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TEXAS MUST NOT FAIL

An Editorial
Texas Baptists took the initiative in the effort to "take Christ to the Camps." We have been at the task for six months, pioneering in the work of following Baptist men in service. We have not yet raised the amount planned, but Dr. Miller has wisely "cut the garment to the cloth" and all bills have been paid.

But more must be had, for it will be necessary to expand our program instead of diminishing it. The state now has within it over one-fourth of the soldiers in the South and before the year is over the proportion will probably be much higher. We are interested in these men, for 12 per cent of all men in defense service are Texans.

Every dollar raised in Texas for Baptist work in the camps will be spent in the state, plus no small sum from our neighbors. Texas will not fail.



FACING SPIRITUAL CRISIS

By Joe W. Burton

Today in training camps in the South are 750,000 boys—sons, brothers, husbands. They are away from home. They are sacrificially meeting an emergency.

More serious than any military danger may become the spiritual crisis if these boys away from home are not cared for by an adequate religious program.

These boys are from our churches, and our churches, through the denominational program, must minister to them.

Each man of the 750,000 sorely needs at this moment all the spiritual benefits of church life—fellowship, worship, Christian activity through training and study.

Only the chaplains and the church away from home—the church near the camp—can supply that greatly needed help.

Workers and better physical equipment are needed in the churches near the camps. Both can be supplied through the Southern Baptist Emergency offering on July 27.

TEXAS EXPECTS MILLION SOLDIERS IN FIVE YEARS

By T. C. Gardner

Texas Baptists have established religious centers for 15 army camps in the state. In many places chapels have been built, where the soldiers come to meet sweethearts, loved ones and friends, also to write letters and to have a good time socially. The chapels are likewise used for religious purposes. They do not serve as churches, however, but serve more as mission stations and recreation and religious centers.

Dr. A. C. Miller, superintendent of Baptist work among the soldiers in Texas, says, "There are 22 military posts, camps and stations with approximately 200,000 soldiers in Texas. There are also three more major camp sites now being surveyed. It is safe to estimate that more than a million young men will pass through the training camps of Texas during the five-year defensive period."

Dr. W. W. Melton, secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, says, "Texas Baptists will make an effort to raise \$35,000 on Sunday, July 27. We are doing this in cooperation with Southern Baptists with an effort to raise \$300,000 that one day. All of this money is to be used in behalf of our boys who are in government service."

"The pastors of the 3,250 Baptist churches in Texas have been asked to take a cash offering Sunday, July 27. There are 750,000 Baptists in Texas, and each one should have a part in supporting the soldier's program."

The Baptist Executive Board has employed seven ministers to devote their full time to the Baptist soldier's program. These men are working under the direction of Dr. Miller and are making an effort to carry out the following five-point program.

1. To conserve the religious life of our Baptist men in government service.
2. To provide Baptist soldiers certificates of affiliation in lieu of church letters.
3. To win to Christ all whom we possibly can through personal testimony.
4. To cooperate with the local religious force in providing wholesome recreation and social contacts in the community for the many in the camps.
5. To cooperate with army officers and government officials in creating such conditions that the young men who enter government service may return to their homes better physically, better mentally, better socially and better religiously.

Dr. Melton said, "Texas Baptists can easily raise the \$35,000 on July 27. It ought to be done; it can be done; and we believe that it will be done."

RAINS RETARD YOUTH CAMPS AT CETA GLEN

In spite of threatening weather and a change of date on account of rains, 171 enrolled in the camp for boys of District Nine at Ceta Glen. There were 435 girls for their encampment, making a total of 606 for both camps.

Missionary J. Lowell Ponder reports that many of the campers were there for the first time and that many new churches were represented, with fine camps in spite of the lower attendance.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, state leader for young people, and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, recently returned from mission work in China, were out-of-district speakers for the District Nine young people.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

Send reports of Sunday School and Training Union attendance to Box 1560 in time to reach this office by Tuesday morning each week.

Sunday School Reports		
Church	Enr.	Att.
Church	366	212
Crosbyton	366	212
Drasco	155	105
Shep	155	105
Cross Roads	94	71
Tye	80	39
Training Union		
Cross Roads	71	38

RAMBLING

REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

In closing the remarks a few weeks back I mentioned the fact that we had just experienced for the first time the sensation of reading the marriage ceremony for one of our own flesh and blood youngsters. We hesitate to discuss it in the column but feel that we should warn other preachers who have this experience in prospect. . . . I have married many couples during my 20-odd years in the ministry and can truthfully say that I was never nervous or ill-at-ease at a single one of these weddings until this one. . . . I well remember my first wedding. I had been licensed in May and was chopping cotton for a neighbor on the Fourth of the following July in an effort to raise funds to enter school that fall. As I worked along up and down the hot, dusty cotton rows looking up frequently to see the neighbors driving by on their way to the annual picnic, it suddenly dawned on me that I was legally qualified to marry people, and didn't know a single ceremony if I were called on. . . . I laid my hoe aside and went to the house and found a church manual which contained a ceremony. I slipped the little book into the apron of my overalls and went back to work. I would read a sentence then replace the book and hoe on as I repeated the sentence over and over. I added sentence to sentence until I had the whole thing memorized before sundown. I quit a little early in order to attend a revival service near by. After that evening service a young friend and ex-schoolmate came nervously around to me maneuvering me out into the darkness and whispered his secret to me. "Can you marry people?" he (Continued from page 2)

EVENTS TO COME

- July 21-29—Alto Frio Encampment, Frio Canyon, near Leakey.
- July 29-August 7 — Paisano Encampment, Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa.
- August 17-19—Southwide Brotherhood Conference, Ridgecrest.
- August 18-24—Brotherhood Encampment, Ceta Canyon.
- August 18-24—District 10 Encampment, Ceta Glen, near Canyon.
- August 23-31 — Preachers School, Ridgecrest.
- August 25-26—Southwestern Religious Education Association, Seminary Hill.
- August 25-26—Brotherhood Rally, Lake Brownwood.
- August 28 — Runnels Association, Wilmeth.
- August 28—Clay Association, Wash. ti.
- September 2 — Panhandle Association, Memphis.
- September 2 — Baylor-Knox Association, Vera.
- September 3 — Fisher Association, Highland Home.
- September 4-5 — Cochran-Hockley Association, Levelland.
- September 6—Big Spring Association, Immanuel Church, Odessa.
- September 8-9 — Throckmorton-Young Association, Olney.
- September 9—Lamesa Association, Wilson.
- September 10—Red Fork Association, Childress.
- September 11-12—Jones Association, Hodges.
- September 11-12—Brady Association, Eden.
- September 11-12—Wichita-Archer Association, Kamay.
- September 16—Palo Doro Association, Amarillo.
- September 18—West Plains Association, Anton.

