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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

In order to get the sense of the column this week, if any, it will be necessary for you to read it slowly because I have my right arm in a brace and sling and cannot produce my usual **twenty** words per minute. I never knew before how much curiosity you could arouse by simply putting an arm in a bandage and suspending it against the body with a surgical sling. It is terribly inconvenient to lose the use of your right hand when you have never used the left for anything except to hold while the right skinned, if you get what I mean. And if you don't it is too bad because it would take me until sundown to explain it, using a contrary typewriter with only my left hand. However, I have discovered one advantage already. I keep my money in my right trousers pocket and am utterly unable to get my hand in that pocket. It is a little hard on the family and on the other fellows when we drink coffee or soda pop together, because I never could stand for anyon else to put his hand in my pocket. The Bible says something about "being able to give an answer," so I have worked up several theories as to why I have the arm in splints. You know giving the same answer every time gets monotonous. My favorite theory is that I went to Dallas last Saturday with T. A. Upshaw, president of the First National Bank here, et al, and when we had seen the Texas-Oklahoma football game we drove back to Mineral Wells for supper. When we had finished and the waitress brought around the check I threw my elbow out of place trying to beat this liberal hearted banker to the draw. It sounds like a good theory to me but somehow it does not make the impression I had expected it would. I may have to discard that one. . . . Two fellows were riding together on a train. One of them had his arm in a sling, and the other, a perfect stranger, said, "I notice you broke your arm." "Yes," laconically replied the other. "Have a car accident" asked the inquisitive one. "No," was the curt reply. "Well, how did it happen then?" went on the persistent one. "I broke it trying to pat myself on the back," replied the bored one. "What a strange accident. Why were you trying to pat yourself on the back?" asked the relentless bore. "For minding my own business and not boring other people to death with rude questoins," he answered. . . . When I was a child my parents and teachers told me that one of the most unpardonable breaches of good manners is to stare at or ask questions of one who is physically deformed. But the rules governing good manners do not seem to hinder some folks. Of course, when one who is normal by nature comes up with a crutch or bandage it is normal and an indication of friendly interest and sympathy to inquire about the cause. . . . I remember a story told to me in

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EVENTS TO COME

October 28—Tierra Blancha Association, Happy.

October 29—Training Union contests, in individual unions.

November 3-5—State B. S. U. Convention, Hardin-Simmons U.

November 5—Training Union contests, in churches.

November 12—Training Union contests, in associations.

November 14-17—Baptist General Convention of Texas, San Antonio.

November 20—Training Union contests, in districts.

November 30—State Training Union contests, Austin.

November 30-December 2—Texas B. T. U. Convention, Austin.

February 12-15—West Texas Bible Conference, Hardin-Simmons U.

March 28-29—District 17 convention, Breckenridge.

June 17-23—West Texas Assembly, Camp Lueders.

DISTRICT ELEVEN NEWS SEEN BY THE MISSIONARY

By Rev. John M. Riddell
1201 Burnett, Wichita Falls

We had a total of 39 churches to give this month. They gave $1,032.43. One church gave for the first time this month. We still have 24 churches that have not given anything as yet. I did so hope that we could make our district 100 per cent in churches giving to the Cooperative Program, this year. It is not too late yet; we can still get in on this year if we will get in on the Round-up. Ten of these churches are pastorless. Thirteen of them are fourth-time churches. Ten of them are half-time churches. One is full-time.

There are only two more Sundays in which we may get into the October Round-Up. Much can be accomplished in these last two Sundays. In checking up at our associational meetings it looks as if almost if not all our churches will be represented in this Round-Up.

We are sure that none of us would say we ought not to do it. For all of us should. When we think of the command of our Lord when He says, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," we know we ought to do it. Men are lost and the noly way they will ever be reached will be by the preaching of the Gospel. Then we ought to get into this Round-Up because it will help our churches to do what they should do. Most of our churches give small amounts to missions causes outside of their own fields. For example, we have three and one-half cents each to world-wide missions in the month of September; five and one-half cents for the month of August.

Then we can do it. All of us can give one day's salary out of three hundred and sixty-five days when we think of the amount that we spend on things we could easily do without. All of us know we could give this one day's salary to the Lord's work.

The only question that remains is, "Will we do it?" God help us in these

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H-SU MINISTERS REPORT SUCCESSFUL SUMMER

The Ministerial Council of Hardin-Simmons presents the following report of work done during the summer of 1939, dating from June 1 to September 8. There are 46 ministers enrolled this semester, 28 of whom made reports of their summer work.

Fourteen reported serving as pastors of 24 churches in ten associations.

A total of 952 sermons were preached, 195 Sunday School classes were taught and 96 Training Union programs were conducted personally.

Three Sunday School study courses were conducted and 23 awards were earned. Three new Training Unions were organized.

Four funerals were reported and five wedding ceremonies were performed.

The 28 preachers reporting held 45 revival meetings with 373 conversions, 310 additions for baptism, 159 additions by letter and eleven by statement.

One minister and two deacons were reported ordained. There were two volunteers for the ministry and six for special service.

The following report was made on offerings: Local work, $1,466.76; Cooperative program, $117.10; Buckner Orphans Home, $16.00; Miscellaneous offerings, $397.00. Total for all offerings, $1,996.86.

A special effort is being made this semester to find pastoral work for all the minitsers possible and to find places to preach for every minister in school.

Omar E. Hyde, Ministerial Representative to the B. S. U.

INTERCITY CONTEST

An eight weeks contest will be carried out between the Downtown Bible class at Lubbock, taught by Pastor C. E. Hereford and the Victory Men's Bible Class of Abilene, taught by Judge Jas. P. Stinson. A committee of five from each church met Tuesday afternoon at Snyder to work out details of the contest.

The idea of the contest is to awaken interest and increase attendance and points will be given on new members, visitors, attendance, and consecutive attendance. The defeated class will visit the victors on December 17 and the pastors will probably exchange pulpits on that day.

ALAMO CITY READY FOR CONVENTION NOV. 12-17



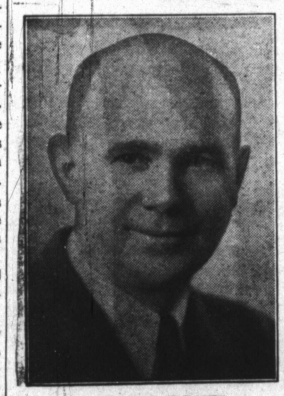
DR. J. HOWARD WILLIAMS
President, Baptist General Convention of Texas

The Alamo City is rapidly formulating plans for the entertainment of 10,000 visiting Baptists who will attend the annual session of the Baptist General Convention November 12-17. Dr. J. Howard Williams of Amarillo, president, will wield the gavel during the eight sessions.

This meeting will climax one of the best years in the denomination's history. There has been much increase in members which now total 700,000 in 3,174 churches. Dr. R. C. Campbell, executive secretary, expects to report to the attending delegates the successful raising of one million dollars for all causes sponsored by the denomination. These include home and foreign missions, Christian education, hospitals and orphanages. Reports will be heard from eight colleges and universities, five hospitals, an orphans home, and a theological seminary, all owned by the convention and located in this state, and from various boards of Southern Baptists relatives to Baptist mission work around the world.

Preliminary meetings will be held by the pastors and laymen headed by Roy S. Hollomon of El Paso and Woman's Missionary Union of which Mrs. B. A. Copass of Fort Worth is president.

