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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

I have used so much of my energy trying to find a typewriter on which to write the ramblings this week that I do not have enough left to think of anything worth writing. I have been through every department of the Dallas Y. M. C. A., and to every office in the First Baptist Church, the book exhibit in connection with the General Baptist convention, and all to no avail. I had about decided that every typewriter in Dallas was in use when finally in the office of Dr. Campbell I found one that I can use until a woman, who is addressing the State W. M. U. session finishes her address. If they do not have a heavy gavel I suppose I will have all the time I need. . . . Speaking of using all my energy getting ready to write so that none is left for thinking of anything worth writing reminds me of Mark Twain's steamboat. He said it had such a big whistle that it took all the steam in the boiler to blow the whistle so there was none left to run the boat. I have known of preachers like that, when they got through blowing their own horn, there was nothing left to give to important matters. . . . Mentioning the heavy gavel which will be needed to stop the above mentioned speaker reminds me of the story which I have told quite often at banquets. An after dinner speaker had seemed to forget that time was passing as he spoke and he rambled on and on. Half of his audience left and half of those who remained were either asleep or nervously fidgeting around. The toastmaster remembered that it was his duty to keep order, so he gave a rap on the table with his gavel. This did no good, so he decided to give a more vigorous rap. He drew the gavel far back to whack the table a resounding blow, but he heard a dull thud behind him, and looking around he saw that he had hit a bald-headed man on the head with his wild backswing. He started to apologize but the fellow only blinked his eyes a time or two and said, "Hit me again I can still hear him." . . . All of those present noticed that nobody moved while Dr. Tom Taylor was speaking this morning, except those who moved closer to the front. One suggestion I would like to timidly offer to Dr. Jeff D. Ray, and other teachers of homolitics, to-wit, there is no law of man or nature, nor as far as I know, of God, to keep a preacher or any other public speaker from making what he says interesting as well as instructive. . . . Some brother this morning mentioned the fact that he wanted his hearers to feel at home and whisper if that was what they did or wanted their members to do at home, or sleep or walk around just as they pleased. You know one of the members at Stamford kept telling me that my sermons were not long enough. He insisted that that was the only fault he found with my preaching. My vanity was considerably inflated until I found out the reason. He never got his morning nap out because of the short sermons and the moving around incident to the benediction would arose him prematurely. . . . You know some people sleep outside and others sleep out loud. . . . Well I am leaving in a few minutes to speak at a laymen's meeting at Sulphur Springs. I have never been in that section so my story will

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EVENTS TO COME

Nov. 8-11—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

Nov. 14—B. T. U. District Contests.

Nov. 24—Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

Nov. 24-26—B. T. U. State Convention, Wichita Falls.

Nov. 27-Dec. 4—Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

December 19-20: Church Music Conference, Seminary Hill.

Dec. 21—Christmas Holidays Begin, H-SU.

Dec. 25—Sunday, Christmas Day.

Jan. 3—Monday, Holidays End.

CHURCH TO OBSERVE TWENTY-THIRD YEAR OF DR. JENKENS PASTORATE

Sunday, November 13, Dr. Millard A. Jenkens will begin his twenty-fourth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. During these twenty-three years he has received a total of 7,790 members into the church and has led the congregation in contributing $1,135,419.04 to the church and outside causes, the amount including only money which has come through church channels and does not cover large sums which members have donated to charity and denominational causes which have not been reported to the church office.



MILLARD A. JENKENS, D. D.

During the past year the church received $37,544.96 and 391 members, bringing the membership up to 3,065.

Very few Baptists pastors in Texas have had a record of such a long pastorate with one church. Notable exceptions have been Dr. B. H. Carroll, long pastor at First Church, Waco, who was the first to remain with one Texas church for a quarter of a century, and Dr. Geo. W. Truett of First Church, Dallas, who is now in the forty-third year of his pastorate there.

QUARTERLY MEETING WESTEX MEXICAN ASSN.

By Scott Cotten
Moderator, Mexican Baptist Ass'n. of West Texas

When the Mexican Baptists of West Texas get together in such numbers that they have to rent quarters to house them—that is something new. Some of us can remember far enough back when there were no Mexicans except in railroad towns. Now there is scarcely a county of West Texas which does not have a Mexican population, and some have thousands. Many towns have Mexican public schools, churches, stores and comfortable residences. Big Spring for example, with a Mexican ward school of 300 pupils and 6 teachers, has a population of 2,000. Mission work is knocking at our doors. It demands sympathy and cooperation on the part of American Baptists.

On October 28th in Slaton, Texas with the Mexican Baptist church the messengers from hundreds of miles around gathered for their quarterly meeting. A program of sermons, addresses, and conferences was carried out from Friday night till Sunday night. The young people had a great part in this meeting. They brought a splendid program at one time and from time to time special music. Pedro Hernandez, a ministerial student in Howard Payne, is the leader of this department. The W. M. U. department is also very active under the leadership of Mrs. Scott Cotten.

The spirit of fellowship and cooperation was good to see. The budget set for the next three months was over subscribed in a few minutes. There is a willingness to work among these Mexican Baptists. We are looking forward to putting an evangelist on the field as soon as funds are in hand.

To date we have 7 churches, 16 millions, 10 pastors or missionaries, 6 local helpers, 5 B. T. S. organizations, 12 W. M. U's. and 19 Sunday schools. There is a present membership of the churches of 556. And there were 54 additions during the last quarter.

After 100 years of opportunity to carry the gospel to the Mexicans of Texas there is still less than one per cent of the Mexican population of Texas in the Baptist ranks. During the years that have gone some one has failed to carry out the commission of Christ.

SEVERAL ABILENIANS ON STATE B. T. U. PROGRAM

Abilene Baptists to Attend Wichita Falls Convention in Large Numbers.

Fifty years ago the first Baptist Training Union (Christian Co-laborers' Society) was organized in the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth. The first meeting of the State Baptist Training Convention was held in the same church in 1891. When the convention meets in Wichita Falls Thanksgiving Day and the two days following, it will be reported by State B. T. U. Secretary T. C. Gardner that for the first time in the history of Texas Baptists, more than fifty thousand training union diplomas and seals have been awarded to Texas Baptists.

At present there are 3,245 Baptist churches in Texas. All of these are being urged to send one or more messengers to the Wichita Falls convention. Dr. Fred C. Eastham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls (a former Hardin-Simmons University student), is leading the citizens of Wichita Falls to make preparation to entertain nine thousand messengers during the 48th annual session of the State Training Union convention.

The opening session of the convention will be held in the beautiful and commodious city auditorium. The music will be provided by the choirs of all churches in that city. The keynote address of the convention will be delivered by Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. His subect will be "Onward With Christ." The convention sermon will be preached by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, on the subject "The Gates of Thanksgiving." H. O. Rothell, a prominent business man of Dallas, is president of the convention and will preside at the opening session.

All the Baptist churches in Abilene are planning to send messengers to the Wichita Falls Convention. Below is a list of the training union officers from Abilene who will appear on the program of the State B. T. U. Convention:

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riddle, Miss Malta Cagle, Mrs. R. A. Umberson, T. C. Gardner, Jr., Mrs H. A. Pender, Rhythm Band of First Baptist Church, B. B. McKinney, Jr., Miss Verna Lee Carson.

BROTHERHOOD RALLY AT ROTAN CHURCH

Ten members of the Baptist Brotherhood of First Church, Abilene, brought a program demonstrating the Brotherhood work to an enthusiastic group of the men of Rotan Church, Thursday evening, November 3. Dinner was served in the church dining room and the program was given in the auditorium.

