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RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I have just read an interesting little story which seems to have a lot of truth in it. In the Sunday School one morning the teacher asked the class if they could name anything that God could not do. For a time there was deep silence, then timidly a little girl said, "Yes, there is one thing that God cannot do, he cannot please everybody." Ain't it so? Take this column for instance. Oh, you don't want it? Well I mean figuratively. One of the readers complains because I do not talk about the family more, another because I do not put something sensible in it, which I would if I could, heaven knows. Still another wants me to deal altogether in the things which happened in the good old days, and thus it goes. Everybody complaining. Nobody satisfied. If it were not for the salary I get out of my writing, and the ambition that has, since childhood, burned like a prairie fire in my soul to be a great writer, I would quit and enter politics or something. . . . But let me whisper a secret in your 12 ears (according to the last count I am down to six readers. The other four got the monthly Comfort magazine (?) for Christmas presents, and now they feel that rambling remarks are too light for their advanced literary tastes). (To read intelligently, omit back through the last two sentences in parentheses). (That will take you back to the word "ears." Got it? O. K.). I do not worry about what people say about the column, I only worry when they do not say anything. That's bad. . . . The other day I opened a scrap book in which some member of the family had pasted a number of these columns printed several years ago. I read along from week to week hoping I might detect some improvement in the writings, but when I read the last one it reminded me of the story of the doctor who asked the nurse how the boy was who swallowed the half dollar, and had been given a strong emetic, and she answered, "no change yet, doctor." This column is now nearly 10 years of age, and there seems to be "no change yet." . . . I am indebted to a friend who did not sign his name for a story that gave me a chuckle, so I pass it on to you. A little boy who had reached the age of endless question asking, one day engaged his mother in the following conversation. "Mother where was I born?" "Why you were born right here in the state of California," she answered. "Then where were you born, mother?" he asked. "Why I was born in the state of Maine." "Well," he said, "where was daddy born?" "Your father was born in Ireland, way across the Atlantic ocean," patiently responded the mother. For quite a while the boy was quiet then he burst out, "Funny how we all got together, ain't it?"

EVENTS TO COME

Feb. 18-19—Bible Conference, District 8, First Baptist Church, Big Spring.
February 24-25—District 16 Convention, Brownwood.
February 28-March 1—District 7 Convention, Van Horn.
March 4-5—District 8 Convention, Colorado City.
March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Stamford.
March 17-18 — State Laymen's Rally, Dallas.
April 15-17—Texas Baptist Sunday School convention, Dallas.
March 25-26—District 9 Convention, Brownfield.
March 27-28—District 10 Convention, Pampa.
March 27-28—District 11 Convention, Paducah.
May 14-18—Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.
June 2-5—Evangelistic Conference, Seminary Hill.

MANON SEWELL LEAVES BAPTIST STANDARD STAFF

Mrs. Manon Sewell, wife of A. C. Sewell, formerly head of Baylor hospital, Dallas, and daughter of Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, is giving up the position of assistant to the editor of the Standard, where she has served efficiently for 12 years. The reason for her resignation is the moving of the family to Fort Worth, where Mr. Sewell has accepted the superintendency of the city-county hospital.

Mrs. Sewell, in addition to mothering three fine sons and a daughter, has been circulation manager of the Standard, beloved editor of the children's page, writer of most of the convention and feature stories, and in some way has found time to write over three hundred short stories, most of which have appeared on that page, and five books with exceptionally high standard of literary merit and wide popularity.

During the years that she has had charge of the Standard circulation, it has grown from 14,000 each week to approximately 50,000 at the present time.

It will be remembered that before her father was editor of the Baptist state paper he was state executive secretary and for many years before that, one of the leading pastors in the state. With such a background, there are few in Texas who know as many Baptists as his gifted daughter.

Her quiet, winsome personality has endeared a great many friends. Her efficiency has earned the respect and gratitude of newspapermen in all towns where Baptists have held conventions during the past decade.

The children of more than two score thousand Baptist homes hope that Gloria Young, as they know Mrs. Sewell, will never resign from their page of the Standard.

CONVERSION AT CALLAHAN TRAINING UNION CLINIC

By R. P. Adams

To those who did not attend the Callahan Training Union rally, sponsored by our state department, at Baird last Tuesday, we will say that you missed a good program full of helpful hints and spirituality. We think it was the sentiment of those present "that it was well to have been there."

Some great goals were set up for the Callahan Association for our Training Union. A complete group of officers were elected; they are as follows: director, D. R. Willaughby, Cottonwood; associate director, R. P. Adams, Clyde; secretary-treasurer, Katie Sue Walker, Baird; chorister, B. G. Hapson, Cross Plains; pianist, Mrs. W. B. Atchison, Baird; pastor-adviser, C. E. Poe, Cross Plains.

A full list of departmental officers was elected; beginner, Mrs. Richard Thompson; primary, Miss Evelyn Hollis; junior, Mrs. G. P. Gaskin; intermediate, Mrs. Eva Smith; senior, Mrs. Fay Redden; adult, Mrs. E. G. Scott.

We are looking forward to greater days for our Training Union in Callahan Association. Lord, hasten the day when our churches will think of the Training Union as a real child rather than a "step child."

To climax our day at Baird, one of the junior girls of the Baird church was converted, saying in her own words, "This is the happiest moment in my life."

W. M. U. MEETS JAN. 7 WITH ROCHESTER

The W. M. U. of Haskell Association met January 7 at Rochester, with Mrs. Bob Speck presiding. Reports were given by Mrs. L. Hannah from Munday, Mrs. John May from Knox City, Mrs. Qualls from Rochester, stressing as their respective working aims for the year: enlistment, educational and benevolent work, winning the young people.

Mrs. Tierce brought a challenging report on the young people's work in the sermon for the morning Brother Short emphasized the fact that only Christianity can fully satisfy the needs of humanity.