TRAINING CONVENTION PLANS NOW TAKING FORM



DR. T. C. GARDNER
Training Union Secretary

"You and 9999 others are expected at the Texas Training Union convention at Austin, Thanksgiving Day," is the invitation of Dr. T. C. Gardner, executive secretary of the Baptist Training Union for the state.

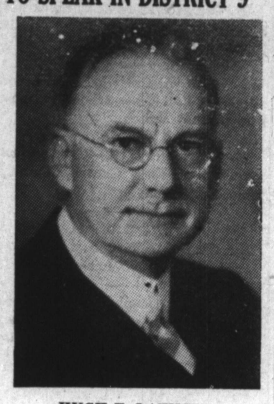
The forty-ninth annual session of this convention will hold its initial session at 10:00 Thursday morning, November 30, in the Gregory Gym auditorium at the University of Texas. The building will have a seating capacity of ten thousand.

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Fred C. Eastham of Wichita Falls and the Thanksgivings sermon will be preached by Dr. George W. Truett. W. E. Young of Shreveport, Louisiana, will direct the music.

Convention sessions, including group conferences and contests will continue in Austin through Friday and conclude at noon Saturday, December 2. H. O. Rothell, Dallas business man and president of the Training Union convention of Texas, will preside at all general sessions.

Preparations are being made in churches over Texas for the various contests which have become one of the most popular features of the convention. The first of the eliminations for these contests will be held in individual unions on Sunday, October 29.

SOUTHWIDE LAY LEADER TO SPEAK IN DISTRICT 9



HUGH F. LATIMER
Associate Secretary, Baptist Brotherhood of the South

Hugh F. Latimer, Memphis, Tennessee, associate secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, will be principal speaker at two rallies for District 9, a Plains area of seven associations and 20 counties. The meetings will be held at First Church, Plainview at 7:45, Friday evening, October 20 and at First Church, Lubbock, Monday evening, October 23.

All men of the district, both pastors and laymen, are invited by distrcit leaders and the host churches to be present on one or both of these occasions.

An open discussion on the theme, "The Office of a Deacon," will feature the meetings. The subject of the principal address will be "The Men and the Kingdom."

Mr. Latimer made a host of friends among both pastors and laymen at the West Texas encampment at Lueders last summer where he was conference leader and chief speaker on Laymn's night.

WESTSIDE MISSION HOME OPENED AT SWEETWATER

The attractive stucco and sheetrock chapel constructed by First Church, Sweetwater, for the services of the Westside mission was dedicated Sunday afternoon, October 17, with First Church leaders, Westside workers and visitors having a part in the program.

Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, preached the dedicatory sermon, forcefully stressing the necessity of a missionary spirit in a Baptist Church.

Rev. Earnest Hollis, mission pastor, sketched the history, achievements and immediate goals of the mission which is the only church in a large area of the city lying west of the Santa Fe and north of the T. & P.

Lee Hollis brought a devotional message and special music was rendered by a group from Eskota and a quartet of ladies from the First Church choir.

During 1938 and '39 there have been 52 additions to the mother church through this mission arm, besides a number of other conversions.

When a mission Sunday School was opened some three years ago under the leadership of Rev. Hollis, 23 presented themselves and were organized into four classes. On October 17 there were 88 present in seven classes at Sunday School and there are three active Training Unions.

Workers have set as goals a standard Sunday School, an A-1 Training Union and a concerted effort to reach the lost in the northwestern part of Sweetwater.

GOOD REVIVAL AT CLYDE

Clyde Church broke all recent attendance records Sunday, October 17, concluding an eight day revival led by Rev. L. L. Trott of Rotan. Pastor J. S. Tierce reports 232 in Sunday School and 94 in Training Union. This is the largest attendance at Bible School in many years and a high record for the Training service. There were 11 additions during the meeting.

UNIONS GROW ON THE PLAINS

In a one week enlargement campaign in Training Unions of Palo Duro Association under direction of Dr. T. C. Gardner, 80 new unions were organized. Dr. Clay I. Hudson of the Sunday School board assisted at First Church, Amarillo, which has had 895 in attendance at the Training Union, in spite of unfavorable weather, October 8.

WESTERN WELCOME AWAITS B.S.U. MEET

A chicken barbecue on the Hardin-Simmons University campus Friday evening, November 3, will inaugurate the annual gathering of Baptist students in Texas colleges for the three day convention, announces Lem Paul Henslee of Anson, H-SU president of the Baptist Student Union.

The estimated 1,500 visitors from 66 Texas campuses will be greeted by the host student body in cowboy attire. Prominent in the welcoming groups will be the colorful Cowboy and Cowgirl bands and the Cowgirl pep squad, all in traditional ranch hand costumes featuring the Purple and Gold of H-SU. The Cowgirls will also act as hostesses and guides for visitors.

The barbecue supper is open to all students and friends, whether they contemplate attending other sessions of the BSU convention or not. A charge of 75 cents will be made to cver expenses of the meal. Those registering for the convention will receive a ticket to the barbecue at the time of registration.

The banquet program will be held at the "Corral," indoor basket ball court and campus skating rink. Dr. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, Southwide sutdent leader and popular among students on two continents, will be the principal speaker for the evening.

A new feature for BSU conventions in Texas will be a youth march through downtown Abilene early Saturday afternoon. A tremendous impression was made last year when 3,000 students attending the quadrennial Southwide student convention marched through downtown Memphis.

Other than the march, Henslee states, all convention activities will take place on the host campus, climaxing in a worship hour at the university auditorium Sunday morning with Chas. A. Wells, traveler and youth leader bringing the chief address.

The convention program will be conducted through Saturday with interesting entertainment numbers interspersing the more serious business of the convention. Included in the Saturday speakers will be Dr. L. R. Scarborough, outstanding Southern Baptist leader, and Dr. Marshall Craig, one of the great pulpit orators of Texas.

Advance notices already received at the BSU office at Hardin-Simmons from Baylor, Texas Tech, Texas U., Texas A. & M. and other institutions indicate a record attendance. Each officer in the local BSU council is corresponding with the corresponding officer in each of the 36 functioning BSU's in the state, welcoming him and his co-students to the convention.

The work of this student religious body has held a high place on the Hardin-Simmons campus for many years. Local organizations reaching certain standards of efficiency are designated at of "first magnitude." Hardin-Simmons and Mary Hardin-Baylor were first to achieve this distinction in Texas, reaching the goal in 1928.

MEXICAN ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN ABILENE

The Mexican Association for West Texas will hold their annual session in Abilene October 27, 28 and 29, meeting in an auditorium of the education building of First Church. The Americanization school in the city has been opened for use as sleeping quarters for the messengers and the Mexican mission building will be used as a cafeteria.

Between two and three hundred messengers are expected from churches and missions in the area which reaches from Brownwood to Pecos and north to Amarillo.

Friends of the Mexican work in Abilene and Sweetwater Association are requested to assist in the entertainment with gifts of food including meats, canned food, dried fruit, rice, beans, peppers, corn and corn meal. Contributions of food should be brought to First Church or the Mexican mission at Second and Cottonwood, states J. D. Riddle, chairman of the Mexican mission committee of Sweetwater Association.

Rev. Pedro Hernandez, Mexican missionary for Sweetwater Association and student at Hardin-Simmons, will act as host pastor for the meeting.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17
1528 North Twentieth, Abilene

Encouragement is prevalent on every hand about the outcome of our Mission program of this year. Many, many of the pastors in the rural churches are leading out as we have never seen. We thank the Lord and take courage. In every association in our district in some kind of a meeting the pastors and laymen responded when asked about this one day's offering and the day's wages offering extra. Last Sunday it was presented to the church at Trent and the people started their love offering with $35. Pastor Young is happy about it.