Pastor Lawrence L. Trott of Rotan introduced President Bill Ledbetter of the Abilene group who outlined the general purposes of the Brotherhood movement.

Each of the other speakers is an officer or committee chairman and he discussed the duties of his office. Guy Patterson of Rotan expressed appreciation to the visitors on behalf of the local men.

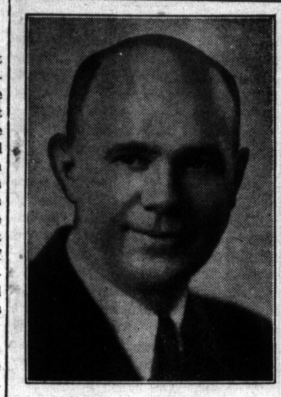
Those making the trip were, E. W. Ledbetter, J. H. Pace, Jr., Jas. P. Stinson, Jas. Alexander, Jas. Shelton, Thos. E. Roberts, O. S. Burkett, Leroy Jennings, Theiss Jones and W. T. Patterson.

BAPTIST STUDENTS COMING TO WICHITA FALLS

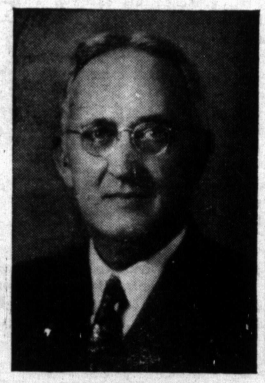
All Baptist students will find it profitable to attend the State Training Union Convention in Wichita Falls Thanksgiving Day and the two days following. A truly great program has been planned for seniors and young people. We expect two thousand seniors and young people to attend this division of the convention. All the meetings will be held at First Methodist Church. Mr. R. O. Feather, Austin, will be the presiding officer.

All Baptist students in high school will find a special program planned for them which will be given at the First Christian Church. There will be fifteen hundred young people between the ages of thirteen and sixteen to attend this meting. Elmer F. Graham will preside over these meetings. Jack Gardner will direct the music, and Mrs. Hoyt Braselton will be the pianist. Intermediates from all the churches in Texas should be in Wichita Falls to attend this great meeting.

B. T. U. Convention Speakers



DR. T. C. GARDNER
Executive Secretary
Texas B. T. U., Dallas



DR. C. E. MADDRY
Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond



DR. T. L. HOLCOMB
Executive Secretary
Sunday School Board, Nashville



PROF. I. E. REYNOLDS
Director, Department of Music
Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth

TAYLOR COUNTY B. T. U. HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

Approximately 200 were in attendance at the monthly session of the Taylor County B. T. U. federation, meeting Sunday afternoon with Southside Church, Abilene, Rev. Finis A. Williams of Elmdale presiding. Eight churches were represented.

Annual banners were awarded permanently to the following churches: Beginner-Primary, Elmdale, Junior, Elmdale; Intermediate, Calvary; Senior, Immanuel; Adult, Temple; Attendance, Neill.

Monthly banners were given as follows: Attendance, Temple; Adults, South Side; Senior, Immanuel; Intermediate, Temple; Junior, Temple; Primary, Temple.

J. Howard Williams Is Elected General Convention President

OVER 400 ATTEND WESTBROOK HOMECOMING

Braving unseasonably cold weather, over 400 people attended the first homecoming of Westbrook Church, celebrating the forty-eighth anniversary of its organization in 1890 by Rev. J. O. Burkett, then pastor at Colorado.

Pastor E. L. Redden was master of ceremonies for the all day program, which included singing, sermons and a barbecue dinner in the heated tabernacle.

Rev. N. D. Bullock, 82, of San Angelo, who in the nineties drove in a buggy from Sterling City for a monthly service, preached the morning sermon. Former Pastor A. D. Leach of Colorado brought a devotional in the morning and Mrs. Claude Allen of Knox City, whose husband died while pastor at Westbrook, led the afternoon devotional. Leslie McCarra, a ministerial student of the church spoke on "The Vision of Our Task."

During the day a memorial service was held for deceased members and former pastors.

Mrs. C. P. Connaway, now of Colorado, who joined the church soon after its organization was among the pioneers present. The only known living charter member, Mrs. A. N. Petty of Westbrook, was not able to attend.

Those having a part in the music of the day included Mrs. E. L. Redden, Mack McMillan, Dee Moon and C. S. Lambert of Loraine, Mrs. Lee Brown, Sam Bullock, Leroy Gossett and Mrs. W. T. Brooks.

CONVENTION TO MEET IN TEN SECTIONS

The Baptist Training Union Convention has grown in such proportions that it is necessary for it to meet in ten sections. Although the convention is a great inspirational meeting, it takes care of the practical needs of training union workers by providing special conferences, dmonstrations and programs for all ages and all departments. Training union members who attend the Wichita Falls Convention may receive new ideas, new plans and new organization suggestions by attending the sectional meeting of the department in which he is most interested.

Departments and presiding officers:

Nursery—Mrs. E. A. Scarbrough, Wichita Falls.

Beginner—Mrs. J. A. Derrick, Timpson.

Primary—Mrs. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth.

Junior—H. W. Miner, Jr., Amarillo.

Intermediate—Elmer F. Graham, Miles.

Senior—R. O. Feather, Austin.

Adult—A. C. Head, Beaumont.

Administration—J. Earl Mead, Dallas.

Rural and Village Church—R. Elmer Dunham, San Anna.

Music—Edwin McNeely, Seminary Hill.

We invite and even urge all training union workers, whether they are on the program or not, to bring attractive posters, program variations and Bible readers' helps.

ASPERMONT DEBT LIFTED

Pastor J. B. Rowan and the Aspermont Church are rejoicing greatly over the lifting of a crushing debt on their building. Changing circumstances had left the church with an old obligation which could not be paid and which greatly discouraged progress in any way.

Under the sacrifiical leadership of Pastor Rowan and with the help of scores of friends from other places sufficient funds have been collected to lift the mortgage and Aspermont people, filled with new courage, are making great plans for going forward.

ORDINATION AT WHITE FLAT

Rev. J. W. Sparkman of Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, preached the sermon at the ordination service for Brethren Carl Carey and Slim Cooper at White Flat Church, Sunday, November 6.

Pastor Thomas J. Young of Trent and Wylie conducted the examination, Rev. Arvil Richardson delivered the charge, Pastor Harris Ray of White Flat acted as moderator and offered the prayer, G. W. Lewis, Sweetwater, served as clerk and J. M. Bracher, Sweetwater, was also a member of the presbytery.

Retiring President Sees Persecution

Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor at First Church, Amarillo, and formerly executive secretary of Texas Baptists was chosen president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the opening session at the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tuesday evening, November 8. Dr. Williams is well known to the people which he is to lead as a sound, evangelistic, forceful minister who has been outstanding as a denominational leader and as a pastor.

The retiring president, Dr. J. B. Tidwell, more than a quarter of a century Bible teacher at Baylor University surrendered the gavel after having been honored for three years with a ringing plea for adherence to Bible doctrine. "All Baptist doctrines must be restated and defended," he declared. "The current hostility indicates that severe persecution awaits uncompromising Christians."

Other officers elected by the Convention were Dr. J. L. Ward, president of Decatur Baptist College, Earl B. Smyth, Dallas layman, and A. D. Foreman, Sr., Houston layman, vice-presidents; Robert L. Coleman, Dallas, secretary; D. B. South, San Antonio and J. L. Truett, Whitewright, recording secretaries.

