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Home Missions Is Helped By 100,000 Club Plan

"The Home Mission Board has received to date over \$30,000 from the Hundred Thousand Club. This amount paid on the principal of the Home Board debt saves enough in interest to pay the salary of two missionaries. If the full 100,000 members are enrolled in the Club, and we must enroll this number by May 1, it will mean the progress and prosperity and enlargement of our Home Mission work. Nothing Southern Baptists could do right now would mean more to Home Missions and to the evangelization and Christianization of the homeland than to successfully complete the Hundred Thousand Club movement. If 100,000 Baptists will join the Club and pay regularly and faithfully a dollar apiece per month, the entire indebtedness of the Home Mission Board, together with all the indebtedness of Southwestern agencies will be liquidated in five years. This will save the denomination over \$300,000 in interest. This amount will maintain over 300 missionaries in the home field, over 300 missionaries in the foreign fields, or it would provide for the education of nearly 1,000 preachers."—Taken from the Baptist Message.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

By Webb

Chester McClelland filled his regular appointment at Token church Sunday. This is a half time church and Chester is their pastor. There are several of these good little churches in Runnels County.

Marvin Leach reports ninety in Sunday School last Sunday at his church in Wastella. Last Sunday was their conference day and they voted to ordain a deacon in the near future. Marvin is reporting fair results from his work on the 100,000 Club. He has five signed members to date.

James Alexander supplied for Clyde Jackson at View in Sweetwater Association. Clyde was called to Shep on account of the illness of his mother and nephew.

Murray Fuquay reports two additions by letter to his church in Howard County last Sunday. Murray goes to this church at Chalk twice each month. The Chalk Baptist Church voted to have their meeting begin on the third Sunday of June of this year. Rev. Taft Holloway of Wayland College, Plainview, will do the preaching.

Ray Mathis was in a series of services in B. S. U. work last Sunday in the city of Abilene. His main theme of the day was "Encouraging Bible Reading for the New Year."

Brother Peden preached at China Grove Sunday and they asked him to hold the meeting. China Grove is in Mitchell-Scurry Association.

Brother H. N. Balderee reports eighty-six in Sunday School at Looney, Mitchell-Scurry Association, last Sunday. This is a good little half-time church.

Some of the new preachers are getting off to a good start. Brother Arnett, one of the very latest students from Midland, Texas, supplied for Rev. Young last Sunday at Rockdale. Roy was detained on account of the illness of Mrs. Young.

Four persons went from Fred Morland's church at Hawley to the Sunday School rally at Anson last Sunday. Fred reports a falling off in work there due to the strange disease in that section.

We are happy to report Mrs. Alexander well on the road to recovery.

Foy King went before the pastorless church at Bethel in Runnels County last Sunday. This is the work that Jimmy Easterwood resigned to take up the work at Roscoe.

Clint Irwin supplied for Foy King at Goldsboro last Sunday. He reports good services and fair attendance.

Brother Fulham, one of the new students, went to his regular work at (Continued on page 3)

BROWNFIELD WORKERS RENDER INTERESTING PROGRAM TUESDAY

The workers' conference of the Brownfield Association met Tuesday of this week with the church at Brownfield. The program, as announced was both interesting and unusual, and we are passing it along as a suggestion to other associations. Here it is:

10 A. M.—My Favorite Son suggested by the congregation, led by Rev. Weaver Lovelace.

10:30 — My Favorite Devotional Message by Rev. Rankin of Seagraves.

10:50 — Special Music by Tahoka church.

11:00 — My Favorite Doctrinal Message by A. Loper.

11:25 — My Favorite Solo by G. H. Nelson.

11:30 — My Favorite Sermon by Rev. Geo. Dale.

12:00 — Lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Board and W. M. U. Meetings.

2:30 — Special Music (Brownfield).

2:40 — My Favorite Missionary Sermon by Rev. McGray.

3:00 — Special Music (Seagraves Church).

3:10 — My Favorite Inspirational Sermon by Rev. R. E. Bost.

Announcements and Adjournment.

J. M. HALE, Host Pastor.

WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS TODAY WITH MARYNEAL CHURCH

The Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association meets today with the church at Maryneal, twelve miles south of Roscoe. The following program has been arranged for the meeting:

10:00—Devotional — Rev. W. H. Hughes.

10:20—"Layman in Relation to the Sunday School"—W. J. Largent, Merkel.

10:40—"Stewardship"—E. M. Collier.

11:00—Brotherhood—Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge.

11:30—Business.

11:40—Evangelism — Rev. W. Y. Pond, Breckenridge.

LUNCH

1:30—Board Meetings — Association and W. M. U.

2:00—"Christian Education"—Dr. R. N. Richardson.

2:30—"Layman in Relation to the Pastor"—Rev. C. A. Powell.

(Note Maryneal is twelve miles south of Roscoe).

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY WAS HELD AT ANSON

Eight churches were represented at the Sunday School rally held at Anson last Sunday. N. J. Westmoreland, president of the body, said. In all there were approximately ninety in attendance.

Rev. Frank Burres brought the devotional and talked along the line of "What kind of a teacher are you?"

A number of conferences were held. They were as follows:

Superintendents, led by Frank Burres.

Secretaries, led by Dr. Newton McDonald of Lueders.

Adult, led by Rev. L. A. Doyle, Anson.

Seniors, led by Kelly Barnett.

Intermediate, led by J. A. Roberts, Anson.

Juniors, led by Mark Reeves.

From the support that this meeting is getting N. J. thinks that things are pointing upward in Jones County. The next meeting will be held at Anson, March 3, 1935.

BANG AGAIN

"We cannot expect people who have stayed out until the wee small hours Saturday night and partaken of worldly amusements to be receptive of the Word Sunday morning."—Maude Gallman.

The great Von Moltke once said: "Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France." Some of us would like to know how it has come to be such a friend to the United States. Time will reveal the delusion.—Selected.

The Blessing of Not Knowing

By J. O. Heath

We certainly think that to know about things is beneficial. We consider ignorance a liability and knowledge an asset. We appreciate the well-informed and hold in high esteem the far-seeing. We believe that the statesman should peer into the future and so regulate national movements that calamities will be averted. However stupid we may be, we put no premium on dumbness. We endeavor to learn and consume a vast amount of energy in striving to comprehend and appropriate the wisdom of the world. We may boast of an increasing intelligence; "whereas we know not what shall be on the morrow."

It is for our good that God has set some impassable bounds to our knowing. There are things that directly concern us that are so deeply hidden in His altruistic purposes that they do not come within the purview of our understanding. We do not know what a day will bring forth. It is best that we be thus limited in knowledge. We are placed on a short and narrow margin. But it is a margin in which we may be profitably assisted by our limitations. The limitation means that something more conducive to our peace and progress has been provided. There are blessings in not knowing. As the speculations of men concerning the tomorrow leave us weary and dejected, how would it do to come for refreshing to the "depths of the wisdom and knowledge of God." We will receive both animation and satisfaction, when we repose implicit trust in His unsearchable judgments and fathomless ways.

Let us turn to these depths which contain immeasurable riches. We are dealing with those hidden and opulent depths when we consider the troubles, the sorrows or the calamities of life. We are not immune to the pestilence; nor are we proof against the tribulations that are on the earth. We may

be deprived of earning power and be forced to exist on the scantiness that privation affords. Yet we are told "that all things work together for good to them that love God." Do we love God? Then the all things of today and of the veiled tomorrow are being so combined and directed that good will accrue to us. We do not know all the why of human suffering. But one blessing is that affliction has a tendency to mellow the heart and augment its sympathies. We cease to witness human suffering from a distance. We join the crowd and move with the halt, the infirm and the lame along the heavy road, conscious of occasional gleams from faces brightened by the working together of the things which God controls.

My wife took me to Hot Springs, New Mexico, that I might be treated for arthritis. There I met a little lady who had suffered with that dread disease for fifteen years. Though doubtless a permanent cripple, her patience with affliction was an edifying study. The cheeriness of her attitude toward her condition, enlivened some of the languid regions of my soul. Those gloomy places where my drooping spirit brooded in morbid silence, became more cheerful when I noted that the radiance of her life was shining through mists and shadows. It was a light which, shining through affliction, cast its glow upon the clouds. Thus there came a blessing to me out of the mysterious workings of affliction. We do not understand why it is necessary for any malady to use our bodies to demonstrate the power of its poignant movements. But we shall know hereafter. Until we enter the hereafter we can reckon, as did Paul, "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." And in the hereafter, the revelation of that glory will vindicate the wisdom of God in all things.

