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## DR. A. B. DETER TELLS OF WORK IN BRAZIL

### Sweetwater Historian Tells of Founding of Baptist Work In The San Antonio Section

By R. C. CRANE

Recently, about the time of the meeting of the Convention at San Antonio, I had occasion to check up on some Texas Baptist history, and chanced to come across an item which mentioned Rev. J. W. D. Creath and his work in Texas for the cause of Christianity and the Baptist program, and that brought to my mind the vital connection between this good man and the establishment of the Baptist work in San Antonio back in the seventies.

I dare say, not a person who attended that Convention ever gave the question a thought as to how, when or by whom, the Baptist cause in that great city was given a start.

Above all others, J. W. D. Creath was the man who can be said to be the foundation builder for that cause in that city.

He traveled all over the then settled portions of Texas on horse back, in all sorts of weather, over trails, paths and no roads, begging for the money with which to build the first Baptist church in that city, which was one of the very first, if not the first, churches of an evangelical denomination to be built in that city.

Roped Development  
It was overwhelmingly Catholic, according to its population. While railroads had been pointed toward San Antonio before the War between the States, yet none had reached there until about 1880.

In the ten year period from 1871, probably more miles of railroad were built in Texas than in any other like period—nearly 5,000—and far more than in all prior Texas history.

New towns were being started; new counties were being occupied, and new railroads were being pushed out into West, Southwest and Northwest Texas, and "Father Creath" as he was affectionately called, saw the need for the gospel to be carried forward.

As the financial agent of the old Texas Baptist State Convention for many years, he did not wait for railroads to reach towns but tried to be there with a gospel plant when the roads got there. That was the case with San Antonio. That was the case with Corpus Christi.

Church Organized  
By 1878 Creath had succeeded by dint of much effort, in getting a Baptist church built in San Antonio, and Reverend W. H. Dodson was installed as missionary pastor under the State Convention.

He had been pastor at Longview. For the year 1878-9 he was to be paid \$700 towards his support as salary. At the end of that period he had been paid the sum of \$456.25 on his salary, and was due a balance of \$243.75. He reported an increase in membership of 16 during the year and a total membership of 57.

The missionary pastor also reported that a baptistry had been added to the church and that a neat fence enclosed the lot, and that the church debt had been reduced by the sum of \$179, and that a total of \$788.15 had been raised for all purposes, mostly from among his membership.

He reported that a total of 77 persons had been connected with the church since he had become its pastor.

A Remarkable Record  
The Convention continued him as missionary pastor and he remained there to do a very fine work as a foundation builder in that vicinity. For the year 1878-9 Creath was employed by the State Convention for 2-3 of his time at a salary of \$266.23, as Financial agent of that Convention. Though at that time in his seventieth year, he traveled on horse back 2,962 miles over Texas over all sorts of roads; preached 176 sermons, delivered lectures on missions, Sunday Schools, etc., visited three Associations, one Convention and 191 families; instituted one Sunday School, assisted in ordaining three preachers, and wrote 600 letters in connection with his work, and had an expense of \$21.90.

He sold or gave away, 155,000 pages of denominational literature, and collected and paid \$334.36 over more than his salary amounted to, besides collecting sundry funds for the church at San Antonio and at Corpus Christi.

He reported "destitution" increased.

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### DISTRICT MISSIONS

#### DISTRICT 17

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

#### CALLAHAN ORGANIZES ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U.

Rev. V. W. Tatum, Moderator of the Callahan Association, called a meeting of all the B. Y. P. U.'s in the county to meet last Sunday afternoon at Baird to organize the Association work in that department.

There are nine churches in the Association that have B. Y. P. U.'s and every one of these churches were represented. They were as follows: Baird, Clyde, Putnam, Cross Plains, Scranton, Admiral, Potosi, Eula, and Denton Valley. The total attendance was 108.

The following officers were elected: Willard Gaskin, Putnam, president; Ruth Kemper, Cross Plains, 1st vice president; Robert Bourlan, Eula, 2nd vice president; Annie Evelyn Hollis, Clyde, sec.-treas.; Lee Poole, Potosi, choirster; Ellen Louise Nunley, Baird, pianist.

A committee was appointed to work out goals for the work. The next meeting will be held at Putnam, February 3, at 3:30 p. m.

#### TWO GOOD CHURCHES

It was my privilege to be with two of the good churches in Callahan Association last Sunday. At the morning service I preached for Brother V. W. Tatum, at Clyde. There was a fine attentive audience, with an excellent spirit. We especially appreciated the large number of men who are active in the work.

In the afternoon I spoke to the B. T. U. Convention, and at the evening service preached for Brother Joe Mayes, at Baird. There was one fine intermediate boy converted and joined the church.

Brother Mayes is beginning at Baird, his tenth year as pastor. During this time he has received 400 members into the church, has held more than 400 funerals, and has married more people than anyone else in that section of the country. He has just finished building a new \$8000.00 church which is practically paid out of debt. It is one of the most beautiful and well arranged buildings in any small town in West Texas. Notwithstanding the fact that this church has recently paid for a new building, they plan to send an offering every month to the cooperative program during 1935.

#### COTTONWOOD CALLS

W. T. PRIDDY AS PASTOR

The missionary was moderator, last Sunday week, when the Cottonwood church called Rev. W. T. Priddy as pastor. He will begin his work there next Sunday.

Rev. Ross Respass has been pastor of this good church for several years, and has done a remarkable work.

#### REPORT OF DIST. MISSIONARY

Month of December, 1934

Sermons and addresses, 25.

Miles traveled, 2195.

Letters and cards, 38.

Assisted churches in calling pastors 1, Cottonwood.

Association-Wide Meetings attended, 2.

State Meetings attended, 2. Evcc. Board, Mt. Calm, Pastors' Conference.

Tracts distributed, 700.

Assisted churches in arranging budget, 2.

Churches and committees contacted, 18.

Additions to churches, Baptism 2. S. S. County-wide Training Courses being planned, 2, Jones and Fisher.

Jones County Associational S. S. Work organized.

Callahan Association B. T. U. Work organized.

Preached at three pastorless churches, Knox City Salt Branch, Cottonwood.

Met with one efficiency group of

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#### DISTRICT 8

Willis J. Ray, Missionary

The old year closed out with marked progress in the life of every church in the district. Our pastors are optimistic and the churches are facing the new year with increased enthusiasm, larger programs and a greater determination to be New Testament churches in practice.

Three new churches have been organized and are now thriving youngsters. Lees in Howard County with Rev. Ben Ferguson pastoring the church full time. Valley and Lenora in Martin county with W. C. Williamson leading them in a great way.

Five new church buildings have been erected the past year. Lees, Salem with J. F. Fields, pastor, Vincent with R. E. Bratton, pastor, all in Big Spring Association. Andrews in Lamesa Association, and Wastella in Mitchell-Scurry Association, with Marvin Leech the beloved pastor.