The afternoon was devoted to inspirational reports and business. An invitation extended by Mrs. Hannah for the W. M. U. to hold its quarterly meeting at Munday was accepted, and it was decided that from now on the hostess W. M. U. would furnish lunch.

DRY ORGANIZATIONS FORM IN WEST TEXAS COUNTIES



T. N. CARSWELL

Dry organizations were set up Sunday in Fisher and Throckmorton counties, and a third county, Mitchell, was organized Monday night, T. N. Carswell, 24th district chairman, announces.

Carswell emphasizes that the immediate objective for dries is to seek amendments to the liquor control laws by which sale of prescription in dry territory can be curbed.

Every community in Fisher county, except one, was represented in a session of dry leaders at the First Baptist Church in Roby.

C. A. Jones of Rotan was named Fisher County chairman, a post which automatically makes him vice-chairman in the district set up, perfected in Abilene recently as a unit of Texas Dries.

T. E. Alvis of Roby, Joe Boyd of Rotan, Ernest Webb of McCaulley and Lewis Lawless of Sylvester were elected vice-chairmen; all pastors of the county are to serve on the executive committee, while a secretary-treasurer is to be named by Jones.

Carswell attended the Roby meeting, which drew 50 dry leaders from the various communities.

J. D. Riddle of Abilene, the district secretary, attended a meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Throckmorton. J. J. Keeter was named chairman for the Throckmorton County organization; Lyle Gregory was chosen secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Hattie Sellars, Helen Corley, A. L. Shewalter and John Banks were elected vice-chairmen, while ministers will make up the executive board.

Mitchell County Dries organized Monday evening in a gathering at the First Presbyterian Church of Colorado City with about 30 present.

Rev. A. E. Travis of the First Baptist Church acted as chairman and a permanent organization is in process of completion. District Chairman T. N. Carswell and Rev. R. L. Butler, president of the Abilene pastors' conference, attended the meeting.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY OPENS SECOND SEMESTER

Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, opened its second semester of the present session with more than 30 new students from six states enrolling by the third day. Significantly, the first two chapel services set the tempo for the last half of the year's work. Emphasizing the importance of the work of the denomination, Mr. J. E. Lambdin, south-western secretary of the Baptist Training Union department of the Sunday School Board, spoke on the recently inaugurated Four-Year Program of the Baptist Training Union of the south.

The mission emphasis was sounded in the address of Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, head of the department of Jewish Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Gartenhaus told of the very encouraging progress that has been made among the Jewish people, who have now opened their doors to the Gospel more than at any time in the past.

A forthcoming event of interest to students and friends of the Seminary will be second annual mid-winter conference, January 27-31. The conference this year will feature addresses by Dr. W. O. Carver, professor of missions of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Dr. A. L. Aulick, professor of Bible, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Dr. E. B. Atwood, professor of Bible, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas. President L. R. Scarborough has planned the program for the profit of every type of religious worker and pastor.

AUSTIN PASTOR COMMENTS SINGING EVANGELIST

I noticed recently a note in the West Texas Baptist concerning Bro. M. H. Hudler of 2308 Canterbury Street, Austin. It was my pleasure to have Bro. Hudler sing for me in my revival last summer.

He is truly a great Gospel singer and an efficient and tactful worker among young people. Any pastor needing help in a revival, or Training Union study course, or Sunday School enlargement campaign work, will be fortunate in securing his services. He is truly a soul-winner.

—J. T. KING.

COLORADO SECOND BAPTIST ORDAINS TWO MINISTERS

The Second Baptist Church, Colorado City, has recently ordained two of its members, C. E. Dossey and V. A. Cooper, and licensed two others, H. B. Altman, and Edmon Nowell.

These men are available for pastoral, evangelistic, or supply work, and are recommended by the church and pastor, Scott W. Hickey.

DIST. TEN AND WAYLAND TO MERGE BIBLE SCHOOLS

By E. L. Bowman, Secretary

January 6th through the 10th the District 10 Bible Conference met for its annual sessions in the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, with Missionary McKensie presiding. Mrs. Josie superintended the fine hospitality so customary of the Amarillo churches and their people.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough brought the opening address on "Enlargement of Our Work." Dr. Scarborough said, "We are living in an atmosphere that will not accept anything little. That the Apostles' earliest examples constitute Christ's commands. That many of us lack the moral courage to preach against unpopular matters." Brother Scarborough appealed to the ministry for enlarged program of soul-winning.

Throughout the Bible Conference Dr. C. Gordon Bayless brought his messages. His message on "The Ethics of the Minister" defined clearly and tenderly the responsibility of the pastor and his relationship to the church. "The Future of the Christian Faith" was one of the greatest messages brought during the conference. The message held Christ up as the world's only hope.

Following in close place for interest were the messages of Dr. John Cobb. His messages analyzed sin, and its affects upon the human personality. Dr. Cobb said all false and true religion part company at sin. The Wayland Bible teacher painted the picture of sin in its course; that sin robs, injures, corrupts, and destroys the whole human personality.

Another speaker on the program was the popular pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dumas. In scholarship unexcelled, Brother McBeth interpreted several chapters in the Book of Romans. Other speakers of the five-day conference included Dr. J. N. Hunt, Rev. Troy Sumrall, E. M. Dunsworth, J. H. Dean, S. R. McClung, L. A. Sartain, and E. L. Bowman.

In a called business session, the conference voted to accept recommendations from a special committee to merge the District 10 Bible Conference with the Wayland College Pastors' Conference. Many of the pastors believed the merge of both conferences would be a step favoring Wayland College and the enlargement of attendance upon the Pastors' Conference with Wayland College.