Prof. I. E. Reynolds Discusses Educational Music Program

I. Why?

1. Because music is of Divine origin; is given such a prominent place in the Bible; has been and is of such power and influence in all religious life; is the handmaid of the Christian Religion; and fills such a vital and necessary place in the church worship and service of our own Baptist Churches, and—

2. Because music consumes on an average of one-third of all the time allotted to every service held in our churches, preaching, teaching, training, missionary or evangelistic services, and—

3. Because there are approximately fifteen thousand people directly connected with the music programs in the churches of the Baptist State Convention of Texas, and—

4. Because the annual financial expenditure by the churches in the Baptist State General Convention of Texas for the Music Programs is approximately \$100,000.00, which is too great for the return on the investment calculated to be only ten per cent of adequate and efficient church music programs, and—

5. Because secular music education is making greater strides, than any other phase of education, due to the public school music system of education, the radio, phonograph, private teachers, foundations, and other organizations for the purpose of furthering music education; and our church music appreciation and programs must keep pace with the secular music programs and appreciation if our churches must have a music leadership that will command the respect of our people who are growing rapidly in their music appreciation, and—

6. Because in the average churches of the state convention, the music programs are poor, and inadequate, from the standpoint of standards and character of music used and its rendition, and by no means on a par with the standards and ideals promoted and maintained for the preaching, teaching, and training services; and the music appreciation of the congregation and much of the church leadership in the average church is low, and—

7. Because many of the churches in the Texas Baptist General Conven-

tion are at the mercy of the professional musician, who does not know the practical side, the amateur who is lacking in theoretical, technical and performing ability, the singing school teacher, and the unscrupulous commercial publisher of the cheap song book, and—

8. Because it is just as necessary to train for, teach and render wholesome church music, as it is the training and teaching in connection with the other parts of the church program should be wholesome, and—

9. Because every phase of the church life of the local churches is being aided and developed through provisions made by associations, state and south-wide boards, except the church music; spending all of their time, energy and money in developing only two-thirds of their religious programs, and—

10. Because music is the greatest ally of the preacher, teacher or leader in preaching and teaching the gospel or training for service and worship; and is so vitally connected with all services of the churches, including teaching and training, that we cannot hope to raise the standards along other lines unless the standard of the music program is raised also, and—

11. Because the churches of the Texas Baptist Convention are in such great need of a church music department to which they can turn for assistance in improving their church music programs, also department to which they can turn for suggestions and help in supplying their churches with wholesome church music literature of every kind, hymnals, song books, octava, etc., at a nominal cost, and—

12. Because but little that is tangible is being done in a definite way by our associational, state or south-wide agencies to improve the music in the churches, and—

13. Because only through some movement fostered by the denomination can we enlist the respect and confidence of the churches for those who are endeavoring to aid the churches.

II. What?

1. Develop a more reverential and worshipful spirit in our services and church life, a deeper respect and reverence (Continued on page four)

Miss Elizabeth Routh Writes From Ogbomoso, Nigeria

CALLAHAN WORKERS TO MEET WITH BAIRD CHURCH ON TUESDAY

The monthly workers conference of the Callahan Association will meet with Pastor Joe R. Mayes and the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 12. The visitors on that occasion will have an opportunity to see the new church building recently completed by the Baird Church. Brother Mayes has done a fine work in leading his people in this building program in times of great financial stress such as we are now passing through.

The program prepared for the meeting follows:

10:00 A. M.—Devotional Song Services—Lee Pool, 30 minutes.

10:30 to 11:30 A. M.—An Associational Wide Training Course—V. W. Tatum.

Round Table Discussion.

11:30 A. M.—Sermon—C. A. Voyles.

12:00—Noon, Lunch.

1:30 P. M.—Devotional, 30 minutes—W. T. Priddy.

2:00 P. M.—Women's Work Speaker—Supplied by Mrs. John Cook.

3:00 P. M.—Loyalty to Our Master Program and the Hundred Thousand Club—J. D. Brannon.

B. T. U. REVIVAL WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 24

The churches of the Brady Baptist Association are co-operating in a Baptist Training Union revival, from February 24 to March 3. This revival will be directed by Dr. T. C. Gardner of Dallas, the state B. T. U. leader. To assist Dr. Gardner will be a group of students from Howard Payne College.

The local B. T. U. leadership is seeking to enlist every church in the association in this revival. To date eleven have been signed up to co-operate in it. These churches will use twenty of the students, together with pastors and workers from other associations nearby.

These workers will teach books and hold conferences on the training work deliver inspirational addresses, and conduct evangelistic services throughout the week.

A NEW GOSPEL IS FOUND BY BRITISH

LONDON. — The discovery of a hitherto unknown gospel—the earliest Christian manuscript extant—is announced.

This discovery has been made by the British Museum among papyrus fragments from Egypt. Dr. Flower, deputy keeper of manuscripts, showing these brown fragments to newspaper reporters, said experts date them not later than A. D. 150. They are thus even older than the Chester Beatty collection of papyrus, formerly the oldest extant.

The find comprises two tattered pages, each about five inches across, and also one smaller. They have both sides covered with running Greek script of the most ancient character. They describe Jesus' escape from sinning and also his healing of a leper. Their account differs in detail from those in the Synoptic Gospels, but has features pointing to the possibility that it is an original independent source drawn upon in St. John's Gospel.

They thus are expected to throw new light upon Bible history.

One of their peculiarities is their use of the Greek letters iota and eta as abbreviation for Saviour (Iesous) instead of the less ancient iota eta sigma, when arose the conventional IHS of later Bible manuscripts.

DR. TRUETT WILL BE OKLAHOMA SPEAKER

Dr. George W. Truett, world famous pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be the principal speaker at the Silver Anniversary Celebration program to be held February 22 at Oklahoma Baptist University.

For several weeks, contacts have been made with Dr. Truett but last week, a telegram was received stating definitely that Dr. Truett would be in Shawnee for the occasion. Hundreds of people from all parts of the state are expected to drive to Shawnee to hear him.

Editor's Note—Some time ago the West Texas Baptist published an interesting letter from Miss Elizabeth Routh, daughter of Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma. At that time Miss Routh had just landed in Nigeria, Africa, where she went as a missionary. In last week's Messenger, the Woman's page carried another letter from Miss Routh in which she relates her experiences on that new far away field in the following manner:

Ogbomoso, Nigeria, December 8, 1934.

"Eku oye," which means to say, "I salute you for the Harbortan." Yesterday we had our first real experience with the Harbortan. All day yesterday the sun was so darkened that it looked like a full moon coming up. The fine dust is very irritating—just as it is in West Texas or in Oklahoma! Last night I had to get up in the middle of the night to get another blanket it was so damp and chilly. This is the queerest land—in the dry season, there are heavy dews at night and the nights are cold, while the days are hot and dry; in the rainy season, the nights are dry and hot and the days are wet—and cool while the rain lasts. The wind this morning is blowing half a gale right off the Sahara and bringing most of it along, it seems. Already my face feels right sandpaper-ish.

Another seeming strange occurrence in this land of sunshine is that so many people—old and young—die of pneumonia. The babies, especially, have a hard time—the "omo owo," the "babies behind," or the English equivalent "babes in arms." All day long they are carried on their mother's back or on the back of a sister, right against the skin, with a cloth wrapped around them to keep them on, and naturally they perspire a great deal. Many of them go out in the heat of the day with nothing to protect the baby's head from the sun. Then at night, the baby is put on the floor to sleep with nothing on but a knee-length blouse. If there is enough money, they put straw mats to sleep on. Most of the children I have seen here have had colds and sore lips from running noses.

There are many things in the Bible that are more easily understood after seeing the customs of the people here. The story of the man who was let through a roof on his bed and after being healed was told to take up his bed and walk is quite clear after seeing the houses with tile roofs and straw roofs, and after seeing the "beds" of the natives—just a woven straw mat about the size of a 3-4 bed. We read the story of the coming of the Wise Men to worship Jesus, and the picture of the men kneeling and paying homage to Him became very (Continued on Page 4)

DR. JENKENS RETURNS FROM HOMER, LA.

Last Saturday Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, returned from Homer and Arcadia, Louisiana, where he conducted two successful revivals. Last week the Baptist Informer, published by the First Baptist Church, Monroe, La., and edited by Lee Stulce, formerly of Abilene, had the following to say about Dr. Jenkins and the meetings:

Dr. M. A. Jenkins sends greetings to the people of our church. Dr. Jenkins is completely recovered from his operation of about two years ago. He is preaching with the fire of his youth, backed by more than forty years in the ministry. He is a student of the Word. His message is fresh and powerful.

The meeting at Homer has suffered because of the extreme weather we have had. Yet the people have heard him "gladly" and have braved the weather to hear this man of God.

Dr. Jenkins has agreed to conduct a few days' meeting with the Baptist Church of Arcadia. Brother Caldwell is the beloved pastor and is happy in the anticipation of a feast for his people. Dr. Jenkins will close his part of the meeting at Homer at the morning service Sunday and preach for Brother Caldwell Sunday evening.

"There isn't a problem but that God's people can pray through."—M. A. Jenkins, Abilene.

"If we build our altars in the soggy places of earth during the week we will never be able to get them upon Mt. Carmel on Sunday."—M. A. Jenkins, Abilene.