Pastors, and other brethren, the time is short and will pass before we know it and the offering time will be over and something else will claim our attention. Let us, FOR JESUS' SAKE do this Mission job for Him.

No one knows what a joy comes to one's heart, unless he has tried it, when he goes out to help people and they respond wholeheartedly. That is what we found at Denton Valley. Pastor Martin was really happy about the five unions started in the church there. Potosi is to help them by presenting a program next Sunday night. It was the privilege of the missionary, Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Jessie Cook to spend a day with them recently. Such a fine group of young people is worthy of the best a pastor and church can offer. They showed their interest by staying all day and studying, along with the leaders and others. Brother Martin has been called and will begin his work at Oplin right away. That gives him two half-time churches in the same association. Where the Lord will lead that way it make sit much better. He is associational Sunday School superintendent in that association.

The interest in Stewardship is rising. When people will bring their dinner and spend several hours studying God's plan for their lives it is a good indication. That is what happened last Sunday at Trent. The missionary was the teacher. There were three additions to the church at the close of the day.

I guess we are going to have to cripple some of our district missionaries in order to keep them on the job. Brother Elmer Dunham, District 8, has been called to the East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, and will

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MASSED CHORUS SET FOR TRAINING UNION MEET

The Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Massed Chorus at Training Union Convention

By I. E. Reynolds

We are hoping and planning for the greatest chorus from the Junior, Intermediate and Young People's Departments ever assembled in a religious meeting in Texas. We sincerely hope that every Baptist Church and institution will be represented in this chorus.

For the benefit of those who want to take part in this chorus work, a few points of general information are given as follows:

1. It is hoped that each church or institutional group will send equally balanced groups. That is, the same number of voices in each voice part.

2. The Juniors and Intermediates will use the arrangements for Treble voices in either three part (1st soprano, 2nd soprano, alto) or four part groups (1st soprano, 2nd soprano, 1st alto, 2nd alto). For trio groups use 1st and 2nd soprano as written and work out an alto from the 1st and 2nd altos written. The Young People will use the mixed arrangements in

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STATE MISSIONS

Baptists have for administrative purposes, so subdivided their mission activities that it is sometimes confusing to members.

We speak of local or city missions, associational missions, district missions, state missions, home missions and foreign missions. When one contributes to the budget of a church which shares in the Cooperative Program he has some part in all these agencies. But because certain phases of the mission work appeal more strongly to some individuals and because all of us need wider information and awakened interest in the subject, there are seasons set aside to emphasize the various causes.

October is Southwide month for State missions. In this month is observed the W. M. U. week of prayer for that cause. In it Texas Baptists have their Fall Round-up preceding the annual state convention. Too many people have hazy ideas of what is undertaken and accomplished through state missions.

The work of the State Mission board may be thought of as educational, promotional and evangelistic. But all these phases are so closely interrelated that no one can say that this activity is purely educational or that it is wholly evangelistic.

Most completely evangelistic is the work of the seven state evangelists who give their entire time to revival meetings. Important as thir work is, it is only a portion of the revival movement sweeping the state, in the beginning of which our state mission secretary and his co-workers had so prominent a part and which has received its most powerful impetus from the annual Preachers Revival, sponsored through the state work.

Most wholly educational is the assistance given our educational institutions, most of which could not have survived but for this aid. Yet our schools and our hospitals are also great evangelistic agencies, both because of the evangelism within their walls and the leadership sent out from them to give their lives in that cause.

The work of the various departments, Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood and Student Union, may be thought of as promotional, yet at the same time each of these conducts a work that is highly educational and definitely missionary. Every plan and program in the state work of these organizations is designed with evangelism as the ultimate and supreme goal.

Many other important services are conducted or assisted through state missions. A vital and growing missionary effort is being fostered among our neighbors of alien tongues and of darker skins. The seventeen district missionaries are sent out by the State board, which shares their salaries and cooperates in their labors.

Not of least importance is the assistance given to the support of struggling churches, more than one hundred of which are receiving aid in maintaining a pastor on the field. Long ago the State of Texas recognized the justice and the importance of giving state aid to communities which were not able to give their children an adequate schooling. How much more important is it that Baptists should share the burden of their fellow churches which are struggling outposts of the Kingdom!

If we raise that million dollars all these causes can be strengthened and foundations can be laid for a greater work for the Master than Texans have yet done. With the offerings of the 53rd Sunday, with love offerings of one day's labor it can be done.

PERSECUTION LOOMS

News dispatches from the Far East last week indicate that Christianity, especially the Baptist faith, is in for a more rocky time in Japan.

The story comes that the Mikado's government has recognized Christianity as an accepted religion, but—there is usually a but when a government begins to mix with religion—included in the decree is said to be a provision that each sect expecting recognition must designate a responsible head who shall be held accountable for the conduct of his membership!

There you have the totalitarian's idea of freedom of religion. Each religion is to be free to glorify the dominant clique. Each religion is to be free, provided it maintains a convenient and punishable head who has power to carry out the dictates of the military regime and can compel unquestioning obedience from its followers.

Making the situation worse troubled in Japan is the revival of emperor-worship and the requirement that not only all the military forces but all teachers and pupils in schools shall bow in worship at the Shinto shrines of the emperor.

A serious phase of the matter is that if such laws are promulgated they will be enforced, not only in the Japanese islands, which is bad enough, but also in Korea, Manchuria and all of Eastern China that is under Japanese control.

Far across the map, where Russia is extending domain westward, we have Baptist brethren in the little Baltic states. With the movement of Russian troops into these little nations we may expect soon to hear of churches being confiscated and preachers liquidated in the same fashion as happened in the part of Catholic Poland which fell under the sway of Moscow.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. Abe Hester preached Sunday at Royston in Fisher Association.

First Church, San Antonio, has 700 tithers pledged wit hthe campaign still going on.

Dr. C. E. Hereford of Lubbock is in a week's revival at Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Pastor A. A. Davis of Baird is conducting a Fall Bible School for members of that church.

State Secretary R. C. Campbell preached at First Church, San Antonio last Sunday.

Rev. John W. Williams, pastor at First Church, Hobbs, N. M., has resigned effective November 1.

Rev. H. T. Dennis of Bloomington has accepted a call from Southland Church and will begin work there October 22.

Rev. Clyde Campbell, assistant pastor in University Church, Abilene, spoke to the H-SU Ministerial Alliance, October 13.

Dr. Robert E. Beddoe, medical missionary on furlough from China, was guest speaker at First Church, Shreveport, October 17.

Editor R. E. Dudley was guest speaker at Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, in a Laymen's Day service, October 17.

Evangelist Graves Darby assisted Pastor Charles R. Smith in a revival at Broadway Church, Galveston, resulting in 25 additions.

Rev. Howard Martin, pastor at Colony Hill, has resigned to accept a call from Oplin for half-time. He is also pastor at Denton Valley.

Dr. H. H. Muirhead, western field secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, is recuperating following an operation in a Temple hospital.

Dr. E. T. Miller of Corsicana, recently assisted Pastor B. M. Jackson in a great revival at Enid, Okla. The music was directed by C. T. Hodges.

Rev. Omar Hyde supplied for Nugent Church last Sunday. The church has been pastorless since the regisnation of Rev. E. L. Redden several weeks ago.

Baptist State Treasurer R. A. Springer spoke at First Church, Sweetwater both hours Sunday. Mr. Springer is the enthusiastic leader of Texas laymen.

