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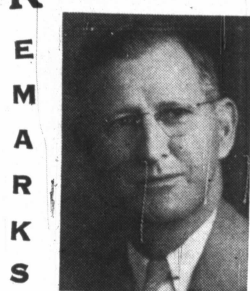
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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I noticed in the papers today that someone in Oklahoma had found the skull of a man who had lived in America several hundreds of thousands of years ago. I understand the date on the skull was a little dim, but what does a few millions of years mean to a scientist when it comes to reckoning time concerning things no one knows anything about? But this article reminded me of an experience I had at Munday several years ago. Some of the most enterprising citizens decided we needed a golf course so as to keep up with Gorie and Knox City, and ahead of Haskell. . . . So we went out to dig up the mesquites and prickly pear for our fairways, and clean off places for our greens. We decided to locate number three green, which was to be a three par affair, about one hundred and seventy yards in length, on a small mound somewhat in the shape of a kidney. (That is, a healthy, normal kidney). As we were digging away the surface and smoothing down the rough places my pick suddenly struck something very hard. Upon bringing the object to light we found it to be an old Indian bread tray hewn out of rock. And underneath the broken tray we found some bones which looked to us very much like human bones. We took these to the local doctors and they assured us that they were human bones. . . . This aroused my curiosity and I stayed awake until past 8:30 that night pondering the meaning of it all. Then it broke upon me like a revelation, yes, sir, as plain as the age of the world, and size of the universe is to modern scientists. . . . The Scotch did not invent golf, as we have always thought; it was invented by the Indian men who had not become civilized enough for their wives to expect them to do any of the work. Time hung heavy on their hands and they thought up golf to pass the time away. The chief of this particular tribe which inhabited the lovely region around Munday was named "Par Three," because that was his favorite hole on the Munday course. One morning his wife (squaw to him) sent him to Weinert to borrow some ground corn to make corn pone for supper. It was a beautiful day, bright sunshine, no wind, an ideal day for golf. As he passed the tepee of assistant chief "Boogy," he heard voices. It sounded like a sharp argument was going on. He stopped to listen. It was Boogy and a couple of neighboring braves, "Bunker" and "Sand Trap," discussing the best way to cure a slice. He couldn't resist stopping in to express his opinion. . . . As usual it resulted in their going to the course to demonstrate their respective theories. They got a hot foursome going and before they realized it night was upon them. Forgetting all about the corn meal Par Three hurried home with the ravenous appetite peculiar to the golfing clan. As he entered the door he opened up with the familiar squawk his wife had heard so often when he got home hungry and supper not ready. But this time it was too much for the little woman. She asked him about the corn meal, and as he started clumsily to perfect his alibi, she picked up the hot bread tray in both her hands and brought it down on his head with all her might. The bread board was broken in two and so was his head. . . . When (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

December 8-12—Sunday School Emphasis Week, in 112 associations in Texas.
December 1-5—W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Offering.
January 26-29—Training Union Emphasis week in all associations.
April 7-9—State Sunday School Convention, Houston.

EAST TEXAS EDUCATION DIRECTOR HEADS TRAINING UNION CONVENTION

H. P. Black, director of education in First Church, Longview, and Training Union president in District 1, was chosen to preside at the next Texas Training Union Convention, which will meet at Amarillo during the Easter holidays of 1943. These were the decisions of the closing hour of the 1941 sessions, meeting in Fort Worth, November 20 to 22.

A total of 12,977 registered for this 51st annual meeting of the training service in this state, and others, probably amounting to many hundreds, are known to have attended one or more sessions. In spite of this impressive figure, there was a decrease in attendance of public school children on account of many schools observing the second of the dual holidays.

Approximately 9,000 were gathered in the North Side Coliseum for morning and evening sessions Thursday. Secretary W. W. Melton spoke at the closing hour in the morning replacing Dr. C. E. Maddry, who was delayed for three hours on account of a train wreck. Dr. Melton asserted that the lost men are out there; they will not come to use but many will be saved if we take the Gospel to them.

Keynote Address

Speaking on the convention keynote, "Forward with Christ," Dr. Marshall Craig asserted that it was always a characteristic of Jesus that he always went a little farther than he was required to go. "This darkness," he declared, cannot obscure the Light of the World.

"The Expectant Christ" was the subject of Dr. Maddry's address at the evening service. He expressed doubt that the Foreign Mission Board had ever faced a darker time except the Civil War period, but he recalled that Christ lived and died in occupied territory, held by the most sadistic nation of history. He reminded his hearers that Baptists have flourished in difficult times and that the expectant Christ is counting upon them.

Texas Leads the World

Speaking in the evening, Dr. T. C. Gardner, executive secretary of the Texas Training Union, who presented figures showing that Texas, where the first Baptist Training Union was organized, earns one-fourth of all the training awards. He quoted Dr. John R. Sampey as saying that every member of every Baptist Church should be a Training Union member.

The most used speaker of the convention was Chester E. Swor, an Eng- (Continued on page 2)

TRAINING UNION CONTESTS STILL MAJOR ATTRACTION

Always a major attraction of the Texas Training Union conventions are the various contests which have been preceded by eliminations in the churches, associations and districts. As an evidence of the value of these events, Mrs. T. C. Gardner, elementary director, related the account of a beginner winning an elderly man to Christ by telling him a contest story. Winning in the story telling were 25 beginners and 43 of primary age. In the Junior Memory contests, there were 39 with perfect score, representing 29 churches and 12 districts. Master swordsman of Texas is Bonnie Lou Howard, 16, of Pleasanton, a four-year winner. Second place went to Juanita Morrill, 14, of Cliff Temple; third to Patsy Ruth Price, 13, of the same church. Moveta Wallace, 15, Birdville, was fourth.

Winners in the Better Speech contest were: James Evans, Dallas; George Floyd, Fort Worth, and Dorothy Keese, Brownwood, tie; Alma Stroud Reynolds, Richland Springs, and Albert Reid, Dallas, tie.

In the adult devotionals, winners were Mrs. Clifford Ingle, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. H. Hunn, Grand Prairie; Mrs. J. E. Casper, Dallas; Mrs. J. C. Wishard, Fort Worth, and I. C. Atchley, Coleman, tie. Mr. Atchley is 78 years of age.

The Mart Church won the general poster exhibit, with Brook Avenue, Waco, winning in the elementary division, announced Mrs. Hymah Appel- man, contest director. In the Tarrant County poster contest, Travis Avenue won the general group and Broadway in the elementary competition.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING PRAYER WEEK, DEC. 1-5

By Mrs. E. F. Lyon

Those using the denominational calendar for 1941, as arranged by the executive committee of Southern Baptist Convention, and published in various Southwestern and State periodicals, will observe that the week of December 1 to 5 has been set for the observance of the regular week of prayer and the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions, with special emphasis on December 5 as the day of prayer around the world.

On Thursday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m., here in Texas, Baptists in Japan will begin their day of prayer. It will be 10:00 a.m. Friday there, and China, Palestine, Africa, Europe, South America, Mexico and the United States and Hawaii will complete the chain of prayer around the world, December 5, all praying for the work and workers in these fields, and that this offering will be a worthy one.

All departments of our denominational work have cooperated in keeping this week free for this special purpose. Woman's Missionary Union has provided a program for the day by day prayer periods, bringing latest news and information of our fields and suggestions for devotional readings for the week. The high price of paper and printing prohibited the publishing of the usual posters and map. A book for preliminary study "These Things Remain" by Ella Broadus Robertson (Mrs. A. T.), has been published and may be had from the Baptist Book Store for 25c per copy.