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"GOD PITY US"

In a recent article Edward Walker, editor of "Sun Rays," published at Maryville, Tenn., had a red hot article under the above caption. It is encouraging to see church people all over the country arouse themselves and begin to fight back against the inroads of the liquor evils. In Texas, as in Tennessee, beer has been legalized and the liquor crowds are marshalling their forces to bring back the open saloons. This silly idea that the leaders of our government have advanced that America can drink her way back to prosperity is preposterous. All sorts of promises were made by the Democratic party before the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. One of these promises was that states rights would be respected in dry states. The government, after repeal turned right around and granted federal licenses to every person in Texas who would pay the price of \$1,000 for the right to sell liquors in dry territory. Our prediction is that the time will come when the Democratic party will have to reckon with the broken promises it made on this liquor business. We are publishing the article referred to above for the benefit of our readers:

"As I go up and down the highways and see on the right and left large signs advertising 'high percentage beer' I say, 'God pity us poor, foolish people who voted the wet ticket.' We were told by the President and the wet party leaders that this beer would not be intoxicating, but today it is nothing unusual to see men and women 'dog drunk' from too much beer. We were told that the beer would balance the budget for the revenue would be millions of dollars and we fell for this rot. There is no such thing as becoming rich by drinking intoxicating drinks, but we have church members here in our own city that really believe that the repeal of the prohibition law will bring about prosperity.

"Were we not promised by our President that open saloons would never be tolerated? Today we have saloons with wide open doors and more vile and corrupt than ever before. It is foolish for man to make any law in attempt to control liquor. Whoever heard of a law that liquor would obey? What's law to a saloon keeper or a beer peddler? I believe we have a law that prohibits selling beer on Sunday, but how many beer joints obey this law? I know that beer is being sold in this city on Sundays.

"It will be very difficult to keep Tennessee dry or to ever rid our state of beer joints. Why? Because our church members, some of them leaders in their churches, are patronizing these saloons. This isn't what someone told me, but I have seen leaders in the church where I am a member go into these places and know of some of our church members buying beer and taking it home to their families. What influence do these men have on the younger men? What does a young man think of his Sunday School teacher whom he has seen straddling a stool in one of the vilest places in town drinking this beer? Can we keep Tennessee out of the hands of the wets when our Christian people trail along with them?

"God pity the poor preachers that have beer-drinking deacons, church workers and Sunday School teachers in their churches."

QUACKERY!

A sage is credited with having ascertained what follows:

Said a clever quack to an educated physician: "How many of the passing multitude, do you suppose, appreciate the value of science, or understand the impositions of quackery?" "Not more than one in ten," was the answer. "Well," said the quack, "you may have the one and I'll have the ten."

Judging from results obtained through the following enunciated or printed assertions used by clever advertisers:

How to get back vim and energy when "played out."

Not a cough in a carload.

The exclusive, infallible custodian, interpreter and teacher.

The antiseptic where one dollar does the work of three.

The old sage was right for, if it were not so, they (the quacks) would not acquire the wherewithal to carry on. This in itself is sufficient evidence that the public needs enlightenment, and may, in a measure at least, emphasize the need for a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet.—Supreme Council Bulletin.

A ROOM FOR THE LORD

At Mioa Chi is an old man 94 years of age. He heard the Gospel and was converted under Mr. G. P. Bostik's preaching. He never learned to read but he was a good listener and has remembered well what he heard. He loves to talk about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Job and other Bible characters. He prays to the Lord and is asking that the Lord save some more in his community. Two men and two women definitely came out on the Lord's side during the few days the workers were at his home. There were also others who expressed a desire to believe and be saved.

He has a large sized room at the front of his home which neighbors have tried to get him to rent out but he said, "No, I want to keep that place so that when any one who knows the Lord passes this way he may meet with the people and tell them about Jesus."—Clifford Barratt, China.

WHY?

Why should we give money to save the heathen abroad when there are heathen in our own country to save?

There are other "whys" equally as logical.

Why should I give money to those in other parts of this country when there are needy ones in my own state?

Why should I give for those in other parts of the state when there are needy ones in my own town?

Why should I give to the poor in the town when my own church needs the money?

Why should I give to the church when my own family wants it?

Why should I give to my family what I want myself?

Why? Because I am a Christian — not a heathen.—The Ada Baptist.

The Christian Church, The Great Sleeping Beauty

Dr. J. B. CRANFILL, Dallas, Texas

The Church, the Bride of Christ, is sound asleep. Many clamant voices seek to awaken the somnolent hosts of Zion, but in vain. In the Western Recorder, of January 10, are many able, insistent, loving, stirring appeals for the payment of the debts of our Southern Baptist Boards, and here and there some watchman on the walls of Zion sounds out a louder call than others in the ranks, but the millions of our Baptist hosts (and I love them and appraise them as the greatest people in the world) sleep on and take their rest.

True enough, there is much poverty among our churches, but poverty is not the disease that really afflicts us. The twelve apostles were shy of money, but their voices were heard in every country in the world. Their lives were affectionate adventures in the salvation of the lost and they achieved a conquering immortality that yet challenges the best that is in us.

Here's one of the strangest things in the world. The members of our churches as a rule have all the necessities of life, and many of them enjoy life's luxuries. I haven't heard of any of our members denying themselves automobiles, theatre tickets, fine clothes or luxurious indulgences to the end that the money thus salvaged might be used in paying our debts. Of course, I don't know all of our dear people, but I do know many of them and I have yet to find any one among us who has impoverished himself that the Kingdom of God might be enriched.

Baptist preachers are the noblest class of men on the earth. They are really the salt of the earth. They hold up the banner of the Cross. They give to mankind the celestial message that causes that arrest of thought that makes for the highest and best in civilized life. As a class, they are sacrificial in life, noble in spirit, gentle in their attitude toward suffering, dying humanity; and lofty in their character and conduct. But we preachers are not doing our best. We are jogging along, but need to move the back-band of our plough-horses farther forward so that we may plough deeper, and turn something up.

There is no reason why our Boards should be in debt. There is no reason why we shouldn't have all the money needed for sending the Gospel to all the regions beyond. If we were fully awake, we Baptists of our dear Southland, we would not only pay all the debts on the Board with a turn of the hand, but would cause our Mission treasury to bulge with extra money, so that waiting men and women might be sent to new fields of service, and in these new fields hold aloft the Banner of the Cross, and call men to life's higher and nobler and better things.

The thing about us is that we are too artificial. There are many widows among us, but no widows giving the widow's mite. There are many disciples, but not of the apostolic type. I know of no Christian

man or woman who has given all they had. We need not only the surrender of money, but the surrender of life four type emphasis.—Ed.]

I love all of our editors, mission secretaries and denominational leaders with a fadeless affection. But all of us are moving along as slowly and indifferently as terrapins move when they have no coals of fire on their backs. If anything unusual happens, we draw our necks and heads back into the shell, and clamp our mouths shut, and sleep on. The editorials in our Baptist papers are not burning their way into men's hearts and lives. In this new age, when new strident voices call men into allurements of sin and vice, we need a quality of consecration, devotion and downright blood earnestness that are too often distinguished only by their absence.

Not only is this true in our immediate and intimate religious activities, but it is true out in the big arena of civic life. With one stroke of the pen, our President illegally submerged all America in Beer, with hard liquor following fast upon this most ghastly procedure known in American life. In every nook and corner of dear America, we have a wild riot of liquor lawlessness that would break our hearts if we were awake.

We walk among these scenes of crimes and vice and lawlessness as calmly as trained veterans in our armies walk among the dead. The fires of patriotism have burned down into ashes, even the embers are dead. Our preachers no longer lift up their voices against the liquor traffic, which is the deadliest and most damnable expression of Satanic destructiveness ever known in our world.

We're asleep. Our children and our neighbors' children are smashing their way into hell through these cocktail parties, night clubs, beer saloons and bootleggers' joints, and all of us seem quite content that Hell should enlarge itself to receive them.

I wish that I knew how to impress all that I am saying here upon men's hearts. I wish I could blaze forth with thoughts that breathe and words that burn, and with an earnestness that, like red hot branding-irons known in my cowboy days, would burn their way into the lives and consciences of our dear sleeping hosts of what should be our militant Christianity.

I wish I could infuse fresh zeal into the sluggish columns of our Baptist papers, many of which are but little less than studies in literary dullness.

If I could, I would motivate our preachers to bring into requisition a new and fiery quality of preaching that would exchange the old dull dumb dead discourses for message of fire blazing at white heat out of their hearts.

Am I doing my best? No! I'm asleep at the switch just like the rest of you.—Western Recorder.

Devotional Thoughts

"THE SUPREME PRAYER"

Prayer at its best is not bringing the will of God down to our levels. It is rather bringing us up to the will of God. Selfishness is a Christian ideal. Because of that ideal we honor those who have dedicated themselves to bring about peace on earth, or those who have devoted their powers and skill to the eradication of diseases or who have given their life to some other form of service to the race. In all these lines of sacrificial endeavor there may be still some traces of self. To yield to the will of God is something finer and more complete. He who puts the will of God first in his life will dignify and ennoble every other sacrifice which he may make.