Lucille Reagan Memorial

The Texas W. M. U. in their meeting at First Church, Dallas, Monday and Tuesday, agreed to raise $7,500 for a Lucille Reagan Memorial school building at Ogbomosho, Nigeria, Africa, where last year Miss Reagan, a Big Spring girl, fell victim to yellow fever.

In spite of the dangers of war, 150 Southern Baptist missionaries in China elected to remain at their posts, Mrs. T. J. Watts of Dallas told the Baptist women.

Mrs. W. J. Cox of Memphis, Tennessee, plead for utilizing the untapped power of youth in a great revival which would bring about "another of God's creative hours."

The gifts of the W. M. U. for the past year totaled $1,468,845.48, with an increase of 23 per cent in contributions to the Cooperative program.

Officers elected were Mrs. B. A. Copass, Fort Worth, president; Mrs. E. F. Lyon, Dallas, executive secretary; Mrs. W. D. Howell, recording secretary; Mrs. J. N. Tucker, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Olivia Davis, treasurer.

Pastors and Laymen

Rev. Roy Holloman of El Paso was elected president of the Pastors and Laymens Conference, which met concurrently with the W. M. U. meeting, and Rev. H. H. Hargorve of Columbus Avenue, Waco was chosen secretary-treasurer.

A warning that encroachment of government money in support of denominational enterprises might prove the beginning of state domination of religion such as is being wtnessed n many other countries was sounded before the pre-convention meeting by Rev. C. B. Jackson of Greenville.

We have a gospel for all changing conditions declared Vernon G. Miles of Cameron. Following positive declarations on civic righteousness by Jeff Davis and others, Dr. F. M. McConnell led in a collection for the United Drys of Texas.

SEMINARY PROFESSORS TO APPEAR ON PROGRAM

The following faculty members of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Seminary Hill will appear on the program of the State B. T. U. Convention at Wichita Falls, November 24, 25, 26: Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. B. A. Copass, Dr. E. Leslie Carlson, Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Dr. W. L. Howse, Dr. Floyd Barnard, Dr. B. J. Cauthen, Prof. Edwin McNeely.

CEDAR GAP REBUILDING

Work was commenced Monday, November 7, on a complete overhauling of the Cedar Gap Church under the leadership of Pastor M. E. Hall and R. A. Reddell, chairman of the building committee.

Former members of the congregation and those who have loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to have a part in the work, either in money or labor.

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A TANGIBLE GOAL

"One of the requisites for organizing a permanent brotherhood in any church," says a successful leader in the movement, "is to provide a worthy, challenging objective which the men can see and get hold of with their hands."

Churches planning to organize a Brotherhood group should take this as an axiom. For without a definite task to perform the Brotherhood is only another organization in an over-organized world and ought to die.

The Brotherhood is neither more nor less than the men of the church at work about the Master's business. It is then the duty of the leadership to point out the work which needs doing and if it appeals to the men as needed and worthy of their efforts, the response will be spontaneous.

Civic clubs learned this lesson long ago. The civic clubs which have large memberships are centers of fellowship but they also keep the men interested in providing parks, in helping the underprivileged or some other enterprise which appeals to the members as a man's job.

Every church in the land can offer their men some field of activity which is crying for the hands of men. It may be a mission station in a part of the city or a community where a self supporting church does not exist. It may mean hospitalization to some one who without help can never become a useful citizen. It may be a renovation of the church building.

In fact it may be any number of things, but, a word of caution here, it may not be the thing that the pastor or some active leader thinks is the most important thing at the moment. Men who are not in the habit of doing church work see things in a different light and the spiritual goal may be attained later when the hands of the men have become accustomed to more homely tasks.

TOKENS OF LOVE

A good, young pastor accepted a backward church against the advice of his friends in the ministry. These friends reiterated what he already knew—that there was a strong anti-missionary sentiment, that the Sunday School was operated without literature, that there was no other form of auxiliary work, that many of the members professed opposition to a paid ministry.

In short, the prevailing notion seemed to be that salvation was free and they were "agin" paying any freight bills. It was a discouraging situation, but the young pastor loved the people, and feeling a call to fit his talents to the needs of these cold Christians, accepted the unpromising task.

He preached to them of sound doctrine, of the love of Christ for lost souls, and of the needs of a dying world. Still, he knew his people and their prejudices too well to attempt to coerce or even to attempt prematurely to lead them into missionary enterprises.

A funeral in the community gave him an opening. No one in that neighborhood had ever spent a penny for a flower to be laid on a grave. But in a time when sorrow had melted their sympathies, they generously followed the preacher's leading and ordered wreaths for the occasion. They were so pleased with themselves over this event that by vote of the church the pastor was authorized to draw on the church treasury for flowers at every funeral in the community.

This became the opening wedge to the grace of giving. Exercising their spirit of compassion for bereaved neighbors made it easier to reach out to the lost world. Gradually the church treasury became the storehouse for offerings for the pastor, for Sunday School supplies, for B. T. U. literature, and for the Cooperative program.

People who had been unwilling to unite with an unprogressive body now began to come into the fellowship, bringing their talents and tithes. Children and young people are coming, rightly, to believe that their church is the most important thing in the community. There is increasing love and fellowship.

Some few mossy-horns are still found objecting, but where there was a shrivling congregation, there is now a growing, evangelistic church, reaching out under the leadership of a courageous pastor to higher goals. An uncompromising, determined leader would not have made a start. Love found the way by appealing through love.

Texans, especially Baptist Texans, can never be driven worth a cent, but they can be led through love to perform miracles. Other pastors have tried the same method under different conditions. Circumstances vary widely but love is the universal solvent.

THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

The last Sunday in November inaugurates the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions which is conducted by the Womens Missionary Societies. In most churches the Lottie Moon Offering for that cause will be taken on the First Sunday in December.

This week of prayer has saved the cause of Foreign Missions for Southern Baptists. At a time of drastic retrenching, Baptist women on their knees closed the gap. Thanks to them the work is growing. In all of our foreign fields the need is far beyond our capacity to fill.

But it is not beyond the Father's capacity if we will let Him lead. May we give the Lottie Moon Offering the prominence that the cause demands.

News Notes

Rev. Arvil Richardson of H-SU has accepted a call to Howard Church, Haskell Association.

Miles Church took a religious census Sunday of the town and community.

The B. T. U. of Shep Church, with 87 enrolled, had 87 present on October 30, with 22 of the 24 on the program present, 22 studied lessons and 25 daily Bible readers.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes, the "Faith Pastor" of Baird, has accepted a call to the Megargel Church. He will be greatly missed in Callahan association and District 17. The Megargel Church, the Wichita-Archer association and District 11 are to be congratulated.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap of Mexia writes: "We have never had as fine cooperation in so short a time. We had 516 in Sunday School last Sunday and 567 the Sunday before. However, I am surely missing West Texas. I know that some of the finest people in the world live out there.

Rev. Harris T. Ray, pastor at White Flat, preached his farewell sermon Sunday night, he having resigned to take work in New Mexico.

With a goal for a monthly average of 250 in Sunday School and for a peak attendance of 300, Ralls Church had an October average of 258 and 317 present on the Fifth Sunday.

Rev. Neal Ellis of San Antonio was guest preacher at Sweetwater November 6.

Dr. J. E. Davis of El Paso is engaged in a revival with the Mexican Mission in Abilene. He speaks Spanish fluently and is greatly loved by the Mexican people.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Last summer a year ago, an American, on a missionary journey through central Europe, met the chairman of the National Association of Motion Pictures of all Hungary. It was natural for the conversation to turn to North American films, favorite stars and Hungarian criticisms.