CONTINUED DONATIONS TO HOSPITAL CHARITY FUND

The following gifts have been received by Hendrick Memorial Hospital in the past two weeks and have been credited to the charity fund, states Superintendent E. M. Collier.

Eastland W. M. S., \$1.00; McLean W. M. S., \$2.00; Cisco W. M. S., \$2.00; Compere & Compere, \$2.00; Royston S. S. \$3.00; Vacation Bible School of Fuscola Church, \$2.51.

Food and Linens

Loraine W. M. S., 16 jars canned goods; Quitaque W. M. S., 8 cup towels, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 sheet.

Mr. Ubben, Hamlin, 10 bushels peaches.

Friendship Church, Floydada, 4 towels, 3 wash cloths, 2 pr. pillow cases; Skellytown W. M. S., 3 face towels; Tokio W. M. S., 10 cup towels, 1 towel, 7 pts. jelly; Ysleta W. M. S., 5 towels, 2 wash cloths, 2 pr. pillow cases, 8 bedside table scarfs.

Hedley Church, 1 pr. pillow cases, 2 wash cloths, 5 towels; Calvary Baptist Church, Midland, 18 cup towels, 8 pr. pillow cases.

B. M. A. CHURCH REPLACED IN LAMESA ASSOCIATION

By J. J. Gentry
The Lamesa Association Workers Conference met July 10 with Pastor Cobb and First Church, Andrews. Our attendance was not so large as usual, due to recent rains which kept many in their fields. Our guest preacher for the day was Brother Avery Rogers from First Church, Brownfield. He brought a great message.

Brother Hux of Pride and Deacon Owen C. Taylor have just closed a far-reaching meeting at Welch in Dawson County. There is no church there cooperating with the convention, but there is a B. M. A. Church that is planning to disband the first Sunday in August. Then a cooperating church will be organized, after which the B. M. A. brethren will let the new church have the building in consideration for assuming the existing indebtedness. There is a great opportunity in this community.

Brother W. C. Wright and his brother have just closed a revival at Gail.

The building of First Church, Lamesa, is beginning to look like a real church house. When done it will be one of the most beautiful buildings in all this country. Pastor Cole and his people are proud.

I have just read "Rambling Remarks" this morning, and after completing the job I told my wife that Dick O'Brien had a son-in-law. Well, of course the usual talk took place that often does when a man gets his first son-in-law. No doubt Dick's five or six readers are happy with him. Here is congratulations, Dick, from wife and me.

We beg leave to say that the editorial in the West Texas Baptist of July 10 on cooling off is worth anybody's time to read. However, all of the editorials by Brother Dudley are good.

When a man is filled with the Holy Spirit it does not make him crazy; he rises to the height of his intelligence, to the full of his powers.—John W. Cobb.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES WITH INVINCIBLE TWENTY-TWO

By Bobbie Copeland

Here it is Monday morning and we find the Invincible Twenty-two has dropped in number as some of the students have gone home, but the others are up bright and early getting off to beautiful Alto Frio Encampment. Four of us came into Sabinal yesterday after the closing meeting in the Del Rio-Uvalde Association, and spoke in the evening preaching service here. Bro. W. J. Clements is the pastor, and their gracious hospitality was greatly appreciated as I was almost under the weather from a dip in the river. The Lord has been good to watch over us these days. What was thirty feet of water could have meant destiny for me, as I had been told it was only a few feet deep. I am still full of water as a result but hope to get over it this week at camp.

Even though Bro. Ray had to leave us early in the week and go to Kansas, Mrs. Ray's mother was not expected to live, we went right on with the work doing the very best we could. The campaign closed Sunday with a very inspiring meeting at Uvalde. There were 417 enrolled in our Vacation Bible Schools this week with 44 professions of faith. Miss Fernetta Foley and Dwayne Parker did a very fine piece of work among the negroes in Uvalde. They had 35 enrolled in the colored Bible School, and furnished special music for our general meeting. There were 90 enrolled in a Mexican Bible School where a great work was done by some local members of the Uvalde church.

Campwood Church received the award for the first set of books. Miss Ruth Brigham and Opal Webb were the workers there. They carried out the full program with 99 enrolled in their Bible School. Out of their study course grew the idea of prayer mates which was the meaning of some lost coming to Christ.

Frances Osborne and Frances Norwood had their time divided between Leakey and Rio Frio Churches having a Bible School in the mornings at Leakey and a Study Course at night at Rio Frio. They camped out at the encampment as it was a central place between the two churches. Utopia also did some good work, and brought in a good group. The thing that touched me about their experiences was the fact that the adults prayed for the lost boys and girls on Wednesday night that they might find Christ. On Thursday morning 10 of the children found Christ. "Prayer changes things."

Vance Church won the second award for the week. Miss Imogene Wilhelm and Nadine Watkins were the

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ARIZONA ASSEMBLY MEETS AT PRESCOTT AUG. 11-17

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, will be camp pastor at the Gambrell Memorial assembly at Prescott, Arizona, August 11 to 17. Other speakers include Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of Southwestern Seminary, who will be Bible teacher and Brotherhood leader; Mrs. E. F. Lyon of Dallas and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper of China, W. M. U. speakers; C. Aubrey Hearn, Nashville, Training Union; and Andrew Q. Allen and Wm. P. Phillips, Nashville, Sunday School.

MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE LAUNCHED IN ABILENE

By Herschel Schooley

A local campaign to fully subscribe the Abilene alumni and ex-students quota in the Hardin-Simmons University \$300,000 Sandefer Memorial was launched Monday.

At a kick-off breakfast at the YWCA, workers received progress reports from Dr. W. R. White, university president, and Hiram Arrant, executive secretary for the campaign, and set out to complete local quotas among the exes.

Dr. White pointed out the Hardin-Simmons campaign is the first local finance program for the school "in almost 20 years," and said "almost all of the money will be reinvested in Abilene's oldest educational institution, with much of it going to improve its skyline."

John H. Alvis, alumnus and trustee, spoke briefly, saying, "Prexy Sandefer's spirit is here to urge us on, and with Dr. White investing his mind, heart, body and soul, it's up to us not to let him down."

Dr. Truett Walton, H-SU controller, only other speaker at the breakfast, discussed "common ties and goals" binding alumni of an institution together. He illustrated with a story about Dr. Julius Olsen, senior member of the H-SU faculty, who attended Sunday night's pageant at the stadium, despite his longtime convalescence from a severe illness.

"Dr. Olsen said in deciding to attend the pageant that 'I'd rather be with those I know and love, even though I don't live quite so long,' and it's that kind of spirit for things we hold close that assures the success of this campaign," Dr. Walton said.