Miss Nola Hasty and Rev. Miles B. ayes of Burkburnett were married recently. Miss Hasty has been an effective worker in the Training Union department for five years.

Rev. W. F. Ferguson of Slaton recently assisted Pastor D. C. Stringer in a revival at Clyaton, N. M., in which there were 25 conversions and 32 additions, 22 by baptism.

Sunset Church, Abilene, is in a Training Union study course with Pastor Charles N. Gilbert, assisted by Strauss Atkinson, Omar Hyde and Don Armstrong of Hardin-Simmons.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman is now in a revival in First Church, El Paso, having concluded a great meeting in First Church, Brownwood, with more than one hundred additions.

Ten churches in Concho Valley Association joined in Sunday School training courses last week. W. J. Lites, field secretary in Sunday School work, assisted in the campaign.

Laymen's day will be observed at First Church, Brownwood, October 22. State Laymen's Leader R. A. Springer and Judge Jas. P. Stinson of Abilene will occupy the pulpit.

Lawson H. Cooke, general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South will speak at a meeting of the Palo Duro Association Brotherhood in Amarillo First Church on Tuesday, October 31.

Joe W. Burton, publicity secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will be chapel speaker at Hardin-Simmons University Saturday morning, October 21. He is a member of the H-SU class of 1929.

Assistant Pastor Clyde Campbell of University Church, Abilene, is conducting a beginner's class in church music on Monday and Thursday evenings in the church auditorium at 6:30. All interested are invited to attend.

Fairview Church, Rev. Chas. Tarrance pastor, reports a record attendance last Sunday. There were 131 in Sunday School and 102 in Training Union, and two additions by letter. This is the largest Training Union attendance in eight years and a red letter day in the church.

Dr. William H. Joyner, state evangelist, has just closed a revival of eight days with Dr. J. R. Hickerson and the First Church, Commerce. There were 43 additions and 10 other professions. One young college man surrendered to go as a missionary. Evangelist Joyner is now with Dr. Gordon Bayless and the First Church, Pampa.

Missionary J. M. Riddell of District 11 preached Sunday in Vernon First Church. Pastor E. S. James who recently submitted to an operation continues to improve.

Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, reports more students for the fall session than can be housed. Attendance has more than doubled in seven years.

Rev. Byron Bryant has resigned at Plasterco and Crystal Falls.

Rev. Perry F. Webb, field secretary for Buckner Orphans Home, is conducting a revival at University Church, Abilene, which will continue through October 29. Assistant Pastor Clyde Campbell is in charge of song services.

Rev. W. H. Colson of Burkett has accepted the pastorate at Eunice, N. M.

Mrs. W. C. Garrett, wife of Missionary Garrett of the Pecos Valley Associatio nin New Mexico, is greatly improved following treatment in a sanitarium in Marlin, Texas.

Texas Baptists must raise over $400,000 during October to attain the goal of one million for the year. It can be done, says Dr. Campbell, if we

October 22 is Missionary Day in we put forth the proper effort.

October 22 is Missionary Day in Sunday Schools.

Dr. R. G. Lee of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, spoke daily at State College for Women, Denton, during Religious Emphasis Week.

Baptist men in Sam Houston Teachers College have organized a Baptist Brotherhood in the college. This is the third such organization in Texas.

Mrs. Strauss Adkinson, wife of a ministerial student at Hardin-Simmons, has been called to Littlefield by the death of her sister.

W. H. JOYNER WELCOMES BAPTISTS TO SAN ANTONIO

Dear Fellow Baptists in Texas and Beyond:

We are looking forward to having you in San Antonio for our annual convention, November 14 to 17. This surely will be the greatest meeting thus far of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Don't miss it. The Alamo City cordially invites you to be here. Make your plans to this end.

Wm. H. Joyner,
State Evangelist.

Evangelist Joyner has lived in San Antonio 12 years and has held 40 revivals there.

SUCCESSOR TO EDISON WHO CHOSE A CAREER IN RELIGION

Wilbur Huston, the young scientist who was chosen a few years ago from all the students of his educational training in America as the one best qualified to be the successor of Thomas A. Edison, believes so much in "The Reasonableness of Christianity" that he has decided to give his life to religious work instead of in the field of engineering for which he is so abundantly well qualified by technical training and adeptness.

"Instead of building better and bigger bridges and machines," says young Huston, "the present day's need is to build individuals." In his opinion the world needs electrical engineers, but it needs social engineers more. A middle-west paper quotes him as saying: "The light that men need to guide them in thees confusing days is not the kind that comes from an electric bulb."—First Baptist, Lubbock.

"The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what you would appear to be."—Socrates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 22, 1939

By Hight C Moore

THE CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM
Matthew 5:1-16

In midsummer of the year 28 and after a night of prayer Jesus chose the twelve apostles and preached the Sermon on the Mount probably on the Horns of Hattin near Capernaum. The sermon opened with the Beatitudes which set forth the character and privileges of the Messiah's subjects. Then was unfolded the superiority of the kingdom over the old dispensation in its fuller meaning and wider application. Finally the Great Preacher enumerated several kingdom duties, closing with his matchless peroration contrasting the house of the rock with the house on the sand.

Christian character is required of kingdom citizens. That character is vividly sketched in the Beatitudes. The king has appeared. The kingdom has visibly merged in the selection of the twelve. But who can belong to the kingdom? The eight "Blesseds" answer. Note that each citizen of the kingdom must have all these traits. They do not picture different aspects of the one type which must be united in every child of God. Moreover they are named in their proper order in each Christian experience. There is also an ascending scale from utter dependence on God to the entire dedication to God. So here is the Christian, according to Christ:

1. **Helplessness Without Christ.** "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Not financial poverty; not intellectual poverty; not spiritual poverty; but that poverty in spirit which feels the need of spiritual riches and looks to God to supply them out of his infinite abundance. Happy are they; for theirs is not only a glorious prospect, but a present possession—the reign of God here and now in heart and life.

2. **Penitence Toward Christ.** "Blessed are they that mourn." Not moroseness and melancholy; not constant tearfulness over irremediable evils or vain regrets over the past; but true sorrow for sin and seriousness in service. Happy are they; for the greatest comfort comes from the removal of sin with its stain and guilt and power from the individual heart and also restoration to divine favor.

3. **Humility Before Christ.** "Blessed are the meek." Here is the exact opposite of the self-righteous spirit: Gentleness without effeminacy; humility without self-depreciation; meekness without weakness. Happy are the meek; for "the whole world will yet be won by the forces of love" (Irwin) and meekness is said to exert a wider spiritual influence than any other type of character.

4. **Hunger After Christ.** "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." Live the yearning life. But aspire to be the best. Desire righteousness as intensely as a hungry man desires food. Happy are the hungry; for this intense spiritual longing for holiness shall be completely satisfied. None but Christ can fully gratify the hunger pang for righteousness.

5. **Mercy From Christ.** "Blessed are the merciful." There is indeed no ill-will, revenge, or retaliation. But there is more; there is a merciful spirit which is impossible to anyone who is not responsive to the mercy of God. Therefore live the loving life. Be considerate of others. Be gracious to the undeserving. Entertain kind thoughts, which are said to be rarer than kind deeds. Happy are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy from from God and man.

6. **Accessibility Through Christ.** "Blessed are the pure in heart." To be pure is to be free from impurity with its taint and stain, its grime and slime. The alloy is eliminated. Nothing remains but the genuine and the good. To be pure in heart is to have crystal clearness in the fountain out of which are the issue of life. Of course, none can attain unto such purity except through the purifying grace of God. Blessed are they! For purity capacitates for the highest knowledge and qualifies for the holiest fellowship. "They shall see God."