Nonchalantly the American inquired about the popularity of a certain Hollywood star who prides herself upon her very modern and frequently immodest suggestions. With a shrug of his shoulders the Hungarian said: "I tried one of her pictures. Many walked out on her. To make certain my conclusion, I ran a second one, and I had practically an empty house. Our women wouldn't stand for it. We would not offend them. No! 'Blank' cannot come to Hungary."

And after a pause he added, "I wonder that your Christian women of the States allow such shows."

Behold the Power of the Spirit of God at work in the hearts of the Christian women of Hungary!

From "For This Cause" by Inabelle Graves Coleman.

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

Saturday, November 12—Emmas S. Carver (Mrs. George A.), educational worker, Shanghai University, Shanghai, Ku., China.

Sunday, November 13—Laura Smith Williams (Mrs. J. T.), literary worker, Shanghai, Ku., China; R. E. L. Mewshaw, medical worker, Yangchow, Ku., China.

Monday, November 14—W. Shelby Vance, medical worker, Yangchow, Ku., China; Miss Jennie T. Alderman, evangelistic worker, Shanghai, Ku., China.

Tuesday, November 15—Mr. and Mrs. Castro Lima, Lajas; Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Rodriguez, Caibarien; missionaries in Santa Clara Province, Cuba.

Wednesday, November 16 — Miss Bertha Smith, educational worker, Girls' School, Tsiningchow, Shantung, China.

Thursday, November 17 — Pauline Prosser Thompson (Mrs. Leslie A.), evangelistic worker, Shiuchow, Kt., via Canton, China.

Friday, November 18—Martha K. Strother (Mrs. G. W.), evangelistic worker Pochow, An., China; Nellie L. Bostick (Mrs. E. M.), former evangelistic worker, Wusih, Ku., China (now on pension, Saluda, North Carolina); Mary Gamble Davis, (Mrs. J. E.), in publication work, Mexican Baptist Publication House, El Paso, Texas; C. H. Westbrook, educational worker, Shanghai University, Shanghai, Ku., China; Miss Lucy B. Wright, trained nurse, Hwanghsein, Shantung, China; Lelah May Carter Morgan, (Mrs. E. L.) former misisonary to Tsingtao, China (now on pension, Chauga Heights, Westminster, South Carolina).

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Twenty Years After

Twenty years ago tomorrow the drumfire ceased; the four-year flow of shattered men returning from the front, the interminable grave-digging details, came to an end.

An overwrought world plunged into a delirium of joy. Le guerre fine! War was ended!

The tide of American troops overseas stopped abruptly and within a few days began the return flow which continued for exasperating months. Finally we got home. We, barring the thousands who went down, face forward beside the Marne, at St. Mihiel, the Argonne Wood, and up the road to old Sedan.

Since that historic day when we thought an armistice was peace, there has averaged a war each year, and the total of killed and wounded would devastate an empire like Texas.

Dead Ideals

The ideals for which we fought are scoffed at today. Democracy, lost to great sections of the world, is fighting a rear-guard action in the few remaining countries. Except for aging gold-star mothers the World War dead are almost forgotten and the nations nominally at peace are squandering some twenty billions yearly in preparation for the next war.

Squandering? Yes, in the sense that this money blasted away in exploding shells could feed the hungry and clothe the shivering. Yes, in the sense that these men could be returned to productive labor to increase the wealth of the world instead of destroying it.

Yet, in a world where insanity is seated on the throne, where the pledged word is a vagrant breeze, where might has come to be called right, a neglect of armament is tantamount to national suicide.

Arm for Peace

It is said that Blucher, who helped Wellington overwhelm Napoleon at Waterloo, surveyed the capital of the British Empire from the Tower of London and exclaimed, "What a city to sack and plunder!" Today the sons of the spirit of Blucher look with covetous eyes, not only upon London, but across the two broad oceans to a land that whets the appetite of avarice.

For the sake of peace we must have fleets and planes and cannon and trained men. They who sleep in the carefully tended swards which are a bit of America in France would be the first to say, "Prepare."

The sacrifice of heroic dead will indeed have been in vain, if we allow the fallen sword to rust instead of keeping it bright for the defense of the land which they died to save. The tears of the gold-star mothers will have been useless tears if we, after these twenty years, love our country less than did their fallen sons.

Reaping the Whirlwind

The war which was won on the poppy-red fields of France and in the rolling lanes of the North Atlantic, was lost in the council chamber. The spawn of hate and greed and selfishness has developed into a peace of fear. Throughout the Old World ambition stalks roughshod over right and justice, and casts a foreboding shadow around the earth.

In countries where battles are not now being fought the strength of the nation is being expended in the insane conflict. In our land we can sleep in peace only behind our floating walls of steel and in the shadow of our winged defenders.

Our opportunity for world peace, for which a war-tired world prayed, was surrendered to the winds of hate and revenge. Now we find ourselves preparing to deal with the whirlwind.

The Hour for Prayer

After twenty years of armistice, when civilization seems to be teetering on the edge of a cataclysm, when all nations are threatened with the anarchy of another Dark Age, there remains one recourse which is yet to be tried. We have not yet resorted to universal prayer.

A few weeks ago when it appeared that war was a matter of a few hours away, there was a unanimity in prayer such as has not been seen since the Armistice of 1918. A world-wide concert of prayer for peace and justice and righteousness could create a power which no dictator could withstand. It would bring about a revival of spiritual values, of faith which begets honor, of hope which cases out fear, of love which would make every man a neighbor.

Twenty years ago we gave up fighting with guns to fight with other weapons of greed. May we not today begin to discard hate for prayer.

Nature, when she adds difficulties, adds brains.—Emerson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

November 13, 1938

By Hight C Moore

THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE

Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26, 38-42

From the Law of Moses in the Sixth Commandment and the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount we are taught the sacredness of human life which positively must be protected by law, promoted by love, and preserved by patience. Negatively, the act of murder must not be committed, the spirit of murder must not be harbored, and the incitement to murder must not be inflamed.

1. Murder Forbidden (Exodus 20)

Human life is protected by law, for murder is forbidden. The right of life is recognized in the Sixth Commandment. The taking of life is an express violation of the law of God. Murder is defined as "the intentional killing of one human being by another, without moral right or legal authority." However, the Bible teaches that murder is not limited to the sudden act of striking down a fellow man to death. It may be expanded even to the shortening of life by various means: Carelessness of common carriers, for example; or, the slaughter of tenants and employees in a firetrap store, mine, or factory; or, the massacre of innocents by grinding and emaciating child labor. And while no stain can by man be washed from the hands of him who slays another "with malice aforethought," it is well to bear in mind that other hands than his may be red with human blood. "Thou shalt do no murder" in any of its myriad forms.