Team captains, each in charge of a corps of lieutenants, named to canvass the more than 700 Abilene exes of H-SU, are Mildred Caldwell, Leroy Jennings, Tom Roberts, Roy Skaggs, Lacy Beckham, Mrs. H. A. Pender, and Mrs. R. H. McIntosh. A total of 300 names were apportioned at the breakfast.

MEN SPONSOR REVIVAL IN DALLAS CHURCH

July 13 the writer closed a unique series of services with Dr. H. E. Fowler and the East Grand Ave. Church, Dallas. The men sponsored it, but everyone was invited to attend. Putting the men forward helped. It gave them a new sense and vision of their responsibility as church members. Many men were enlisted for service in various departments of the church. There were countless renewals of faith and rededications. During the week some twenty people joined the church. This idea of featuring the men proved constructive and exceedingly helpful. They want an annual revival of this kind. Rev. H. E. Fowler is the beloved and superb pastor.—William H. Joyner, State Evangelist.

During five city-wide evangelistic campaigns conducted during the spring of 1941 by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, 3,258 have united with churches cooperating in the various campaigns.

Spirituality includes the whole compass of one's outlook on life.—Truett Walton.

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ON CALLING PASTORS

There being a minimum of pastorless churches in this section now, it seems to be in order to make some general observations on the matter of calling pastors without someone thinking that he is being singled out as an example.

Baptists profess to believe in a God-called ministry and in the direction of the Holy Spirit in the call of a pastor to the local church. There have been occasions in which the church has prayed earnestly together, have called so unanimously, and have had such a happy union of church and pastor that one wonders why any Baptist church would ever attempt to do otherwise.

Of course, the reason is that we are all human, preachers and laymen alike, and under the guidance of the Devil instead of the Holy Spirit, we allow selfish desire, worldly ambition and lack of faith dictate choices which are not of the Lord.

The ministry is a high and holy calling and must be thought of in terms of the spiritual, which does not mean to abdicate common sense. We have seen churches, whose leaders would not employ a yard man without adequate references, who will, on the spur of the moment and usually to their intense sorrow, call some stranger as pastor without so much as investigation or deliberation, much less self-effacing prayer.

Conversely, sometimes preachers have been guilty of using all the tricks of political chicanery to secure a call to a coveted post, and if they prayed at all, they probably asked the Almighty to approve of and connive in their plans instead of seeking in all humility to know and to do His will.

One of the great sources of church dissension in calling pastors grows out of the too common practice of parading a group of sample preachers before the congregation and then asking the people to pick their choice. The result is that one is for Paul, another for Apollos and some for Cephas. Is the choice to be that of the diverse minds of the congregation, or is it to be that of the Holy Spirit?

Perhaps some light may be had from examining God's plan in securing a successor for King Saul. The people had acclaimed Saul as their ideal for a king, not because of character, they knew nothing of that, but because he was most like the Philistine giants with whom they had to fight. When Saul had run his course, God commissioned the prophet Samuel to select a successor from the sons of Jesse. Samuel did not line up the eight sons and take his pick. He had them pass, one at a time, and as they came by, the old prophet communed with God as to the desirability of each man. The result was the selection of David, "the man after God's own heart."

Some pastors have come to demanding that churches who want to consider them shall use that same plan. The pulpit committee, after due investigation, consideration and much prayer, invites Dr. A to come before the church. Then in quietness and prayer the members are asked to express their opinion as to whether or not Dr. A is God's man. If it appears that he is not, the committee goes afield again, and in the same prayerful attitude presents Brother B.

Being human, the church may still fail to get the direction of the Spirit in this manner, but we believe He will have a better opportunity to be heard by such a church than by one which is bewildered and confused by a multiplicity of candidates. We may rest assured, that God always has a man for the place and that He will make His choice known if we are attuned to his station.

WATCH THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Great progress is being made in the establishment of libraries in our churches. This is a needed service. We need them to get Baptists to reading more religious books than they are willing to buy. We need them, too, to get desirable secular books into our homes.

Never, in the five centuries since Gutenberg first made type to multiply the Bible more cheaply, has there been such a deluge of printed matter as is turned loose upon America today. The forests of the North Woods are being denuded to provide paper for reading matter, much of which is fit only to burn.

Some have questioned, in view of the growing number of public libraries and the availability of the vast amount of cheap reading matter, whether churches are justified in the trouble and expense of maintaining libraries of their own. The fact is that so much of current literature, even, or perhaps especially, best sellers, are so unpurged that Christian people need to maintain libraries in which there are interesting and attractive books that are not reeking with filth.

A generation ago, a philosophical character in a popular novel remarked, "It is a bold young man who gives a book to a girl without first reading it." We may paraphrase it and say it is a bold person who gives a book to a church library who does not first read it, or have the recommendation of an unquestionable source. If we do not guard our church libraries and keep from them all objectionable books, it would be far better to have none at all.

It is more necessary that we are sure of the soundness of material in the church library than that which comes into our homes. You may have the strength of character to choose and, if a book proves disappointing, to discard it. But there will be some who read at the church who will not have that discrimination, and because they read a thing at the church-sponsored library, will think it the gospel. Watch the books at the church library.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Cooper Waters, Merkel pastor, is assisting Pastor Willis Taylor in an eight-day revival at Ovalo.

Dr. Edward B. Jenkins assisted Pastor Henry C. Weins in a week of mission study at Megargel last week.

The Vacation Bible School at Anson opened with 128 in attendance. It is continuing this week.

Wm. E. Young has resigned as assistant pastor at First Church, Oklahoma City, to accept a position with Trinity Church of that city.

Rev. Jas. E. Easterwood, former pastor at Roscoe, has accepted the call of Trinity Church, Norman, Oklahoma.

The Fisher County Associational Sunday School meeting will be held in Roby Sunday afternoon, July 27, at 2:45 announces Rev. O. D. Henley, superintendent.

Rev. A. A. Davis of Baird is assisting Pastor R. H. Williams in a revival at Rowden. Rev. J. C. Koen is supplying during his absence.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman will lead a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Shreveport September 14 to October 12. The fourteen Baptist churches in the city are cooperating and have secured a tent with seating capacity of 5,000 for this meeting.

Rev. Johnny Cohen directed the song services and personal work while Pastor J. F. Nix preached in a good meeting at Abernathy.