We talk loosely of unanswered prayers but no prayer is ever unanswered. Not every prayer is granted. Sometimes the answer is in the negative. Some requests are denied us. When we look back with the perspective of years upon some of the prayers into which we have poured our souls, we are grateful that infinite wisdom saw fit to deny our clamorous askings. When we say, "Thy will be done" we have uttered a prayer that will not fail of accomplishment. We may then be sure that we are in step with God and that the stars in their courses are fighting for us. If we were asked how many of us are willing to do the Will of God will our answers be given without hesitation and without reserve? If there is a reluctance is it not because we conceive of God's will as something hard and unsympathetic. Have we not forgotten that it is "The good and acceptable and perfect will of God?"

We were put here in this world to live our lives but true life begins only when a man's will is subordinated to the divine will. To every one of us, sooner or later, and to some of us more than once, comes a struggle like unto Gethsemane. The issues of life and death for the race hung on that struggle in the garden but the disciple is no greater than his Lord. We undergo a similar conflict. There is a clash of wills. We want our way. God wants His way. We may defy God but such defiance means death. The turning point in the battle is when, like our Lord, we learn to say, "Thy will be done."—Frank R. Elder.

THE FIRST FRUITS

And it happened that a certain deacon called upon a church member and said: "Friend, the end of the fiscal year drawing nigh, and yet thou has paid very little on thy church pledge. Canst thou not gather together enough shekels soon to pay thy part of our church's budget?"

"Why, hast thou not heard?" cried the church member in astonishment. "There has been a drought, the unemployment situation is terrible, the suffering is great, and I cannot pay my pledge to the church."

"Verily, this is a sad state of affairs you relate," sighed the sympathetic steward. "How large is thy farm that the drought burned up?"

"Why, I have no farm," replied the church member, "but other men have, and their farms dried up."

"And how long hast thou been unemployed, my poor unfortunate friend?" said the steward.

"I am not out of a job," indignantly replied the church member, "but you must read in the papers that many people are."

"But thy suffering during this period of bad time must have been great," murmured the steward. "I know it was hard for thee

DID YOU KNOW, THAT—

Brazil grows 62 per cent of the coffee of the world! The U. S. A. gets about 85 to 90 per cent of her coffee from Brazil!

Brazil produces coffee, sugar-cane, cotton, corn, rice, beans, coco-beans, tobacco, mattee, fruits of all kinds, except fruits which require a cold climate!

Brazil is making her grapes into wine this year to ship to "Christian America!"

Brazil buys a very large majority of her automobiles from U. S. A. The men of Brazil are not Catholic in fact!

The cities of Brazil have every modern convenience!

There are four States in the Brazilian union larger than the State of Texas!

The Baptist Publishing House sold the first six months of this year, 102,154 tracts, and 9,642 books and Bibles!

The Publishing House furnishes 40,000 quarterlies to the churches in Brazil and Portugal every quarter!

The "O Jornal Baptista" our denominational paper has a weekly edition of 7,400!

This paper has increased from 3,400 to 7,400 in 18 months!

This paper is a flaming evangelist in the jails of Brazil!—Ex.

to store thy car to save the expense of operating it, and to send back thy radio because thou couldst not meet the payments, and to cease dropping in at the fountain for a drink and a cigar, and no longer to be able to see the beautiful Shirley Temple for thy entertainment. All these must have been great deprivations to thee, to say nothing of the scanty fare thou must have had to eat these months, and the anguish caused thee by seeing thy wife and children in patched garments."

"What are you trying to do?" shouted the enraged church member. "Kid me or something? What do you think I am, a cheap skater? I'll have you know I've got the sweetest running little Simpleton Six you ever drove, I'm still able to step out for a frolic with the family at the movies when I feel like it, and as for food, well, my mother always had a reputation for the good table she set, and that reputation isn't going to suffer at my house."

"At last I see," said the deacon, as he left the now "righteously indignant" church member, "it was the ancient Jews who gave the first fruits to God's work. I wonder if it was Christ who taught Christians to give the left-overs."—Enlisted Men.

PERFECT CHARACTER OF JESUS

Who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not.—1 Peter 2:23.

There is in the Lord Jesus a perfect evenness of various perfections. All the elements of perfect character are in lovely balance. His gentleness is never weak. His courage is never harsh. Follow Him through all the scenes of outrage and insult on the night and morning of His arrest and trial. Behold Him before the High Priest, before Pilate, before Herod. See Him brow-beaten, bullied, scourged, smitten upon the face, spat upon, mocked. How His inherent greatness comes out. Not once does He lose His high dignity.—C. I. Scofield.

"We grow under encouragement, and shrivel under mere fault finding."

Let not what you think you know keep you from learning what you should know.

Church Property, Sweetwater Baptist Association

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Abilene, First	(Miss) Ima D. Petty, Abilene	Yes	1909-30	Brick	1,750	150	30	143	\$229,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	\$302,000.00	\$58,228.77	\$76,000.00
Abilene, University	(Miss) Viola York, Abilene	Yes	1917	Brick	700	81	10	71	50,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	55,000.00	12,940.00	28,500.00
Abilene, South Side	Tom McGeehan, Abilene	Yes	1925	Brick	804	32	7	32	45,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	45,000.00	1,450.00	10,000.00
Abilene, Emmanuel	(Miss) Lillian Hughes, Abilene	Yes	1924-25	Wood	900	16	7	1	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	1,450.00	1,500.00
Abilene, Trinity	C. L. Holt, 1801 S. 3rd, Abilene	Yes	1931	Wood	1,800	3	3	12	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	4,222.84	2,400.00
Abilene, Sunset	Marie Keese, Abilene	No	.....	Wood	125	8	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Abilene, Calvary	Miss Francis Osborne, Abilene	Yes	1924	Wood	200	4	3	8	2,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	600.00	1,200.00
Blackwell	R. H. Reaves, Blackwell	Yes	1915	Wood	300	1	3	8	3,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,500.00	.....	.....
Blair	H. E. Campbell, Rt. 5, Merkel	Yes	1928	Wood	300	1	1	1	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....
Buffalo Gap	A. E. Johnson, Rt. 5, Abilene	Yes	1926	Stone	200	1	1	1	4,000.00	.....	.....	4,000.00	.....	.....
Cape	Frederick Rucker, Rt. 3, Abilene	Yes	1925	Stucco	400	25	6	18	12,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	12,000.00	.....	7,000.00
Cedar Gap	(Miss) Carrie McBees, Tuscola	Yes	1897	Wood	300	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Elmdale	(Miss) Pauline Judd, Abilene	Yes	1933-34	Wood	.....	19	13	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamby	(Miss) Thelma Clemmer, R. 1, Abilene	Yes	1920	Wood	200	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	1,500.00
Lawn	E. L. Grant, Lawn	Yes	1916	Wood	200	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	Thurmond Pruitt, Blackwell	Yes	1924	Wood	250	1	5	5	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.00	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	Elsie Roland, Merkel	Yes	1925	Wood	200	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Merkel	Holland Teaf, Merkel	Yes	1920-21	Brick	600	30	11	24	25,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	28,000.00	.....	10,000.00
More	H. H. Webb, Gulon	No	1900	Wood	200	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Neill	V. B. Hodges, Rt. 5, Abilene	Yes	1926	Wood	400	1	1	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....
Nolan	G. W. Koeth, Dora	Yes	1905	Wood	200	1	1	1	2,500.00	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....
Ovalo	W. L. Fawell, Ovato	Yes	1895	Wood	300	1	3	8	3,000.00	.....	.....	3,000.00	.....	2,700.00
Salt Branch	Gille Higgins, Rt. 4, Merkel	Yes	1900	Wood	200	1	1	1	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	1,500.00
Shep	H. B. Gamble, Wingate	Yes	1924	Wood	300	1	1	1	3,500.00	.....	.....	3,500.00	.....	.....
Sweetwater, First	A. E. Radcliffe, Sweetwater	Yes	1923	Brick	700	21	7	21	115,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	125,000.00	36,000.00	45,000.00
Sweetwater, Lamar	Miss Leno Lockhart, Sweetwater	Yes	1925	Brick	200	1	3	3	7,500.00	.....	.....	7,500.00	4,750.00	4,500.00
Trent	Mrs. A. B. Currie, Trent	Yes	1906	Wood	200	5	1	1	2,000.00	.....	.....	2,000.00	.....	1,500.00
Tuscola	H. B. Williams, Tuscola	Yes	1914	Wood	275	11	11	11	5,000.00			5,000.00		1,500.00
Tye	M. B. Briggs, Abilene	Yes	1923	Wood	300	1	1	1	2,000.00			2,000.00		1,500.00
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CHURCH NEWS

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST ABILENE

We are greatly overjoyed by the increase in our offerings each week. Bro. Powell spoke Sunday morning on "Lovest Thou Me?" and at the evening hour on "He Leadeth Me," both were inspiring and soul stirring messages.

Our young people's department was entertained with a social in the Fishermen's classroom on Monday, an enjoyable time is reported by those who attended.