The Bible Conference reached its zenith Friday when Dr. R. C. Campbell brought his messages. His first message of the morning was on "The Practical Ministry." In the afternoon the Bible Conference closed with Brother Campbell's message: "Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes." Dr. Campbell quoted Augustine's prayer: "A whole Christ for my Savior, a whole Bible for my counsel, a whole church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my parish."

SOUTHWIDE LEADER AIDS ABILENE TEACHER COURSE

Miss Marie Estes, head of the library department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, is teaching a class in the church library manual at First Church, Abilene, this week. The church expects to reorganize its library while she is here.

Other classes in a teacher training course are being taught by District Missionary J. Henry Littleton, J. D. Riddle, Miss Jaxie Short, and Miss Virginia Creighton.

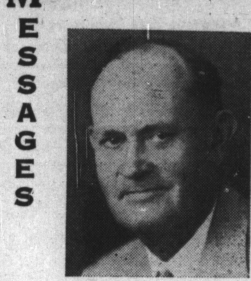
225 STANDARD SUNDAY SCHOOLS WANTED IN JANUARY

Send in your application for your Standard award now. The goal in Texas for Standard Sunday Schools for the month of January is 225. Let's not fail to reach the quota. Check up on your school now and if you can qualify, send in your application so that it will reach this office by January 28. At this time all applications will be sent in to the Nashville office. Also all schools that have qualified in January will be listed in the Baptist Standard.

MISSIONARY MISS ZEMMA HARE NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE LONG

Miss Blanche Rose Walker of Abilene left last week for Orange in response to a wire that Miss Zemina Hare, a companion of many years' service at Kaifeng, China, was approaching the end. Miss Hare returned from China last year, broken in health after enduring trying circumstances of war and refugee work at Kaifeng.

MISSIONARY



By J. Henry Littleton
1274 N. 2nd

After several weeks I am trying to give an account of my stewardship for the past few days. I think I am about over the flu. This is another time I know that I had it.

Last week was a good week. I was with the workers in five of our associations in the Training Union Clinic. We had as workers Brother Volus Norsworthy of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Mrs. Weekly Bradford from the First Church, Wichita Falls, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Bolton of the First Church, Vernon, and Brother David Phillips, pastor of the First Church, Ranger. They were all, as workers, that we could ask for. I wish we could keep them in this district permanently. We began with Cisco Association meeting with the First Church, Eastland. Brother Joe Self is the leader for that group. We found that he had done a good job advertising the meeting and we had 147 present for the services. Possibly they have the work better organized there than we have anywhere else in the district. Tuesday we met with Callahan Association at Baird and had 40 present. Brother Davis and his church were everything that a host church could be. The fact is, we could say this about each church and pastor we were with.

Wednesday we were with the Sweetwater Association at the First Church, Abilene. Miss Jaxie Short is the leader in this association but she was in another district with a team of workers. We had 139 present. The Nolan Church had the largest number present of any church in the association. Thursday we met with the Jones County Association in the First Church, Stamford. We had 36 present. Jones County is going to work at this Training Union job. Friday we were with the Haskell Association, meeting with the First Church, Haskell. We had 61 present. Brother S. E. Stephenson is their leader. They will discuss a better organization at the Workers Conference. From the above you see that we did not have large groups present. Several reasons for this. We feel like much good was accomplished. If each association in Texas averaged even the number we did the workers reached more than 10,000 people in the State. That after all is a large number. We (Continued on page 4)

BIBLE BASIS OF FREEDOM. ASSERTS H-SU PRESIDENT

The constitutional ideals of freedom of speech, press, assembly and worship grow from the Biblical conception of the dignity of man and the sovereignty of the individual, Dr. W. R. White, Hardin-Simmons University president, said Saturday in concluding a series of chapel talks on the Bible and the constitution.

Equality before the law, a constitutional right in America, has Biblical background, where rulers and subjects are equal, Dr. White said.

"The conceptions of freedom, in the Bible and in the American constitution are the same," the H-SU president said in a timely discussion series, contrasting the national way of life in America, with its democratic ideals and Christian philosophy, with that of the totalitarian states.

DR. WHITE SPEAKS TO NEW MEXICO PASTORS

Dr. W. R. White is bringing inspirational addresses for the New Mexico Baptist Pastors meeting at Roswell this week. He is speaking twice daily.

Dr. J. P. McBeth of Dumas is leading a study of the book of Romans. Many of the leading pastors of the state are also appearing on the program.

Brotherhood Incentives For 1941

As Outlined by the Advisory Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood Convention of Texas

I. General

1. Church Cooperation. The Brotherhood is anxious to cooperate in every program of the church. The Brotherhood makes its program the program of the church. To assure the cooperation of every department, we suggest that every church have a Pastor's Cabinet composed of the pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Training Union director, W. M. S. president, Brotherhood president, chairman of deacons, chairman of finance committee, choir director, and heads of any other organizations in the church, including the education director if the church has one. This cabinet could plan the program of the church and correlate it in a workable fashion. Surely every church should plan its program to include every phase of religious life. "There is wisdom in multitude of counsel."

2. Associational Cooperation. We can think of nothing finer than for the presidents of the various associational organizations to form a committee with the moderator as chairman to correlate the work of the associational organizations so that all departments will be working in harmony without conflicts, and above all, with an aggressive program. The committee could make its report to the Associational Board, and if satisfac-



R. A. SPRINGER

tory, it could be adopted by the association and promoted throughout the year.

3. District Cooperation. Just as the above suggested associational organization heads could form a working committee for the program of the association, the district organization heads could form a working committee for the district. Most of the districts now have some such committee.