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

By Edward B. Jenkins

A heathen Chinese priest went down the street of one of the largest cities of his country. While he was passing along, he heard singing and out of curiosity he dropped into a mission hall to see what it was about. A missionary read out of the Word of God and then expounded the Word. After the service the priest went up and asked the missionary if he would sell him the page out of the book that he had just read. The missionary told him he could not sell him the page; but he would get him a copy of the Word of God. Later he gave a copy to the priest and he read it and was converted. Today he is a soldier of the cross and a witnessing to his fellow countrymen of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Timothy 3:16-17).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO PASTORS

Executive Secretary T. L. Holcomb authorized the announcement that during the remaining months of 1941 the Sunday School Board will send without charge a copy of any one of the following new books in the Sunday School Training course: "Junior Sunday School Work," by Blanche Linticum; "Primary Sunday School Work," by Allene Bryan; "The Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday School," by Mattie C. Leatherwood, to any pastor who will agree to teach the book or to have it taught in his church. Requests will be sent to the State Sunday School Secretary and he will see that the book is sent out from the State Book Store.

-P. E. Burroughs, Education and Promotion.

"FACKS"

By R. P. Adams

Brother J. T. Wood, retired Baptist minister of Clyde, supplied at Cottonwood in the absence of Pastor E. L. Redden. Brother Wood also took an active part in the reunion at Cedar Gap Church last Sunday, leading the singing and preaching. He was the oldest former pastor present.

Brother Willie Howell supplied for Pastor Welch at Clyde Sunday morning and the night service was given way for the Methodist revival. Brother Welch will conduct services at Clyde next Sunday night. He will then go for a meeting at Sundown, where his brother, L. H. Welch, is pastor.

CALLAHAN COUNTY TO VOTE ON BEER

A county-wide election will be held in Callahan County on Thursday, July 31, to determine whether beer shall continue to be sold in the county. Beer is now sold in only two places at the present time, at Baird and Putnam. Cross Plains recently voted beer out by an overwhelming majority. Dry leaders feel confident of a victory in this election if the voters in the dry precincts will remember to go to the polls and vote on Thursday, July 31.

ROTAN REVIVAL

We have just closed a two weeks revival at First Baptist Church, Rotan, with Brother R. A. Hardin of Post doing the preaching, and Finis Williams of Moran directing the song services and leading the young people. These two men make a fine pair. Brother Hardin was a good Gospel preacher. We heartily recommend either one of these men to any church for a revival.

There were 24 additions to our church, 16 of them by baptism. LAWRENCE TROTT, Pastor.

Sunday School Lesson

By HIGHT C MOORE

Lesson for July 27, 1941.

THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRES NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Read and Study Galatians 1:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 3:14-16; Jude 3.

The statements we study today from Paul, Peter, and Jude justify this statement in our faith and message: "We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried."

1. The Revelation of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1)

THE SUBJECT OF INSPIRATION is the gospel revelation of Jesus Christ. Paul certifies that the gospel he preached did not originate with man; not from himself, not from any other teacher, or group of teachers, not from any human school of thought and culture. What he never thought and was never taught was revealed to him. And Christ was both the medium and the message of the revelation. Who else but God could reveal God to man in the person of Jesus Christ?

2. The Word of God (1 Thessalonians 2)

THE AUTHOR OR INSPIRATION is God; specifically, God the Holy Spirit. Paul is thankful that the Thessalonians received as the Word of God the gospel message through him. Certainly he was not the author nor could any other man be more than mouthpiece for it. Moreover, God's work grows out of God's Word. Those who receive it will find it vital and influential in their lives.

3. The Holy Scriptures (2 Timothy 3)

THE BOOK OF INSPIRATION is the Bible. With Paul we note its influence in the training and equipment of Timothy. (1) He knew the Scriptures, having studied them from childhood under the tuition of godly parents in a Bible-loving home. He accepted their truth and thus became wise unto salvation by believing in Christ. He continued in their study and practice with full assurance of their truth and with the impress of early teachers upon him. (2) His doctrine of inspiration was sound. He believed all the Bible. He accepted it as inspired of God. He found it profitable for teaching the receptive, improving the wayward, correcting the mistaken, and developing all in the art of right living. (3) His Bible equipment was essential to his efficiency. Though a man of God, he was not, and could not be, complete in his own character and conduct without much Bible study and knowledge. And that which completes his equipment for his best service. Indeed, the Bible furnishes unto every good work.

4. The Wisdom Given (2 Peter 3)

THE WISDOM OF INSPIRATION is claimed by Peter. He has just spoken of the coming of the day of God when the heavens will blaze and the elements will burn and melt. In view of that great day there are three things which every Christian ought to do both as a matter of duty and of development: (1) Hope. The day which Peter foresaw has not yet come. But it is coming. Therefore we should wait for it. We should expect it. We should look for it. But there is more to do than merely to lift the eyes heavenward. (2) Work. When the Lord comes again shall we be ready to see him? If so, we must make diligent preparation. We ought to "be eager to be found by him unspotted and unblemished in serene assurance" (Moffatt). Certainly to be irreproachable and unstained we must make every effort. (3) Trust. "Regarding the forbearance of the Lord as salvation." We can rely upon our Lord's patience. We can consider the significance of his long-suffering. There are some things hard to be understood, just as some knotty points in the writings of Paul are misunderstood and even ruinous to ill-taught and unstable people.

5. The Faith Delivered (Jude)

THE ENTRUSTMENT OF INSPIRATION is asserted by Jude. The epistle was originally planned to explain (1) the content of the faith. Jude was actually in haste to write about our "common salvation," perhaps stressing the universality of the

gospel as offering salvation alike to Jew and Gentile, or possibly presenting a treatise on the way of salvation somewhat after the manner of Paul in Romans. At any rate, the purpose was changed by conditions so that Jude was forced to appeal urgently that his readers unite in (2) the contest for the faith. It is the body of truth, the system of faith, centering in Christ and given in the gospel. It has been delivered once for all and so will not be delivered again. It may be rejected but cannot be changed; it may be denied but cannot be destroyed. But it can be defended against its critics and foes. Believers are its defenders and should reveal it by accurate explanation and faithful practice, and they should resist the assaults of error upon it. Therefore they must oppose and expose those who are guilty of contradiction of the faith.

Gold in the Golden Text

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 2 Timothy 3:16.