Many of our churches are having a Church School of Missions at this time, teaching to men, women and young people of the church graded books on Foreign Missions, having one or more missionaries in the school for inspirational addresses and pictures of the fields.

In 1888 Miss Lottie Moon suggested that the newly organized Woman's Missionary Union of S. B. C. give a free-will Christmas offering for Christ for the purpose of sending out a much needed new missionary to (Continued on page 4)

BETTER MUSIC CONTEST SHOWS GREAT EXPANSION

The Better Music contests presented at the Training Union Convention on Wednesday evening at Broadway Church, Fort Worth, drew 821 contestants in 71 groups which were entered in 15 contests. This is the second year for these contests and in 1941 only 14 groups were entered.

Entries in these contests included tris, quartets, ensembles and choruses. All winners were from Fort Worth Churches, with the exception of a trio of young women from Cliff Temple and one of ladies from Evans Avenue, both Dallas churches.

Carlyle Bennett, member of the music faculty of Southwestern Seminary and music director of Broadway Church, was director of the music contests.

A SAFE ARRIVAL FROM PALESTINE

News has been received of the safe arrival in this country of Rev. and Mrs. Roswell E. Owens and their family. These two workers—the last of our missionaries to leave Palestine—were compelled in the early summer to suspend their activities there. Their journey home has been a devious one since they were compelled to travel via the Indian Ocean to South Africa and thence to America.—F. M. B.

FRIENDSHIP MISSION REVIVAL

President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons University joined with a group of student preachers in conducting a two weeks revival at Friendship Mission, Abilene. The services, directed by Missionary Jas. Alexander, commenced on November 23 and will continue through December 7 with a different preacher each evening. Dr. White preached Tuesday, November 25. The mission attracted wide attention in the dramatization of its work during the recent Brotherhood Convention for the state.

TWENTY-TWO TEAMS ENLISTED FOR S. S. EMPHASIS WEEK DECEMBER 5 TO 12

By G. S. Hopkins

Twenty-two teams have been secured and schedules have been planned with the thought of spending one day in each association and thus cover the state in one week's time. The date for these special meetings is December 8 to 12. What a gigantic undertaking! The plan is to cover 265,000 square miles, contact 750,000 Baptists, and three times that many possibilities in five days.

Can anyone in this day of enlightenment visualize the possibilities involved? What an opportunity to inform, inspire, and commit all of our associational forces to a constructive program that is to be carried on until the return of our Lord?

The Sunday School Board at Nashville is furnishing 14 competent leaders, literature and some finances to help make this work an outstanding success. Our state forces, composed of the Sunday School Department leaders and 17 district missionaries, and then other competent leaders, pastors and educational directors, are all entering into this movement in a hearty manner.

There are two very definite things emphasized: First, the program and the talent enlisted should make such a strong appeal that sacrifices, if necessary, will be made on the part of the pastors and other workers to be in attendance. The benefit going to any church will depend upon the number in attendance. To this end the associational superintendent, with his other helpers, will give the widest publicity possible to these dates.

Second, we are expecting every associational officer to be in his place and assume the different places of responsibility that he has been asked to assume thus to insure his being equipped to carry on after the campaign is over.

The Sunday School Board will carry the following information in the Sunday School Builder: The names of the associations, together with their superintendents, that have every church represented in this associational meeting, and second the name of the church, together with that of the pastor and superintendent, that has the largest percentage of attendance based on resident church membership. Our associational superintendents will give much publicity to this.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 16TH

Send reports of attendance in Sunday School and Training Union to Box 1560, Abilene, at any time during the week.

Church	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First	1841	
Lubbock, First	1412	
Abilene, First	1185	
Wichita Falls, First	1150	
San Angelo, First	1110	
Albuquerque, First	932	
El Paso, First	900	
Vernon, First	796	
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	789	
Borger, First	629	
Abilene, University	610	
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	586	
Odessa, First	575	
Plainview, First	543	
Midland, First	517	
Sweetwater, First	510	
Coleman, First	438	
Big Spring, First	384	
San Angelo, Immanuel	337	
Hamlin	305	
Merkel	225	

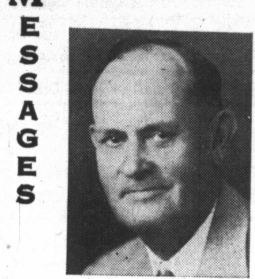
Training Union	Enr.	Att.
Abilene, First	423	
Albuquerque, First	302	
Abilene, University	216	
Sweetwater, First	177	
Vernon, First	167	
San Angelo, Immanuel	156	
Big Spring, First	107	
Merkel, First	100	

BRADLEY ACCEPTS PASTORATE

Rev. A. V. Bradley, head of the Student Pastorate Department of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted a call as pastor of Euless Baptist Church.

Rev. Bradley, a graduate of Howard Payne College, will continue with his work in the Seminary in addition to his new responsibilities in the Tarrant County church.

MISSIONARY



By J. Henry Littleton

Four conventions in one month! Some of us who tried to attend all of them feel like we need a vacation. Many things have been said and written about them, but I want to say that in my 30 years of attending conventions, we have never had better meetings than we have had this year. The attendance was good in every session and I think the spirit was never better. Texas Baptists have just closed the best year in our history. Let us make next year still better.

More churches gave to the program of Missions this year than have ever given in a year before. These churches gave more money than we have ever given in one year, save the years of the Seventy-Five Million campaign. Baptists have never been in better condition to go forward in a great way than we are today. To District 17, I pledge my best.

Many of the churches that were pastorless a few weeks ago have called pastors. Others are planning to do so soon. I will give a complete list of churches and pastors in the very near future.

Trent Church in Sweetwater Association has gone to full time. Brother Fred Porter is their good pastor. (Continued on page 4)

This Changing World

"... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Cleveland, Ohio, has passed through a bitter election for two vacancies in its seven-member public school board. The five members holding office were Catholics, and a parish priest led off at a Knights of Columbus luncheon with the challenge that the two vacancies be filled by Catholics. Week before the election, Archbishop Joseph Schrembs published an official pastoral letter in the Cleveland diocese weekly paper urging support of the Catholic slate for the two vacancies, ordering the letter read in all masses on Sunday. A Citizens' Committee was quickly organized, offering a Jew and a Protestant for re-election, and the Catholic candidates were defeated.

Dr. O. M. Walton, Cleveland correspondent of The Christian Century, comments: "Whether this rebuke to partisan religious politics will prove permanently effective remains to be seen. A severe test has been given to Cleveland's spirit of religious tolerance."

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

In everything, give thanks.

erance and understanding." By the way, let me take this occasion to call attention to a most remarkable series of articles now appearing in The Christian Century on "The Church of Rome at Home," by Romulus. The article in the current issue is on "The Jesuits in Rome." The next article will deal with the present status of the Inquisition.

Suggestion of how the whole labor mess could be settled in an hour if we had some more leaders like Rear Admiral Charles A. Blakely is found in what took place last week at San Diego when a bunch of some three and a half thousand A. F. of L. men (Continued on page 3)

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THANKSGIVING

Not since the Mayflower survivors saw the stark specter of starvation routed by a bountiful harvest, have the American people had so gracious reasons for the most humble gratitude. We are obligated to make it a season both of thanks and of giving.

Here in the West, we have been blessed with an abundant harvest from a most abundantly watered soil. Within this same soil is the promise of another good year to come. Civilized man has seen it happen so only a few times in such generous measure.