7. **Fellowship in Christ.** "Blessed are the peacemakers." Live the reconciling life. Sacrifice no conviction, no conscience, no courage. But avoid needless antagonism. Prevent conflict that is not constructive. Promote peace in every way possible. Happy are the peacemakers; for in their moral likeness to him they shall be recognized by God himself as his children.

8. **Fidelity to Christ.** "Blessed are they which are persecuted for right eousness' sake." Think of the martyrs of the past. Think of the martyrs of the present. For Christ's sake they endure reviling that scorches and stings, persecution that inflicts bodily harm and hurt, slander that is false as the pit, suffering on account of goodness. "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad"; for in backward look are the persecuted prophets, and in forward look there is the great reward in heaven.

2. Kingdom Service

Christian influence is required in kingdom service. In two striking metaphors Jesus described the character and influence of his followers: "Ye are the salt of the earth," interpenetrating and preserving mankind from moral putrefaction; "ye are the light of the world," manifesting and making attractive the things of God. As salt, antiseptic and purifying, it is the duty of the Christian to arrest decay. If savorless through isolation or hypocrisy, he becomes worthless like the spoiled salt which was thrown into the street and trodden under foot; as light he is to afford illumination, revealing the true life and how to live it. Let such a light like a city on a hilltop be visible afar. Nor let it be circumscribed, for a candle was not made to flicker under a bushel measure, but to flame on a candlestick. As as the candle honors the sun, let the disciple through manifest but unconceited good works glorify God. Learn!

Gold in the Golden Text

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven . Matthew 5:16.

Your life is a light, large or little, bright or dim. Let it shine and not flicker or be flameless. Let it shine before men who are hardened in a dark world. Let it shine through your good works which men must see and be thankful for. But let it shine and serve not in honor of itself, but to the glory of "your Father which is in heaven." He gives your life. He kindles your light. He puts you in the place of service. He irradiates every beam of your light.

Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 16—Citizens of the Kingdom. Matt. 5:1-12.

Oct. 17—Influential Citizens. Matt. 5:13-16.

Oct. 18—Godly Citizens. Psalms 1: 1-6.

Oct. 19 — Charitable Citizens. Psalms 41:1-13.

Oct. 20 — Righteous Citizens. Psalms 112:1-10.

Oct. 21—Security in the Kingdom. Psalms 34:1-10.

Oct. 22—The King of Glory. Psalms 24:1-10.

REPORT, B. N. SHEPHERD MISSIONARY, DISTRICT 17, JULY, AUG., SEPT., 1939

Sermons and addresses	110
Revivals conducted	2
Results:	
Conversions and Baptisms	99
Letters, etc.	6
Surrendered for Special W.	6
Rededications	114
Pastor of Girls' and Boys' Camps, Lueders.	
Church fields contacted: Rural and village 20, town 21, total	41
Association meetings attended	16
Letters and cards sent out	535
Conferences held in interest of the work: Group 13, personal 272, total	285
General meetings attended, World Baptist Alliance, State Training Union, associational meet in Abilene, District Board meeting	3
Took team of four to each association in interest of the Sunday School work.	
Money raised on the field: District Missions, $97, help in revivals, $97	$194.00

This his been a rather busy quarter, but a fruitful one. Your constant, earnest prayers have made it possible.

B. N. Shepherd.

DISCUSSION TOPICS IN TRAINING UNION, OCT. 22

Adult: The Temptation to Compromise with Evil.

Senior: The Christian Attitude Toward Beverage Alcohol.

Intermediate: John the Baptist and Herod.

Junior: Learning the Lesson of Obedience. Younger Junior: The Importance of a Choice.

Better work your way through college than loiter you way through life. —The First Baptist, Lubbock.

DISTRICT ELEVEN REPORTS

DISTRICT 11 OFFICIALS

Rev. Fred C. Eastham, chairman, executive board, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Fred L. Cone, treasurer, executive board, 305 City National Building, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Rev. John M. Riddell, Missionary, executive board, 1201 Burnett, Apt. 1, Wichita Falls, Texas.

MISSIONARY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Sermons and addresses	34
Revivals conducted	1
Conversions	12
Additions to Churches:	
By baptism	10
By letter	5
Total additions	15

I have spoken in the following churches: Carey, Tell, Elbert, Gilliland, Lockett, Electra, Medicine Mound, Blue Grove, and Eliasville. Total, 10.

Other churches contacted: Henrietta, Benjamin, Petrolia, total 3.

Meetings attended:	
Annual Associations	4
Workers' Conferences	3
Subscriptions to the Baptist Standard	9
Money raised:	
Cooperative program	8.75
District Missions	26.50
Total	35.35

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS, DISTRICT 11

The following churches have given the amount indicated to the Cooperative Program for September:

Baylor-Knox Association—	
Rtd Springs	$14.00
Seymour	5.00
Truscott	10.00
Total	$29.00
Clay County Association—	
Bellevue	52.20
Byers	15.00
Henrietta	2.00
Petrolia	7.00
Total	76.20
Red Fork Association:	
Carey	8.75
Cee Vee	1.50
Chalk	2.00
Childress First	201.00
Dumont	6.25
North Groesbeck	1.00
Paducah	62.44
Quanah	73.27
Total	361.24
Throckmorton-Young Association:	
Graham, Oak Street	10.00
Loving	5.00
Markley	5.33
Olney	25.00
Profitt	1.35
South Bend	2.00
Throckmorton	17.48
Total	66.15
Wichita-Archer Association:	
Burkburnett	75.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER, DISTRICT 11

In giving this report we are giving the amount the associations have paid, and amount asked for, or the quota, and the balance due, if any.

Association	Quota	Paid	Due
Baylor-Knox	$ 144.20	$ 91.60	$ 52.60
Clay County	169.95	183.95	
Red Fork	453.20	358.00	95.20
Throckmorton-Young	311.57	278.74	32.83
Wichita-Archer	1042.00	1042.00	
Wilbarger-Foard	343.20	317.20	28.00

Total Amount Unpaid	$ 208.63
The missionary has raised in Revival meetings	$173.37
Balance due missionary on September Salary	121.25
Balance due on note at bank	100.00
Total balance, note and salary	221.25

We are glad to say that since this report was made the missionary has been paid the balance due on September salary, but we still have the note at the bank unpaid.

Electra	69.14
Holliday	8.00
K. M. A.	7.50
Pleasant Valley	14.58
Thrift	10.29
Wichita Falls:	
Highland Heights	38.00
North Side	27.13
Total	249.63
Wilbarger-Foard Association:	
Crowell	35.00
Fargo	6.36
Harrold	5.00
Mt. Zion	18.00
Odell	1.50
Oklaunion	4.95
Rock Crossing	4.09
Thalia	8.33
Vernon, First	167.00
Total	$250.23

District 11 News—

(Continued from page 1)

days salary as well as giving the Sunday's income of the church also.

Will Your Church?

We are to have in our district for a week's conference, Mr. G. S. Hopkins. We will want to begin and have one day's conference in all of our six associations. In these meetings we would like to have every pastor and his superintendent and all others of his Sunday School workers we can possibly get to these meetings. Mr. Hopkins will be here to begin these conferences December 10. The program is now in the making and will be sent to you as soon as possible. My hope is that we shall reach and have a large attendance in these meetings. Begin now to make your plans to attend one or more of these conferences. We feel these meetings will be of tremendous help to all of our Sunday Schools.