Daily Bible Readings

- July 28.—How to be Saved. Acts 16:27-31.
- July 29.—Justified by Faith. Romans 5:1-6.
- July 30.—The Law of Faith. Romans 3:21-31.
- July 31.—The Danger of Legalism. Galatians 3:1-12.
- August 1.—Living by Faith. Romans 1:16-17.
- August 2.—Faith and Works. James 1:22-26.
- August 3.—Keeping the Faith. 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

Rambling Remarks

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asked. "Sure," I replied with all the assurance of a veteran. At his request we waited until the crowd left and the lights were out, and I stood there in the moonlight and repeated every word of that ceremony I had memorized that very afternoon. Boy, that was a close call! ... Well, since that time I have had every kind of experience imaginable at weddings. I have married people who were so excited that they would join left hands instead of right hands, or drop the ring, or stammer over their own names, but I have never been nervous or forgot a single word of the several ceremonies I have arranged since that first one. I have cut the ceremony half in two more than once for fear the man or woman before me would faint if I were not through immediately but I have always been calm and collected. (Well, to be perfectly frank I didn't always collect, but I was always calm.) I have been in big church weddings, (I like them best of all), in elaborate home weddings, I have married rich people and poor, but I've never been scared at a wedding. ... Well, Marie wanted a church wedding so we made arrangements to use the altar of the First Baptist Church of Phoenix. As per plan, I stood at the altar and Marie entered with her mother and sister, while the groom entered with the groomsmen and his mother. I never saw a program go off with greater smoothness and order. I had added a few special sentences to the usual ceremony and it was as clear in my mind as the a-b-cs. Gordon and Marie took their places before me looking up very earnestly into my face. Unhurried, and with full confidence, I opened my mouth to begin with the extra words I had planned to use, but to my utter surprise not a word, not even a squeak came from my lips. I had the words and the will, but a lump unexpected and unwelcome, choked back every effort to speak. I dropped my eyes and tried to relax, hoping to be rid of the lump in my throat. My lips were dry, my eyes were wet, and my voice, when it did respond, sounded strange and far away. How I got through, I do not know, but finally I found myself saying, "I now pronounce you husband and wife." ... I feel that Marie and Gordon deserved a better ceremony, but that was the best I could do. If and when I go through this experience again, I will be forewarned and shall try to work up a different psychology and attitude.

World War I was lost, not because of soldiers, or statesmen, or lack of cooperation with the League of Nations, but because the race is unregenerate. Democracy will work only among God-fearing peoples.—Edmund C. Yates.

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A New Type of Defense

By Milford Howell

"Buy Defense Bonds!" This is the cry you see on nearly every page of your daily newspaper. Turn on your radio and after every few programs you hear the same plea. Certainly this is a very worthy plea and one to which every true citizen of America should give ear.

But I wonder if there isn't another type of "Defense Bonds" to which we should also give our attention. Let us look for a few minutes to the need in America of our Christian Schools. In the midst of perilous times in which we are now in, the Christian college stands as a great stabilizing influence. With the world in the midst of turmoil and chaos, and the future ahead holding nothing but darkness, certainly there is a need of something to keep us on our feet and pressing forward. A young person can launch out to four years in a college or university and study all about science, business, history, economics and many other subjects. He may learn these courses perfectly. But with conditions facing him as they are today, what is there to give him the faith to step out into the world and to help carry on civilization? What is there to live for? Our Christian schools meet this question when all other schools fail to do so.

Someone has well said, "If we had no colleges in this country but state colleges we would have a 'Hitlerized' America in two generations." With our state schools teaching evolution, and telling us that man sprung from a monkey, what shall we hope for if our young people are taught to believe this. Sitting in a class only a few months ago listening to a professor who had attended other than a Christian school, I heard him make a statement to this effect: "This is the way you can beat the public." He was telling how you might swindle the public when they buy a certain article that he was discussing. Over the arched gateway to the American college where once shining words of Jesus gleamed, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," there now glares forth, "Beat the other fellow to the draw," and "Get the money." This is where our Christian schools come in to teach our young people how to apply the things they learn according to the Christian principles set forth by Jesus. The call is for an education which not only generates but regenerates.

Roger Babson says: "When America's keenest minds are using the newspaper, magazines, movies, and radio to entice youth to drink whiskey, smoke more cigarettes, and make heroes of criminals, these youth should at least hear the other side of the argument from someone. When great advertising forces are being used to break down mankind and womankind, parents owe it to their children to send them to educational institutions which urge their students not to be fooled by such advertisement."

A liberal education program is not complete today unless it teaches its youth the right kind of moral living. We have heard many times that one of the main reasons for the downfall of France was because of the low moral standards of the people. Sin had entered into their lives in the

form of drink and base living until it had weakened their bodies to a low resistance. America needs to wake up! She is on the same road. The Christian school is the only form of education that is able to save America from this terrible end.

And then what would a man be worth to others who had been educated for himself? Here again is where the Christian school plays a helping hand. Certainly in the day in which we are living there must be a deep sense of the needs of those around us. We must realize we are one big family working together for the same end. There must be no selfishness. There must be no jealousy. Some would teach us that a man's life consists in the abundance of the things he believes. Energetic people would tell us that life consists in the abundance of the things which a man does. One group of philosophers tell us that a man's life consists in the abundance of the things he knows. Others would tell us that it consists in the abundance of the things he hopes for.

But there is another group which I think the Christian colleges and universities stand for. They do not undervalue faith or deeds or knowledge or thought or wisdom or hope, as representing each a basic concept in the constitution of the abundant life. They rather accept all of these answers, but they are not satisfied with any one of them nor all of them in combination. They insist that the abundance of life consists not only in all of these things, but that a man's life consists in the abundance of the things in which he loves. I think they would join with Paul as he pictures love. They would plead for a love that suffers long and is kind; that envies not; that vaunts not itself, and is not puffed up; that does not behave itself unseemingly, that seeks not its own, that is not easily provoked, that thinks no evil—for a love that rejoices not in iniquity—but in the truth; that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, for a love that never fails.

The president of one of our Christian colleges has well concluded: "They would have us say to the buoyant youth who throng our colleges today, 'Now abide faith, good works, sound scholarship, clear thinking, wise understanding, aspiring hope and divine love, these seven, but the greatest of these and the all-inclusive is love!'"

When the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow, with the background of a Christian school such as this, then will the defense of our country be complete. When these leaders enter their many vocations in the different parts of the world, those who come in contact with their lives will be constrained to fall at their feet and cry out: "Tell me of the Prince of Peace which rules in your life!"

Book Review

A Quest for God, by R. C. Campbell; Broadman Press, Nashville; Pages, 153. Price \$1.00, cloth.

Here is a most readable volume of sermons. The messages of these ten sermons are plain, the illustrations recited are apt and vivid, the logic unanswerable, the invitations appealing.

Dr. Campbell, who so endeared himself to Texans in his years as a student, a pastor and as state executive secretary, before to his present pulpit as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, has filled his new book with Texas scenes illustrating his points.

The messages in this little volume are chosen for a day of distress and uncertainty. The sermon subjects include "God's Gibraltar," "Running From God," "The Tonic of a Great Task," "The Madhouse of the Wicked," "The Drama of Fate," "The Midnight Alarm," "Where the Lights Go Out," "The Sinner's Friend," "The Invitation That Beggars All Description," and "And He Went a Little Farther."