In a world where blood flows, famine stalks and terror holds sway, we are permitted to dwell in freedom, peace and plenty. In a day when churches are being bombed and Bibles trodden under the heel of rampant paganism, we are able to repair our churches or build new ones and to buy new and better Bibles. In an era of doubt and despair, ours is the high privilege of hope, through our trust in a Triumphant Christ.

As the commandments divide into our duty toward God and our duty toward our fellow men, so our Thanksgiving needs must turn in gratitude toward our Creator and keeper, who giveth all good things, and toward our less fortunate fellows who come to this season bereft of the good things which are ours today.

THE NATION'S SONGS

Recently, a nationally famous news commentator, who most certainly has never read this column, asserted substantially the same statement which was made here months ago. The assertion was that the German composer, Richard Wagner, who appeared in the last century, roaring sagas of forgotten gods, demons and supermen, is in effect, the grandfather of the pagan spirit of conquest which dominates Germany and rocks the world today.

Dorothy Thompson declares that one who does not have more than a superficial acquaintance with Wagner, not only as a musician, but as an influence, cannot understand present-day Europe.

Wagner begat Nietzsche, and Nietzsche begat Hitler, and Hitler spawned a brood of demons.

Turning from this dark picture, we are reminded with pleasure of the growing interest in the Better Music Contests of the recent Training Union Convention, in which scores of groups from over the state took part. If this event grows in popularity as it has in the last year it will soon become a state-wide movement of tremendous proportions.

But what does the Training Union Convention, or groups of quiet, church-going people have to do with world politics? Is there any connection, save to contrast these singers with the gory hordes singing "Horst Wessel" and saluting "Heil Hitler"? Well, there might be a great deal more than is now apparent on the surface. This Better Music Contest might be setting in motion forces beyond our ken.

Does it seem silly to suggest that there is a latent possibility of such an enterprise coloring the life and habits of our people? Perhaps. It does seem far-fetched to accuse a musician and song writer in Germany with setting in motion the forces which have so tragically turned the tide of world history. But facts in the case are irrefutable. Wagner's glorification of the old Teutonic deities gave Nietzsche the idea of the Superman race. Hitler has put the theory in practice.

If you would move the world of tomorrow or the day after, produce songs which will move this generation.

SERVICE FOR THE SILENT

An un-programmed feature of the Training Union Convention, which attracted a great deal of interest was the interpretation of the proceedings for the benefit of the deaf who were in attendance. The eloquent manual interpretations drew a great deal of attention from others than the group for whom it was intended. The silent messengers were especially blessed in having such skilled interpreters. The speaker on the platform might grope for words, but the one who put his speech into sign language never was at loss for expression.

This incident dramatized to ten thousand Baptists the work their denomination is doing for those whose ears are shut to the din of our modern existence, but whose hearts are open to the beauties of the Bible. Several of our larger churches have special services for the deaf, some of them having continued for years. Fort Worth boasts of the first Baptist church for the silent. Our Home Mission Board has a department for them. In the days of our growing prosperity we will find ways to extend this service. And fortunately, we appear to have willing aids at hand.

JEHOVAH SABOATH—THE LORD OF HOSTS

And there was war between the people of Egypt and their allies and the people of Rome and their allies, and the people of Rome and their allies encamped in the desert, up against the borders of Egypt. And they were a great host with winged chariots and flaming chariots and all the implements of war.

And it came to pass that the Lord caused it to rain a mighty rain upon the camp of the Romans and the tribes with them, but it rained not upon the camp of the Egyptians and those with them. And the camp of the Romans became as quick sand and their winged chariots and all their implements of war were mired in the quick sands and they could neither fight nor flee.

But the chariots of the camp of the Egyptians were mired not and with their implements of war and with their men of war overcame they the whole camp of the Romans and their allies and the Lord bestowed upon them a great victory.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Collins Webb of Wilson has been in a revival with Pastor W. H. Colson at Eunice, N. M.

The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma congratulates West Texas Baptists upon the coming of Rev. Robert Hebard from Trinity Church, Ada, to First Church, Breckenridge.

Joe Trussell of Brownwood is in a meeting this week with Pastor A. E. Prince at Hannibal, Mo. Dr. Prince is also president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, a junior institution.

The churches of Lubbock Association have erected a house of worship for their Mexican brethren. Rev. J. A. Ramirez is district missionary for the Mexicans.

Rev. J. H. Dean of Abilene preached at Clyde November 23.

Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Dobbins of Louisville, Kentucky, were recently in an automobile accident, but were not seriously injured.

Seminole Church served a ranch style dinner to the Lamesa Association workers on November 9. The sermons of the day were preached by Rev. A. C. Hardin, Post, and Rev. E. Brand, a newcomer to the association.

The December issue of The Commission pays tribute to Missionary Phillip E. White who died in September at Kweichow, China, after 17 years service. Mrs. White and their two children were brought out several months ago.

The library and reading room of the Soldiers Recreation Center in Abilene has been temporarily transferred to the basement of First Church, Abilene. The W. M. S. of the church is acting as hostess for a Sunday afternoon coffee hour for soldiers.

Trent Church has voted to have preaching services every Sunday and has called Pastor Fred Porter for full time instead of half. He resigned at Tye last Sunday to accept this call, but will preach there on the fifth Sunday.

Brownfield Association is having a school of missions this week. Mrs. Myrtle Barber Ware of Kentucky is assisting in several churches.

Rev. Howard Martin has been called to Stith, Jones Association.

Gerald Fuller is the new Training Union director at Calvary Church, Abilene.

Rev. Cecil McBeth has accepted the call of Harmony Church, Eastland County. He will serve them half time.

Clairemont Church had an all-day Thanksgiving service on November 23. Dinner was served at the church to a large crowd.

Baptist men of Fisher Association have set Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week to erect an addition to the Mexican Church at Rotan

for a home for the pastor. There is cash on hand for the materials and the work will be by volunteer labor.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman commenced a revival campaign at South Gate Church, Los Angeles, on November 23.

H-SU PRESIDENT PLEASAS BAPTISTS OF ARIZONA

Writing of the recent convention of Southern Baptists in Arizona, Dr. H. A. Zimmerman, state secretary, pays the following tribute to President W. R. White:

Dr. W. R. White, the dynamic president of Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene, Texas, brought new hope and courage to face difficult tasks in one of the most trying periods of the world's history. Dr. White's optimism is not of the "Polyanna" type but of the type of the conquest which seizes victory from defeat through the blood of the Lamb. His message to the report of "Social Service" stirred old desires and created new ones to enter the warfare against sin and wickedness in high places and low.

Dr. White is a crusader for law and order and decent living as well as an humble follower and preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a basis for such crusading. He was very much at home among a group of students at Phoenix Junior College as he brought a challenge to live for Christ on their campus. It was a high hour on the last evening of the convention as he brought the closing message on Christian education as he spoke to the report on this subject. It is a real comfort to know that Dr. White and other men like him who have a child-like trust in the eternal Christ and who have the courage to stand for the ideals attendant upon such a confidence in Him are at the helm at such a goodly number of our Christian institutions in a time when there is so much of the pagan and godless being dished out to the youth from higher institutions of learning. There was burning on the altar of many hearts a longing for a Christian Baptist College in "Alluring Arizona" for the education of our sons and daughters when Dr. White had concluded his message. To all of these, our friends, we give a cordial welcome to return to us when possible. It was, indeed, a great convention.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

The helpless can be helpful.
The little soul sees little.
David saw the giant and God; the giant saw only David.
Morals build morale.
Self will be served, or serving.
Sagacity doesn't prevent sinning.
Fun and sin are not akin.
The unselfish are bound to pray.
God loves to be loved.
Sociability doesn't include sin.
Better be work horses than wild horses.
Many novels are not so novel.
Wedding bells sometimes drown out wedding bells.
Love intensifies.

PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE IMPORTUNATE FRIEND

Luke 11:5-13

The parable of the importunate friend was given after Jesus had acceded to the request of the disciples to teach them to pray as John taught his disciples to pray. In answering their request, Jesus gave the model prayer. Then to demonstrate the value of prayer and the mode of prayer he gave the parable that we now have under consideration. This parable brings out rather thoroughly two lessons: (1) The power and place of persistent and prevailing prayer, and (2) the readiness of God to bestow good gifts upon those who ask for them. Let us note a few thoughts under each of these headings.

1. The Power and Place of Persistent and Prevailing Prayer. It might occur to us that God would have a good reason for suggesting that we persist and prevail in our praying. Could his reason be that he wants us to be put into the proper attitude toward Him? What is the proper attitude of the petitioner? It is an attitude of humility and sincerity. If God answered our prayers the first time we asked and we knew he was obligated to do so, we might not be very humble about how we

ask nor sincere about what we ask for. The power and place of importunate prayer is therefore to convince the petitioner and not to convince God. It prevents petty and absurd requests.

2. The Readiness of God to Bestow Good Gifts upon Those Who Seek Him. We as children of God only need to make our requests known to God and he is ready to grant them. God is more anxious about our welfare than we are for ourselves. He does not desire that we have to ask persistently for things, except to convince ourselves and acquire the proper spirit. God is compared to a father. He is the Heavenly Father. As the heavenly father is above the earthly father in every respect, so he is in mercy and goodness. No earthly father would give a son a serpent when he asked for a fish, nor a scorpion if he asked for an egg, nor a stone if he asked for bread, neither would the Heavenly Father.

God is ready to hear; therefore, we should do more asking. Our failure at prayer is not that God can not or will not answer but rather that we simply do not ask. "We have not because we ask not." If we adopt David Crockett's motto in our prayer life we will please God. His motto was, "Be sure you are right then go ahead."

Sunday School Lesson

November 30, 1941

CHRISTIAN LOVE

Read and Study John 13:34-35
1 Corinthians 13

Moses put our duty manward in the command—love thy neighbor as thyself (Lev. 19:17-18, 33-34) and our duty Goodward in the command—love the Lord supremely (Deut. 6:4-5). Jesus declared these the great commandments summarizing the whole of the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 22:35-38), traced the salvation of man to the love of God (John 3:16), and called on us to love one another as he loved us (John 13:34-35). In his incomparable psalm of love (1 Cor. 13) Paul reached the heights of inspiration.

1. The Command of Love (John 13)

THE LOVELY LIFE is the life loved of God and that loves God and the good. From the neighborhood of Sinai came the old commandment to love God and neighbor. But from Calvary and its environs came the new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved and because he loved them. The Christ of love thus gives the command to love. Those who love him will love those whom he loves. Moreover, their love for one another will prove their discipleship and proclaim their loyalty and likeness to Christ. Such association in love implies association in labor and life both here and hereafter.

2. The Certainty of Love (1 Cor. 13)

THE LOVELESS LIFE is empty. Attainment without love is vain. It makes the coveted power of oratory in many languages, though one could surpass all others in exalted thought, elegant language, and effective delivery a meaningless noise.

Endowment without love amounts to nothing. It makes useless the highest interpretative power, enigmatical insight, universal knowledge, and wonder-working faith. Beneficence without love is profitless. In vain one goes to the utmost verge of sacrifice becoming a pauper for the poor and a martyr for principle, if actuated by false pride, self-glory, or misguided hope instead of love to God and men.

3. The Characteristics of Love (1 Cor. 13)

THE LOVING LIFE shines in spirit and service.

Its charity is basal. Negatively it prompts forbearance with the faults of others and patient endurance of injuries from them. Positively, it abounds in good to others.

Its contentment is beautiful; for it knows neither envy nor jealousy. Its humility embraces a quartet of twin virtues; it is not boastful of itself and cannot be made so by others; it is never discourteous to others and will not claim all that it is entitled to; it checks ill temper and makes every allowance possible; it does not greedily gossip over sensational evil, but rejoices in the proclamation and progress of the truth; it meets difficulty with endurance, disbelief with trust, despair with hope, and disaster with perseverance.

Its imperishability is in striking contrast with the gifts and graces which are temporary; the power and fulfillment of prophecy, the tongues of Pentecostal versatility, and the very forms of language; and even knowledge which is superseded by higher knowledge here and the infinite knowledge hereafter.

4. The Consummation of Love (1 Cor. 13)

THE LARGER LIFE crowns and continues the life of love.

It will be a perfect life. Our best work and highest attainments here are but fragmentary, imperfect, and isolated. But the perfect is on the way; then love enshrouded in the liberated soul will attain the full measure of sweetness and glory. The Christian is a child here; he will be a man there. Now he looks into a mirror and sees himself in obscure reflection; then he will have an unobstructed, face-to-face vision, knowing even as he is known.

It will be a permanent life. The three abiding graces, surviving the shock and change of death, are immortal, and forever they will increase and expand in the blessedness of glory. And love is the greatest of all for it is the sum total of all virtues.

Love One Another

Love Sincerely. "Sounding brass." A cold eye belies a warm lip. An icy heart freezes the good words on the tongue. A generous hand cannot atone for a selfish spirit. Only heartfelt love is felt in other hearts.

Love Sacrificially. "Feed the poor." Not every giver gives in the right spirit, though all his goods go to the

poor. But every lover gives, gives freely, and gives sacrificially. Love givingly and give lovingly!

Love Kindly. "Is kind." Is love ever unkind? However, kind thoughts are said to be rarer than kind deeds. Continue the kind deeds, but cultivate the kind thoughts.

Love Contentedly. "Envieth not." What harm is wrought in the world by covetousness, by envy, by jealousy? What alone never covets, never envies, is never jealous?

Love Humbly. "Vaunteth not itself." He who tramples upon the feelings and rights of others never loves those whom he insults and disregards. True love never fawns and is never obsequious.

Love Unselfishly. "Seeketh not her own." It is noble to give to others more than we are able or more than they are due; but it is nobler still not to claim all that is due us.

Gold in the Golden Text
We love him because he first loved us.—1 John 4:19.

Daily Bible Readings

Dec. 1.—The Church Winning Souls. Acts 2:41-47.

Dec. 2.—Unity and Diversity in the Church. Eph. 4:11-16.

Dec. 3.—Church's Church. Matt. 16:13-20.

Dec. 4.—The Body of Christ. Eph. 1:15-23.

Dec. 5.—The Minister of the Church. Acts 20:26-35.

Dec. 6.—Members of the Church. 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

Dec. 7.—Christ the Cornerstone. 1 Peter 2:6-10.

Training Union Convention

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lish teacher at Mississippi College, and popular speaker at youth meetings. He spoke at the Coliseum on Thursday evening, at the Travis Avenue session on Friday evening and at the concluding hour Saturday morning, besides appearances at conferences. He stressed heroic Christian service and complete surrender to the will of Christ.

The concluding address was by President Pat Neff of Baylor University, who gave a ringing call for Christian citizenship. Preceding him, Secretary T. L. Holcomb of the Sunday School Board, declared that he would rather live the next ten years than any 50 in history. "God forbid," he exclaimed, "that our eyes should be holden in this day of opportunity."