4. Magnify Enlarged Program of Texas Baptists. Certainly the Brotherhood (Continued on page 4)

ATTENDANCE REPORTED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday School Department,
G. S. Hopkins, Missionary
Jan. 17, 1940

Report of Sunday Schools that have an enrollment of 900 or above. Mail reports so that they will reach this office, 707 Burt Bldg., Dallas, before Wednesday of each week:

Amarillo, First	1860
San Antonio, First	1750
Lubbock, First	1342
Abilene, First	1228
Longview, First	1159
Beaumont, First	1075
Wichita Falls, First	974
Galveston, First	948
Denton, First	925
Waco, Columbus Ave.	840
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	804
Vernon, First	792
Austin, First	769
Port Arthur, Memorial	754
Port Arthur, First	706
Tyler, First	697
Beaumont, Calvary	689
Brownwood, Coggins Ave.	678
Kilgore, First	635
Palestine, First	642
Sherman, First	590
Henderson, First	556
Texarkana, Rose Hill	546
Paris, First	541
Gainesville, First	537
Sulphur Springs, First	522
Borger, First	506
Odessa, First	479
Greenville, First	467
Groves, First	447
Freer, First	431
Corpus Christi, Park Ave.	418
Coleman, First	359
Houston, Baptist Temple	1309
Houston, Second	1180
Houston, First	1112
Houston, South Main	926
Houston, West End	868
Houston, Park Memorial	807
Houston, Trinity	743
Houston, First Heights	713
Fort Worth, Travis Ave.	1420
Fort Worth, Broadway	1371
Fort Worth, Rosen Heights	800
Fort Worth, Polytechnic	698
Fort Worth, North Fort Worth	677
Fort Worth, Riverside	598
Fort Worth, Tabernacle	546
Fort Worth, College Ave.	460
Dallas, First	2336
Dallas, Cliff Temple	2204
Dallas, Gaston	1395
Dallas, Calvary	1033
Dallas, East Grand	836
Dallas, Hillcrest	791
Dallas, Forest Ave.	665
Dallas, Highland	574
Dallas, East Dallas	536
Dallas, Forney Ave.	486
Dallas, Colonial	403
Dallas, First Oak Cliff	368

MEXICAN MISSION CHOOSES CHILDREN'S LEADERS

The Mexican Mission named Sisters Esther Hernandez and Trinidad Logan as workers with the children of the mission members. When they organized there were 28 of them present. The next Sunday afternoon they met again and more members came to join. Now there are 40 members of the Sunbeam Band of the Mexican Mission. Continue praying that more may come because when our new church building is finished we can take care of all that come.

—PEDRO HERNANDEZ.

Rev. R. E. Jones, Royston pastor, preached at Clairmont, January 19.

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ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Associations and Superintendents	No. Chs.	No. S.S.	No. mak. ing rpt.	Chs. rptg.	People prea.	Bapt- isms	Std. S.S.
Bell, J. R. Fellrath	40	38	0	15			
Brady, H. B. Cornelson	21	21	5	10	45	1	
Canadian, J. F. Payton	10	8	6	8	97	1	3
Callahan, H. C. Reddoch	16	16	5	7	40		2
Corpus Christi, M. B. Rust	19	19	13	8	47	19	6
Dallas, L. H. Tapscott	91	96	17	61	372	13	7
Dickens, J. T. Campbell	17	15	5	7	54	0	
Enon, T. F. Cooper	35	27	8	14	64	0	1
Erath, Mrs. Ernest Belcher	37	28	8	17	105	0	2
Fisher, O. D. Henley	20	17	6	10		2	4
Freestone-Leon, W. R. Miller	16	15	6	8	114	3	4
Hardin, A. T. Sturrock	14	12	6	7	44		
Henderson, E. J. Youngblood	18	18	1		Team Meeting		
Hill, T. S. King	23	24	11	16	102	2	2
Jones, W. L. Daniel	27	28	7	10	98	0	
Kaufman, L. P. Hardee	20	20	3				
Leon-River, O. L. Bryant	25	21	6		Flu		
Lower Rio Grande, W. W. Quick	29	27	20	136	17	13	
Lubbock, C. E. Roark	39	39	11	16	122	7	2
Meridian, H. B. Nutt	22	18	6	6	51	0	
Mitchell-Scurry, M. H. Godfrey	30	23	17	13	76	5	2
Panhandle, A. L. Teaff	18	17	5	10	67	0	
Pecos Valley, C. T. Aly	19	19	8	10	135	6	5
Rusk-Panola F. C. Whitmarsh	34	34	9			2	5
Sabine Valley, A. M. Funderburk	26	24	9	11	78	5	
San Antonio, J. A. Hall	54	54	20	30	187	10	7
Smith, Lee B. Smith	44	40	10	17	80	7	5
Southwest Texas, Oscar Perkins	68	56	34	17	74	39	11
Staked Plains, A. A. Suits	20	20	5	9	67		
Stonewall, Ed Hahn	10	11	0	7	45		
Sweetwater, T. J. Sparkman	37	40	17	0	0	3	4
Tarrant, L. F. Rehms	74	74	14	18	117	9	2
Throckmorton-Young, J. L. Roden	22	20	11	6	51	2	2
Van Zandt, C. F. Riley	17	17	10		67		
Wise, R. H. Watkins			9				
Totals	1012	958	325	398	2535	153	94

KAIFENG CHURCH GROWING WRITES CHINESE PASTOR

Dec. 10, 1940.

Dear Big Sister, Miss Walker:
It has been a long time since I wrote you or heard from you the last time. Every day I wanted to write you about everything in connection with the Kulon Church work, but the longer I delayed to do so, the harder it becomes for me to start it.

Now I just could not wait any longer to tell you, first of all, that my family and I are all well. My family has become bigger and bigger, almost as large as Pastor Fan's. Ruth has been kept busy day and night with five children. I have been fully occupied with the Kulon Church work, the Seminary teaching, and the True Light Baptist middle school for boys of which I have been in charge for the past year and now. This last summer I went out for three meetings and when I came back to Kaifeng I had to plan things for opening the boys school. I had overworked myself down and praise the Lord, He helped me to stand over though I am not quite recovered physically. I know you pray for me daily, or I don't know how I could get along with the work at Kulon at the same time. We miss you a great deal! I have often mentioned you in our prayer meetings and the communion service. We have high esteem and great love in our heart for you. We think of you as a real missionary among the Chinese. We feel a great loss to have you not come back to us.