Christians cannot afford to hate.—J. M. Cook.

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WORLD NEEDS TO RECALL THE SERMON ON MOUNT

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.
Baylor University

(This is another in a series of articles on Christian Education).

All the cultures of ancient Greece could not save her. Rome fell despite her many achievements. Now, France, despite her beauty. We feel certain that Italy has collapsed and that Russia and Germany cannot last. A nation that is to endure must have something substantial on which it can stand.

In that lies America's hope. A Christian democracy stands as the last remaining evidence of stability. As churchmen, we feel justified in saying that Christian schools are the dynamo that will provide the leadership that can and will save America and the world from chaos.

In busy Rockefeller Center, in the heart of New York City, four murals trace mankind's dynamic periods of conquest and issue an admonition that adoption of Christian principles is necessary before man reaches his yet more tremendous destiny.

The first of the panels shows man laboring painfully with his hands in a desperate attempt to survive. The second pictures him as creator and master of the tool, and the third as master—and servant—of the machine.

The fourth, anticipating the yet more tremendous destiny, is the artist's conception of Christ's sermon on the Mount. The sick and the strong, the learned and the unlearned, the master and the servant are crowded about the Son of God. In a lower corner is written the explanation and challenge:

"Man's ultimate destiny depends not on whether he can learn new lessons or make new discoveries and conquests, but on his acceptance of the lessons taught him close upon two thousand years ago."

Do you grasp the significance? Here, in Manhattan's center of the ultimate in scientific progress, a call is issued for Christianity. Mankind, says the panel, must attune himself to the Christ-infused spirit of brotherhood, by which alone he may hope—in spirit and truth—to inherit the earth.

Democracy can be maintained and made safe and successful only as men and women become enlightened in mind and righteous living. One privilege and responsibility of Baptist schools is to develop such enlightenment of mind and righteousness in living.

"EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTING GAIN THIS YEAR"

By G. S. Hopkins

It is the theme, "Enlargement and Bible Study for Evangelism." It is in the song, "Every Sunday School Should Grow." It was one of the goals suggested and adopted by hundreds of churches in the special associational conferences. We have written about it. We have sung about it. Now in every Sunday School, let's make it a reality. In the majority of the associations the associational year closes September 30. Although nine months of the associational year are gone, there is yet time if pastors, superintendents, officers, and teachers can be aroused to the urgency of the task—an enrollment gain this year.

It is the hope and prayer that every Sunday School in Texas will report an enrollment gain of at least five or more. Join the "5" club, or "25" club, etc. Let us hear from you as to what your Sunday School will do.

NEW SIX POINT RECORD BOOK OFF THE PRESS

The Sunday School study course book, "The Sunday School Secretary and the Six Point Record System," by Miss Em maNoland, is now off the press and may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Baptist building, Ervay and Pacific streets, Dallas, Texas. The price is 60c in cloth binding and 40c in paper. This book is included in the regular Sunday School course and a certificate is awarded for the study of same. A package of free Six Point Record System material, giving samples of all forms, etc., may be secured by writing this department, 310 Baptist building, Dallas.

FORMER TEXAN WRITING SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald, H-SU '28, baccalaureate speaker for his Alma Mater in '38, has just concluded writing Intermediate Sunday School lessons for 1942. The Sunday School Board requested Rev. Fitzgerald to prepare Intermediate lessons for one quarter of 1942, and the reception given this work resulted in the assignment of the larger task.

THEME AT RIDGECREST CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY

Christian Democracy will be the general theme of cooperating sessions of the Christian Education conference of the Southern Baptist Education Commission and the Southern Association of Teachers of Bible and Religious Education at Ridgcrest, N. C., August 18 to 21.

Dr. Charles D. Johnson and Dr. L. L. Carpenter, both of Baylor University at Waco, Texas, are presidents of the respective groups and have planned their meeting dates so that members might attend both sessions.

The groups have issued an invitation that educators and laymen interested in the vital question of Christian Democracy attend the sessions and participate in general discussions following the addresses.

The last report of the Education Committee to the Southern Baptist Convention carried this optimistic note:

"It is the belief of the members of the Education Commission that the cause of Christian Education is being weighted very carefully just now by our foremost leaders in church and state."

"It is not too ambitious to predict that Christian leaders now being developed in our Christian schools will accept the weighty, intricate and well-nigh baffling problems that are bound to follow the present war era, and that they will serve as the most enlightened guides toward the necessary reconstruction of a social, economic and political order upon a safer and saner basis than the world has ever known."

PASTOR JENKENS SAYS ABILENE WELL ABLE TO CARE FOR CONVENTION

By Editor Conrad R. Bullock
in The Visitor, Fort Worth

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins announced at State Board session Tuesday that unanimous agreement prevailed with Dr. White, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, hotel men and civic leaders that the Queen City of the West, home of the great Hardin-Simmons University, could and would take ample care of the Baptist State Convention this November.

The editor nearly "burned-up" to deliver his mind on preachers and church leaders who imagine they have to have soft hotel beds, fine foods, conveniences, courtesies and comfort, etc.

Brethren! Church leaders and good soldiers are not softies who clamor for comforts, conveniences and extra courtesies in these strange and stressful times.

Not a bit of it. Let's all "hands and the cook" go to the great west-greet Dr. William Richardson White and his great school in her golden jubilee year and Dr. Jenkins (beyond his silver jubilee year), Douglas Carver, Clyde Campbell and their colleagues.

Why, I would be willing to sleep on a cot or a Baptist pallet and eat hard tack and hamburgers before I would disappoint this grand school, President White, Abilene pastors and their noble people. Let's go to Abilene and quit arguing for the soft and easy way of life!

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PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

PARABLE OF THE CHILDREN IN THE MARKET PLACE

Matthew 11:2-9

John had sent his messengers to inquire of Jesus if He were really the Messiah or if they should wait for another, and Jesus, having just raised the son of the widow of Nain from the dead, sent in answer to John's query an account of His stewardship.

Said Jesus, "Tell John that the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised, and the poor have good tidings preached unto them!" When the messengers departed, Jesus spoke of John's sterling qualities. Then He turned on the multitude and gave them their standing in a parable. He likened them to children playing in the market place while their parents were busy trading. As the day wears on the children become tired and cross and play no longer seems good to them.

Children who have played all day want things to go their way. "We piped to you and you did not dance; we wailed unto you and ye did not mourn." It is easy to imagine a group of children quarreling about what to play. People without constructive Christianity are always in a dispute as to what to do, but when Christ is Lord and Master, men like John the Baptist are forthcoming. The sinner is pictured as one who cannot

get the world to go his way, so he sits down and grumbles about it.