2. Hate Forbidden (Matthew 5)

Human life is promoted by love, for hate is forbidden. (1) The law against murder with its legal penalty is repeated and reiterated. It stands unrepealed and in full force upon the pages of the Bible and the statute books of the civilized world. (2) The motive for murder with its cumulative power is revealed and reprehended. Anger is incipient murder. The germ of hate is responsible for the blow of death. Mark its degrees of development in descending scale: First, the invisible and unspoken feeling of anger toward a brother man, which of itself would deserve arraignment before a local court; then calling him Raca or "Empty Head," which might claim the attention of the Great Sanhedrin; and finally hurling upon him the epithet of Fool, or "Wicked Rebel" which would expose him to the Gehenna where bodies of criminals were sometimes burnt, symbolical of the eternal fire. (3) The antidote of murder is found only in the love that seeks reconciliation for every difference which might deepen and darken into hate and harm. From the religious point of view, reconciliation should be so immediate that a worshiper at the very altar and in the act of offering sacrifice should leave his gift and find the brother who felt coldly toward him for any cause and seek full reconciliation with him before proceeding with his sanctuary devotions. That is what God wants in a true worshiper. From the civil point of view, satisfactory legal adjustment is so urgent that a debtor is warranted in stopping his creditor in the midst of a journey to arrange settlement and thus forestall bitter legal wrangling and probable fine and imprisonment. What is life worth without love?

3. Revenge Forbidden (Matthew 5)

Human life is preserved by patience, for revenge is forbidden. (1) The law of retaliation (Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21) is quoted wherein was provided "limited revenge by fixing an exact compensation for an injury." The law was disregarded, disobeyed, discredited; and now Jesus displaces it with something better which alone can reach the higher ends desired. Call it (2) the law of restoration or of human reclamation. It is the possibility of winning by losing and the principle of overcoming evil with good. Within certain areas and under certain conditions, it is right to forego our rights, and it is righteous to endure unrighteousness, facing it down and fighting it out with love and patience. Can we stand the tests Jesus proposed? Duty to the insulting "bully" who, defying your physical rights, inflicts upon your cheek an insulting blow: Do not take offense too quickly; vanquish him by turning the other cheek! Duty to the greedy litigant who, invading your property rights, sues you even for your overcoat: Do not keep on "lawing" over it; demolish him by giving him your vest! Duty to the grafting officer who, ignoring your political rights while technically claiming his own, "compels you to carry his goods" a mile: Do not whimper under the demand but conquer him by cheerful compliance; go with him two miles! Duty to the undeserving beggar who abusing your philanthropic rights, asks your indiscriminate charity: Do not pauperize him; give to him if not always what he asks, then something other and better than he needs. Duty to the chronic borrower who, imposing upon your personal rights, asks from you without thought of return to you.

God in the Golden Text

Thou salt not kill. Exodus 20:13. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. 1 John 3:15.

Human life is sacred in the eyes of God and man. Therefore—Thou salt not kill by sudden stroke or slow stages. Hate is the germ and source of murder. Therefore—Thou shalt not hate! Revenge is often the first step to the killing of a fellow man. Therefore—Thou shalt not retaliate! Love is the only counteractant of hate and corrective of revenge and murder. Therefore—Love God supremely and love thy neighbor as thyself!

Home Daily Bible Readings

Nov. 7—The Sixth Commandment. Ex. 20:13.
Nov. 8—The Sacredness of Human Life. Matt. 5:21-26.
Nov. 9—The Worth of Man. Matt. 18:12-14.
Nov. 10—The Law of Love. Matt. 5:38-48.
Nov. 11—Temples of God. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.
Nov. 12—The Universal Love. Acts 17:24-28.
Nov. 13—Man's Dignity. Psalm 8:1-9.

EVENTS IN OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

C. C. Andrews, Baird, Texas

What three events in the old testament that embraced forty days and also two events in the new testament. —Gen. 7:4, Ex. 24:18, Jonah 3:4, Matt. 4:2, Acts 1:3.

How many generations from Adam to Noah inclusive? What was the names of the head of each generation, and how many years did each of them live?—Gen. 5th Chap., Gen. 9th Chap. to 29th verse.

What was the remedy for the serpent-bitten Israelite, what finally became of this remedy. And what reference in the New Testament to this remedy by comparison, and what was the comparison?—Num. 25th, chap. 2d Kings 18th chap. John 3d. chap.

The Challenge of the Hour

By Luther J. Holcomb Nashville, Tennessee
Author: Victory Through Youth

Once in a while in the public press we are given what purports to be the wail of the modern young man. Usually it runs something like this: "There's nothing ahead for young men today; no use trying for anything; things are stacked against us; our elders smashed the world and left us the wreckage; we are the lost generation."

Now, no young man feels that way unless he is sick. No young man talks that way until someone old enough to know better suggests it. It is not youth's attitude. "Ah," you say, "but resolutions almost identical with that were adopted at a conference of youth." Yes, but have you ever attended a youth conference of protest? If you have, you saw it managed either openly or behind the scenes by adults—they framed the defeatist resolution. The spontaneous vocabulary of youth does not contain these hopeless terms.

This is no time for the church to be worried or discouraged about young people. It is an hour when young people must be challenged as never before. We are living in an age of thrills. Some time ago a man risked his life in a steel barrel which went over Niagara Falls and emerged safely in the river at Queenstown. A year or so ago in Keswick, England, an attempt was made to break the speed record on water, which resulted in the death of the owner of the ship, Sir Henry Seagrave, and of his mechanic. Yet, in spite of this tragic occurrence, the boat was reconditioned and the feat was attempted elsewhere.

Hitler, facing 30,000 German youth, said recently, "We want you as slim as tigers, as fast as greyhounds, as hard as stones."

A tame, easy-going church cannot win the world where forces like that are rampant. Christianity must give its youth a religion of power, of discipline, a sense of control, wisdom, faith, romance, and love of adventure. Fear, cowardice, self-pity, and pessimism must be cast out .

Jesus has given us the challenge for the hour in his own life. We present it through what has been generally termed "Young People's Revival." Now, a Young People's Revival is nothing particularly new or fantastic. It is not a youth movement as such. It is rather a means of acquainting youth with some of the supreme joys of the Christian life. The plan is similar to a regular church revival. The only difference is that we urge and expect young people to assume the responsibility for the meeting. Jesus chose young men as his disciples, and he challenges the very best in young people today. The churches of the New Testament gave special attention to young people, and so should the churches give special attention to them in this generation.

The name "Young People's Revival" helps to place extra responsibility on young people without lessening the obligation of adults. A meeting of this type should help correct the age-old conflict between age and youth. While young people find it difficult to realize that they will ever be old, adults have a tremendous tendency to forget their youth. Then, too, we have gone through an era of youth movements, with the result that many prejudices have been formed. This, however, is no time to swing to the other extreme of neglecting youth. **The present hour calls for co-operation and the best from all ages.** We must work together. In a Young People's Revival all ages should be enlisted.

I am definitely convinced that a Young People's Revival should last only eight days, embracing two Sundays. In that way the element of time alone encourages diligent preparation. In a recent effort of this kind with the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor, 147 people were actually named on committees and given definite responsibility in the preparation for the meeting.

Frequently, I like to impress the brevity of time by announcing the meeting as "Eight Great Days sponsored by youth," also avoiding the use of the word "revival," because in many places it has been over-used and has not appeal to youth.

The whine of the defeatist is disgusting to youth. Why not tell young people that they live in a country that has only 6 per cent of the world's population and 71 per cent of the world's automobiles; 6 per cent of the world's population and 52 per cent of the world's telephones; 6 per cent of the world's population and 44 per cent of the world's radios; 6 per cent of the world's population and 30 per cent of the world's railroads; 6 per cent of the world's population and double the life insurance of the rest of the world?

Why not tell young people that they live in a land where there are more children in the schools, more homes owned by families, more college opportunities, than anywhere else in the world? These values are a part of the so-called "wreckage" that the older generation is leaving us.

Finally, why not tell young people that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ still has the power to send another Pentecost? The challenge of the hour calls us to claim that blessed promise.

