with Jim Spence as superintendent. Preaching each first and third Sunday. Prayer meeting each Saturday evening.

We have had a good meeting, which has given us courage and faith to look forward to a successful year in the

Lord's work. Our new officers and teachers have been elected. Let's work with them and pray for them.

ALVIN SWEARENGEN, Pastor.

SARDS

T. H. Alcorn, pastor.
Sunday School, 10 a.m., J. S. Woodson, superintendent.
Training Union, 7:45 p.m., E. S. Keisler, director.
W. M. S. Mondays, 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Cecil Parks, president.
Brotherhood, 7:45 p.m. Friday after 2nd and 4th Sundays, J. F. Upshaw, president.
Teachers and prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.
R. A.'s and G. A.'s meet every Monday, 7:45 p.m.

SECOND BAPTIST. COLORADO CITY

"Stars and Stripes" will be the subject of a Gospel sermon Sunday night and Deacon Gordon Coe, World War veteran and member of the local American Legion, will furnish the flags and direct the service.

"A Heaven-Built Church" will be discussed at 11 a.m.

A Bible is given to a Sunday School pupil each Sunday on the basis of chapters read, the last two going to Vinita Cooper and Annie Lee Baker.

SCOTT W. HICKEY, Pastor.

JOHNSON CHAPEL

Remember preaching service Saturday evening at 8:00. Sunday School at 10:00. Sunday is the day to elect new officers and call pastor. Every member is urged to be present.

CECIL McBETH, Pastor.

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