Two churches were dedicated the past month. Wastella, and the Bethel church in Big Spring Association, with Rev. C. F. Bryant, pastor.

Eight churches have gone from one-fourth time to half time preaching the past few months. Salem, Bethel, Garden City, Andrews, Courtney, Seminole, Midway, and Chalk.

The First Church at Big Spring under the leadership of Rev. R. E. Day held a crowning service in closing out the old year December 30, when the pastor announced that a satisfactory settlement had been made with the loan company and through liberal giving on the part of the membership and by adjustments from the loan company the church indebtedness was reduced \$30,000. The membership faces the new year, with a new spirit and in unison the pastor and people come from under their debt burden to enter the new year with great joy and determination to make it one of the greatest in the five year ministry of the beloved pastor.

Word comes from the Colorado church that the work is growing steadily month by month and that the work is in better shape than at any time since P. D. O'Brien came to pastor the church thirty months ago. The church recently observed its fiftieth anniversary.

Rev. and Mrs. Claude C. Scott of Westbrook are the happy parents of a set of twin boys born early in December. Brother Scott is doing a timely work at Westbrook, reporting 54 additions to the church since his ministry began there about a year ago and most of the additions were by baptism.

Rev. Willis I. Taylor is moving from Lamesa to Abilene this week where he will enter Hardin-Simmons University next semester. Rev. Taylor has been pastoring churches in Lamesa Association for the past eight years and has led the association in denominational work for several years.

#### WORKERS MEETING WITH SWEETWATER CHURCH

The regular monthly workers' conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association is meeting today with Lamar Street Baptist Church, Sweetwater. The program follows:

10:00—Song Service—Joe Trussell.

10:10—Devotional—W. H. Howell.

10:25—"Unenlisted Resources of Our Churches and How to Enlist Them"—C. E. Dick.

10:45—"Denominational Program for 1935"—J. D. Brannon.

11:05—Song Service.

11:25—Sermon—Dr. C. Y. Dossey.

12:00—Lunch.

1:20—Board Meetings—Association and W. M. U.

2:30—"Place of Young People in Our Church Services"—Mrs. J. B. Buckley.

2:50—Inspirational Address—Dick O'Brien, Colorado.

### Describes Horrible Murder of Native Christians and Makes Appeal For More Helpers

Curityba, Brazil,

December 12, 1934.

Dear Friends in the Dear Old Home Land:

Much water has run under the bridge since my last letter. So much has happened that one short letter can not hold it all.

On the 25th of October I made 66 years—*fiz 66 annos*. I have had long practice in making years so I can make one very quickly. We do not have a birthday here we *make years*.

We have just closed our Bible School. One man passed in systematic Theology and English. He works far out in the wilds of Santa Catharina. He reads French, German and English besides his own language. This man preaches some times in his bare feet with no coat. He gets \$9.00 a month of salary. Two more of our pastors have a fine working knowledge of English. They translate, read and speak it fairly well. They have never been to college and the Seminary but speak German, English, Russian. We have some Russian churches in our field. German is spoken here more than any other foreign language, and finally they speak Lettish to the four fine Lettish churches. These two men have partly finished their Systematic Theology and a rather complete Bible course. One lone, Old Missionary to Train His Pastors, do His own Office Work With No Secretary Since our *Darling Baby Girl Went Away*. (Excuse capitals for my machine seems to have more than common letters). We only have in our field two states and part of a third! Oh how I need A. B. Oliver, our son-in-law who is finishing his Ph. D. work at the Louisville Seminary! What church will send him and our girl Edith to us? He has been on the waiting list for 10 years and has been marking time by taking one diploma after another. Surely the Lord God will not let us die out here with no one to take up the burden we must soon lay down. *It is too heavy now*. I taught 4 hours a day, preached every Sunday, did many hours of office work but even then our great field is suffering for lack of a young man to *push it forward*. How can a man of 66 make plans that reach out into the years?

#### Dick Deter's Work

Dick Deter is the superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Church here and is director of the music. He has almost doubled the Sunday School this year in spite of many trips out of town. He is working on plans for higher education in the city and state, which if realized, will place our work in the front in the city and all the state. We pray God he may put over this great task.

#### A Horrible Murder

This letter has a tragedy to relate. A story of faith and heroism to tell that has rarely been equaled in the long history of bigotry and murder practiced by the Roman hierarchy since Loyola organized his cut throats centuries ago. At first we did not see the hands of the priests, but soon the black shadow came out of the darkness and threw its baleful power over the happy life of one of the most heroic souls that our Brazilian churches have ever produced. "Be ye faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." John, the Seer, gave the title to this story long grey centuries ago. Oh how I would like to stand before you and tell this from my own heart, hot with life and indignation! I would give you all the strength of my personality and all the fire a tongue impelled by love could burn into it. Cold words are poor things to convey to you all our hearts felt as we laid away all that the earth holds of this hero who like Daniel, "Purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."

Young men and young women of America will you hear this story on the day when a new year is dawning and will you like John Pires' purpose in your hearts not to defile yourselves?

John Pires is a member of my church at Piraguara. I baptized him last year. He was in a small store where drygoods, groceries and rum is sold. It was dusk and the street of

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#### REVIVAL AT SWEETWATER

The editor was in Sweetwater Sunday and worshipped with the First Baptist church. Sunday morning was the first service of a revival meeting conducted by Evangelist C. Y. Dossey and Singer Joe Trussell. The service was fine. There were six additions to the church, two for baptism, and there was a very fine spirit manifested in the service. The meeting will continue for two weeks, and Pastor E. D. Dunlap and his people are expecting a fine meeting.

#### DR. W. Y. POND CLOSES MEETING AT GRAHAM

Dr. W. Y. Pond was with us for two weeks meeting. Mr. Ed E. Gibbs of Dallas did the singing. The meeting was great from the first to the last service. Dr. Pond did the preaching which was the very best. Lost men and women were saved. Twenty-five were received into the fellowship of the church, 12 by baptism, 7 rededications, and 1 answered the call to special work as missionary.

The church is greatly revived and spiritually strengthened by the fine gospel messages. These two God called men make a fine team. Mr. Gibbs can really direct a choir.

We are going from victory to victory. I appreciate the good paper you are giving us.

Oak Street Baptist Church, J. P. Stevenson, Pastor.

#### CHURCH AT HAMBY ORDAINS PREACHER

Claud Gooch was ordained as a Baptist preacher Sunday at the Hamby Baptist church. Rev. Thomas J. Young, a former pastor of the church, conducted the ordination services. Rev. W. D. Gooch acted as moderator and the following assisted in the ordination: Rev. C. L. Jackson, Rev. R. S. Bright, Rev. H. H. Summers, Rev. Thomas Dement, and Mr. H. E. Clemmer, Mr. W. F. Shotwell, deacons in the Hamby Baptist church.