The Kulon Church is growing in both members and spiritual life. Several weeks ago I baptized 24 converts. The church is full of young people. They are helping the church in a real and most helpful way. We have a good choir which consists of six boys and six girls. Miss Zemina Hare had helped in this when she came back to us this last time. Now Mrs. Harris and Miss Zemina have all left us. We are most destitute from Missionary help, but thank the Lord, He is our help. The choir and the church work are still going on just as usual. We have a fine group of elder women, too. Quite a few of them are quite educated. The number of brothers has been growing in a most splendid way. The young people's organization and the W. M. U. are going on fine. But we do need more trained and consecrated leaders to lead them. Miss Dela Wang is still helping with the girl's organization and now we have her brother, Wang Tien Fu, from Chengchow, to be our male evangelist. The Bible woman is Mrs. Sou, from Tsinan. She is not quite up with the work, but she seems to be a quiet lady about forty-six or seven years old.

Wang Fa is still hanging on the church circle. The church constantly gives him some relief money, but cannot be responsible for his living. He seems to get along fine. Liu Chwen Shen, is working for the Catholic Church, building and repairing houses. He is on our Kulon Church committee. He seems too busy with his own affairs, and does not have time to attend to his own spiritual welfare. But he is nice in many respects.

I hope the Kulon Church will soon get her regular pastor. I am too busy with so much. I just could not afford to carry on the work in every way. Please help us to pray that the right person may come to Kulon to be full time and paid pastor. I hate to see

the work at Kulon suffer. Kulon Church has now a primary school. It was hard to get teachers from our own Baptist circles. So the teachers whom Mrs. Harris invited are almost all from the Anglican Mission. They render very little service to the church work now.

The Seminary once stopped for a month on account of the evacuation of the Missionary wives and children, but it has come back to Kaifeng now. Kaifeng is quiet and peaceful so far, and the living is high!

Now I must say a few words about the books you gave me for a gift. They helped me a great deal! Quite a few copies are very helpful to my preaching. I do need good commentaries on the Bible, and do need a time or period to study the Bible extensively. Thank you very much for this valuable gift. I remember you said you wanted your old Chinese Bible. I did not find any Chinese Bible. There is one small-sized English Bible.

Please write us and tell us everything about yourself and the work you are doing. The enclosed letter is from the Kulon Church to recommend you highly to any Baptist Church you want to join, and with it there is one in English.

The enclosed picture is a picture of our family taken last summer. Hope you keep it and pray for us please! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! My family joins me in love to you and to your loved ones.

Your little brother in Christ,
PETER LEE.

DENTON VALLEY PASTOR ACCEPTS CORINTH CALL

Sunday, January 12, was our last day to be with the Denton Valley Church. God has led us and blessed us as we have all worked together there for our Lord.

There are some real soldiers of the Lord there, and we shall miss the sweet fellowship, but as the Lord did lead us there, He now leads us to Corinth in Jones County. I know they will continue to pray for me and I will not cease to thank God that He led the Denton Church to call me that I might have the joys of working with them, and I know they will continue to go forward for Christ.

God bless them and lead them.
—HOWARD MARTIN.

TRAINING COURSE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

An additional credit will be granted for a second study of Building a Standard Sunday School and the department books, provided a year's time has elapsed since the first study, and provided of course the usual requirements are met.

The usual requirements of four separate books for the diploma and of one book in Groups I to V and two books in Group VI for the Gold Seal will of course still stand January 6, 1941.—P. E. Burroughs, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. A. R. Posey has accepted pastorates at Noodle and Hamby Churches.

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ABILENE WOMEN ADDRESS FISHER ASSOCIATION WMU

The Fisher County W. M. U. quarterly meeting held at McCaulley January 14, was well attended by women from seven local W. M. S. and good reports were given by their presidents. One new W. M. S. was organized, the Pledger Church, with Mrs. Ed Mitchell elected president. This quarter we were happy to have with us our district president, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, our district benevolence chairman, Mrs. Paxton, and our secretary-treasurer, Mrs. L. Q. Campbell, all of Abilene. We were sorry Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, our district young people's leader could not be here as planned. Mrs. W. L. Dickson, Roby, led the song service, Miss Inez Henson, Sylvester, gave the morning devotional, and Mrs. Buckley made an encouraging talk, urging all present to resolve to do greater things in the Lord's work in 1941.

An inspirational message by Miss Blanche Rose Walker, Abilene, retired missionary of China, urged us to pray more, and have more faith. The afternoon devotional led by Mrs. Stephenson was followed by a prayer by Mrs. Hughes, Rotan. Reports were made by chairmen on personal service, love gifts to the sick, and pastors in several churches, and food and clothing to Mexicans. Regular mission and weeks of prayer programs were observed by all W. M. S.

Six mission study classes reported; chickens, food, clothing and quilts valued at \$216.74 and \$26.65 cash sent to Buckner Orphans Home; \$10 sent to help furnish the nurses home at Abilene; and boxes and cash valued at \$8.83, Margaret Fund; \$178 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering; \$128.96 to state missions; \$31 to Mexicans; \$12 to the 100,000 Club; total for all causes—\$1,106.57.

There were 503 women reported, 97 active members. Mrs. John P. Hardesty resigned as associational president, and Miss Inez Henson acted as corresponding secretary in the absence of Mrs. J. D. Bradshaw.

—MRS. S. R. BRUMFIELD.

SWEETWATER ASSN. WMU HONORS RETIRING SECY.