On The Road Back

By Holland Hudson
Director, Rehabilitation Service National Tuberculosis Association

One hundred thousand men and women will walk over the thresholds of sanatoria next year headed for home. In their several months of carrying on their fight against what was once the deadly White Plague, they had had plenty of time to think about how they will take their places in their communities. Some of their hopes are high; their ambitions great. Where will they take their places in the community? What can we do about them? Is each one, as an individual to be allowed to shift for himself or do they constitute a community problem?

As patients leave the sanatoria, they filter through the community, the majority to become public charges and "unemployable." They are a continued drain on the taxpayers' resources. This heavy drain can stop only when the ex-patient proves that he is a productive unit of society.

There is no need to stop at this point to outline the medical treatment for tuberculosis. The routine of rest and then more rest has been described frequently. But consider the integral role of social and vocational rehabilitation in the "cure." Thinking physocians, medical-social workers, registered occupational therapists and vocational counsellors know that if his physical progress is to continue, the patient must be trained to adjust himself vocationally and emotionally to the world outside.

The training must be on medical prescription only, with close observation of his physical reactions. In a way, this training tests his endurance, in addition to giving him vocational preparation. It has an immediate therapeutic value in overcoming the mental and moral deterioration that results from idleness. With constructive training toward a fuller and better economic life, there is less danger to the patient of destructive worry about the fate of his family while he is in the sanatorium, the chances of obtaining a job when he leaves, and the question mark of the future.

He needs the concerted action of the physician, the family case worker, the relief agencies and certainty of the state rehabilitation bureau; that official service whose function is the retraining of those disabled by accident or otherwise.

Before planning a program in the sanatorium or outside, successful rehabilitators find it wise to explore the patient's vocational aptitudes, including general mental capacity, mechanical or artistic ability, as well as his interests, his educational, social and work backgrounds. The course that is adopted depends on a dovetailing of the findings with the counsellor's intimate knowledge of jobs, employment trends, employment opportunities and likelihoods of placement. Frequently, the need for specific training is apparent.

In or out of the sanatorium, the patient is a community problem. A coordinator is needed to see that the community resources are brought together to facilitate his rehabilitation. As a public health agency, the tuberculosis association logically fills the role of coordinator. It is through the income from Christmas Seals that tuberculosis associations are able to carry on their rehabilitation programs.

One by-product of such a program, reported by a social worker in a midwestern community, is that before the introduction of rehabilitation, discharged patients generally remained on direct relief rolls as long as possible. One year after the new service was started a definite change in attitude was noted. The rehabilitated patients got off the relief rolls more rapidly than most of the non-tuberculous.

Rehabilitation programs will increase the growing army of those who have fought tuberculosis and won! They pay dividends on the community's investment of service, time and money.

OVER 50,000 AWARDS IN B. T. U. DEPARTMENT

Report of B. T. U. Diplomas and Seals From Nov. 1, 1937 to Nov. 1, 1938

Texas breaks all records in training union work this past convention year. For the first time in the history of Texas over 50,000 diplomas and seals were issued to Baptist Training Union members. We give below the number of diplomas and seals granted to churches in the 108 associations:

Association—	1938 Goal	No. Issued
Austin	1,400	1,396
Baylor-Knox	400	29
Bell County	500	403
*Big Spring	400	575
Blanco	600	387
*Brady	325	340
Brown County	600	557
Brownfield	500	472
Burleson-Lee	500	374
Burnet-Llano	100	83
Callahan	250	92
Canadian	350	110
*Cherokee	250	231
Cisco	1,500	941
Clay County	300	135
Coleman County	400	107
Collin County	1,500	601
*Colorado	250	271
Comanche	100	35
Concho Valley	700	438
Cooke County	300	237
Corpus Christi	1,000	864
Corsicana	500	240
Creath-Brazos	400	389
Dallas	5,500	4,184
Del Rio-Uvalde	250	194
Denton County	400	125
Dickens County	150	104
Ellis County	250	228
El Paso	500	260
Enon	300	171
Erath	150	100
Falls	200	178
Fannin County	350	292
Fisher County	250	196
Floyd County	300	162
Freestone-Leon	200	163
Gambrell	500	288
Gonzales	250	143
*Crayson County	800	912
*Guadalupe	350	454
Hamilton	100	39
Hardin	250	65
Harmony	200	60
Haskell	350	138
*Henderson	150	187
*Hill County	200	384
Hunt County	700	316
*Jack County	150	150
*Johnson County	600	806
Jones County	250	86
R. C. Burleson	250	152
Lamar County	250	79
Lamesa	200	99
Lampasas	150	55
*Leon River	200	222
*Limestone	200	301
Lower Rio Grande	1,200	721
Lubbock	900	511
Medina River	450	363
*Meridian	150	209
*Milam County	150	199
Mills County	100	16
*Mitchell Scurry	400	574
Montague	300	192
Neches River	500	293
New Bethel	150	46
North Fork	500	247
*Palo Duro	1,000	1,107
Palo Pinto	300	206
Paluxy	100	66
Panhandle	250	244
Parker County	300	149
*Pecos Valley	550	662
Pittsburg	350	163
*Red Fork	450	703
R. River-Texark.	1,000	685
*Rehoboth	300	302
*Rio Grande River	400	410
*Robertson County	300	534
*Runnels	300	344
Rusk Panola	700	611
Sabine Valley	250	143
Saline	500	370
San Antonio	2,500	1,760
San Marcos	500	489
San Saba	250	66
Shelby Doches	400	229
*Smith County	500	502
*Soda Lake	1,000	1,088
*Southeast Texas	2,000	2,838
*Staked Plains	250	259
Stonewall	250	117
Sweetwater	1,000	873
Tarrant County	2,500	1,737
*Throckmorton Co.	300	326
Tierra Blanca	300	292
Trans-Canadian	250	239
Tryon-Evergreen	200	91
Union	5,000	4,959
*Unity	400	590
Waco	1,500	738
Wichita-Archer	1,600	944
Wilbarger-Foard	800	470
Williamson Co.	400	288
*West Plains	350	412
Van Zandt	100	85
*Wise	150	205

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EVERY DAY RELIGION

By C. E. BRYANT, Jr.

Principle Counts

On Saturday night, the manager of a prosperous department store in Philadelphia, called into his office all his staff of clerks.

"We are doing a large amount of business," he told them, "but it is possible for us to do more. Many other businesses are running their stores on Sunday and are realizing a profit from it.

"All of you will report to work tomorrow morning just as you do on weekdays."

One clerk in the group objected. Sunday was the Sabbath and he felt he should obey the command of God in the observance of His day, and so told the manager. The manager talked with him further and offered him an increase in salary for the extra work he would do on Sundays.

Still the clerk was strong in his objections and said that he personally would not be at work the following day. Upon such decision, the manager paid him and told him not to report to work at all.

Several months passed, and a large bank in Chicago queried the Philadelphia store keeper to recommend to them a man for a position of trust. The Philadelphian recommended Stephen Jarrard, the man whom he had fired.

"But," objected the bank officials, "You fired him from your employ. Why do you recommend him to us?"

"Jarrard went out of my employ because of principle," came the reply. "He has principle, he is a man you can trust."

Everyone admires the man who has principle, regardless of whether that principle is in line or in opposition with their own ideas.

Man in modern society, however, is developing more and more the cursed trait of running with the crowd, of doing that which is popular and that which brings about the least resistance. Leaders are not made that way. The criminal, everyone will admit, bebecame a hardened fugitive from justice because he stood up against society.