Claud is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gooch. He was called to preach in 1927 but did not surrender to the call until the first of this year. He attended Hardin-Simmons university summer school and is attending the fall term. He graduated from the Hamby high school with the class of 1927.

A Christmas program was arranged by Mrs. W. F. Shotwell and Mrs. S. J. Cannon and was rendered at the 11 o'clock hour at the Hamby Baptist church Sunday morning. Song by the congregation, "Joy to the World." Scripture reading, Frankie Lowrie. Christmas reading by Lena Williams. Harmonica number, "Holy Night," by Elsie Fay Cannon, and "Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung by Misses Agnes Gooch; Lola Williams, Effie Shotwell, Madene Williams. A. F. Roberts Jr. lead the singing and Floy Gooch played the piano. After the program Rev. W. D. Gooch (Claud's uncle) brought a short message on "Christianity in the Home" and John Williams presented himself as a candidate for baptism and was baptized by Rev. Gooch Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Rev. W. C. Ashford's church at Abilene.

The ordination service was held at 2:30.

Last Sunday the First Baptist Church celebrated the beginning of the seventh year of the pastorate of Rev. W. T. Hamor. During these past six years Brother Hamor has done a fine work on that important field. Rannels county is making a fine record in our denominational work, and Pastor Hamor has played a good part, not only in leading his own church in this work, but in the work of the entire county and association.

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### NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

After two weeks of rest and recreation the editor is glad to be back on the job with the determination of making the year 1935 just a little better than the year just closed, insofar as our own contributions will make it better. Quite a few of our subscribers failed to read our notice in the last issue to the effect that there would not be another issue of the paper until January 10. We are glad they missed the weekly visit of the paper to their homes, and we will try to make up in quality in the next few issues for the lack in quantity due to the fact that we missed two issues in succession.

We want to make the West Texas Baptist serve the causes fostered by our great Baptist body in a really effective way this year. We want our readers to help us in doing this. One way to help is to assist in organizing subscription clubs in your church. Another way is to see that the news in your section is sent in. People like to know what is going on in the different sections of the country.

Here's wishing each of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

### THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The months of January and February have been designated as Hundred Thousand Club months, and churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to feature this phase of our work during this time. Up to November 30, last, nearly \$200,000 of debts on the Southern Baptist Institutions were paid by the members of the club. The next few issues of the West Texas Baptist will feature the Hundred Thousand Club movement. In the meantime, write to Dr. Frank Tripp, St. Joseph, Mo., for pledge cards and other literature concerning the movement.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING ON THE INCREASE

The Saturday-Evening Post of December 15 carried an editorial on "The Menace of Drunken Driving," from which we quote the following:

"Sufficient time has now gone by since the repeal of prohibition to yield figures which give us a definite idea of its effect upon motor-car accidents. These figures, gathered from all over the country, make an appalling showing.

"A typical study is that made by Mr. J. W. Fisher, in Nassau County, New York. He tells us that in the month of May the number of accidents in his county showed a very sharp increase over the figures of last May. For the first five months of this year the number of accidents involving drivers who had been drinking was nearly three times as great as those recorded during the corresponding period last year.

"There is no reason to suppose that this study reflects extreme or unique conditions. Dr. Theron Wendell Kilmer, police surgeon and traffic expert, read a paper the other day before the convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police which gave many figures just as disquieting. His statistics were gathered by an insurance company of high repute, and are presumably trustworthy. For many states, they indicate an increase of drunken drivers ranging from 25 per cent in New York to 77 per cent in Pennsylvania and 100 per cent in Rhode Island.

"Some of our cities make an even worse showing, the increase in Cincinnati being given as 380 per cent and that in Los Angeles as 479 per cent. Also there has been a large increase in the number of intoxicated pedestrians injured by automobiles. The drunken drivers, unhappily, included many women, some of them very young women. If the situation, on the face of it, is not even more alarming, it is because it is possible that many a tender-hearted magistrate accepts a plea of reckless driving when the facts warrant a plea of drunken driving. This is a practice which Doctor Kilmer declares should be forbidden."

In the face of such evidence as the above, it would be hard for an intelligent person to deny the fact that drunkenness has increased tremendously since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Statistics just released show that over 36,000 persons were killed last year in automobile accidents. Of course not nearly all of these accidents were due to alcohol, but a very large per cent, no doubt were. The wet crowd try to justify the increase in arrests for drunken drivers by declaring the increase is due, not to the increase in drinking, but because the officials are making a greater effort to enforce the laws since the repeal of prohibition. However, statistics gathered from almost every source convinces one that drunkenness has materially increased since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and that accidents, due to drunkenness, have increased at an alarming rate.

In the editorial referred to above the Saturday Evening Post favors a plan suggested recently by Mr. Thomas E. Sanders of Racine, Wisconsin. Mr. Sanders would have our magistrates empowered to lock up not only our dangerous drivers but the cars they drive as well. Maybe that would help. There are many men who do not object to a fine and a few days in jail, but to take their cars away from them would be a different story.

### WORTH KNOWING

Whither thou goest, I will go—Ruth 5:16.

There is a pleasing story of how the father of Matthew Henry the commentator won his bride. He was a Presbyterian minister, she an only daughter, and the heiress of a considerable fortune.

Her father objected. "You see," he said to his daughter, "he may be a perfect gentleman, a brilliant scholar, and an excellent preacher; but he is a stranger, and we do not even know where he comes from!"

"True," replied the girl, with all the acumen and insight that her great son afterward displayed, "but we know where he is going, and I should like to go with him."

Do others have confidence in us because they know we are led of God?—Sunday School Chronicle.

# I Was Born Into Danger and Depression

J. B. CRANFILL, D. D., Dallas, Texas

I was born on the Texas frontier, September 12, 1858, and last September 12, when I said to my good wife, who has borne with me since I was twenty, "I have no sense of age," she flashed back, "You have no sense of any kind if you go 'round telling your age!" But here I am, at it again.

The day after I was born, my Uncle John Cranfill saw me for the first time. In the language of Marie Dressler, "My face was not easy on the eyes." My Uncle John, in mock sincerity, implored my gracious mother to let him put me out of the way before my homeliness brought disgrace upon the entire Cranfill clan. The best I can remember (I was present at the time) was that she gently replied: "John, you know that no little babies are beautiful!" I never could run on my good looks, but I do have winning ways and the hollow of my foot does not make a hole in the ground.

### Native of Kentucky

Being native to the frontier, I was born into dignified and honored poverty. My father and mother, both natives of Kentucky, pioneered to Texas in 1850, settling in Parker County, where the Comanche Indians swept down every moonlight night. Their place of refuge was Weatherford, the county seat, twenty miles away, and it was a hectic life they lived; and into this life I came. Everybody was poor, but those Texas frontiersmen were heroic souls who for themselves feared not the face of man.