Ninety-six women from Taylor and Nolan County Baptist churches were guests of University Baptist Missionary Union in an all-day business meeting of the Sweetwater Association.

Mrs. Ray Mathison of Sweetwater was elected recording secretary to fill the office vacated by resignation of Mrs. Bert E. Low, whose removal to Brownwood took her out of the association. She formerly lived in Sweetwater, and before that in Abilene. Presidents and standing committee chairmen made reports as Mrs. C. C. Comper of Abilene, associational president, presided. E. M. Collier, superintendent of Hendrick Memorial hospital, discussed work with crippled children in the only address on program.

Mrs. O. H. Cooper presented Mrs. Low a service pin, a farewell gift from the association. Members of the hostess union served lunch at noon.

Attention all laymen of District 9. There will be a Laymen's Rally at First Baptist Church, Lubbock, January 29 (Tuesday) at 7:30 p.m. Both the program and the speakers will be outstanding.

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How Baptists Work Together

This is one of a series of elementary discussions of facts concerning Baptist denominational work. In writing for the denominational press, in making announcements from the pulpit, many of the facts given here are usually taken for granted. Yet, because they are assumed to be so well known, it is not unusual to find members of Baptist churches who have little or no definite information concerning these details which are so familiar to the leadership.

THE BAPTIST ATTITUDE ON OTHER RITES

Missionary Baptists believe that, other than baptism and the Lord's Supper, which were discussed last week, there are no rites or ordinances which are either essential obligations of their members or the sphere of the church. This position is maintained in spite of the fact that nearly all the membership calls upon the preachers to officiate at weddings and at funerals.

Baptists believe that marriage is the most sacred of human contracts, established and blessed in the beginning by the Almighty and sanctioned by Jesus when on earth. So believing, they freely open their churches to the wedding ceremony and their pastors perform the rites with no less solemnity than surrounds an ordinance of the church. But they do not go to the length of some sects which do not recognize a civil marriage unless it is accompanied by a service by the church.

They look upon the burial service as a time for comfort of the bereaved and to show honor and respect to the memory of the deceased. They believe, however, that death fixes eternally the everlasting happiness or woe of the soul and that no amount of prayers of other religions can make the slightest change.

For these reasons the burial services are not considered a rite of the church, but a ceremony for the comfort and edification of the survivors. The pastor or some other preacher is usually, but not necessarily, in charge, because his calling and training fit him especially for this tender task.

Baptists do not practice infant baptism because they hold there is no

meaning to baptism except of believers. They hold that the practice of baptizing infants grew out of a belief in salvation through baptism. Some devout Baptist parents bring their babies to the church for dedication to the Lord. Most Baptists are inclined to frown upon such practice as a tendency toward pedobaptist practice.

Although some sects with the Baptist name make a rite of washing each others' feet, Missionary Baptists contend that they are making an ordinance of an incident in which Jesus dramatized the virtue of humility. They point out that such practice is never referred to in the Acts of the Apostles nor in any of the Epistles, while baptism and the Lord's Supper are given frequent and detailed description.

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Brotherhood Incentives for 1941

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therhood wants to have a worthy part in the enlarged program for Texas Baptists. We give our assurance of cooperation.

5. Approve and commend the plan of the committee to raise \$50,000 for work among our soldiers. Surely this worthy program will have the cooperation of every Brotherhood in Texas, and of every Baptist layman in Texas.

6. Organize a Brotherhood in every church wherever possible. This movement is good for every church and every man.

7. Promote Real Service. It is our hope that the Brotherhood will render service—magnify work and not altogether fellowship. Use manual, "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," for suggestions. Order from State Office, 700 Burt Building, Dallas, Texas.

8. Special Articles in Baptist Standard. We hope to run a series of 12 articles from leading pastors, on the subject of Brotherhood work.

9. Reports. We urge that special and detailed reports be made from the local Brotherhood to the Associational Brotherhood; from the Associational Brotherhood to the District Brotherhood; and from the District Brotherhood to R. A. Springer, 700 Burt Building, Dallas, Texas; and that these reports be made and mailed promptly in order that the state office may be properly and promptly informed of the progress being made. Forms are now being prepared for this purpose.

II. Special Campaigns

1. Educational Campaign—January, February and March. Present the program of the church association, district, state, South-wide and worldwide, during these months. Try to acquaint the men with the workings of our great denomination through programs, tracts, Baptist Standard, etc.

2. Loyalty Month in September. Intensive effort made to get every man in every service of his church during that month.

3. Laymen's Day—October 19. Special recognition of the laymen, with intensive effort to get every male member of the church and every prospective male member present for services that day.

4. Brotherhood Encampments. This type of program for the men is gaining popularity. Several districts now have such. We recommend it to the others. The most successful seems to be a two-night and one-day affair. Summer months are best times.

III. District Conventions or Rallies
Eleven of the 17 districts have all phases of the work presented in the district convention. Even so, it is well to have district rallies for the laymen at least yearly in addition to this. Twice a year is better. The state president, Judge E. S. Cummings, hopes to be in every district this year in a rally, as does your state Brotherhood secretary.

IV. Regular Associational Meetings
An intensive effort to have regular associational meetings in every association in Texas. The associational president is responsible for such a meeting. The district president, of course, will cooperate in helping to plan these.

V. State Laymen's Rally—March 17, 18—Dallas

1. We are going to have one of the greatest rallies ever on the above date. The meeting place, First Baptist Church, Dallas. Out-of-state speakers: J. L. Kraft, R. G. LeTourneau, John L. Hill, Lawson H. Cooke and J. W. McCall. Complete program will be available soon and will be given full publicity.