Children who have played all day can not be pleased, even by their own choices. John had come neither eating nor drinking and they accused him of having a devil. Then came Jesus eating and drinking and being a friend to the vilest of men and they accused him of being a glutton and a winebibber and a friend of publicans and sinners. Nothing was just right to suit them. The sinner appreciated neither the sinner by his side nor the saint in the church. He has no confidence in either.

The reason for such an attitude is an unregenerated heart. A sleepy child must have a nap before he can get over his pettish ways. The sinner must be born again before he can get over his sinful ways. He can not be pleased with Christ and the church so long as he has an unregenerated heart. What the world needs most today to sweeten its sour disposition is for Christ to be given a place in the hearts of men. People who are churchly and hard to please need Christ.

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A Living Light

By James Dyke
Walters, Oklahoma

Awarded second place in the Atwell Medal contest at H.-S. U. The general subject of the essays is, "Light's that Never Fail."

He who taught us the laws of light and held high the lamp of learning to students, generation after generation, for nearly forty years has himself become a symbol of a light that never fails.

Touch a match to the wick of a candle; there is a sputter as the lint burns from the wick. The fibers of the cord take the flame; it becomes warmer and rises higher until it reaches its fullness. It burns brightly for a while, then dwindles to a small lump of distorted tallow. A young student, fired with flame of learning, increased the brilliance of the flame through years at Yale and Cambridge and German university halls to full and mature scholarship. Having reached full scholarship, he yearned to transmit that light of learning to others. So came to our university Dr. Julius Olsen, whose brilliance of scholarship has been shared with students through numerous generations; and through them there is an additional quality not present in the candle—that of transmitting rays which will never cease.

As a physicist he taught the laws of light and life. "The problem as to the nature of light has by no means been settled. There are two distinct theories, the corpuscular theory and the wave theory. The corpuscular theory contends that light consists of streams of very minute particles which are projected at a high rate of speed from all luminous bodies. The wave theory consists of the idea that light is closely akin to sound and is a form of a wave motion. As the physicists are unable to show absolutely which theory is correct, then we may assume that either one or both could be correct. One thing is agreed upon, and that is that there is an emanation from the luminous body."

The laws of light have regulated the life which Dr. Olsen has lived. This life has emitted a light which can be explained by both of the theories of light transmission. A stream of minute particles are projected from his lips as each word reaches out to become a part of the working or stored mental wealth of every student who has had classwork under his direction. In his classroom Dr. Olsen has sought to show both sides of every question. He has accepted the conclusions which are brought about by true scientific investigation which does not conflict with the authority of a supreme living deity. "Students rarely had to ask for anything to be explained a second time, but when it was necessary Dr. Olsen never allowed the student to be embarrassed, but acted as if it were his fault for not explaining the matter more fully the first time and went back over it a second time more in detail. In the laboratory he made sure that each student understood what each experiment was to illustrate, that he mastered the technique, and that he realized the significance of the results. Dr. Olsen insisted that a course be mastered, and any grade that he gave was earned."

In all the long years of the existence of Simmons College, Simmons University, and Hardin-Simmons University, no other person has been so insistent in requiring high scholastic attainments. During the thirty-eight years of service he has made an imprint on the school and upon the individuals with whom he has worked. He has been quick to praise the efforts of the industrious and capable students and patient and painstaking with those who learn more slowly. One of those industrious and capable students that Dr. Olsen spurred on to graduate study in the East and finally to research in Austria says: "I doubt if ever a student had a course with Dr. Olsen who did not finish it with a clearer idea of what is meant by real scholarship than he had at the

beginning of the course. Dr. Olsen appealed to all groups of students. His scorn for the 'get by' attitude killed any such tendency immediately in the great majority of his students. For some of the others he was able to kindle a pride in excelling. For students who could not be reached by those approaches he had statistics to prove that students who make good grades in school succeed in later life, by implication, 'It pays you from a purely selfish point of view (financially) to make good grades.' Almost all of his students were stimulated to greater intellectual curiosity by the breadth and interest of his own experiences." A former student, now a professor in the University of Virginia, in a recent letter to Dr. Olsen said: "You were the first teacher that I ever had who gave me an insight into the true nature of real learning."

The high moral and Christian standards of Dr. Olsen do not come as minute particles, but as a constant stream of wave motion. A keen sense of fair play and honesty to the greatest degree has always been foremost in the efforts of Dr. Olsen. Two of these particles may be seen by looking at the quotations which he has above the desk of his study and above the blackboard of his lecture room. "The path of least resistance is a broad highway to failure. The easy way to do a thing is the best only when it is the right way." "No mental or material wealth can be stored up if ease is preferable to effort."

Just as light travels in straight lines he has stood for the straight ideals of living. These standards have been expressed to students of each changing decade through his personality, through his classroom, and through quiet talks to the individuals with whom he came in contact. One of his former students, and I myself, remember well Dr. Olsen's unflinching standards of absolute truth. Still another student recently called to Dr. Olsen's attention an impression which he received years ago. He and a fellow student had quarreled and had attempted to settle their difference in a fight on a stairway from the basement of Abilene Hall. Dr. Olsen came by and stopped the fight by saying: "If there is any trouble I know that it is not Nichodemus's fault." Nichodemus says that he was moved only as he had been moved a few times in his life.

"The principal means of continuing light are through refraction and reflection. Each of the theories of light offers an explanation for these two occurrences. Refraction of light rays is the bending of those light rays as they pass through a medium different than that in which they have been traveling." The light which is emitted by Dr. Olsen's life is refracted by the passing of his knowledge and principles through his students. The refraction will cause the ray to continue in a slightly different direction but it will be essentially the same knowledge and principles which were transmitted by Dr. Olsen.

"Reflection is caused by the same ray which entered a medium passing back out at the same angle at which it entered the medium." The rays of knowledge and principles which were absorbed by each of Dr. Olsen's students will be passed on to others by each of them living a better life because of having known him. In this manner of reflection the beams of the light which he has kindled will pass on and on to provide examples which will never falter because they are the highest examples which can be set up by any member of the human race.

The unknown quality of light may be expressed by a quotation from the Doctor himself: "The most fun I get out of life is the realization that I know a few things that no other men know." Thus does the life of one who is living among us, holding high the lamp of learning, provide a great example for and produce an inner light in his associates which will live for years unending—"A Light That Never Fails."

We will not run some little selfish scheme when filled with the Holy Spirit.—John W. Cobb.