My father was solicitous for his family, so when I was an infant he told his brother, Isom, that he was going back to East Texas, fearing his family, consisting of a wife and four children, might at any time be massacred by the Comanches. Uncle Isom stayed in Parker County, and when I was twelve his oldest son, sixteen, was killed by the Indians. Father never exulted over his beloved brother, but many and many a time, as I grew into manhood, I heard my father felicitate all of us that he had taken us out of that danger zone into a place of safety.

The first clothing I remember wearing was what we might call a "one-piece full dress suit"—a brown domestic shirt reaching down to my ankles. Like the traditional mother Hubbard, it covered everything and touched nothing. Later, when the un-Civil War came on, my father entered the Confederate service, leaving home for the four years of struggle when I was three. Upshur County, where we then lived, is in the East Texas piney woods and while we thought we had known poverty before, there never had been such depression and poverty as overswept our dear Southland during the fratricidal struggle between the States, but we got along.

We didn't starve, we didn't beg and we didn't steal. Mother had a spinning-wheel and a loom. We children grew cotton and helped Mother pick the cotton from the cotton pods. There were no cotton gins available. When she carded the cotton she made it into rolls and spun the thread that made the cloth, from which she fashioned our clothing. I don't remember ever seeing any money then. While we suffered the pangs of poverty, both on the frontier and in the pines, we would not have been unhappy if Father had not been in the danger zone, daily exposed to death.

### Southwest Texas Pioneer

Later along, when the war had ended, we moved into Southwest Texas, where my Father, the thriftiest man I ever knew, resumed his medical practice; and, while things went hard with us, he soon was on his feet again and later, when in 1888 we moved to Bastrop County, he bought a small farm and ranch, where we lived for nearly eight eventful years. We still were poor, but the poverty was of a less oppressive quality than we hitherto had known. We had no luxuries, but the necessities of life, which, in the good Providence of God were provided by our own hands.

I was always fond of candy, but never had candy. I must have been eleven, when as a mill-boy, I took my sack of corn to Hopkinsville, five miles away, and awaited my grinding. During the interim, I went into Miller & Robinson's Store. There I saw a child about three, whose parents must have been rich, for they bought the baby candy. He had feasted on the candy all he wanted to and dropped a big stick of candy behind the counter, and soon afterwards being picked up by his mother, left the stick of candy lying there.

My mouth watered for that candy. I always had a sensitive conscience and a high native quality of honesty. I debated with myself about that candy. I reasoned that it had been paid for and that the baby, having gotten into their wagon and being driven on off home, would never be back to get the candy. The merchant had sold it and he could not in any case restore it to the candy jar. It really was not his. As both court and jury, I decided that through the law of discovery, the candy was mine. I rescued it and ate it. It wasn't long after that until I earned fifteen cents of my own money and bought sugar with it. I really thought I could eat a barrel of sugar, but after feasting on the big teacupful my fifteen cents provided, I found I couldn't eat all that I had bought.

### Our Present Depression.

We are now marooned in the most universal depression known in our world. We didn't have the sense that Joseph had, who provided in plentiful years for the years of famine. Even if we had saved up our corn, perhaps some of these alphabet organizations would have commandeered it, or if they had known ahead of time they would have reduced the acreage so we couldn't have produced the corn. Frankly, much of this depression is a state of mind. **We were never happier in our more prosperous after years than we were during the days of gracious self-denial and poverty.**

"A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesses," and again, "the poor ye shall have with you always." To begin with, the present depression isn't within a million miles as acute as the depression into which I was born and reared. Nobody died then of heart-break and nobody starved, the fact being that those pioneer men and women earned their bread by the sweat of their brow. They not only had read the fiat of God voiced when Adam fell, but they had sensed the luxury of toil.

We have entirely outgrown the fine axioms and the present economic psychology is that we are to live by the sweat of other men's brows. Through the present scheme of so-called "National Relief," we are being trained in a nation-wide school of mendicancy.

**No man is really helped by getting money he hasn't earned. It matters not how he gets it. Instead of the so-called reduction of hours and all of that adding to the sum of human happiness, it is quite likely to detract from it. The present idea of so-called "Labor"**

seems to be to get more and more for less and less.

**WE ARE BEING TRAINED INTO A NATION OF IDLERS WHO ARE TRYING THROUGH GOVERNMENT AID TO HITCHHIKE THEIR WAY TO PROSPERITY. GOD NEVER DOES FOR A MAN WHAT HE CAN DO FOR HIMSELF, AND THE GOVERNMENT THAT DOES FOR A MAN WHAT THAT MAN CAN DO FOR HIMSELF IS FLYING IN THE FACE BOTH OF PROVIDENCE AND COMMON SENSE.**

### Opposes Socialism

I am opposed to this whole scheme of Socialism. It is the nesting-place of Communism, anarchy and revolution. The more a lazy, shiftless man is fed at Government expense, the more dangerous he becomes. Fred Douglas, the great Negro, said that he often prayed for freedom, but never got it until he answered his prayers with his feet.

We are being cursed with a horde of idling vampires, who, either as incompetent administrators of so-called relief or as lazy beneficiaries thereof, are breeding a nation of dead-beats.

We have bankrupted the alphabet getting names for the different organizations that are doing these different nonsensical and hurtful things. When the Washington authorities learn that a man can't lift himself out of depression by his bootstraps, we shall have scored a tremendous advance. Neither can a great nation long tolerate the tyrannies that emerge from the kind of centralized government in which we are functioning now. Prosperity will never burgeon into bloom through the misguided statesmanship of impractical socialistic visionaries whose wild theories of economics will, if unchecked, Sovietize and Hitlerize free America.

No, I'm not a Republican. Last month I voted the straight Democratic ticket, and afterwards ate some peppermint drops to allay my nausea at having done so.—Western Recorder.

## Devotional Thoughts

### THE LITTLE WORD "SIN"

Sin is transgression. It is the deliberate climbing of the fence. Sin is intention. We sin when we are wide awake. There are teachers abroad who would soften words like these. To alter the label on the bottle does not change the character of its contents. Poison is poison, give it what name you choose.—J. H. Jovett.

### CONTINUOUS LIFE

The act of a moment is not enough. The impulse, like an electric current, needs to be continuous, or as the word used by our Lord implies, step by step. How many a soul ekes out a dreary, useless existence, based upon the experience of a conversion fifteen or twenty, or even more, years ago. But what is the Lord to you to-day? Has there been a fresh access of joy in your salvation today? The day in which you were saved you received an impulse from the eternal life of God, and that impulse is, from its very nature, eternal, always progressing.—A. T. Schofield.

### A PRODIGAL SON?

Then there were two thieves (Matthew 27:38).

How strikingly different in the windup of their wasted lives! Why did these associates in crime, guilty by their own confession, die so differently? The one "railing" and "scoffing" and the other believing and praying?

You would hardly expect the Prodigal Son to appear in this lesson, but here he comes dragging his weary feet and his unkempt rags right into it. That praying thief must have been of finer fiber than the other. The one was soft, and the other hard—like that "elder brother" (Luke 15:28-30)?