Here and There

Brother Otis Strickland, pastor at Mt. Zion and Tolbert, is recovering from an operation for appendicitus. We are sorry we did not know about it until he was well.

Then Brother W. M. Lawrence followed his example, we are sorry, and had also his appendix removed in the Vernon Hospital, but he is able to be up again and we hope will soon be back at his work.

Dr. E. S. James then followed them both and had his appendix removed last week, and is yet in the hospital. We are sorry these brethren have been been so seriously ill, but pray that they shall be back at their post of duty right away.

We will soon be putting on our budgets in our churches. Wouldn't it be good if all our churches would teach a book on Stewardship just before that time? Wilbarger-Foard Association is doing it as an association, it would be fine if other associations would do likewise. Why not your church take the lead in your association?

PROGRAM....

Haskell Association Workers' Conference, Gillespie Church, Tuesday, October 24, 1939

10:00—Devotional Song and Praise, J. G. Dandignac.

10:20—Discussion, "Evangelistic Opportunities and Responsibilities within Our Association," W. H. Albertson.

10:45—Discussion, "Why a State Mission Program and Fellowship, and How It Can Bring Spiritual Blessing to the Local Church," H. E. East.

11:10—Announcements and music.

11:20—Sermon, "Christ's Vision," W. C. Ashford, pastor South Side Church, Abilene.

Noon.

1:00—Devotional Song and Praise, S. L. Tidwell.

1:20—Board and W. M. U. meetings.

2:00—Sermon, P. D. O'Brien, Stamford.

Life's Day

By Gordon Barrett

Life's day is composed of clouds and sunshine, lights and shadows, pleasures and sorrows, failures and achievements. Birth is the sunrise of life's day and death is the sunset of the same. What we do in this day must be done between sunrise and sunset. Or in other words, it must be done between the day of birth and the day of death.

I was born in an honest and honorable home, but an exceedingly poor home. As a young sprout growing into manhood, the height of my ambition was to get grown and make a fortune. But in the providence of God, all my plans were changed. I found myself under the everlasting and indispensable impression that I was not my own; that I was bought with a price. And the price with which I was bought was the blood of Jesus Christ.

Humanly speaking, we knew nothing about the day before our birth; neither will we know anything about the day after our death. But in an Old Book of books, we have been taught that the grave is not the goal.

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returneth,
Was not spoken of the soul."

Though one may be as wise as Solomon, as rich as Croesus, as handsome as Absalom, and live as long as Methuselah, the sunset of life's day is going to be cold and dark unless we can hear the Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Some one wrote me a note a short time past, and in it they enclosed ten dollars but did not sign their name. Should that person read this article, please accept my thanks for your kindness. I have and will seek to make my conduct and service such as to cause you no regrets for your confidence and friendship. Should the time come when I can serve you, grant me the pleasure of such servcie.

What we do must be done while we are here, "For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, wither thou (I) goeth."

"Twilight and evening bell,
And one clear call to me;
May there be no sadness of farewell
When I put out to sea."

MITCHELL-SCURRY ASSN. MARKS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

Fifteenth anniversary of the organization of the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association was passed recently.

The organization meeting took place at the Snyder Baptist Church in mid-October, 1924. Mitchell county Baptist churches had previously withdrawn from the Sweetwater Baptist Association because it had grown too large. Later the Scurry County Association was disbanded and Scurry County Baptists invited Mitchell countians to join them in forming an association. Borden County was also invited.

Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe was the first moderator. Rev. M. C. Bishop of Colorado City the first vice-moderator.. Other first officers were: Clerk, Rev. C. C. Carr of Snyder; corresponding secretary, E. Keathley.

At the same time the women formed their missionary organization with Mrs. W. T. Rouse of Snyder as president and all the presidents of local societies as vice-presidents. Other officers were: Recording secretary, Mrs. A. L. Whipkey, Colorado City; corresponding secretary, Mrs. N. M. Harpole, Snyder; treasurer, Mrs. R. D. English, Snyder.—Special to Abilene Reporter-News from Colorado City.

"Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave."—Ruskin.

DOCTRINAL

TO TITHE OR NOT TO TITHE

By Millard A. Jenkens

To tithe or not to tithe is the question with many of the Lord's people. The serious minded Christian wants to obey his Lord. The one important question is: Is tithing scriptural? Some contend that it is not; that it was done away with the beginning of the dispensation of grace.

But the dispensation of grace did not do away with the observance of one day of the week as the Lord's. He still claims one day in seven. It did not do away with the institution of marriage and the home. The threats to those institutions today presents a major problem for our civilization. Some claim that the tithe was instituted by the law of Moses, and that the law was done away by grace. They forget that it was instituted by God long before Moses and that Moses only incorporated it in the ceremonial law. If it is contended that Christ did not teach it, let it be remembered that He endorsed it. "This ye aught to have done."

The tithe is, and always has been, God's financial plan for His people. It would be a far-fetched and difficult conclusion to accept that Christ would have instituted His church, and laid upon it the world-like obligation of preaching His Gospel, with no financial plan for carrying on. Nine-tenths for His people, and one-tenth for Himself is His plan laid down in the Old Testament, and unchanged in the New.

I

God has set before us the clearly defined objects of the tithe, namely, the fear of the Lord; the care of the poor; provision for the house of the Lord; the support of the workers; the blessing of the giver. The Word is plain. "Thou shalt set before the Lord thy God in the place which He shall choose thine oil, and the firstling of thine herd and thy flock, that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always" (Levit. 14:23).

"And the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow that are within thy gates shall come, and shall eat, and shall be satisfied" (Deut. 14:29). "For the children of Israel, and the children of Levi shall bring offerings into . . . the sanctuary . . . and we will not forsake the house of the Lord our God" (Neh. 10:39). "And the Levite, because he hath no portion with thee" (Deut. 14:29). "Even so hath God ordained that they who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). And citing the doing of this, further in Deut. 14:29, He says, "that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands which thou doest."

Instances may be multiplied without number of the blessings that have come to both individuals and churches when they have faithfully proved the Lord in the matter of tithing; and of heaven not being opened, and the blessing not being poured out so that there was not room to receive it (Mal. 3:10), when His sacred tenth has been withhold.

II

The tithe is the basis of our giving. Under the law Israel was required to give the tithe. Under grace we could seek for ourselves no less, but out of the abundant blessing it brings, rise to the privilege of giving more.

The motive of paying the tithe is not the hope of material gain. It is not self-gratulation. It is the discharge of moral obligation. The Tithe-Terumoth, or holy tenth, does not come under the ceremonial law, but is recognized by it. The ceremonial law was in force "till Shiloh came." Christ fulfilled the ceremonial law, leaving the moral law of the Sabbath, and marriage, and the "holy tenth" as it had been from the beginning.

The motive of the tithe is, meeting the crying need of the lost world. None will deny that if all Christians practiced it, we would have Christ's messengers declaring His Gospel in every nook and corner of the earth. And, what a different world we would have! "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

The motive of the tithe, is furthermore the constraining gratitude to God born of love for Him for sending His Son to save us from our sins. If God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die for it, should not we who have been bought with so great a price, so love Him as to give back to Him one-tenth of what He gives us in income, to make that saving name known to the world? He has no plan save to depend upon His people.

III

God has made known His will to us as to how we should minister His "holy tenth." "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house. . . ." (Mal. 3:10). We may give the tenth of our income, and minister it as we please, in our own name, but we have not Scripturally tithed till we have brought it into His storehouse. As earnest Christians we desire to honor Him, not ourselves.