Sacred Drama

At the simultaneous meetings Friday evening, President W. R. White of Hardin-Simmons and Dr. Fred Eastham, pastor at First Church, Wichita Falls, were speakers at the city auditorium, while Dr. W. B. Harvey of Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, was the other speaker at Travis Avenue. A presentation of the sacred drama, "Esther," was a feature of both these meetings. The casts were students of Southwestern Seminary and Dr. Floy Barnard was director.

Thursday and Friday afternoons and Friday morning were given to conferences in 12 sections, including one for Negroes. The annual contests were held during these conferences.

Hereafter, the Training Union and Sunday School conventions will alternate in the spring, the Sunday School having the 1942 meeting.

Dr. T. C. Gardner, executive secretary for 26 years, was again re-elected for another year, as were the secretaries, Frances Lee of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Jessie Belle Vinson, Dallas.

New members of the executive board elected are: Ray McCollum, Crystal City; J. D. Riddle, Abilene; Ray Rozelle, San Angelo; and Paul Counts, Abilene. Vice-presidents are the 17 district presidents. Miss Zora Mitchell of Winters was introduced as the only woman in the group.

Banners

The mileage banner was given to First Church, Amarillo, with 26,600 miles traveled by messengers making the convention trip. Abilene, First, was second. The church attendance banner went to Seever Street Church, Dallas, with 14 per cent of the membership in attendance. Abilene First Church was again second, having 7½ per cent of the enrollment registered.

Who kills the church, who kills the prayer meeting, who breaks the mission cause? It is the manpower of the church, which believes in the church but lets it alone.—W. W. Melton.

Baptist

Address by Dr. J. B. Baylor

It appears to me there is a great call for the maintenance of the Baptist spirit. It is a tremendous importance to the spirit of the truth, form and substance of is one of loyalty to truth. The true Baptist stand loyal to the word will not consider compromise would affect the integrity of the Scriptures. It is doubt any other attitude so Baptist progress as the on the part of some Baptist matter of loyalty to the When we begin to feel no difference, and adopted, we are at the end of belief, and when gone, we have sentiment of faith.

There are many ways to impair the Baptist spirit. We neglect the doctrine of the Baptist. Christ joined together. We are to be spirit and in truth. "spirit"; not "in truth." both combined. The two bined and greatly strengthened. The spirit will rest upon the great Bible. If our Baptist come great stalwart Christ New Testament order, struct them until they rock of truth under their must see a reason for a Baptist. In every church plans for indoctrinating people should be devised as bers should be carried course of study of the mental of our faith so to be rooted and grounded. We should not be deter about dry doctrine. It is trine, but the dry preaching in some places no preaching, it, that is destroying spirit.

There was a time when ourselves over to protest, and apology. But that over, and as a denominational stand in the open and principles. This will give of denominational solidarity new spirit of denomination. Our chief task is to defend our principles but them. We must not take that the people understand The world around us has misunderstood us. They our message proclaimed in love and confidence on our whole program of Baptism lies in the preaching of the tament, affirmatively, but tically.

Here we face the fact that trines run almost directly, doctrines of most of the other nations. Our view of the sition in religion, our con to the purpose and place of nances, our plea for personal individual religion, our fundalief that the Bible alone is of the doctrines for God's these mark us as a separate Baptists, therefore, candidly and boldly accept this ec isolation and proclaim it for ent and future generations, the trustees of these truths hold to them and proclaim it.

The very genius of the Baptist practice differentiates us from other denominations and in message of vital importance difference may be set forth lows:

Presbyterians are family seek to be saved by family have family church life. Methodists, as is seen in they make the conference tious unit. Episcopalians, who determined enemies of Baptist nationalistic. In England the state church, and in America a monopoly of chaplains Army and Navy. Roman Catholics are cosmopolitan. With the church is the world and the church. Baptists are individualists, and as such stand for repentance, personal faith, a sonal baptism. Alone with their ideal of democracy in government. They hold that help of the Holy Spirit, Christ generated freeman are capable government. During the this view led every Baptist to for the independence of the United States. Their faith committed them to duty. This again leads to our tion for a "free church in state."

Here, then, arises the question of salvation, which is the big question in Christian nomenclature. understood, it is complete and

Baptist Indoctrination

Address by Dr. J. B. Tidwell,
Baylor University

It appears to me that in our day there is a great call for special emphasis on the maintenance of the Baptist spirit. It is a matter of tremendous importance that we maintain the spirit of the truth, as well as the form and substance of it. This spirit is one of loyalty to Jesus and His truth. The true Baptist spirit will stand loyal to the word of God. It will not consider compromises that would affect the integrity of the Scriptures. It is doubtful if there is any other attitude so dangerous to Baptist progress as the letting down on the part of some Baptists in the matter of loyalty to the word of God. When we begin to feel that it makes no difference, and adopt that as our creed, we are at the end of all positive belief, and when positive belief is gone, we have sentimentalism instead of faith.

There are many ways by which to impair the Baptist spirit. One is to neglect the doctrine of the New Testament. Christ joined spirit and truth together. We are to worship God "in spirit and in truth." Not simply in "spirit," not "in truth" alone but in both combined. The two readily combine and greatly strengthen each other. The spirit will die out unless it rests upon the great doctrines of the Bible. If our Baptists are to become great stalwart Christians of the New Testament order, we must instruct them until they feel the solid rock of truth under their feet. They must see a reason for being a Baptist. In every church comprehensive plans for indoctrinating all our people should be devised and the members should be carried through a course of study of the great fundamentals of our faith so that they may be rooted and grounded in the truth. We should not be deterred by talk about dry doctrine. It is not dry doctrine, but the dry preaching of it, and in some places no preaching at all, of it, that is destroying the Baptist spirit.

There was a time when we gave ourselves over to protest and defense and apology. But that day should be over, and as a denomination we should stand in the open and proclaim our principles. This will give us a sense of denominational solidarity and a new spirit of denominational assertion. Our chief task is no longer to defend our principles but to proclaim them. We must not take for granted that the people understand our views. The world around us has too largely misunderstood us. They need to have our message proclaimed in a spirit of love and confidence on our part. "The whole program of Baptist progress lies in the preaching of the New Testament, affirmatively, but not pugilistically."

Here we face the fact that our doctrines run almost directly across the doctrines of most of the other denominations. Our view of the child's position in religion, our conviction as to the purpose and place of the ordinances, our plea for personal and individual religion, our fundamental belief that the Bible alone is the source of the doctrines for God's people, all these mark us as a separate people. Baptists, therefore, candidly lovingly, and boldly accept this ecclesiastical isolation and proclaim it for the present and future generations. We are the trustees of these truths and must hold to them and proclaim them.

The very genius of the Baptist faith and practice differentiates us from all other denominations and makes our message of vital importance. This difference may be set forth as follows:

Presbyterians are familialistic, and seek to be saved by families, or to have family church life. Methodists are tribalistic, as is seen in the way they make the conference the religious unit. Episcopalians, who are the determined enemies of Baptists, are nationalistic. In England they are a state church, and in America they seek a monopoly of chaplains in the Army and Navy. Roman Catholics are cosmopolitan. With them the church is the world and the world is the church. Baptists are individualists, and as such stand for personal repentance, personal faith, and personal baptism. Alone with this is their ideal of democracy in church government. They hold that by the help of the Holy Spirit, Christ's regenerated freemen are capable of self-government. During the revolution this view led every Baptist to stand for the independence of the colonies. Their faith committed them to liberty. This again leads to our contention for a "free church in a free state."

Here, then, arises the question of salvation, which is the biggest word in Christian nomenclature. Rightly understood, it is complete and pres-

ent, and includes the whole man. "It is salvation of body and mind and spirit. It is salvation from condemnation to justification, from sin to salvation, from fear to faith, from selfishness to service, from littleness to largeness."