It is possible the "Lord-remember-me" thief may have been brought up in a prosperous home somewhere, and like the younger son in Christ's story, perhaps had gotten down into the "Far Country" and fallen in with the gangs that infest the Far Country—gangs such as we have in too great abundance in our great cities.

Before our prodigal got down low enough and miserable enough and hungry enough to "come to himself," he had come up against the strong arm of Roman law and found himself in the condemned cell and now hung high upon the terrible cross. The condemned cell usually is a great thinking place.

And so it was the poor boy who had not been able to reach the "I-will-arise-and-go-to-my-father" stage while his feet were upon the ground, got to his Father as he hung outlined against a darkening eastern sky (v. 45).

When I contemplate this tremendous scene on Calvary I am thrilled, as I am reminded that the first Christian to enter Paradise was this boy, like many another misled boy, had reached the end of his rope and found himself a criminal hung by the said rope high and dry with his sin.

Yet notwithstanding, under the privilege and glory of our Christian religion, by simply a look at the Saviour and the prayer "Remember me" the pearly gate of Paradise swung open to receive him, and it was the first case of "absent from the body"—this day—"present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:6-8; John 3:14, 15; 12:32).—William H. Ridgeway in The Sunday School Times.

## DID YOU KNOW, THAT—

Since the close of the World War, says Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Southern young people have turned to their churches in marvelous fashion! And they keep on coming. In 1931 they passed the Epworth League of the (Northern) Methodist Church and became the greatest single body of organized young people to be found in any single body of organized young people in America. In 1932 and 1933 there was a gain of 4,649 new Unions and 71,335 new young people enrolled.

In 1933 there was a gain of 253 Sunday Schools, but the gain in Sunday School enrollment was only 18,105—one of the smallest gains in twenty years. Mr. Alldredge explains this condition by the fact that the city Sunday Schools have let up in their enrollment program, while the rural schools have stood their grounds and made gains.

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# A SOUTHERN MUSIC CONFERENCE

Millard A. Jenkens

The Southwestern Music Conference has concluded another annual session at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. To Prof. I. E. Reynolds are we indebted for this constructive and far-reaching idea. The betterment of our church music is conceded by all, and to this end the Seminary School of sacred music, out of which the conference has grown, has, from the first, directed its efforts. The Southwestern Conference is an effort to enlarge the idea, and through pastors, choir directors, and evangelistic singers, carry it directly to the churches. Music is filling a large place in the cultural life of the people to-day; perhaps larger than has ever been witnessed in our country before. Public schools, colleges and universities have their bands, orchestras and choral societies, and communities their music clubs on a larger scale than has ever been known. The radio daily brings musical programs to hundreds of thousands of homes. The theaters have made music for their millions of daily patrons a large part of their entertainment. With the people, and especially the young people, so plentifully supplied with music, when the church music is haphazard, dull and uninteresting they find their interest in the church service lagging. Many of the older ones, and some of them the so-called "standbys," when they show up missing at the evening service, may be found sitting snugly in their homes listening to their radios.

There are two things in the music line that help empty the churches, namely, the lack of church conscience on music, and the shoddy kind of songs that are often sung. The low grade songs we need to discard, and the jazzy song book we need to discourage. Nothing will cheapen the church service, and destroy its spiritual atmosphere quicker than that sort of so-called "gospel song." With the better sacred songs being provided by high class writers and publishers, and some of them in our very midst, there is no excuse for resorting to the sort of stuff that should never have found its way into any of our churches. There is so much heard in secular music that is sensual that people have a right to, and do expect spiritual uplifting music, when they go to church.

All of our churches have abundance of musical talent, but it takes trained leaders to enlist and develop them. This is one field of Christian training we Baptists, who have led in all other training departments, have slow to enter. It is our confident hope that an awakening is on among us in this important responsibility. It would be a decided step forward. Our Sunday School Board would add to its already crown of brilliant triumphs in the training life of our denomination, and our State Board, and all our state boards would show wisdom of the highest order, in taking serious consideration of this forward step. If men could be provided under their direction with their expenses partly borne by these boards, and partly by the churches, to spend a week or ten days in the churches discover a real church music conscience, the results would be far in excess of the outlay to both individual church and denominational life.

When it became known that Prof. Reynolds might be had over the week-ends for just such training, he was swamped with invitations from the churches. Consider the great choir of one hundred and fifty voices that Prof. B. B. McKinney, matchless leader and writer of sacred songs has built up, in Travis Avenue Baptist church, Fort Worth, and think of the untold blessing to a church to have such an one as he for a period of such training. "If it is our hope to have him for a few days wholly in this line preceding our Spring revival in which he is to conduct the music. The First Church, Dallas, has had its beloved Coleman through the years and sacred song has given wings to the sermons of the matchless Truett. Who could estimate, the blessing to a church to be touched by such a life. Through the Seminary's School of Music the evangel of song has gone out under the touch of the beloved Reynolds to bless the world. How we thank God for such men!

Southern Baptists are abundantly supplied with talent. The field is great. Why wait longer to enter it? The conference was climaxed with the 22nd Annual rendition by the Seminary School of Music, of Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," conducted by Prof. Reynolds, and eclipsed all renditions of the past. It was the first time the matchless composition was ever given in its entirety in the Southwest.

## COMMENDS PASTORS

This is a word pertaining to Brother Fred McPherson and his capable wife who have recently moved on the field at Jayton, and Brother Finis Williams and his wife who have moved on the pastorate field at Peacock this week. Brother McPherson and his wife are both college and seminary graduates. He needs no introduction in many communities adjacent to Simmons University, however his major work has been done nearby Mineral Wells. I have seen this young man develop into one of the most powerful young preachers and hard working pastors that I have ever seen in the land. His wife is a gifted leader and able to lead in any line of church work or among the W. M. U. organizations. How fortunate Jayton is to secure them and Kent county and her territory will feel the influence of this young couple's lives.

Brother and Mrs. Williams of Peacock are young and enthusiastic. He was converted, licensed, ordained, and sent out by our church. The favor of the Lord has worked with him and marked his ministry thus far. He has been called by more churches than he could possibly answer. He is thoroughly acquainted with church organization and what he does will be done sanely and constructively. His wife makes friends among the women and works untiringly to promote her Lord's work. The brethren of that locality can well seek the fellowship of these young men for they will prove themselves an asset to West Texas.

We folks over here have our eyes on West Texas districts and their splendid missionaries. May the Lord lead you.—Clyde R. Campbell.