BETHEL

Rev. Foy O. King preached at Bethel Church in Runnels County Sunday. Two very good services were reported during the day.

GOLDSBORO

Bro. Clint Irwin supplied for Foy O. King at Goldsboro Sunday. Good services were reported and a spirit of optimism prevailed.

ROSCOE

Rev. James Easterwood reports a good attendance both morning and evening with 161 in Sunday School, and 83 in B. T. U.

A large number of the Sunday School classes took out membership in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

HARDIN-SIMMONS

The Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. has been doing some excellent extension work this fall. Last Sunday five of the B. S. U. workers went to Harmony Baptist Church, Rev. Freddie Cole, pastor, and had complete charge of both the morning and evening services.

There was one conversion at the night service and the workers are especially thankful for this result.

The B. S. U. organization has two types of programs that they present at the different churches they visit: a mission program and an evangelistic service. The first type is always given at the morning service with the evangelistic service at the evening hour.

The Hardin-Simmons students taking part in Sunday's services at Harmony included Rose Mary Malone and Edna Agdis, who sang special numbers at both services. Speakers on last Sunday's services were Clara Welch, Paul Wright and Frank Burress.

One very impressive number on each program given is a "chalk talk" by Paul Wright.

Any church desiring the group to present a program at its services are asked to get in touch with the general B. S. U. office at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

I'M DRY

I will not eat my waffles brown
Alongside one who gulps beer down;
I'll take my patronage away
And hunt me up a new cafe,
And I'll eat "dry."

The grocery where I used to buy
Sells beer on tap while I stand by;
I'll not go back, though I go far—
I'll buy no groceries o'er a bar!
For I buy "dry."

E'en though I pay a few cents more,
I'll have to leave my old drug store;
I've always liked their kindly cheer,
But I can't fraternize with beer.
So I'll drink "dry."

The strangest thing? Don't guess,
You'll loose;
My filling station's selling booze!
Of all the mixtures ever seen
'Tis alcohol and gasoline!

Yes, I'll drive "dry."
—Ruth Smelter.

FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SEMINARY AT LOUISVILLE

As to Its Students

1. The Southern Seminary has been preparing ministers and missionaries for more than seventy-five years.

2. 7,240 students have enrolled in its classes—for every State in the union, and from many foreign lands. Its graduates are found on every continent and on many isles of the sea.

3. Present enrollment is 344 men—representing all but one Southern State, and California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., West Virginia, Wisconsin; Brazil, England, Ireland, Japan, Manchukuo, Mexico, New Zealand, Roumania, South Africa, and Spain.

4. Properly qualified students are admitted from all denominations on equal terms with no tuition charges.

As to Grounds and Buildings

1. The Seminary has fifty-four acres of beautiful grass-covered campus, with a grove of stately beech trees, in the quiet suburbs of a metropolitan center.

2. Six beautiful, colonial-style buildings, new and up-to-date, valued at \$2,500,000, comprise its plant—a possession of which Southern Baptists may be proud for years to come.

As to Faculty and Curriculum

1. The institution has eleven great departments of instruction—directed by men of renowned, reverent and sound scholarship—with exceptionally high academic standards for both undergraduate and graduate work.

2. It offers opportunity for freedom of thought in all fields pertinent to the modern minister, under stimulating and helpful guidance.

As to Opportunities for Practical Experience

Southern Seminary students enrolled last session:

- preached 13,339 sermons
- won 2,826 to Christ
- secured 2,529 re-consecrations
- baptized 1,571 converts
- made 20,169 religious purpose visitations
- conducted 1,463 religious services on street corners or in hospitals, sanitariums, orphanages, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from among us our brother in Christ, Rev. S. J. T. Williams; and whereas, we feel that eternity alone can reveal the good accomplished by this servant of God, in this community and other communities where he has labored; and whereas, that a great loss has thereby come to this association by his going; therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we humbly submit to the dealings of God, being comforted by the thought that He doeth all things well;

Second, that we will cherish fond memories of our dear brother and his faithful work and Christlike spirit;

Third, that we deeply sympathize with his dear wife, son and daughter, in their great loss and unspeakable grief, and that we commend them to the God he loved and served, for comfort and sustenance in their dark hours.

These resolutions were unanimously ordered by the Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, in session at Sweetwater, Texas January 8, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. HUGHES,
J. D. BRANNON,
N. W. PITTS,
Committee.

WHAT OUR CHURCH OFFERS YOU

1. A Building: A house of worship at considerable sacrifice and dedicated to the Glory of God and the good of man.

2. An Atmosphere of Christian Fellowship which are helpful in your desire to grow in Christian culture and good citizenship.

3. Spiritual Preaching: Preaching which exalts Christ and makes the Bible a great spiritual power in the lives of men.

4. Devotional Music: Music which inspires the heart, awakens devotion and stimulates services.

5. A Bible School with a staff of consecrated officers and teachers: Ready to assist the young and train the man of tomorrow out of the boy of today, and the mothers of future generations out of the girls of this hour.

6. A Nursery: Where competent people take care of the youngsters while parents attend the ministry of worship.

7. A Real Praise and Prayer Meeting: Held every Wednesday evening where God's people speak familiarly with their Lord.

8. Women's Organizations: Organized for the purpose of helping the church in its social life, for the study and support of missions and unselfish service wherever there is a need.

9. A Program for Young People: All departments for various ages where they are trained for Christian leadership and service, giving them opportunity for growth and development under supervision of God-fearing, consecrated Christian men and women who are willing to sacrifice and give of their time and talents toward a better enlightened and a more loyal church membership in future years.

10. A Men's Brotherhood: Where the consecrated men and Christian leaders meet and enjoy fellowship together and are led toward a higher goal of Christian living and leadership; and where the highest type of Christian manhood is always in evidence.

Are you not proud to belong to such a fellowship and share in such a work? If you do not belong, would you not like to join us? How many of the above activities are you identified with? Are you satisfied with your service to the Saviour who gave His all that you might enjoy a happy and never-ending life in that "City Not Made With Hands?"—The Chimes.

And in addition to all mentioned above, our church offers its members an opportunity "in the grace of giving" in supporting the cause of Christ at home and abroad. Have you made your pledge for 1935?—Copied from Gaston Ave. Church Bulletin.

SOME FACTS ABOUT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

(1) A \$29,000.00 reduction of the Baptist Bible Institute indebtedness through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club gifts and some other funds donated for that purpose.

(2) A larger enrollment by about fifteen per cent over last session. Baptist Bible Institute now has many more present than on even date of last year.

(3) The W. M. U. of Louisiana is helping the Institute through gifts to a furnace fund to renew our heating plant. They have a little over half of the amount in hand, and are going on to secure the balance.

(4) Through student workers and some extra contributions for that purpose we have painted and papered the student apartments, making them much more attractive.

(5) On the opening day, September 19, the faculty address was given by Dr. James E. Gwatkin.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN

(Continued from page 1)
Stith last Sunday. This work is in Jones county.

N. J. Westmoreland filled his regular appointment at Shiloh last Sunday.

Gilbert Webb is assisting N. J. Westmoreland in a Sunday School Study course this week at Shiloh. N. J. Westmoreland is teaching "Building a Standard Sunday School," to the adults and Gilbert is teaching "Bible Heroes" to the Juniors. We are having small crowds but hope to accomplish good work here.

Kelly Barnett was at his church at Bethel in Jones County last Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Young is much better this week. She has left West Texas Baptist Hospital and is at home now.

Your writer had the privilege of assisting in the organization of a new Sunday School at Cottonwood, in Wichita-Archer Association. They have not had Sunday School there in seventeen years. We had some forty folks there for the organization. Mr. B. T. Teague of Jean, Texas, developed the idea. He has been some three months bringing his goal to realization.

James and Mrs. Alexander report that their little daughter, Margaret, has surrendered to a call to definite service. Recently Margaret wrote a theme in her school work in which she expressed the desire to be a foreign missionary. It seemed that she preferred Africa or China.

Dr. N. A. Moore, head of the Bible department in Hardin-Simmons University, left Monday morning for Itasca to be in the Hill County Pastor's retreat. Dr. Moore will make a series of talks on II Timothy.

Rev. W. P. Kirk preached at the Swenson Baptist Church last Sunday. This is a pastorless church in Stone-wall County. Brother Kirk will preach there next second Sunday.

Herman Mosley preached at Noodle last Sunday. He reports a good attendance, and was assisted in his work here by two other Hardin-Simmons preachers. Albert Cade taught a Sunday School class and Fred James led the song service.

T. L. Nipp reports that he is having an average of 100 or better in Sunday School at Elmdale. He also says that they have their standard of excellence for this quarter which makes a full year that they have reached this mark. Elmdale is in Taylor county.

R. L. Shannon says that he has over a hundred in Sunday School at Eula in Callahan county. Brother Shannon is regular pastor of this church. He goes there on first and third Sundays.

Arvil Richardson reports that two deacons were ordained at his church at Hebron in Jones County last Saturday night. These two deacons are Vernie Mettrick and Leige Harris. Arvil is doing a good work out here in this community.