Baptists believe that this salvation comes by faith in a person, and that person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and Savior of the world. One who trusts in a church for salvation may become a good churchman, but will not be a Christian. One who trusts in a ceremony, such as the ordinances, will become a ritualist, but will not be a Christian. One who trusts in a doctrine may become a theologian, but will not be a Christian. One who trusts in the Bible alone may become a bibliolater, but will not be a Christian. One who trusts in the transforming power of education may become an evolutionist, but not a Christian. One who trusts in himself may become a moralist (more likely an immoralist), but he will not be a Christian. In all of this, we forget that Christianity centers in Christ and that all the Scriptures center in Him.

The uprise of denominations such as we have today with their varied teachings, has made it necessary for us to once again meet the issues involved in a regenerate church membership, baptism by burial in and resurrection out of water, absolute religious freedom, the supremacy of Scripture, the Lordship of Jesus, the empire of conscience, and the sanctity of the single or local church. The solution of all these issues lies in the preaching of the New Testament. This in turn requires us to accept the doctrine of a God-called ministry and the divine authority of the Bible. Nor can we win over the opposition and attain to the larger life by compromise. We cannot win by giving up what we believe. We cannot win by boasting of numbers. Numbers are never a test of truth. But, if we are to maintain the Baptist spirit, we must stand for the work of Baptists. To contend ceaselessly for doctrine as some of our brethren do, and care little or nothing for the work is against the whole scheme of revelation that where there is a great spirit there will be something going on as a result of the spirit.

Baptists are the simple hearted of the Lord's children. Their faith rests on Jesus and the Bible. Here they have their plain commands and feel the joy of full obedience. They recognize only one law-giver and He is both what God is and what man should be. In Him we find all that we should be, and do. The Bible becomes of authority because it rests in the authority of the Master.

Baptists believe that the more the Bible is understood, the more Baptists will be appreciated. Any man who undertakes to learn the message of the Bible with a genuine heart to yield to its teachings is in danger of becoming a Baptist. Baptists are anxious that we shall have a widespread and thorough study of the Bible. They believe that, if every Baptist should suddenly disappear from the earth, other new Baptists would continue to spring up so long as the people have access to the Bible.

We believe that the way to make new Baptists is to give them the Bible. If we will sow the Bible in all lands, Baptists will spring up everywhere. Baptists are not the product of some great human personality such as Wesley and Methodism, or General Booth and the Salvation Army. But wherever the Bible is read they have appeared as the simple outcome of people trying to build New Testament churches. The churches of Bulgaria were formed by a people who did not know of the existence of Baptist churches. They were merely basing their action on what they found in the New Testament. German Baptist churches resulted largely from the work of Oncken—a colporteur of the Scottish Bible Society. The first Baptist Church of Austria was founded by Millard—a Bible Society agent. The Baptist churches of Hungary were the result of the work of Meyers, a Bible colporteur.

Here, then, is Christianity. It is life, eternal life—the life of Christ in human experience. It is the inner fellowship of man with the Spirit of God—a personal relation and vital union of man with God through Jesus Christ. Here also is what we mean by a Baptist. He is a believer in Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord, whose religion is spiritual and apostolic in its simplicity. He is a believer in the spirituality of church membership and in the democracy of church government. He is a believer in the coordination of the ordinances that are for believers only, in the individualism of redeeming grace and in Jesus, the all-sufficient Savior.

We must, then, instruct our people

Publications Are Emphasized This Month



November is the month when all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are asked to lay particular stress on taking subscriptions to the state Baptist papers and missionary magazines. Pictured above are the publications included in this group. The state Baptist paper should be ordered direct from its business office, the Sunday School publication from the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., and the others as follows: The Commission, a Baptist world journal, from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia (50c a year); Southern Baptist Home Mis-

sions, from the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. (25c a year); The Woman's Missionary Union's Young People's magazines from the W. M. U. headquarters, Birmingham, Alabama, (\$1.00 a year); and Royal Service from the same address (50c a year). As M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, La., has said: "A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist; a non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist; a non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperating Baptist; a non-cooperating Baptist is just not much of a Baptist."

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CROSS ROADS

We had a good day at both churches last Sunday. Cross Roads had \$75 in the regular budget collection. The church has put the West Texas Baptist in the budget and that helps.

Pleasant Valley is also coming along nicely with their budget in spite of unfavorable weather and other unavoidable hindrances. They have set Friday night, December 5, for a Training Union social. There will be a good speaker and refreshments for all.

JOE MAYES, Pastor.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS TITHING

"In the Baptist churches in China there has developed a wonderful movement in the enlisting of tithers. This has resulted in a remarkable increase in the financial support of many of the churches. When we consider the destitute circumstances of most of the Chinese Christians at this time, we realize that this fact is all the more remarkable."—F. M. B.

CROSS PLAINS W. M. U. INVITES NEIGHBORS TO MISSION AFFAIR

"Sending Out" was the theme of an all-day mission study program of the Cross Plains W. M. U. on November 17. Women from Cottonwood and Dreesay Churches were guests. Mrs. Pat Crawford, Cisco Association president, reviewed the mission book, "These Things Remain." Rev. A. A. Davis of Baird delivered an inspirational address.

REFUGEE FROM ZAM ZAM DIES IN HOME SERVICE

(Foreign Mission Board)

Miss Elma Elam, for 18 years a consecrated and able missionary to Africa, was called, on November 13, to rest from her labors. Miss Elam, who had been in charge of the Bride's School—a school for pastors' wives—in Shaki, came home more than a year ago for a much needed furlough. She was one of the passengers on the ill-fated Zam Zam which was sunk by a German torpedo, and with the other Southern Baptist missionaries on board she was compelled to return to America.

Earnestly going about her Master's business, Miss Elam, whose home was in Madison, Missouri, was in Illinois filling a speaking engagement when she was stricken suddenly. She was taken to the hospital at Harrisburg, Illinois, suffering from a ruptured peptic ulcer, and it was there that death claimed her.

To the bereaved family and friends the Foreign Mission Board extends its deepest sympathy in their loneliness.

MISSIONARY CALLED HOME

On Friday, November 14, Mrs. T. F. McCrea of Ventura, California, was called to her eternal home. For 30 years Mr. and Mrs. McCrea served joyfully and effectively as Southern Baptist missionaries in Shan Tung province in North China. Retiring from active service in 1934, these noble workers have made their home in California. To the bereaved husband Southern Baptists extend their deep sympathy.—F. M. B.

NEWS FROM NIGERIA

Miss Isabella Moore and Mr. and Mrs. V. Lavell Sents arrived safely in Nigeria, November 8. Their ship had a small convoy from Trinidad to Brazil. There they joined other ships which were being conveyed to Africa. The cable from Dr. George Green also mentioned that Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, Rev. A. Scott Patterson, and Misses Kathleen Manly, Eva Sanders, and Amanda Tinkle have sailed for the United States.—F. M. B.

We want right done though the heavens fall right down on us.—Geo. W. Truett.

This Changing World

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struck for a dollar-a-day increase in pay. They had pledged the government last July that there would be no more strikes on defense work. Roared Barkley: "I fully intend to see that certain San Diego labor leaders do not bludgeon the Navy. These strikers will go back to work or the Navy will take over, hire its own men, put them under Civil Service, and guard them with Marines." The union leaders were back at work next day.