**Biblical Backgrounds**, by Dr. J. McKee Adams, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In a masterful way the author follows the geographical path of inspiration from Ur of the Chaldees where we are introduced to Abraham, father of the faithful, to the banks of Tiber where the Apostle Paul plants the gospel in Imperial Rome. All countries, great cities and peoples along the path of Biblical background, come in for illuminating and scholarly treatment. While the stamp of scholarship is manifestly on this book, at the same time it is written in a style that places its rich store of knowledge within the grasp of the average student of the Bible, and readily commends itself to Bible teachers in the colleges and professors in Divinity Schools and Theological Seminaries. Preachers, Sunday School teachers, and Bible lovers generally, will find in it an asset of priceless value. When you have finished reading this volume, you feel as though you had journeyed through those ancient lands, and the blessed old Book shines all the brighter as God's inspired luminary of truth, because of its historical background. Dr. Adams has indeed made a valuable contribution to Biblical literature. The book is profusely illustrated, which adds to its attractiveness and value.—Millard A. Jenkens.

## THE NEED FOR HOME MISSION WORK

The work of the Home Mission Board is just as necessary today in the bringing in of the Kingdom as it has ever been. In fact, the Home Mission task is larger, more difficult, more important, and the work to be done is more vitally related to the

# Antarctic Explorer Relates Experiences Of First Expedition Into "Little America"

"We bathed every night at the South pole," said Lieut. Charles E. Lofgren, speaking of his Antarctic experiences, "but the nights were four months long."

"We were never bothered by the cold at the 'bottom of the world,'" he added, "because it was only from 40 to 70 degrees below zero, and we often had to remove our shirts while shoveling snow."

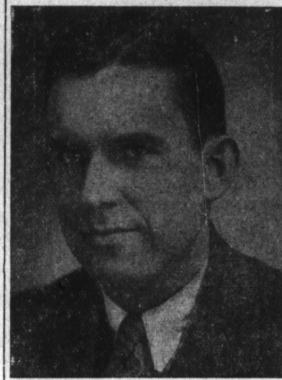
Lieut. Lofgren made the trip to the South polar regions as Rear-Admiral Byrd's secretary and right-hand man on the first of Byrd's Antarctic expeditions.

Lofgren was a member of the United States Navy for sixteen years, participating in the World War. He holds four good conduct medals for fidelity, zeal, and obedience in the navy, and was awarded a special gold congressional medal for his work

# HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

## Resigns



Prof. Nelson A. Hutto, for seven years head of the Hardin-Simmons university journalism department, recently resigned, and has joined the Abilene high school faculty. He is succeeded by Frank Junell, former student of the University of Missouri.

## Five Wimans Give Program to B. S. U. "Surrendered Life" is Theme Of Presentation By Roscoe Group

The well known "Wiman Family," of Roscoe, had complete charge of the program at the regular meeting of the B. S. U. council Thursday night. "The Surrendered Life" was the theme subject carried out by the five Wimans attending Hardin-Simmons.

The program was presented as follows: "The Call to Surrender" by T. D. Wiman; "Making the Surrender" by Ruth Wiman; "The Fruits of a Surrendered Life," discussed by Nora Wiman; "Sustaining a Surrendered Life" by Mittie Wiman; and the program was concluded with a duet, sung by Jim and Nora Wiman.

This program was termed by members of the B. S. U. as one of the most unusual, as well as one of the most interesting, programs of the year, in that it was presented entirely by members of one family all of whom are attending college this year.

Two men's debating teams, two orators, and two extemporaneous speakers will be taken on the annual O. and D. tournament trip this year, according to W. A. Stephenson, head of the Hardin-Simmons university debating councils.

whole task of the denomination than it has ever been at any period in our history.

The frontiers have changed, but the work remains. There are now at least eleven fields of labor challenging us and calling to the Board with their needs. These fields are: Evangelism, Enlistment and Stewardship, City Missions, Missions to the Foreigners, Missions to the Indians, Missions to the Jews, Missions to the Mountain folk, Missions to our brother in black, Missions in Cuba, Missions in Panama and Central America, and a revitalized enlistment and church building program for our country churches carried on in co-operation with the State Mission Boards in connection with our Church Building Loan Fund.

## Grand Opera To Be Offered On Artist Course January 21

For the first time in the history of West Texas, music-lovers of this region will have an opportunity on January 21 to hear one of the greatest operas in the United States. The San Carlo Grand Opera will play in Abilene on that date.

This attraction is being brought here by Hardin-Simmons, in conjunction with Abilene Christian college and McMurry. There will be two performances, a matinee at 3:30 and a night performance at 8 o'clock. Students of the university, two colleges, and high schools of Abilene and other nearby towns will see the special matinee, which is a program especially appealing to college students.

The San Carlo Opera is the largest traveling operatic organization in America. The performances will be given in the Fair Park auditorium because of the better stage accommodations there. The university stage is not large enough for the presentation, since there are 125 members in the opera.

This opera is the one that the Dallas Grand Opera is presenting, and is showing in only four Texas cities.

The afternoon performance, which will be the one to be seen by the students of Hardin-Simmons university on activity tickets, will be "Hans and Gretel."

Students will be required to exchange their activity tickets for special tickets for the opera at the business office on the main floor of the Science building, according to G. B. Sandefer, manager of the H-S. U. artist course. The date for exchanging tickets has not been set, but will be soon.

The tremendous success of Fortune Gallo in presenting his company of stellar singers at prices anyone can pay, in such cities as New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, and seventy-five other cities in the United States and Canada, is sufficient guarantee that the local engagement will actually mark an epoch in the lives of music-lovers.

## Mission Workers Union Add Three Members

Three new members, Paul Wright, Mittie Wiman, and J. M. Baldere, by statement of their interest, were received as new members in the Mission Workers' union which held its weekly meeting Tuesday at 4:30 in Professor W. D. Bond's room.

The program consisted of song, prayer, and the devotional given by Mr. Baldere.

In a recent meeting the organization changed its name from Volunteer Mission band to Mission Workers. The purpose of this change was to make possible the intake of not only the volunteer missionaries, but all those interested in foreign missions. It is the plan of the club to instill into its members a deeper interest in missions, and all interested are invited to join, according to Miss A. M. Carpenter, sponsor of the organization.

Miss A. M. Carpenter, head of the art department in Hardin-Simmons university, has been chosen regional director of the State Executive committee in region II of the University Interscholastic League.

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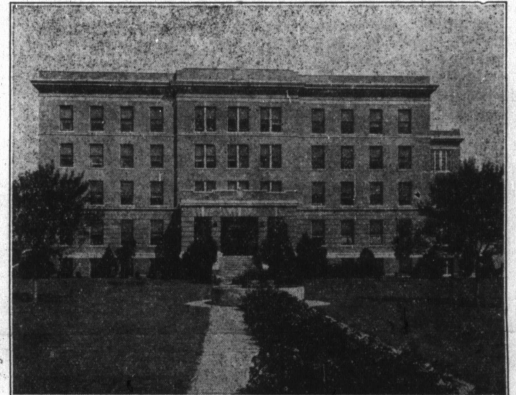
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# West Texas Baptist Sanitarium



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# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF TEXAS, DISTRICT NO. 17

W. M. U. WATCHWORD—"LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD." 1 COR. 3:9.  
1934 WATCHWORD—"BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE—FOR JEHOVAH THY GOD IS WITH THEE." JOSHUA 1:9.