We may minitser the tithe in our own name; give it here and there. In so doing we may magnify ourselves. But when we bring it into the storehouse, and minister it through His church, we magnify His Church, and in so doing please and magnify Him. The husband recalls the pleasure that was his when friends spoke pleasingly of his bride. The church is the bride of Christ, and He is pleased, and is glorified when she is magnified in His name.

Tithing takes the church off the beggar list. Tithing opens vast channels of service for the church. If all our people would take up God's challenge, we would no longer be in the attitude of piddling at the great heaven-born task assigned us by our Lord when He was about to ascend back to the Father; the task of going into all the world, and preaching His Gospel to every creature. Shall we tithe? Yes, if we would free the hands of the church to adequately discharge her responsibility to a lost world. Yes, if we would reap a great blessing for ourselves. Yes, if we would fulfill the holy will of God. Yes, if we would magnify and glorify the name that we love above every name, the name of Him "Who loved us, and gave Himself for us."

OUR BAPTIST ANCESTORS HAD CONVICTIONS

They believed something, and they believed it with all the conviction of their souls. Not all the ridicule of men, nor all the threats of their enemies, could turn them from their faith. With them truth could never be a non-essential. How easy it would have been for those who suffered imprisonment for their faith to have gained their freedom by one word of recantation. How easily Judson and Rice might have settled the question of baptism by casting it aside as a non-essential. Thus they could have gone on their way and continued their fellowship with the people who sent them out as their missionaries. But these men could not so easily dispose of their convictions. They felt that they must be true to the truth as God had given them to see it, though it meant a break with sacred associations, and the facing of difficulties that seemed insurmountable. They were men of conviction.—J. Clyde Turner.

A SCIENTIFIC FACT

"It is the conclusion of the administration after more than two years' experience that the brewers of malt beverages should be placed under permits and regulated in the same manner as distillers of spirits. It is a scientific fact that malt beverages as generally understood in the United States are alcoholic beverages. . . . It is further true in the opinion of the administration that the social aspects of the beer and ale industry demand as much regulation as do distilled spirits and wine."—W. S. Alexander, Federal Alcohol Administrator.

"It is as easy to deceive one's self without perceiving it, as it is difficult to deceive others without their finding it out."—Rochefaucauld.

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IN VARIED ACTIVITIES—

The variety of campus student activities is so great that any Hardin-Simmons University student may find a field of activity according to his or her interests and available time. Publications, with a college annual, the Bronco, and campus weekly, the Brand, attract many. Dramatics are popular, with radio speech courses. The Cowboy Band, internationally known, and the Cowgirl Band is growing in popularity, too. The Y. W. A., B. S. U., glee clubs, choruses, orchestra, ensemble and club groups provide added variety of opportunities for the profitable directing of student energies, under competent faculty direction or supervision.

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November 3, 4, 5

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TREASURER'S REPORT DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

Receipts from July 11 to October 9, 1939

JULY	
Balance July 10	$ 30.25
Fisher Association	5.00
Jones Association	22.00
Cisco Association	17.50
Callahan Association	12.00
Fisher Association	7.00
AUGUST	
Jones Association	35.00
Sweetwater Association	84.00
Fisher Association	12.50
Haskell Association	24.00
Callahan Association	9.75
Cisco Association	15.50
Special BNS, Caddo	5.00
Gillespie	31.00
Blackwell	53.50
SEPTEMBER	
Sweetwater Association	66.00
Callahan Association	13.25
Haskell Association	40.00
Jones Association	74.39
Fisher Association	20.00
Cisco Association	20.50
Special BNS, Blackwell	3.00
OCTOBER	
Haskell Association	29.90
Sweetwater Association	66.00
Fisher Association	16.00
Haskell Association	40.58
Total	$753.62

Disbursements, July 11 to October 9

Checks to B. N. Shepherd, missionary	$600.12
B. N. Shepherd, love gift for trip to Baptist World Alliance	45.00
Annuity payments charged to B. N. Shepherd	23.10
Annuity payments on account of District Board	23.10
	691.32
Balance on hand	62.30
	$753.62

Love gifts for Missionary's trip, shown in receipts above:

Sweetwater Association	$ 18.00
Haskell Association	10.00
Jones Association	4.00
Callahan Association	6.00
Fisher Association	7.00

At the last quarterly report the July annuity payment of $11.55 had not been paid and an additional balance of $39.95 was due on the salary of the missionary. At this time all bills are paid and there was a balance of $62.30 in the bank as of October 9.

R. E. Dudley, Treasurer,
District 17.

ABILENE CHURCHES ASK HOMES FOR B.S.U. GUESTS

Committees are being appointed in Abilene churches this week to arrange for homes to care for an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 college young people who will be in the city Friday and Saturday nights, November 3 and 4, attending the state convention of the Baptist Student Union in session at Hardin-Simmons.

Abilene people are asked to furnish bed and breakfast without charge to out-of-town guests for the two nights that they will be in the city. As many of the visitors will come by public conveyance and in special buses, courtesy cars are requested to furnish transportation between the homes and the university, where sessions will be held.

Those who have room to share with these Christian young people are requested by Verna Lee Carson, chairman of the homes committee, to notify their church committee, the BSU office at Hardin-Simmons or the First Church office.

Abilene has twice been host to the Baptist students in other years. The 1937 convention went to Lubbock while the meeting last year was merged in the Southwide Conference at Memphis, Tennessee.

TRAIN IN OCTOBER, SAYS SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER

October has been designated as Sunday School Training month. Due to the fact that so many of our churches in the Sweetwater Association has already made plans for their Sunday School training course, or have already had them, it will be impossible for us to have a simultaneous campaign at this time. Let me urge that every Sunday School in the association have their training course in October. Why not have your Sunday School standard? This cannot be done without trained workers. Trained workers can train people, and a trained people Holy Spirit filled will make progress in Kingdom causes.

THOS. J. YOUNG,
S. S. Superintendent
Sweetwater Association

25 Nominated For College's Who's Who

Twenty-five students have been nominated for Who's Who in American Colleges for 1939-40 on the Hardin-Simmons campus.

According to Jack Dean, student prexy, voting on these nominees will be held early next week.

Those nominated are: Jack Dean, Kirk McKinnon, Larry Cunningham, R. B. Glenn, L. B. Russell, Joe Milsap, Bob Murdock, David Hull, Clarine Marsh, Zona Horn, Edith Lewis, Dorothea Campbell, Wayne Evans, Deward Marcum, Lem Paul Henslee, Forest Wade Tippen, Kathleen Nunnely, Margaret Rowell, Claire Nell Miller, Koma Berl Mahler, John L. Wilson, Jewette Patton, Jimmie Moore, Rupert Richardson, and Karl Bonneaux.

About 12 of these will be selected to represent Hardin-Simmons in the Who's Who of America. Only juniors and seniors are eligible.

U. S. NAVY BAND COMING TO H-SU NOVEMBER 2

The famous United States Navy Band will visit West Texas for two engagements in Abilene on November 2, and will give matinee and night performances in the Hardin-Simmons University auditorium on that day, it was announced here today.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Charles Benter, noted leader of the band, the appearances here will inaugurate the H-SU artist course season.

From throughout the area, high school bands are making reservations to hear the navy band. First such reservation came from the Breckenridge Buckaroo band. Its director, J. C. Burkett, said the band will attend in uniform.

The navy band, official representative of the entire U. S. naval forces, by act of Congress, will appear at H-SU while on a seven weeks tour that will extend into 20 states. The band played here in 1937, and is returning by popular request.