Joseph P. Lash, one-time boss of the notorious Communist student union, last week applied for a commission in the Naval Reserve. Fomenter of student anti-war strikes, a burning critic of the R. O. T. C., staff writer of the Communist New Masses, his application for a commission in our Navy was backed, according to the New York World-Telegram, "by his No. 1 patroness: Anna Eleanor Roosevelt."

Because of "increasing misgivings, after careful thought and prayer," Rector Samuel Moore Shoemaker of Manhattan's Calvary Episcopal Church, last week disassociated himself as chief American leader of the Oxford Group and asked the organization to vacate its headquarters in his meeting house.

Henry Ford has installed an elevator at Tuskegee for Professor George Washington Carver, greatest Negro scientist of this generation. Commenting on the gift, Dr. Carver said: "Exquisite elevator. The doctor said he couldn't do much for me as long as I climbed those nineteen steps. I'm not very old (born in the 1860's), but I've been around a long time."

Russian requests for machine tools must come first, for the present, was the ruling of the Office of Production Management last week. It is expected that some fifteen million dollars' worth of tools will go to Russia within the next year.

The national income in September reached an annual rate of ninety-two billion dollars, highest on record. Inflation had arrived. Secretary Morgenthau saw but one remedy: taxes and more taxes. By the end of the year "prosperity will have become a mirage," he thinks. If the price-control board should ever awake to the menace of inflation, prices will be controlled, and goods will be rationed to the consumers.

The current issue of The Christian Advocate, national weekly paper of the Methodist Church, is the finest compendium of articles on the evils of the liquor traffic I have ever seen. Not only does Editor Roy L. Smith present the menace of liquor; he offers constructive suggestions of how

to deal with the problem. From the front page drawing, "Chains," to the last of several remarkable leading articles, and the powerful editorial, this special issue is chock full of vital reading on one of the greatest subjects before the American people today. "There can be no armistice in our fight on the liquor traffic," declares Editor Smith. I wish this issue could go into every American home.

Poem for the Week

Famine once we had—
But other things God gave us in full store,
As fish and ground nuts, to supply our strait,
That we might learn on Providence to wait.

—Governor William Bradford.

HE FOUND THE LORD WHILE ALONE

By Edward B. Jenkins

We sat in his home on a ranch of three sections, and talked with him of the Kingdom of God. He is a deacon in his church, superintendent of the Sunday School, and a leader among his people. He found the Lord not in the house of God, but out all alone down on his knees on his ranch.

He is a ranchman by business, but a true servant of the Lord, and is doing much to build up the cause of Christ in his community. He is a layman and has an interest not only in his local church, but in the Kingdom of God to the far ends of the earth.

"The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."

He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he will also hear their cry, and will have them" (Psalms 145:18-19).

ROTAN IS HOST TO SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS TEAM

The special all-day Sunday School meeting for Fisher County Baptists will be with the First Church, Rotan, December 11, 1941. All come and bring a covered dish.

O. D. HENLEY,
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Team No. 7

Dec. 8—Del Rio-Uvalde, First, Uvalde.
Dec. 9—Big Bend, First, Marfa.
Dec. 11—El Paso, Grandview, El Paso.
Dec. 12—Pecos, First, Monahans.
Team Leader, Rev. Sibley Burnett, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Roy Hollomon, El Paso; Rev. J. A. Kidd, Alpine, District Missionary.

Team No. 8

Dec. 8—Mitchell-Scurry, First, Snyder.
Dec. 9—Big Spring, First, Midland.
Dec. 10—Lamesa, First, Lamesa.
Dec. 11—Brownfield, First Brownfield.
Dec. 12—Hockley-Cochran, First, Levelland.
Dec. 12—Lubbock (at night), First, Lubbock.

Team Leader, W. J. Lites, Dallas; Rev. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford; Rev. W. C. Harrison, Odessa, District Missionary.

Team No. 9

Dec. 8—Dickens, First, Afton.
Dec. 9—Floyd, First, Floydada.
Dec. 10—Staked Plains, First, Plainview.
Dec. 11—West Plains, First, Sudan.
Dec. 12—Tierra Blanca, First, Dimmitt.

Team Leader, J. T. Sisemore, Amarillo; Rev. Douglas Carver, Abilene; Rev. J. Lowell Ponder, Plainview, District Missionary.

Team No. 10

Dec. 8—Palo Duro, First, Amarillo.
Dec. 9—Panhandle, First, Clarendon.
Dec. 10—North Fork, First, Shamrock.
Dec. 11—Canadian, First, Canadian.
Dec. 12—Trans-Canadian, First, Dumas.

Team Leader, Dr. Homer L. Grice, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. W. H. Townsend, Olney; Rev. J. C. McKenzie, Amarillo, District Missionary.

Team No. 11

Dec. 8—Wichita Archer, Lamar Ave., Wichita Falls.
Dec. 9—Clay, First, Henrietta.
Dec. 10—Wilbarger-Foard, First, Vernon.
Dec. 11—Red Fork, First, Childress.

Dec. 12—Baylor-Knox, First, Seymour.

Team Leader, J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Homer B. Reynolds, Wichita Falls; Rev. J. M. Riddell, Wichita Falls, District Missionary.

Team No. 16

Dec. 8—Brown, Coggin Ave., Brownwood.
Dec. 9—Coleman, First, Coleman.
Dec. 10—Mills, First, Star.
Dec. 11—Hamilton, First, Hamilton.
Dec. 12—Comanche, First, Comanche.

Team Leader, Rev. Elmer Dunham, Big Spring; Dr. J. W. Middleton, San Angelo; Rev. J. P. King, Brownwood, District Missionary.

Team No. 17

Dec. 8—Throckmorton-Young, First, Olney.
Dec. 9—Haskell, First, Haskell.
Dec. 10—Stonewall, First, Jayton.
Dec. 11—Fisher, First, Rotan.
Dec. 12—Jones, First, Anson.
Team Leader: To be supplied; Dr. C. B. Jackson, Greenville; J. M. Cook, Abilene.

Team No. 18

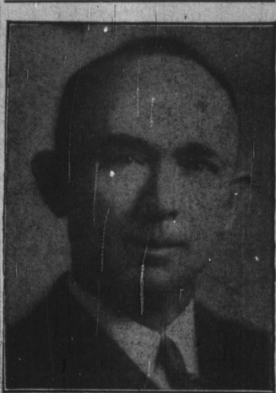
Dec. 8—Concho Valley, First, San Angelo.
Dec. 9—Runnels, First, Winters.
Dec. 10—Sweetwater, First, Merkel.
Dec. 11—Callahan, First, Clyde.
Dec. 12—Cisco, First, Cisco.
Dec. 12—Palo Pinto (at night), First, Mineral Wells.

Team Leader, Andrew Allen, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. W. M. Turner, Mineral Wells; Rev. J. H. Littleton, Abilene, District Missionary; Miss Hargis.

PAPER GIVES PUBLICITY
ON HOME MISSION WORK

In its recent special "Get Acquainted Day" issue the San Angelo, Texas, Standard Times carried a prominent feature story on the work of the Home Mission Board's Mexican missionary, Rev. Donato Ruiz.

Brother Ruiz, in his 21st year of Home Mission work, is pastor of the San Angelo Mexican Baptist Church and serves seven mission churches in that vicinity. He has unusual gifts as a pioneer evangelist, his work being marked by ability to make contacts for the Gospel in new communities, patient endurance of hardships and tireless energy in constant travel and preaching. He has baptized more than 5,000 believers into the Baptist churches of Mexico and the Border.