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## STONEWALL ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

The Stonewall Association, Executive board meeting of W. M. U. met at Aspermont January 4th. The meeting was in the form of a one o'clock luncheon, with Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Aspermont, Associational president in charge. High points of 1934 and plans for 1935 were discussed. Mrs. Reece Ward, Swenson, gave a reading. Reports from local presidents were given.

Personal Service report, by Mrs. Aycock, Aspermont. Special song, "Fling Out the Banner," by two Aspermont ladies.  
 Mission Chairman report, Mrs. Reece Ward, Swenson.  
 Benevolence report was given by Mrs. Ed. Hahn, Swenson. Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aspermont, talked on plans and various causes of benevolence for year.  
 Methods and Finance report by Mrs. Mayfield, Aspermont. A box valued at \$80.00, and \$25.50 cash was sent to Buckner Orphans Home in December.  
 Closed with prayer by Mrs. Fitzgerald, Aspermont.—Mrs. H. T. Dennis, publicity chairman.

## ANTARCTIC EXPLORER RELATES EXPERIENCES

(Continued from page three)  
 time in Antarctic regions, and there was not a serious accident to mar the success of this well-planned expedition were used for the first

pedition.  
 "Byrd's expedition was more than a wild dash to the pole," Lieut. Lofgren said, "It was a well planned scientific trip for the purpose of studying topography, geology, glaciology, and meteorology. The party was composed of college professors, scientists, doctors, a dietician, adventurers, aviators, and one boy scout—all trained for some particular phase of Antarctic research."

The burden of transportation on the ice cake fell on dog teams. Commander Byrd carried 95 Labrador huskies to the South pole with him, bringing back many to the States with him, but some died in harness.  
 Lieut. Lofgren is accompanied on his lecture tours by one of the huskies that was born at the south pole. This dog is known as "Tom Pratt," named for a man who donated funds to the expedition, and was broken to harness by Paul Siple, the eagle scout.  
 "Though the days were eight months long we divided the time into 24 hour periods and everyone had to be in bed by 11 P. M. even if the sun was shining brightly," said Mr. Lofgren. "We amused ourselves with card games, radio, stunts, and the 3000 volumes of fiction and classical literature which Commander Byrd provided for us."

"One member of our crew was an ex-foreman of an ice cream plant and surprised us on occasions with eskimo pies while the temperature was 60 degrees below zero," he added laughingly, "and this dish became a regular Sunday night treat."  
 With the beginning of 1935 Lieut. Lofgren is winding up his career as a lecturer and is returning to his home in Washington, D. C. Mr. Lofgren says he is tiring of the strenuous work of four or five lectures a day, and the returning Byrd expedition will furnish more recent experiences.  
 "Despite the fact that great contributions were made to scientific research," Mr. Lofgren concluded, "I think the greatest value of the first Byrd expedition was the inspiration furnished to the youth of the world."

## DISTRICT 17

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 chairman (Sweetwater).  
 Finances: Collected for District Missions from churches \$4.50. (Hamby, \$3.00, Baird \$1.50.)  
 Collected for Cooperative Program \$5.82. (Salt Branch \$4.52, Cottonwood \$1.30.)  
 Total collected, \$10.22.  
 The Jones County Associational Board meeting will be held at Anson,

## PROGRAM OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, 1934  
With the  
SALT BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH  
January 11, 1935

Morning Session 10:00 O'Clock  
 President, Mrs. C. C. Compere  
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bert Low  
 Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."  
 Devotional: "Lifting Banners for Gods" ..... Mrs. Jentry Holmes  
 Greetings ..... Mrs. W. M. Hays  
 Response ..... Mrs. Ollie Dye  
 Solo: "Fling Out the Banner" ..... Mrs. P. L. Ullam  
 Three Minute Reports by Local Presidents:

Abilene, Calvary ..... Mrs. J. B. Dalrymple  
 Abilene, First ..... Mrs. C. C. Stewart  
 Abilene, Immanuel ..... Mrs. W. R. Derr  
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 Trent ..... Mrs. Ed Burks  
 Tuscola ..... Mrs. Jno. T. McCall  
 Tye ..... Mrs. R. T. England

Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer's Report ..... Mrs. Boyd King  
 Announcements.  
 Lunch: 12:00-12:30.  
 Standing Committees: 12:30-1:00.  
 Executive Board Meeting: 1:00 to 1:30.

### Afternoon Session

Song: Woman's Hymn.  
 Devotional ..... Mrs. J. B. Dalrymple  
 Report of Standing Committees.  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Stewardship" ..... Mrs. J. L. Winter  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Mission Study" ..... Mrs. J. E. Burnam  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Missions" ..... Mrs. W. C. Ashford  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Benevolences" ..... Mrs. W. F. Joiner  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Our Hospital," Miss Stella McCullough  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Christian Education," Mrs. N. A. Moore  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Personal Service" ..... Mrs. J. L. Anthony  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Our Young People" .....  
 ..... Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson  
 "Lifting the Banner Through Periodicals" ..... Mrs. W. H. Howell  
 Librarian ..... Mrs. Elton Rhodes  
 Margaret Fund Mother ..... Mrs. C. M. Caldwell  
 Report of Committees.  
 Reading of Minutes ..... Mrs. Bert E. Low  
 Closing Prayer.

next Monday, January 7.

## TWO WORKERS CONFERENCES

The Stonewall Workers Conference will meet at Jayton, next Tuesday, January 8. Rev. Fred McPherson is the new pastor of this good church.  
 The Sweetwater Associational Workers Conference will meet at the Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, next Thursday, January 10. Rev. Lawrence Trott is the pastor.

## PASTORLESS CHURCHES IN DISTRICT NO. 17

Fisher County: Longworth, Sardis.  
 Jones County: Nugent, Prairie View, Riverside, Hannah, Flat Top, Dovie.  
 Haskell County: Knox City, Gillespie, Sweet Home, Weinert.  
 Stonewall Association: Centerview, Johnson Chapel.  
 Sweetwater Association: View, Hamby, Salt Branch, Lawn. Mt. Olive.

## JONES COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION MEETS AT ANSON SUN.

Next Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, the Jones County Sunday School Convention will meet at Anson, for one hour. Rev. N. J. Westmoreland, the President, has an excellent program, and he is hoping that each church will be represented.  
 At this meeting plans will be completed for the Training Course to be held the following week in many of the churches.

## BOOK REVIEW

From Adam to Moses, by H. W. Tribble, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, price \$60. Well planned, and so interestingly written that the reader does not want to lay it down when once he has begun it till he has finished its last chapter. Adam, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses move across the scenes in such reality as to remove distance, and make them seem one with, and a part of us in our common faith. The spirit of reverence and soundness of faith, and tender love for the Scriptures breathe on every page. It is eminently fitted for the place it is to fill in the training course for Sunday Schools.—Millard A. Jenkins.

## RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF TEXAS TECH COLLEGE

Lubbock, Texas, Nov. 26.—Methodists lead in the number of students attending Texas Technological College according to the religious affiliation survey made by Registrar W. P. Clement.

The 2431 students now in attendance are classified as follows: Baptist, 756; Baptist Missionary Association, 2; Primitive Baptist, 7; Catholic, 42; Christian, 127; Christian Science, 2; Church of Christ, 188; Congregational, 2; Episcopal, 32; Greek Orthodox, 1; Jewish, 2; Lutheran, 8; Methodist, 877; Mormon, 3; Nazarene, 5; Presbyterian, 191; Cumberland Presbyterian, 15; no preference, 171.

## LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

We observed the week of prayer. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering amounted to \$14.41. Of this amount the young folks gave \$4.41. We also had the Christmas Pageant. The young folks are to be commended for taking such an active part in this pageant, "Christmas for Christ."  
 The W. M. S. ladies of Putnam Baptist Church wish West Texas Baptist, also the editor, a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

## SWEETWATER HISTORIAN ON OF FOUNDING BAPTIST WORK

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 ing owing to immigration and consequent extension of the settlements North and Northwest.

That was about 55 years ago; and now what have we in San Antonio, alone?

**Present San Antonio**  
 Now San Antonio has about fourteen Baptist churches in the State Convention, two of which at the last count had a total attendance at Sunday School of 2,700; and the same two churches (the First and Baptist Temple) according to figures in the Standard of August 30th, last, had for the first nine months of the Convention year contributed \$3,253.58 and \$2,286.47 respectively, or an aggregate of \$5,540.05 to the Co-operative program of the Convention.

I wonder if there is any one now living in San Antonio who ever heard of either J. W. D. Creath or the missionary pastor W. H. Dodson?  
 "Father Creath" died rather suddenly at Cameron on July 28th, 1881, and of him in the sketch of his life printed in Link in 1891 it is said: "The commodious church building and parsonage paid for and occupied by a self sustaining church and an efficient pastor, stands in San Antonio the witness of his spontaneous, untiring labor of love"; "full of enterprise looking to the establishment of churches at Concho, Laredo, El Paso, and Abilene, he was begging for the cause of missions when the Master called him up higher."

He was born in Virginia in February, 1809, and hence was over 72 years old when he died, still going strong, riding horse back all over the settled portions of Texas.

I fear to say more lest this find its way to the waste basket.  
 ROYSTON C. CRANE  
 Sweetwater, Texas.

## VOICE OF TEMPERANCE BROADCAST

The West Texas Baptist is in receipt of the following announcement from Rev. Sam Morris concerning a series of radio broadcasts on liquor and its attendant evils. The liquor question is going to be a live one in Texas during the next few months and the management of this paper feels it is proper to lend a helping hand to any person who wants to take a shot at the liquor gang. The letter, which is self explanatory follows:

"I arranged last week for 60 broadcasts on the Mexican Radio Station XEPN of Eagle Pass, Texas. The first will be Monday evening, January 14. There will be two each evening of 15 minutes duration separated by an hour, between 7 and 9 p. m. There will be one each morning at 6:00 a. m. of 30 minutes duration. They will run from Monday evening through Saturday morning for four weeks.

"The Voice of Temperance" is the title of the broadcasts and they will deal strictly with liquor and its attendant evils. The religious element is not to enter in at all.

"I would appreciate your announcing these broadcasts in the West Texas Baptist.

"Sincerely yours,  
"SAM MORRIS."

## DESCRIBES HORRIBLE MURDER OF NATIVE CHRISTIANS

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 the village was almost deserted. Five young men came in and ordered rum. They then turned to John and ordered him to drink with them. They knew that he did not drink. He refused and seeing trouble went out. They

dashed off their rum and followed him. Coming up behind they struck him with some blunt instrument and as he fell they turned him, it seems, on his back. They demanded that he should drink. He shut his mouth, tight, so one of them drew his dagger and thrust it between his tightly closed teeth. He then prized open the mouth and jammed the dagger into it, leaving a wound in the mouth and tongue. Into the raw wound they poured rum, 4 per cent alcohol. No power on earth could make this man of God yield to the forces of Hell, so they stabbed him in the neck and side and left him almost dying. He staggered to the house of the city marshal and bathed the door with his hot blood. Not finding the marshal at home he staggered on till finally Lieutenant Antonio Cardona found him. Cardona is in command of the military forces at this place and is the lay preacher in the church of Piraunara. Cardona and his wife cared for him as best they could and took him to the hospital here in Curityba. Next day he died of his wounds. His assassins were taken prisoners and confessed their crime but in a few days were free! They then threatened Lieutenant Cardona saying that the Baptists would have to keep quiet or more would go the same way. Yes we did keep quiet! I preached in the street in front of the station the day we buried John Pires! Hundreds heard and approved. We only prayed for the murderers. John is all right but Oh God help those poor men!

### Christmas Season

When Christmas bells are ringing in our great cities and out over our own dear Home Land, and joybells are ringing in your hearts, as you gather round your home fires on that day, remember John Pires the humble believer who gave his life so as not to defile himself. Let every one who reads this letter resolve to do something to help us in this fight for God and clean living. This man who preaches in his bare feet needs a mule to take him to his preaching stations. A mule can be bought for \$25.00. One of our evangelists gets \$6.50 a month and is giving all his time to the work. He needs a canoe that can be bought for \$15.00 I have borrowed in the bank to keep these men at work as we have no support for two of them. I pay 24 per cent interest. Some one can take over one of these men at \$6.50, another at \$9.00 a month and some one can give the mule and another the canoe.

### Love For Homeland

Christmas and Home! Dear Old Home Land! Thirty-three years have not taken out of our hearts the love of home and home is dear Old America. Thirty-three years in a foreign land, among people who speak a for-

eign tongue—we love them as our own—America is our land for which my fathers fought: for over two hundred years we have been taught to love it and no country can take its place. Some times a deep nostalgia comes over me for the plains, the rivers and the people of my childhood and early manhood, that almost breaks my heart. When I think, however of men like John Pires and thousands who have been the shining light and have learned to walk in it, and have turned their feet into the straight and narrow way and are walking in that way and have made their homes and lives clean, I thank God we came and have taken up our cross here. Oh how waveringly we have carried that cross at times! "I am with you always," has become so precious that we could not live without it. He has been with us and has helped us fight every battle and has helped us to bear every burden and heart ache so that we are glad we came long year ago and live so far from Children and Home Land for His sake.

Remember us when you pray and send us letters when you can. Most cordially your fellow worker,  
 A. B. DETER.

Caixa T, Curityba, Brazil.  
 Dear Bro. Malone:

If you wish to use this in the West Texas Baptist, do so. You can use it all or any part you may see fit to publish.  
 A. B. D.

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