2. Goals for Attendance: a) State, 5,000; (b) district, to be set; (c) Association, to be set; (d) church, to be set.

3. Special Laymen's edition of Baptist Standard March 6.

VI. Annual Associational Meetings
It is expected that every association will give sufficient and adequate time in its program for a complete, detailed report of the activities of the Brotherhood in the association and state. Select the man best suited for that. In most cases it would be the associational president. The associational president will seek opportunity to cooperate with the program committee and moderator to this end.

VII. Program at Workers Conferences
It has been our joy to see many of the associational Workers Conferences magnifying the work of the Brotherhood. This important phase of the denominational life should be given presentation frequently, majoring one month on the same. Upon request, the state office will furnish suggested topics for discussion and furnish material for such emphasis.

These points of emphasis do not include everything that a Brotherhood

DEBTLESS DENOMINATION IS BAPTIST 1945 GOAL

By J. B. Lawrence,
Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board

A debtless denomination by 1945? Of course. What else should we have by then? Southern Baptists are a big people, a great people, a debt-paying people, a people who are victoriously following their Lord as he leads on in the evangelization of the world. We must pay our debts to win our way in a wicked world; we will pay our debts to win the world to righteousness.

100,000 Club Saved the Day
Southern Baptists have already paid a big part of their debts. The Home Mission Board has paid over one million dollars in the past ten years. The Hundred Thousand Club has supplied up to December 1, 1940, \$321,754.64 of this million. We would have been hopelessly lost in the wilderness of debt, doubt and despair if it had not been for the Hundred Thousand Club that, like the ravens which fed Elijah, brought the help needed in the darkest hour the Home Mission Board ever knew.

The Hundred Thousand Club must succeed, and it will succeed, if the members of our churches are given the information and urged to join. "The church that does not give to the Hundred Thousand Club," says Dr. Dillard, "is the church that is not asked to give."

One Pastor's Experience
I am thinking now of what one pastor did on his return from the convention in Washington where the Hundred Thousand Club was launched in 1933. On the Sunday following he presented to his church the Hundred Thousand Club and explained to the members the program which the convention had launched for the paying of the debts of the denomination. He had brought with him subscription cards from the convention. They were distributed and about two hundred of his members joined and began paying their dollar a month.

If every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention had pursued the same course, the debts of the denomination would have been paid in less than the five-year period planned for by the program. In fact, if the churches had subscribed in the proportion that this pastor's church did, the debts would have been paid in full in three years.

This same pastor, one year later, wrote an article in the papers advocating the Hundred Thousand Club and affirmed that the putting on of the club in his church had not affected the contributions of the church to the Cooperative Program, but the emphasis given had stimulated his members to give more. The information given concerning the denominational work in connection with the launching of the Hundred Thousand Club had helped to promote the contributions to the Cooperative Program.

An Urgent Appeal to Pastors
January and February have been designated by the Southern Baptist Convention as Hundred Thousand Club months. Dear Brother Pastor, may I not urge you to present the matter to your church at some morning service, distribute the subscription cards to the congregation and urge your members to join? If our pastors will do this, our debts will be paid, our work will be advanced and the regular contributions to our churches will not be hurt, but helped.—The Baptist Program.

Sunday School Lesson

(Continued from page 2)
may the lost find their way back to God and to glory.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jan. 27—Giving a Neighbor Drink. Habakkuk 2:15-17.

Jan. 28—Every Man His Brother's Keeper. Genesis 4:9-12.

Jan. 29—Causing Others to Stumble. Mark 9:38-42.

Jan. 30—Abstaining from Every Evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:22-24.

Jan. 31—Destroyed by Wine. Isaiah 5:8-13.

Feb. 1—When a Leader Staggers. Isaiah 28:5-10.

Feb. 1—Warning the Wicked. Ezekiel 3:16-21.

should do. Detailed suggestions for organizing and operating are found in the booklet called "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," published by Lawson H. Cooke. Refer to it for suggestions concerning officers, their election and duties. One copy will be furnished free by the state office. If you want more than one copy, send 5 cents each.

There is nothing so small but that we honor God by asking His guidance of it, or insult Him by taking it into our hands.—John Ruskin.

School Heads Plan Courses For Men At Camp Barkeley

Plans for a cooperative program between Abilene's three colleges and the personnel of Camp Barkeley were discussed in Fort Sill Wednesday by Dr. W. R. White, president of H-SU, Don Morris, president of Abilene Christian College, Dr. Frank Turner, president of McMurry College, and Maj. Gen. Wm. S. Key, commander of the 45th National Guard, division of chaplains and educational directors.

The chief point of consideration was the offering of college and university courses to the division officers and men," Dr. White reported. "General Key informed us that there was considerable interest in technical courses, Spanish, and business administration. Some of the men also want to continue work toward a degree, and some want to do graduate work."

"The cooperation of the schools in the camp entertainment program by sending our musical organizations to the camp entertainments was also discussed."

Detailed plans as to just what courses the schools can make available for the camp are to be worked out and submitted to Gen. Key within the next week, Dr. White said.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES—

(Continued from page 1)

had good interest everywhere. We had one conversion in the church at Baird.

Brother Lawrence Trott, our own District leader, was leader of a team that was in the Fisher and Stonewall Associations. We have not had a report from them but will have something to say about their work next week. Brother Riddle, our State president, lead a team in the district south of us and he gives a very glowing report of their work. We feel that the Training Union work will go forward in a great way because of the work done by these workers.

Brother W. C. Teague of the Seminary at Fort Worth was called to become pastor of the O'Brien Church in Haskell County several weeks ago. He has moved on the field and they are now building a new educational building there. We predict for them many good things ahead. The Workers Conference meets with them on Tuesday the 28th.

Brother Whately and the First Church, Haskell, have voted to build a new educational building and work will begin right away. They have needed this for some time and we are happy to see them launch this program.