W. J. LITES



REV. DICK O'BRIEN

Missionary Messages

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I believe there are ten other half-time churches that would do this in our district if they were encouraged to do so. A number of our rural churches could move a pastor on the field and support him in a better way than they are doing with half-time work. No church can do its best just having services part time.

The next important event in our district is the Association-wide Sunday School meeting sponsored by the Sunday School Board. We are printing a number of programs here in the office and will mail them out this week. We will mail to each association. When you receive them we are asking you to make an announcement and urge your people to attend these meetings. We hope to have several from each church in attendance.

I was with the Haskell church both morning and evening last Sunday. We had a good day. This is a good church. In the afternoon we had one of the best associational Sunday School meetings I have been in for some time. Brother Bob Speck of Rochester was elected Associational Sunday School Superintendent and those present from 12 churches pledged him their support. Each one saying, "I will do anything that you want me to do."

I think a new day has arrived for Haskell Association. They meet in their Workers Conference today, with the East Side Church. Brother Priddy is their pastor. Let all of us earnestly pray for our work and give ourselves to the doing of it.

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"I Never Thought I Would
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By Gordon Barrett

Some 25 years past, after a hard day's work, seeking to bring comfort and good cheer to the hearts and homes of my parishioners, I returned to my home for the evening meal. After dinner I retired to my study to prepare a message for the next Lord's Day worship. About 8 o'clock I heard a tap on the door of my study. On answering the signal, I met two cultured young women who were sisters, the daughters of a one-time distinguished Baptist preacher, who at that time had gone to his heavenly rest.

After a bit of friendly, social chat, I noticed that the two sisters were very nervous. The older of the two, after a deep sigh, said to me, "Brother Barrett, father and mother are dead; it is true, we have some brothers and sisters, but we have come to you for some advice and counsel." The older of the two doing the talking said, "Mildred is in the most serious and heart-breaking distress."

After I had assured them that I could and would aid them in their distress, they arose to go. Standing in a most rigid posture for a moment, the younger of the two sisters screamed a plaintive scream and said, "I never thought that I would come to this."

Jezebel, robed in a queen's attire, perpetrated the assassination of Naboth, and took his private property and gave it to her wicked husband, King Ahab. But she did not know the dogs of the city would gnaw and growl over her bones.

King David did not know that when he gave place to passion, and committed that amorous, outrageous crime against Uriah, his most loyal, devoted citizen and soldier, that one of his sons would ravish his daughter and that another of his sons would kill his brother for the crime he had committed against his sister.

Joseph's brothers were jealous of him. They swore that Joseph's dreams should never come true. They sold the young dreamer to a stranger in a foreign country and congratulated themselves that they had put an end to the dreamer's dream. They did not know that the time would come when each and all of them would be compelled to fall before the one they had betrayed, recognizing that Joseph's dreams had come true.

Today the prodigal son is faring sumptuously in a beautiful home, loved and sustained by a devoted father and mother. Tomorrow he finds himself in a foreign country, no home, no money, no friends. In the hog-pen, he came to his senses and said, "In my father's house is bread enough, and to spare; and I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father and confess my folly."

Back in my native state, some 55 years ago, adjacent to the farm on which my father's family lived, there lived a family by the name of Silvy. In that family was a son, red headed, blue-eyed, freckled-faced. He was constantly in fusses with neighbor boys. He would make it appear to his father that the boys were imposing on him. His father went to a rural store, bought a large barlow knife. As his father returned to his home about 11 o'clock a.m., he called his son to him and said, "Son, I am

tired of the upstarts imposing on you. Take this knife, and the first smart alec that crosses you, stick it in him up to the hilt."

The family ate dinner. The son and his brother went to the horse-lot to saddle the stock, that they might ride out to the ball game. This boy's brother was a student in Mercer University, studying for the ministry. They had some words as to which should ride the horse and saddle or the mule without a saddle. In their difference, Hill walked up to John and took him by the hand, stood on his tiptoes and plunged the knife into the breast of his preacher brother. Father took his children over to Mr. Silvy's that we might learn a life-long lesson. Though I was but a small child, I can never forget the groans that came from Mr. Silvy's breast that Saturday afternoon. He would wring his hands and pull his hair, and cry out like a mad man and say, "I never thought that this would be the fruits of my ill advice."

PENITENTE PROCESSION
AMAZES MISSIONARY

Upon their return home one evening from a service in a Spanish-Indian home, Miss Pauline Cammack, Home Board missionary, and her fellow-workers saw a Penitente procession approaching down the road. They turned off the highway and stopped to let it pass on its return from a Rosario service in a Spanish home to their morada, or church.

Nine men formed the procession, some carrying lanterns as they sang their chant along their way. The man leading the procession carried an image called "Sangre de Cristo."

From a saloon and dance hall, two girls who only a short time before had been in the mission service, came out to stop the procession, each in turn kneeling to kiss the feet of the image, then returning to the dance hall to the tunes of the nickelodeon as the chant of the Penitentes faded out in the distance on their pathway to the morada, the resting place of the "Sangre de Cristo."

STATE APPROVED WORKER
WEDS AT CONVENTION

Preceding the concluding session of the Training Union Convention, Miss Marie Saddler of San Angelo, a state approved Training Union worker, and Hoyt Eudaly of Grand Falls were married 8:30 in Broadway Church, with Dr. Geo. W. Truett, assisted by Pastor W. Douglas Hudgins, performing the ceremony. Dr. T. C. Gardner gave the bride away. The groom, a Grand Falls business man, is Training Union director in Pecos Association. The wedding was the culmination of a romance started at the convention at Dallas a year ago.

Christians have always loved peace, but have never purchased it at the price of chains.—Josh Lee.

Get behind the church and make it succeed.—W. W. Melton.

Infinitely more than all human organizations is the church of the Living God.—Geo. W. Truett.

Lottie Moon---

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China. The offering that year was \$3,315—more than enough for two missionaries. Since then the offering has been observed annually, and at present the whole church participates. This is an "offering"—an "over and above"—for Foreign Missions. Last year the amount brought was over ten times that of the first offering, \$361,070.56, of which Texas Baptists brought \$75,728.67.

At our recent State Convention in Abilene, those who heard Secretary of Foreign Missions, Dr. Chas. E. Maddy, will never forget his appeal. He called attention to the need, greater now than ever before, for sustaining our work on the foreign fields and the support of our work through native Baptists in fields where our missionaries have been forced to evacuate. His commendation of the brave souls that refuse to come out of danger in China, remaining there to feed the hungry bodies and minister to the souls, in this, their greatest hour of need, made his hearers ashamed that they are giving so little.

All will remember, too, his telling of the new fields opened in the places that have long begged for Baptist missionaries, the Hawaiian Islands, Columbia, Free China. He ventured the assumption that this year Texas Baptists would bring \$1,100,000 to this offering. Texas has never failed in an emergency. We have just seen the completion of one of the greatest years in our history. We are thankful for our prosperity in the state, and in America. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" (Psalm 118:12).

As the world observes the Birthday of Our King in a commercial and a material manner, let those who wear His name and who profess to follow Him observe it with a worthy offering to establish peace on earth through the Prince of Peace.

The needs of the world today are spiritual. Only a people spiritually prepared can meet those needs. Meeting these needs is the task of home missions.—J. B. Lawrence.

Rambling Remarks

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she realized what she had done she took him out and buried him under the surface of his favorite golf hole, placing the two parts of the shattered bread board over his head. And from that day until we reopened the course in 1926, A. D., he had rested in pieces. . . . And I assure my seven readers that I have as much and as convincing proof that this story is true and correct as the birds who spoke with such confidence concerning that poor fellow who lived in Oklahoma a million or two years ago.

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