Cannot Christian people become leaders and lights for Christ by standing up wholeheartedly for Christ in defiance of an indifferent world order?

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CALVARY IN NIPPON

"The Christian's attitude toward Japan should be one of deeper vision, clearer understanding than that which is usually manifested in speaking of the war in Asia. The Christian should keep in mind the facts that the people of Japan constantly voted "no" against the projects of their military leaders, and that when the military clique had finally strangled out the last breath of representative government ,a "Bureau of Thought Control" was set up by the government in Tokyo which speaks for itself and its duties. The Christian should keep in mind that, because of this, the prisons of Japan are filled to suffocation with those who would not let their thoughts be controlled, who spoke against the war or refused to fight, and that suicides are humiliatingly frequent among the fresh troops being sent to China. A Japanese business man recently told me in Yokohama that, "Taxes will destroy us before bullets can subdue China. The educated people of Japan all know this, but our military have had no education beyond their narrow field.' If the Christians in America would do their duty in keeping these significant truths in sight, more could be done to promote peace in our Eastern Hemisphere than can be achieved by any other plan now in motion."— Charles A. Wells in the Commission.

OUR GOOD MISSIONARY

It is the opinion of Temple Baptist Church that District Seventeen has the best Missionary in Texas. He did the preaching in a ten day's meeting at our church which resulted in 18 additions to church, large number of whom were for baptism. The meeting was really a revival of our church.

Brother Shepherd not only preaches the gospel, but is wise in his methods of conducting a meeting. He is careful not to build the congregation around himself, but magnifies Christ as the only source of spiritual life and salvation. He strengthens the relationship between church and pastor, leaving them in healthful condition for further service.

Frequently he would go to other meetings on his field between services at our church. The pastor preached for him in two morning services in order that he might attend board meetings and do other work in the district. My, what a kingdom builder he is! Does so many things and does them well! We are strong for him.

CHAS. D. OWEN.

Let me die facing the enemy.—Baynard.

Who conquers me, shall find a stubborn foe.—Byron.

I wasted time, and now doth time waste me.—Shakespeare.

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Touring Texas With BTU Workers

By T. C Gardner

AT McCAMEY: Rev. T. E. Funderburk is the pastor of First Baptist Church, McCamey. He writes: "The members of our church are becoming training union minded more and more week by week. We recently broke an all-time record in attendance. We have recently organized a new Junior adult union. It is one of the best unions in the church. We recently conducted a splendid training school with great results. W. B. Seale is our B. T. U. director."

AT WELLINGTON: Miss Myra F. Hays, the B. T. U. director of First Baptist Church, Wellington, writes, "Our church is sending twenty messengers to the State Training Union Convention at Wichita Falls, Thanksgiving Day and the two days following. We are taking advantage of the pre-registration plan and are registering our members for fifty cents each."

AT WEATHERFORD: Rev. Norman L. Roberts is the pastor of the North Side Baptist Church, Wellington. A splendid training school was recently conducted in this church. Eighty-four diplomas and seals were granted.

AT STERLING CITY: Rev. J. A. Hall is the pastor of the First Baptist Church Sterling City. The old church building there is now being torn down to make room for a new modern, up-to-date, beautiful brick and tile building. The B. T. U. in this church continues to go forward.

AT AMARILLO: Mr. W. S. Savage is the training union director in the San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo. This organization has been standard for many years now. Bro. Savage says, "We plan to take a large number of our members to the State B. T. U. Convention in Wichita Falls. We will have not less than twenty members and perhaps thirty. We want our members to receive the inspiration that this great convention provides."

AT CROWELL: Miss Margaret Curtis is the director of the Baptist Training Union of First Baptist Church, Crowell. She writes, "The training union in our church has had a marvelous growth during the past year. The attendance has increased almost 400 per cent. Our adult union is, indeed, one of the very best in all the land. Approximately fifty per cent of our entire church membership is enrolled in uor training union.

AT EASTLAND: Rev. J. T. Cartlidge is the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Eastland. He is also presdient of District 17 B. T. U. Convention. Bro. Cartlidge will preside at the special meeting that is to be held at First Baptist Church, Stamford, November 14. At this district meeting, district winners will be chosen for all State contests. Each and every association in District 17 should send contestants for the Beginner Story-Telling, Primary Story-Telling, Junior Memory, Intermediate Sword Drill, and Senior Oratorial contests to the Stamford meeting.

AT PADUCAH: In a recent B. T. U. training school in First Church, Paducah, 118 enrolled in the classes with 84 taking the examination. This school was conducted by Mr. Robert R. Patterson, one of the State B. T. U. approved workers. He was ably assisted by his wife. The pastor of this church is Rev. Franklin E. Swanner.

AT WICHITA FALLS: Dr. Fred Eastham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, says, "We are expecting nine thousand Texas Baptists to spend the Thanksgiving holiday season in the city that faith built. The Baptists, in particular, and the citizens of Wichita Falls in general, are making elaborate preparations to entertain that great convention. The first session of the convention will be held in our beautiful and commodious city auditorium. Dr. R. C. Campbell, of Dallas, will deliver the keynote address Thanksgiving morning and Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee, will preach the convention sermon. We extend an invitation to all Baptists to come our way November 24."

Kindness and Truth

By Gordon Barrett

Alice Cary was right when she wrote:

For whatever men say in blindness,
And in spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kind as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

A man and his wife were not getting along any too well. The husband met one of his friends on the streets of the little city in which he was living and told him of the unpleasantness of his home. The friend said to the disturbed husband, "Have you ever tried kindness on your wife?" The husband said, "Gosh, no, not in a long time!" "Then," said the friend, "try it." The husband went home and found his wife with her sleeves rolled up, dress soiled, hair hanging down around her neck. He walked up to her, put his fingers under her chin, pushed her head back and kissed her three times and said, "Jane, you are the prettiest and sweetest thing I ever saw." The wife stood for a spell and looked on her husband with amazement. She let the broom fall, then she said, "John, that is a lie and you know it, but for God's sake say it again." In a bit the good woman was about the housework singing like a lark.

President Lincoln was walking down the street in his home city and met a political enemy. The enemy squared himself and said, "I never give room to a fool." Mr. Lincoln doffed his hat, stepped around his antagonist and said, "I do," and on down the street he went.

Joseph's brothers sold him, but God was with him; "And if God be for us, who can be against us?" Or in other words, what difference does it make who might be against us, if God is for us. If God is not for us, we lose, no matter who may be for us.

Some years ago, a mighty dear friend wrote me these words:

"As the flowers are all made sweeter
By the sunshine and the dew,
So this old world is made brighter
By the lives of folks like you."

There is nothing that I cherish and relish like I do my friends. And the wise man said, "If you want friends, show yourself friendly."

King Herold never had a truer friend than John the Baptist. Stephe nloved the people that stoned him to death. Paul told thoes who were perescuting him, "I could wish myself accursed from God for you." The mob spit on Jesus, slapped his cheeks, and nailed him to the Cross. And yet, he said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

"What a little thing
Makes the world go wrong,
A smile too short
Or a frown too long.

Then comes the mist,
And the blinding rain,
And life is never
The same again."