V. E. Boyd says that Missionary Brannon was with his church last week in a series of services in a stewardship revival. Wonderful messages were brought and as a result the church has adopted a budget with many pledging their support. The budget covers the denominational work completely. The budget calls for an offering of ninety cents per member per month. Brother Boyd, the pastor, says that he hopes to have all the members signed in the near future.

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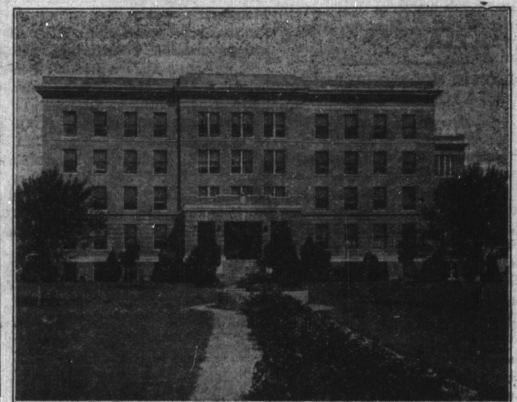
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E. M. COLLIER, Supt.

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Mt. Olive	Thurmond Pruitt, Blackwell	Yes	1924	Wood	250	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mt. Pleasant	Elsie Roland, Merkel	Yes	1925	Wood	300	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Merkel	Holland Teaff, Merkel	Yes	1920-21	Brick	600	30	11	24	25,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	31,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00
Moro	H. H. Webb, Moro	No	1900	Wood	200	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Neill	V. E. Hodges, Rt. 5, Abilene	Yes	1928	Wood	400	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Nolan	G. W. Koerth, Nolan	Yes	1906	Wood	300	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ovalo	W. L. Fawcett, Ovato	Yes	1895	Wood	300	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Salt Branch	Dille Higgins, Rt. 4, Merkel	Yes	1906	Wood	250	1	1	1	1,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Shep	H. B. Gamble, Wingate	Yes	1924	Brick	300	1	1	1	1,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sweetwater, First	A. E. Radcliffe, Sweetwater	Yes	1928	Brick	700	21	2	21	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00	36,000.00	45,000.00
Sweetwater, Lamar	Miss Leno Lockhart, Sweetwater	Yes	1928	Brick	250	8	1	7	7,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	12,500.00	4,750.00	4,500.00
Trent	Mrs. A. B. Currie, Trent	Yes	1906	Wood	200	5	1	4	1,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	11,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tuscola	M. E. Williams, Tuscola	Yes	1914	Wood	275	11	1	11	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	7,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tye	W. S. Briggs, Abilene	Yes	1928	Wood	300	1	1	1	2,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	12,000.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
View														

(Miss) Ima D. Petty, Clerk of Sweetwater Baptist Association, P. O. Abilene, State of Texas.
Rev. C. R. Joyner, Moderator of Sweetwater Baptist Association, P. O. Merkel, State of Texas.

CHURCH NEWS

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST ABILENE

We are greatly overjoyed by the increase in our offerings each week. Bro. Powell spoke Sunday morning on "Loving Thou Me?" and at the evening hour on "He Leadeth Me," both were inspiring and soul stirring messages.

Our young people's department was entertained with a social in the Fishermen's classroom on Monday, an enjoyable time is reported by those who attended.

BETHEL

Rev. Foy O. King preached at Bethel Church in Runnels County Sunday. Two very good services were reported during the day.

GOLDSBORO

Bro. Clint Irwin supplied for Foy O. King at Goldsboro Sunday. Good services were reported and a spirit of optimism prevailed.

ROSCOE

Rev. James Easterwood reports a good attendance both morning and evening with 161 in Sunday School, and 83 in B. T. U.

A large number of the Sunday School classes took out membership in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

HARDIN-SIMMONS

The Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. has been doing some excellent extension work this fall. Last Sunday five of the B. S. U. workers went to Harmony Baptist Church, Rev. Freddie Cole, pastor, and had complete charge of both the morning and evening services.

There was one conversion at the night service and the workers are especially thankful for this result.

The B. S. U. organization has two types of programs that they present at the different churches they visit: a mission program and an evangelistic service. The first type is always given at the morning service with the evangelistic service at the evening hour.

The Hardin-Simmons students taking part in Sunday's services at Harmony included Rose Mary Malone and Edna Ardis, who sang special numbers at both services. Speakers on last Sunday's services were Clara Welch, Paul Wright and Frank Burress.

One very impressive number on each program given is a "chalk talk" by Paul Wright.

Any church desiring the group to present a program at its services are asked to get in touch with the general B. S. U. office at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

I'M DRY

I will not eat my waffles brown
Alongside one who gulps beer down;
I'll take my patronage away
And hunt me up a new cafe,
And I'll eat "dry."

The grocery where I used to buy
Sells beer on tap while I stand by;
I'll not go back, though I go far—
I'll buy no groceries o'er a bar!
For I buy "dry."

E'en though I pay a few cents more,
I'll have to leave my old drug store;
I've always liked their kindly cheer,
But I can't fraternize with beer.

So I'll drink "dry."
The strangest thing? Don't guess,
You'll loose;

My filling station's selling booze!
Of all the mixtures ever seen
'Tis alcohol and gasoline!
Yes, I'll drive "dry."

—Ruth Smelter.

FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SEMINARY AT LOUISVILLE

As to Its Students

1. The Southern Seminary has been preparing ministers and missionaries for more than seventy-five years.

2. 7,240 students have enrolled in its classes—for every State in the union, and from many foreign lands. Its graduates are found on every continent and on many isles of the sea.

3. Present enrollment is 344 men—representing all but one Southern State, and California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., West Virginia, Wisconsin; Brazil, England, Ireland, Japan, Manchukuo, Mexico, New Zealand, Roumania, South Africa, and Spain.

4. Properly qualified students are admitted from all denominations on equal terms with no tuition charges.

As to Grounds and Buildings

1. The Seminary has fifty-four acres of beautiful grass-covered campus, with a grove of stately beech trees, in the quiet suburbs of a metropolitan center.

2. Six beautiful, colonial-style buildings, new and up-to-date, valued at \$2,500,000, comprise its plant—a possession of which Southern Baptists may be proud for years to come.

As to Faculty and Curriculum

1. The institution has eleven great departments of instruction—directed by men of renowned, reverent and sound scholarship—with exceptionally high academic standards for both undergraduate and graduate work.

2. It offers opportunity for freedom of thought in all fields pertinent to the modern minister, under stimulating and helpful guidance.

As to Opportunities for Practical Experience

Southern Seminary students enrolled last session:

- preached 13,339 sermons
- won 2,826 to Christ
- secured 2,529 re-consecrations
- baptized 1,571 converts
- made 20,169 religious purpose visitations
- conducted 1,463 religious services on street corners or in hospitals, sanitariums, orphanages, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from among us our brother in Christ, Rev. S. J. T. Williams; and whereas, we feel that eternity alone can reveal the good accomplished by this servant of God, in this community and other communities where he has labored; and whereas, that a great loss has thereby come to this association by his going; therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we humbly submit to the dealings of God, being comforted by the thought that He doeth all things well;

Second, that we will cherish fond memories of our dear brother and his faithful work and Christlike spirit;

Third, that we deeply sympathize with his dear wife, son and daughter, in their great loss and unspeakable grief, and that we commend them to the God he loved and served, for comfort and sustenance in their dark hours.

These resolutions were unanimously ordered by the Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, in session at Sweetwater, Texas January 8, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HUGHES,

J. D. BRANNON,

N. W. PITTS,

Committee.

WHAT OUR CHURCH OFFERS YOU

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2. An Atmosphere of Christian Fellowship which are helpful in your desire to grow in Christian culture and good citizenship.

3. Spiritual Preaching: Preaching which exalts Christ and makes the Bible a great spiritual power in the lives of men.

4. Devotional Music: Music which inspires the heart, awakens devotion and stimulates services.

5. A Bible School with a staff of consecrated officers and teachers: Ready to assist the young and train the man of tomorrow out of the boy of today, and the mothers of future generations out of the girls of this hour.

6. A Nursery: Where competent people take care of the youngsters while parents attend the ministry of worship.

7. A Real Praise and Prayer Meeting: Held every Wednesday evening where God's people speak familiarly with their Lord.

8. Women's Organizations: Organized for the purpose of helping the church in its social life, for the study and support of missions and unselfish service wherever there is a need.

9. A Program for Young People: All departments for various ages where they are trained for Christian leadership and service, giving them opportunity for growth and development under supervision of God-fearing, consecrated Christian men and women who are willing to sacrifice and give of their time and talents toward a better enlightened and a more loyal church membership in future years.

10. A Men's Brotherhood: Where the consecrated men and Christian leaders meet and enjoy fellowship together and are led toward a higher goal of Christian living and leadership; and where the highest type of Christian manhood is always in evidence.

Are you not proud to belong to such a fellowship and share in such a work? If you do not belong, would you not like to join us? How many of the above activities are you identified with? Are you satisfied with your service to the Saviour who gave His all that you might enjoy a happy and never-ending life in that "City Not Made With Hands?"—The Chimes.