Special matinee performance rates for high school students has been set at 25 cents, Manager Sandefer said, with 83 cents for adults. Night prices are 55c, 83c, and $1.10.

WHY JOIN A CHURCH?

By William H. Joyner, State Evangelist

It is Christ's organization. He spoke of it as "My Church." Certainly if you are a Christian you will live for the institution he died for.

Your entrance into the church will be a suggestion to others, who if you stay out, may be kept out of God's Kingdom eternally. Watch your influence. Surely you will not withhold it from Him who did so much for you.

The best people to be found are in the church. For every hypocrite, you will find nine true blues. You need to be in a company like this.

It comforts us in trouble and sorrow. This is a part of its great mission.

Your church makes your money and your life go farther for God, than they could if invested alone. Organization makes all stronger; that is why we live in towns and cities, why we have fraternities, banks, insurance companies, schools, stock companies, families, etc.

It is the most humane institution on earth. Ninety per cent of all hospitals and other humanitarian institutions were inspired by the church and are supported by this incomparable institution.

All worthwhile reforms are begun and completed by church influence or church people.

Rambling Remarks

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childhood about the man with one arm off. A persistent bore kept trying insistently to find out how it happened. Finally the man said, "If you will agree to drop the subject and not let your curiosity cause you to ask another question, I'll tell you how it happened." The pest agreed, and the man said, "It was bitten off." Moral: Curiosity cannot be satisfied, the more you give it the more it demands. . . . Well, the sun is nearly down and my left forefinger is nearly exhausted, so I think I will stand and be dismissed. However, I would like to add a "Sentence Sermon" to the helpful and readable list sent in by O. D. Henley each week. Here 'tis: Another reason I have for giving, is because I am forgiven. . . . Pardon me, O. D., I'll let you write this column some week.

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Massed Chorus---

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four voice groups (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) but all using the same numbers.

3. Those who drill the various groups should strive for beauty of tone and voice blending. Memorize the first stanzas of each song.

4. A booklet of the songs to be used will be off the press in a few days. It may be secured from the Training Union office, 708 Burt Building, Dallas, Texas, price, 10c per copy. The mixed voice arrangements will be found in the song books to be used at the convention.

5. The Junior, Intermediate and Young People's choruses will sing at scheduled times in their respective departmental conferences.

6. The massed chorus program will be held Friday evening as scheduled.

7. Massed reherasals will be held Thursday and Friday as per schedule —which you will receive.

8. Each group should have a sponsor sent by the church or institution.

9. Same type and color of costume as wor nlast year will be used for each group. Patterns and information relative to costumes may be obtained from the Training Union, Dallas office, mentioned above.

10. Each church should provide expense of transportation, entertainment, costumes and song booklets.

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Missionary Messages

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begin as pastor soon. Well, it is hard work, but that will not hurt a fellow if he can keep from worrying about what he cannot get done. If they had as fine fellows to work with as we have in this district they could shift some of the work to their fellow preachers and laymen. Who ever saw such fine fellows as J. M. Cook, E. S. Cummings, Geo. McBeth, R. E. Dudley, and many others. When called on they will quit their work and go where the Lord needs them. They seem to feel that, "Every good and every perfect gift comes from the Lord." In appreciation of His love and expressions of that love to them, they go for Him.

About all the associations have worked out to have their Workers' meetings during the first week in the month. Every one has tried to fit in and will when all is worked out. That will give us an opportunity to have special speakers for that few days. We are hoping to have a speaker for the first week in December to stress foreign missions. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering will be coming up soon and that will help us present it in an impressive way. Of course all Workers meeting programs will be around Foreign Missions any way. We will try to have that speaker ready. Pray with us about it.

Jones Weathers will soon be on his new field at Eastland and down to hard pulling getting things going there. Let us join in prayer for His leadership as the Merkel Church seeks a new pastor.

Brother and Mrs. Bristoe are happy in their new work with the Calvary Church, Abilene. They report splendid progress already. They have been there only a few weeks.

Girard Church is getting going again under the efficient leadership of their new pastor, J. C. Parks. Watch that field and pastor. Brother Wade Campbell did such fine work there that it is going to keep Brother Parks stepping to keep up with the pace he has set. But, he can do it and will.

Brother Joe Mayes has been called to the Cross Roads Church, Fisher County. He preached at Liberty, same association, last Sunday.

The Deans report splendid progress at Blackwell during the fall. We had a good meeting there last August. A young business men's Sunday School class was organized at the close of the meeting and it is growing in a fine way.

The District Board meeting was well attended last Monday, and a new outlook is before us for the balance of the district convention year.

All of us are getting rather anxious for the time to come for our Bible conference in Hardin-Simmons, Feb. 12-15. Dr. Tidwell, Baylor, will be our Bible teacher and Dr. Raley, Oklahoma Baptist University will be the principal speaker. That will be a team hard to equal. Then pastors and others will be speakers along with them. Brethren, pray and do all you can to get ready for the coming event.

Our district convention will be here soon, March 28-29, 1940, Breckenridge.

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CHURCH BULLETIN SECTION

WILMETH

Sunday was a good day with us, as 73 reported for Sunday School, several came in later, and $18.88 offering in our Sunday School.

We are rejoicing over the way the Lord is blessing us since we started our "tithing campaign." Over $100 has come through our Sunday School, our mission offerings have grown, and we have had four additions.

Oct. 29 is our special missions day, let us for our Master's sake remember it, and pray that it will be a day that He will be proud of.

Sam E. Brian, Pastor.
John W. Henry, S. S. Supt.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

It is easy to pray for a place of preferment.

Buried talent is never bearing talent.

Ignorance is worse than dumbness.

Think of the pleasure we might have had if we had been good instead of bad.

Cold sermons are not so hot.

Two cannot pray for each other and either ever be the same again.

Human greed increases human need.

The devil furnishes no lifeboats.

Better be impulsive than repulsive.

More are self-centered than self-made.

Flattery appeals only to vanity.

The devil's suggestions are always suggestive.

We may follow a creed, but we can only worship a person.

Too many are parade Christians.

Some pretend what they do not intend.

It is better to direct than correct.

Confidence is superior to impudence.

The beautiful may be ugly.

Satan has no conscience.

HATCHEL

Our Sunday School and Training Union were well attended Sunday. There were 13 in the Men's Bible class. We invite and urge our other men to attend these good services.

Let us remember our offering of one day's wages, over and above, for missions. Also the offering on the Fifth Sunday special for missions. Read II Cor. 8:7.

Harold Russ, Pastor.

O. K. CHURCH

Sunday is our regular preaching day. We are praying that it will be a great day.

Oct. 29 is our special mission day —let us make it a day to be remembered.

We have set $50 as our Christmas offering goal to Buckner Orphans Home, and are working toward the goal. Let us remember it with our prayers.

Sam E. Brian, Pastor,
Joe Snellgrove, S. S. Supt.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m., Oscar Jenkins, superintendent.

Training Union, 7:30, Bertie Agnew, director.

Show your gratitude to God for the good services on Sunday by increased diligence in His work. After Sunday School on Sunday Brother Bristow will speak on missions.

Remember our goal for Fifth Sunday—everyone with an offering for missions.

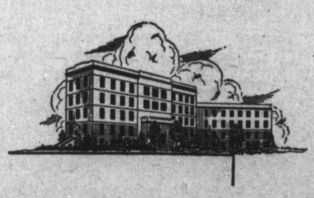
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