We plan to give much district information in next week's issue. We will give all associational organizations with the officers of each. We will also have a list of pastors, Sunday School superintendents, Training Union leaders, W. M. U. presidents, and laymen leaders of each church in the district. Many other matters of interest will be given.

IN PERIL OF PAGANISM, WEATHERS TELLS LAYMEN

"Criminals outnumber school teachers four to one," Rev. Jones Weathers told members of the Baptist Brotherhood, Sweetwater Association, Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church.

Weathers is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eastland. The occasion was the regular monthly Brotherhood banquet and program of the First Baptist, Abilene, participated in by delegations from Sweetwater, Merkel, South Side, University Baptist, Immanuel, Temple, and ministerial students from Hardin-Simmons University.

E. M. Collier, superintendent of Hendrick Memorial Hospital, and Sweetwater Association Brotherhood president, presided. E. S. Cummings of Abilene, president of the state organization, spoke on the Brotherhood objectives in Texas, and outlined the work planned by the Baptist laymen in financing work at army camps.

Rev. Weathers, guest speaker, emphasized the urgency of witnessing for Christ. "It is not a time for delay, dalliance or doubt," he said, "but the perils of the times call for urgency. There is a peril of increasing paganism. The world is growing pagan at the rate of six million a year. There is the peril of lawlessness, the peril of war and rumors of war."

"You can't have Utopian conditions without Utopian men," he went on to say. "The urgency of witnessing for Christ is revealed in the peril of materialism, in the perishing multitudes of our times, and the precepts of Jesus himself."

The largest delegation present from outside the city was from Nolan Baptist Church.—The Abilene Times.

DISTRICT 16 ONE-DAY ASSN. T. U. CONFERENCES

By J. M. Cook

Mr. J. D. Riddle, Miss Jaxie Short, Mrs. J. M. Cook, Mrs. Lee Kincaid and the writer, all of Abilene, conducted afternoon and evening conferences January 13 to 17 on the Four-Year Training Union promotional program in Brady, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger and San Angelo. This was one of 22 teams which conducted conferences on this same program in all the 110 associations in Texas. Our team had the privilege of being under the leadership of Mr. J. D. Riddle, educational director of First Baptist Church of Abilene and also president of the Texas Baptist Training Union convention, the greatest convention of its kind in the world.

We met a most cordial and hearty response in each of the five associations. Possibly the greatest contribution to our work was the able and faithful work of Mr. Paul Counts of South Side Baptist Church, Abilene, who is the president of District 16 Training Union work, which important service he continued in that district after moving to Abilene a few months ago. Also Rev. J. P. King, missionary of District 16, was with us in each association and gave us all possible cooperation.

Pastors and local churches were very responsive, and in each association an aggressive program of enlargement was planned.

CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

SECOND. COLORADO CITY

The pastor will preach at both hours Sunday. In the morning he will speak on "The 100,000 Club," and at night, the text will be, "And the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."

The church has qualified for the double set of books offered to church libraries by the Sunday School Board, and is building a large group of helpful books.

SCOTT W. HICKEY, Pastor.

CROSS ROADS AND PLEASANT VALLEY

The sickness in our communities seems to be letting up some, and as the people get out from their detention camps they are ready to enter back into the real service of the Lord's army.

Sunday was a real good day with the Cross Roads church, services well attended, and my! what a fine start with the Training Union. Fifty-seven the first night, and every one seemed so enthusiastic. I believe the Training Union will match the Sunday School at Cross Roads, and if it does it will be mighty good.

Next Sunday at Pleasant Valley we are expecting a fine time, and I am looking forward with a great deal of happy anticipation for the day. We are to ordain Brother Bernie Knight as deacon. I always enjoy these ser-

vices, and Bernie is just such a dandy fellow that it will be a special joy to set him aside for this good work.

We are suffering quite a lot of losses at Pleasant Valley, Terrell Williamson and his family, and his mother and the girls, G. W. Joplin and family, Dana Grubin and family, have moved over into the Cross Roads community and last Sunday they joined the church there. Mrs. Hyar will likely have to move too far away to ever get back to service, and then some time back Mrs. Florine Miller, who was so much help in the work, moved to Rotan and left us. Well, we shall just keep on keeping on and doing the best we can; maybe the Lord will send us some more to take the place of those gone.

Let's all get ready for Sunday next and make it one of the very best, and remember that what we put into the Lord's work is about all that we ever get any safe returns on, so let's be busy and make large investments therein.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.

Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us, or we find it not.—Emerson.

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For the first time we are having an Assoc of Missions. This is Cisco Association Feb der the direction of mer, Oldep, Associa Study chairman. She ed by a committee of Revs. H. D. Blair, He C. McGahey, Judge L. Pat Crawford, preside sational W. M. U. outline is to be as foll

7:00 P. M.—Opening
7:15—Classes for a family and Brotherho
8:15—Inspirational
9:00—Adjourn.
It is a great forward heartily commend M her committee for th taking. We hope the tion will have a similar during 1941.

Mission Ins

This is the time e our Mission Institutes a Standard District, one in every associat we have met this pa dard and I know you ing plans for this in it is not too late to b

NEW STATE PE SERVICE CHAIR

Mrs. J. L. Gregor is the new State chairman. She fills ship left vacant by M liams, Amarillo, who hoca City. Let us coo Gregory and make thi year in our Personal

REPORT ON

Mrs. Ed Hahn,

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Programs: Regul sionary programs thi 110, young people grams, women 16, ye Special seasons of Lottie Moon season cieties with 1,213 young people attend All associations ex in reports.

REPORT ON P

Mrs. Judson Pri Number members Number members this quarter to Bapt Royal Service, 44; World Comrades, 30 tist Home Missions, Total number subs Standard, 1,013; Re The Window, 41; 66; Southern Baptis 34; Commission, 5. Total number sub Texas Baptist, 1,768 Only five asso Did you?