And in addition to all mentioned above, our church offers its members an opportunity "in the grace of giving" in supporting the cause of Christ at home and abroad. Have you made your pledge for 1935?—Copied from Gaston Ave. Church Bulletin.

SOME FACTS ABOUT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

(1) A \$29,000.00 reduction of the Baptist Bible Institute indebtedness through the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club gifts and some other funds donated for that purpose.

(2) A larger enrollment by about fifteen per cent over last session. Baptist Bible Institute now has many more present than on even date of last year.

(3) The W. M. U. of Louisiana is helping the Institute through gifts to a furnace fund to renew our heating plant. They have a little over half of the amount in hand, and are going on to secure the balance.

(4) Through student workers and some extra contributions for that purpose we have painted and papered the student apartments, making them much more attractive.

(5) On the opening day, September 19, the faculty address was given by Dr. James E. Gwatkin.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN

(Continued from page 1)
Stith last Sunday. This work is in Jones county.

N. J. Westmoreland filled his regular appointment at Shiloh last Sunday.

Gilbert Webb is assisting N. J. Westmoreland in a Sunday School Study course this week at Shiloh. N. J. Westmoreland is teaching "Building a Standard Sunday School," to the adults and Gilbert is teaching "Bible Heroes" to the Juniors. We are having small crowds but hope to accomplish good work here.

Kelly Barnett was at his church at Bethel in Jones County last Sunday.

Mrs. Roy Young is much better this week. She has left West Texas Baptist Hospital and is at home now.

Your writer had the privilege of assisting in the organization of a new Sunday School at Cottonwood, in Wichita-Archer Association. They have not had Sunday School there in seventeen years. We had some forty folks there for the organization. Mr. E. T. Teague of Jean, Texas, developed the idea. He has been some three months bringing his goal to realization.

James and Mrs. Alexander report that their little daughter, Margaret, has surrendered to a call to definite service. Recently Margaret wrote a theme in her school work in which she expressed the desire to be a foreign missionary. It seemed that she preferred Africa or China.

Dr. N. A. Moore, head of the Bible department in Hardin-Simmons University, left Monday morning for Itasca to be in the Hill County Pastor's retreat. Dr. Moore will make a series of talks on II Timothy.

Rev. W. P. Kirk preached at the Swenson Baptist Church last Sunday. This is a pastorless church in Stone-wall County. Brother Kirk will preach there next second Sunday.

Herman Mosley preached at Noodle last Sunday. He reports a good attendance and was assisted in his work here by two other Hardin-Simmons preachers. Albert Cade taught a Sunday School class and Fred James led the song service.

T. L. Nipp reports that he is having an average of 100 or better in Sunday School at Elmdale. He also says that they have their standard of excellence for this quarter which makes a full year that they have reached this mark. Elmdale is in Taylor county.

R. L. Shannon says that he has over a hundred in Sunday School at Eula in Callahan county. Brother Shannon is regular pastor of this church. He goes there on first and third Sundays.

Arvil Richardson reports that two deacons were ordained at his church at Hebron in Jones County last Saturday night. These two deacons are Vernie Mettrick and Leige Harris. Arvil is doing a good work out here in this community.

V. E. Boyd says that Missionary Brannon was with his church last week in a series of services in a stewardship revival. Wonderful messages were brought and as a result the church has adopted a budget with many pledging their support. The budget covers the denominational work completely. The budget calls for an offering of ninety cents per member per month. Brother Boyd, the pastor, says that he hopes to have all the members signed in the near future.

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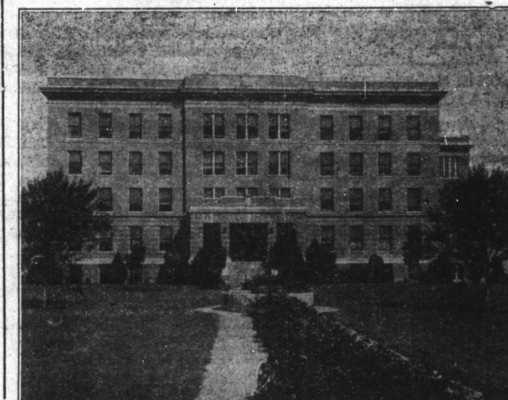
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MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE OF FISHER CO. ASS'N. L. W. M. U.

At Sylvester Baptist Church, January 31, 1935.

The devotionals led by Mrs. J. E. Burnam of Abilene.

A Book Review of "Ann of Ava" led by Mrs. D. L. Swint of Rotan was an inspiration to all.

Thirty-seven ladies took the following courses: "How to Pray," taught by Rev. Jno. T. Taylor, Rotan, in W. M. S. class; "Keys of the Kingdom," led by Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene, to Y. W. A. and Int. class; "Stewardship Stories" by Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene, in Jr. class; "Windows Into Alaska" by Mrs. M. M. Ballard, Abilene, in Sunbeam class.

Mrs. White, district president, discussed the \$100,000 Club and its needs.

Plans for an Associational Library were made, the first two books were donated by Mrs. Jno. Jackson, Associational Mission Study chairman.

Announcements were made of the District W. M. U. Meeting, April 16 and 17 at Cisco.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING EXCEEDS GOAL

Inabelle G. Coleman

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention have already practically exceeded their Christmas goal for gifts to the Lottie Moon Memorial Christmas Offering to Foreign Missions. Reports to date record \$148,000.00. The goal was only \$150,000.00.

Last year the aim was \$135,000.00 and the final amount received was approximately \$175,000.00.

The prospects for the final results of this year's gifts promise even a greater excess of the goal set than last year's record disclosed.

The Baptist Foreign Mission Board is profoundly grateful for this continuing loyalty on the part of the Baptist women of the South.

The six years of depression and retreat was stopped and an advance started last year by the women's special Lottie Moon Memorial Christmas Offering to Foreign Missions. From Christmas 1933 until the present there has been a steady increase in regular gifts to Foreign Missions. The Annual report records \$220,000.00 more given to Foreign Missions in the year 1934 than in 1933.

Receipts from the Co-operative Program for 1934 show an increase in gifts from this source in 1933.

Without any deficit in current funds, the Foreign Mission Board begins the year 1935 with a cash balance in the bank.

Southern Baptists have not only rallied in special love offerings and in regular systematic giving from Sunday to Sunday during 1934, but they have also reduced the foreign mission debt considerably. They have reduced this debt by \$133,400.00 during the year 1934. At present the debt that stood above a million dollars a year ago is only \$924,500.00.

THE FISHER CO. W. M. U. MEETING WITH THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ROTAN

Tuesday, January 15, 1935.

There was a good attendance from all the active local societies. Good reports were given from six on the Lottie Moon Offering, which was \$107.80. A little over \$30 was given by the young people. Seventy-five women attended the week of prayer programs. The young people's meetings were also well attended.

A chalk drawing of "Christ on the Cross," by Paul Wright of Abilene and a special song by Mrs. Obed Hughes of Rotan, was enjoyed very much. A sermon was preached by Rev. D. G. Reid of Roby.

Plans were made for an Associational Mission Study Institute January 31 at Sylvester.

Recommendations of apportionments for the new year were accepted.

Mrs. J. E. Burnam discussed church School of Missions, stressing the importance of holding them in each church.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE FOR QUARTER ENDING DEC. 31, 1934

Callahan Association: No. Talks, 2; B. O. H., 1 Offering \$2.00, 3 Boxes \$90.10; West Texas Bap. San., 1 Offering, \$1.55; 1 Box \$.50. Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Faires, Cisco, Rt. 4. Cisco Association: Talks, 2; B. O. H. Offerings, 11, Boxes 8; Sanitarium Offerings 3, Boxes 2; Ministers Relief Offerings 3, Boxes 2. Chairman, Mrs. Graton Adams, Okra.

Fisher Association: B. O. H. Cash \$33.52, 1 Box \$5.70, 4 Boxes of Cookies not valued; Sanitarium Cash, \$12.00, Boxes \$65.73. Chairman, Mrs. Emery Scott, Rotan, Rt. 1.

Haskell Association: Talks 3; B. O. H. Cash \$21.67, 2 Boxes \$81.90; Sanitarium 2 Boxes Valued \$11.25; Beneficiary Cash \$1.62; 1 Box \$11.00. Chairman, Mrs. D. Scott, Haskell.

Jones Association: B. O. H. Cash \$100.75, 1 Barrel Cookies, not valued, 1 Box Cakes \$6.00; 3 Societies reporting. Chairman, Mrs. Ralph Herick, Lueders.

Stonewall Association: B. O. H. 4 Boxes \$85.65; 4 Offerings \$25.50; Sanitarium 1 Offering \$3.25; Beneficiary 2 Offerings \$1.75. Chairman Mrs. Guy Southern, Swenson.