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MEXICAN BAPTISTS HAVING ENCAMPMENT AT MENARD

By Hiram Duffer

On the beautiful Menard camp grounds, in the very heart of Texas, the Mexican Baptist Association of West Texas is sponsoring an encampment for all Mexican Baptists of the State, August 23-29. Teachers and speakers for the week include such prominent workers as: Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Moye, Home Mission Board representatives, San Antonio; Prof. Felix E. Buldain, Mexican Baptist Institute, Bastrop; Rev. and Mrs. Matias Garcia, Calvary Baptist Church, San Antonio; Rev. J. E. Davis and Rev. Frank W. Patterson, Baptist Publishing House, El Paso; Rev. Ignacio E. Gonzalez, First Mexican Church, Austin; Prof. and Mrs. Alfredo Lerin and Prof. Abel Pierson, Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary, El Paso; Rev. Loyd Corder, city mission superintendent, Houston; and Mrs. Bertha Montero, Central Mexican Church, Houston.

The program for each day will include classes in Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship, Church Music, and methods of work in the Sunday School, W. M. U., and Training Union, with recreation in the afternoon and an inspirational sermon each night. At least three hundred representatives from Mexican Baptist churches and missions all over Texas are expected to gather for the occasion. This promises to be unquestionably one of the best accomplishments of Mexican Baptists during recent years. It is hoped that it may grow into an annual affair.

The only thing which clouds these bright prospects is the lack of sufficient funds with which to meet the necessary expense attached to caring for a large group of people without charging them more than the majority could pay. The food-and-dormitory fee has been set at \$1.50, so that even the poorest people may have the benefit of this encampment. Would the reader like to have a part in this first Mexican Baptist Encampment? Offerings from churches or individuals will be gratefully received by the program and finance chairman, Hiram Duffer, Box 665, Brownwood, Texas.

INVINCIBLE TWENTY-TWO

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workers there. Three of our workers remained in another association and worked in the Tilden Church in a revival. Their report was that 5 souls were saved, and they had a great revival.

Rock Springs Baptist Church was a great place to work with Bro. Pearson and his wife. Miss Ruby and I helped in a Bible School and taught a study course. They had just closed one of the best revivals the church has ever had, but we found a great response among the people. The Lord has been good to watch over us these past seven weeks, and has blessed the work in a marvelous way. There have been over 2,000 enrolled in all the Bible Schools over the district with around 300 conversions. Surely that has been worth all our efforts to see these souls come to the Master.

Any soul would have been inspired on to greater heights to have been in the closing meeting yesterday. Fernetta Foley gave a very touching devotional on "The Soldier." A trio composed of Miss Foley, Ruth Brigham and I, sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." I gave a lesson in pictures illustrating "Send The Light." A very consecrated woman from Hobbs, New Mexico, sent these pictures that she might have a small part in the work. Little does she realize how the oil paintings have touched the people. We had hoped that Dr. Hopkins could have been with us to bring the closing message, but as he was unable to do so, the meeting was climaxed with the call and experiences of some of the workers whom are volunteers for the Foreign Mission Board. It has meant much to my life to have had the Christian Fellowship with these workers these weeks, and I feel that I can go back home with a new zeal and determination to give my best to the Master.

We are counting on having a great time together in the "Circus Tent" at the Encampment and worshipping God in the cool Frio Canyon. The prayers from friends of these twenty workers have had a great part in the work. Surely we could not have accomplished so much for the Master without the support of remembrance from those whom we love. District Six is one of our many great Mission fields in the homeland, but under the capable leadership of Rev. Willis J. Ray the work is going forward. Baptists, if we set apart to do so, we could win the State of Texas for Christ. Our task is to live for him at all times.

A PRODIGAL DAUGHTER CHANGES DANCE HALL INTO MISSION

By Dixie Ansley

The ring of a phone and a man's voice hesitated on a decision, little dreaming that God was using him as an instrument and that by his decision to answer this request, one of the roughest and most sinful places in West Texas would be converted into a little mission and all Texas would thrill to the recreation of a soul damned. For his caller was Mary, operator of notorious Mary's place, located on the Baird-Abilene highway.

Arriving an hour later at the dance hall, John J. Toombs found Mary, with whom he had business dealings, greatly troubled. She sought advice concerning some of her property and financial difficulties.

The law—county, state and federal—had been raiding and watching the place. A soldier had been shot in a brawl there earlier in the year. She was about to lose the property through foreclosure.

He listened to her story, admitted that due to the nature of her business, he was unable to help her. In the despair of one who knows no other hope, she said quietly, "I don't know what in the world to do."

Then God spoke and his spokesman said, "Mary, there is one and only one thing for you to do." Thinking he referred to some financial aid, her hopes revived eagerly, but he began telling a story—a story of a lost son who was led from his father's rich home by false promises, and who went farther down and down until at last he was eating with the hogs. He told her of the power that delivered Daniel from the lion's den, of the Christ who shed his blood for us. Tears fell unheeded down Mary's cheek as long forgotten memories stirred in her confused mind. "My mother has talked to me like that," she said. More of the simple story of the Man of Galilee followed. Soon she reached for the man's hand, clasped it sincerely and with tears of joy in her voice, she cried out, "I'm coming down the road for Jesus Christ, and I'm turning my dance hall into a mission!"

In her new-found happiness and peace, Mary went first to that old, stooped, grey-haired mother, deprived almost of life's necessities, who had prayed faithfully for her wayward daughter and who now praised Him for the answer of her prayers. But Mary tarried not, starting immediately to apologize to her neighbors for her past conduct and to tell them of her new life. They rejoiced with her, glad to be rid of the damnable

influence, but happier still that a soul had found its God.

It has been over a month now since the little mission sprang into existence. The first two nights the crowd stood during the two-hour services conducted by Dr. M. A. Jenkins. The neighbors, who once eyed the place as that of the devil, came to hear of the triumph of God, and Monday came the announcement that the First Baptist Church had taken the mission to sponsor. A number came for church membership that night, but none had a happier, more peaceful smile than Mary.

Behind this story is the story of University Church, where there is a group praying nightly for its progress and leaders. Its mission superintendent, J. J. Toombs, was the layman God used in this incident. "I have a partnership with God that can't fail," said Mr. Toombs. "Only God can do what we have seen in this transition." Originally University Church meant to sponsor the new mission, but it was in the district of the First Church, whose interest in the matter was keen.

The district and the church are of secondary importance. What is of utmost importance and what is the greatest and most lasting influence is that Mary, of the worst, is now of the best, radiating God's gracious love and grace.

If you want to help give a light to this darkened world, you must live in the light of the Christ.—W. R. White.

What we make in our working hours goes into our pockets — our living; what we make in our leisure hours goes into character.—J. D. Riddle.

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