KAIFENG NEEDS HELP

"The work of our relief committee is far from done," says Rev. H. M. Harris of Kaifeng, Honan Province, China, in a letter just received by the Church Committee for China Relief. "Recently we set aside Chinese $8,000 (about U. S. $1,500) for flood and war relief in adjacent areas—especially along the region devastated by the Yellow River break. Moreover, there is bound to be a great mass of people in Kaifeng this winter with nothing to eat. About 15,000 people have passed through our camps and about 4,000 are still with us. We expect to open soup kitchens and shall need further funds. . . . If the American Advisory Committee can make us another grant of Chinese $20,000, then it will get here just in time for us to perfect plans for the beginning of the coming terrible war winter."

A CAPELLA CHOIR AT WINTERS

The A Capella choir of Hardin-Simmons, directed by Mrs. Lola Gibson Deaton, head of the voice department, gave the first concert of the season, a program of sacred music, at the First Baptist Church Winters Sunday evening, November 6.

Soloists of the choir of nearly forty are Virginia Carley, Ruth Carr, Aaron Grant, and Ernest Varner. Accompanists are Mrs. Blanche Dean Paxton, Jack Dean, Evelyn Edmonds and Orine Hughes.

The barriers are not yet erected which shall say to aspiring talent, "Thus far and no farther."—Beethoven.

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LOVE IS THE THEME

By Alvin Smith

One of the commandments God gave us is to love one another. So by the help of God the Highland Home Church carried a program to the Rogers community, some ninety miles away. We got there in time for Sunday School. After Sunday School the Baptist and Methodist churches spread lunch.

After lunch we gave the following program: A Talk on Love, by Mrs. Willard Denton. Song, "More Like the Master," by the group. Prayer by Calvin Rogers. Poem, "Love," by Ruth Shephard. Poem, "Love Is So Wonderful," by Carlton Smith. Song, "I Love Him," by the group. Reading, "What the World Can't Give, the World Can't Take Away," by Louis Brown. Reading, "A Wasted Hour," by Jesselee Akens. Duet, "In the Garden," by Alvin Smith and Mrs. Troy Denton. Reading, "The Sheep That Went Astray," by Lurline Threadgill. Duet, "Bring Them In," Clara Lee McCright, violin; Mrs. Troy Denton, guitar. Reading, "When," by Mildred Carter. Song "Farther Along" played by Mildred Carter, piano; Clara Lee McCright, violin; Joe Dickson, saw. Reading, "What Is Home Without a Bible?" by Joyce Denton. Song, "Our Best," by group, dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rogers and sons Curtis and Earl of Highland Home, formerly of the Rogers community. Expression of thanks to the Rogers community by Alvin Smith.

We returned home with more love in our hearts and want to do more for our fellow man. Those from the Dowell community, Rotan and Abilene numbered over forty in attendance.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference
Callahan Missionary Baptist Assn. Meeting With
Cross Plains Baptist Church, November 15, 1938

10:00 a. m.—Devotional Song and Praise Service, Rev. R. Respess.
10:15 a. m.—Report of the Convention, Rev. F. A. Hollis, Putnam.
10:45 a. m.—What We Hope to Do the Coming Year, Rev. J. S. Tierce.
11:10 a. m.—Report of Lueders Encampment Debt Paying Work.
11:20 a. m.—Special music.
11:25 a. m.—Sermon, by Rev. Judson Prince, Cisco, Texas.

Noon

1:00 p. m.—Devotional Song and Praise Service.
1:15 p. m.—Board Meeting, with reports of the Associational Sunday School, B. T. U., Laymen, W. M. U. Evangelistic, and Mission Work done the past month.
2:15 p. m.—Discussion of Ministers Retirement Plan, Rev. C. E. Poe.
2:30 p. m.—Inspirational Address, by Rev. B. N. Shepherd, District Missionary.
Benediction.
P. S.:—Associational Minutes will be on hand for distribution. Come to Cross Plains where a welcome awaits you.

PRESIDENT SANDEFER VISITS IN ARKANSAS

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Hardin-Simmons University, is with the Cowboy Band on a trip to Arkansas, where the musicians are playing at the Arkansas Live Stock Exposition. This is Dr. Sandefer's first trip since his extended illness of the summer.

While in his native state "Prexy" will visit his boyhood home near Evening Shade, Sharp county, and will spend some time at Hot Springs. Mrs. Sandefer is with him on the trip.

CHRISTMAS SEALS



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MRS. LOCKETT RETURNING TO AFRICA

The Foreign Mission Board has set December 10 as the sailing date for Elkin L. Lockett who is returning to educational work at the mission station in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, West Africa.

Mrs. Lockett, a veteran of the African mission service, returned to the states in 1933 with her missionary husband, Basil Lee Lockett, "The beloved physician," who survived only a few weeks. Since that time Mrs. Lockett has been a field worker of the Foreign Mission board, much in demand as an encampment speaker and a teacher of mission study courses.

She is scheduled to speak at First Church, Abilene, November 27, opening the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for foreign missions. This is the church from which the Locketts returned to Africa in 1925 and which has designated gifts for their salaries.

PROGRAM

Workers' Conference
Of Sweetwater Baptist Association Meeting with the Nolan Baptist Church November 17, 1938

10:00—Song Service, W. H. Pillion.
10:10—Devotional, Orval Hendon.
10:30—Missionary Message, Miss Viola Humphreys.
11:15—Special Music, arranged by W. H. Pillion.
11:20—Sermon, M. A. Jenkens.
12:00—Lunch.
1:30—Board Meetings — Associational and W. M. U.
2:00—Song and Praise, W. H. Pillion.
2:15—High Lights of the Convention, B. N. Shepherd.
3:00—Adjourn.
P. S.—Miss Humphreys is a missionary on home on furlough from Cihna.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference Fisher County Baptist Association
Meeting at Highland Home Church, Monday, Nov. 21, 1938

10:00—Devotional, W. T. Hardy.
10:15—Justification, J. C. Parks.
10:35—Adoption, D. G. Reid.
10:55—Relation of Faith and Works, L. L. Trott.
11:15—Sermon, J. H. Skiles.
12:00—Lunch.
1:00—Board Meetings.
1:30—Devotional, C. B. Leech.
1:45—B. T. U. Outlook for the New Year, Edwin Johnson.
2:00—S. S. Plans for the Future, O. D. Henley.
2:15—Report of the State Convention, B. N. Shepherd.
2:35—Sermon, L. G. Shepperd.

Respectfully usbmitted,
JNO. P. HARDESTY,
For the Committee.

Poverty is the sixth sense.—German Proverb.

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RAMBLING REMARKS

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be new to them. Besides I hope to get a little molasses for supper to go with the sulphur, and then I will be ready for the winter. Now we have our cars winterized, but I can remember when mother winterized us with red flannels, sulphur and molasses and assafuetida. . . I am like Andrew H. Brown at least in one particular. I will agree to do anything that is asked of me provided it is tomorrow or next week. Two months ago Dr. Tidwell asked me to respond to the address of welcome at the convention and I readily agreed to do so. The matter has grown more and more serious as the days shortened toward the session, so this morning I asked Dr. Tidwell who my opponent would be, and imagine my surprise when he said it would be Dr. George W. Truett. I have tried all day to find some friend to whom I could pass on this honor (?) but so far have been unsuccessful. It it were anywhere except here in his own church and before his own members he would not suffer so much in the comparison, but I just know it will be embarrassing to him. But be assured I shall deal gently with him. . . . More next week if I survive.—The woman speaker has quit and the stenographer is back, so q. e. d.

"Put away all sarcasm from your speech. Never complain Do not prophesy evil. Have a good word for everyone, or else keep silent."—Beecher.

The high prize of life, the crowning fortune of a man, is to be born with a bias to some pursuit ,which finds him in employment and happiness.—Emerson.

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