Sweetwater Association: B. O. H. 9 Offerings \$287.32, 9 Boxes \$321.26; W. T. B. Sanitarium, 1 Offering \$32.47, 1 Box \$17.65; Beneficiary, 3 Offerings \$15.00 (sent through Relief and Annuity Board); 2 Boxes \$28.68. Chairman, Mrs. W. F. Joiner, Tye.

All reports on time.

We gladly welcome Mrs. Ralph Herick as new Chairman for Jones Association.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GEO. L. PAXTON,
Chairman District 17,
902 Sayles Blvd.

MISS ELIZABETH ROUTH WRITE FROM OGBOMOSO, NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

(Continued from page one)
natural, after seeing the natives get down prostrate in the dirt before another. The wife of our old gardener comes to our house every morning to get milk and oatmeal for her baby, and when any of us go out on the porch to salute her, she gets on her knees and touches her face to the floor before us just to express her thanks to us for taking care of her child. The young men do the same if they meet an old woman, and the women all "dobale"—kneel—to the men in passing them.

I am glad I brought my violin. I play every Sunday afternoon at the chapel service — our only English church we have, and again after supper at the B. Y. P. U. in the general organization and in one of the unions. Then on Wednesday night, the missionaries have a prayer meeting together at five o'clock, and I usually play then. This last week I have played every morning at the prayer meeting at the college during the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer.

Last week was examination week at the Day School and College and also graduation day for six seniors at the college. Four of our boys passed and two failed in the Day School. My room boy, James, who was in Standard V (the equivalent to 7th Grade) came into the house Saturday morning and said, with his face all downcast and sad and his eyes swollen and red, "Please, ma'am, I failed." I never felt so sorry for anybody and almost cried with him. Of all the boys, I least expected him to fail, for he won many prizes for his work in the High School at Abeokuta and is unusually bright and quick to learn things about the house. He made 82 in Composition and Grammar and History, and in the seventies in the other eleven subjects, but it happened that the class median in those subjects was high and he failed to reach it, and the other subjects were important ones—Arithmetic and Bible especially, so he failed with a general average of 72 and failing in nine subjects. All day yesterday and today he has gone around as though he had lost his last friend, so tonight I called him in and talked to him and told him that we were going to give him another chance and we expected him to be the "head man" in his class

next year. He was very appreciative and grateful for the opportunity. The other boy, Paul, the pantry boy, failed in seven subjects. He is an Ibo and came to Ogbomoso about Easter time this past year and has learned all the Yoruba he knows since that time. He has made a higher average each term, but his first grades were too low to raise him to a pass. He will do good work next year, I think. Nat, the other pantry boy, was second in his class. He was out of school for five weeks before we came because he had no money to continue, and even with that handicap he came out second. They start work tomorrow to earn their school fees for this next quarter — 3-6 apiece. There is much work to be done around the place—the grass must be cut, the walks and the flower beds weeded, and the bush burned around the farms. The grass is cut with long knives that look like a pirate's cutlass. Baba, the gardener, has been at work for several days cutting back the bush from around the trees on the place, so the trees will not be burned when we burn the grass.

PROF. J. E. REYNOLDS DIS- CUSSES EDUCATIONAL PROG.

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erence for the place in which we worship and serve our Lord.

2. Develop an adequate church music program suitable to the needs of the congregation that is useful and wholesome.

3. The development of higher ideals and standards for our church music programs, on a par with the ideals maintained in the preaching, teaching, and training services of the church.

4. Procuring of hymnals, song books, and other music literature commensurate with the needs of the various activities of the church and the appreciation of the congregation.

5. The development of a higher appreciation, especially the adults, of our churches of both the leadership and the congregation.

6. The development and procuring of more efficient church music leadership.

7. The development of a greater respect on the part of the members and of the church leadership for the music part of the program, and the place it fills in the church worship and service.

8. The procuring of a better physical equipment for the church music program, namely, choir platform, choir rooms, instruments, hymnals, song books, octavo music, and others.

9. The enlistment of more talented young men and women in the field of church music, either as a vocation or as an avocation.

III. How?

1. A survey of church music conditions in the churches of our state convention.

2. A program of information through tracts, paper articles, editorials, books, etc., relative to church music.

3. Working out a plan for grading the music according to the departments in the Sunday School and the Baptist Training Union in a way that will be appropriate for the subject, practical in application and educational in its development.

4. Promoting church music training schools in the churches, associations, and districts.

5. Making proper provisions for lectures and conferences on the programs of our denominational conventions, conferences, assemblies, in addition to the inspirational music.

6. Urging the churches to put commensurate emphasis on the quality of music leadership, the music used, and its rendition as they do upon the preacher, Sunday School and young people leadership, literature used and the rendering of their program.

7. Urging our denominational colleges and universities to give more attention to the matter of church music in their fine arts departments.

8. Putting special emphasis on the matter of buying the best type of hymnals, song books, and other music literature published and endorsed by our denominational southwide book-stores.

9. All to be promoted and fostered by the general office.

News Notes

Sunday morning, February 3rd, Dr. M. F. Bwton, pastor at Spur began a special series of sermons on "What Baptists Believe." The subject Sunday morning was "What Baptists Believe About God." This series will continue for eight weeks and all the discussions will be upon the fundamental teachings of the Bible.

The Workers' Conference, Haskell County Baptist Association, met Tuesday of last week in an all day meeting at the Howard church, Revs. J. Lowell Ponder, J. W. Ware, W. D. Green and J. D. Brannon had charge of the morning services. Lunch was served at the noon hour. The business meeting and program for the afternoon was in charge of Mesdames J. O. Bowden, C. O. Davis, L. M. Kay, and Mrs. I. N. Simmons. Delegations from all over the county attended.

In the opinion of many, the church at Rotan just completed one of the best Sunday school study courses in the history of the church. There were 64 enrolled in the class with several others that did not enroll. Forty-three took the examination and passed. We are expecting greater things of our Sunday school as a result of this week's work. This church won the Efficiency Banner in the county. It was a splendid achievement since it is difficult for the larger churches to win. Forty-nine from the church were at Roby Sunday afternoon at the Commencement Exercises. There was a large crowd there. —H. I. Taylor.

Pastor E. D. Dunlap of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater is in a revival meeting with the church at McCauley this week and next.

Pastor J. C. Sisemore and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Amarillo, are making extensive preparations for an old fashioned revival. The services will begin next Sunday and the preaching is to be done by Rev. Hyman J. Appleman, Jewish evangelist.

Rev. W. H. Green, who recently accepted the work as pastor of the church at Knox City, is getting a good start on that important field. Before going to Knox City he was pastor of the church at Sylvester.

The workers' conference of the Throckmorton-Young Association met Tuesday with the church at Woodson. At the morning session Pastor W. H. Townsend of Olney spoke on the Hundred Thousand Club movement, and Dr. W. Y. Pond of Breckenridge preached at the eleven o'clock hour.

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DIED AT HAWLEY

On Sunday, February 3, the Lord called from our midst J. T. Morrison. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Morrison of Hawley. His parents, one brother, one sister and many friends bereave his going. He was eighteen years of age, a quiet and modest christian, and a member of the Hawley Baptist Church. Funeral service was held Monday afternoon at the Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, conducting the service. Interment was made in the Midway cemetery.

The pallbearers, J. C. Brown, J. B. Regeon, Troy Gilbreth, Johnny Grisham, Charlene Wray, and Sam Horton, were close friends to the deceased, and about his age.

There are many things we do not understand about the going of our loved ones, but we do know that the Lord doeth all things well. Our hearts go out in the deepest sympathy to these dear friends in their hour of sadness.

HAWLEY BAPTIST CHURCH.

HOMER REVIVAL CLOSED

Last Sunday morning was a great and glorious day with the First Baptist Church of Homer. Dr. Jenkins brought a great spiritual message and gave the invitation. There were 17 responding to the call and 16 of them were by baptism. Not so many in number, but it was nearly all those present who had not already made a profession of faith. The church was greatly strengthened by the two

weeks' meetings and the pastor, Dr. V. L. McKee, was pleased and happy.

Dr. McKee is to be congratulated on the work he has been able to accomplish in Homer. With their building paid for, and with ample equipment, they are ready for great and good things for the Lord.

I greatly enjoyed the fellowship with the pastor, Dr. McKee, Dr. M. A. Jenkins and the good people of Homer. But I was certainly happy to be back home Sunday night—L. A. Stulce.

BOOK REVIEW

Outlines of Bible History by Dr. P. Burroughs, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, price \$6.00. This book of 108 pages, neatly bound, and clearly printed, is a revision of Division II of the Sunday School Manual. While these outlines are all that could be asked by the busy worker, they also fill a needed place for the careful student. They give in a succinct form, the whole setup of Bible history, and make the blessed Book live anew, and with clearer understanding, when one has carefully followed and digested its contents. The serious Sunday School worker, as well as all lovers of the Book of books everywhere, will treasure this volume. MILLARD A. JENKENS.

Says Elder Cornatassell: "Jus Whumpus 'o Pea Ridge 'lows as how he's goin' to foller th' gov'mint's example an' see if 'e can't drink his self 't prosperity."

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