

WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

MISSIONARY

ESSAYS



By J. Henry Littleton

I am calling your attention to several important events just ahead. We are to have our District Convention on Friday, October 24. This is our first fall meeting. The associations will be over and we can get a good report of what we have accomplished in the district for the year. I want to urge the pastors to keep this meeting in the minds of the people and let us have a large group from each church. The program is with the printer now and will be mailed out in the next few days.

Another thing that every one should be interested in is the birthday offering for our Cooperative Program. I wish every Baptist in the Seventeenth District would make this offering. It will not cost any of us much and it would mean victory in a great way when we come to the convention in November. If each pastor would mention this offering three times and then give out the envelopes it will surprise you how much will come in. I think I have never heard as many churches and individuals say that the one thing we need is more information about our work.

We all remember that the State Convention is to be in Abilene this time. The churches and city are spending a great deal of money in getting ready for this event. Every one should avail themselves of this opportunity of attending the convention. It will be a blessing to you.

We worshiped with the Calvary Church and pastor last Wednesday night. Clyde Campbell is leading in a good way there. I was with this church a little more than a year ago, and, frankly, I did not see any way for them to go on, but since Brother Campbell became their pastor they are growing and doing things in the Kingdom.

I was with the McCaulley Church Sunday morning. They are happy that they have Brother Dick back as pastor. They voted with a unanimous spirit to place him in the Annuity plan. Brother Hardesty served this church for a number of years and when he came to be 65 he retired. The McCaulley Church was one of the first to place their pastor in this plan. (If you pastors are doubtful (Continued on page 3))

EVENTS TO COME

- October 2-3—Wilbarger-Foard Association, Margaret.
- October 2-3—Brown County Association, Blake.
- October 6-7—Concho Valley Association, Eldorado.
- October 6-7—Stonewall Association, Girard.
- October 7-8—Callahan Association, Cottonwood.
- October 9—Haskell Association, Haskell.
- October 9-10—Sweetwater Association, Sweetwater.
- October 9-10—Pecos Valley Association, Wink.
- October 10—Cisco Association, Eastland.
- October 10-11—Big Bend Association, Marfa.
- October 15-16—El Paso Association, Mt. Franklin Memorial Church, El Paso.
- October 16-17—Brownfield Association, Tahoka.
- October 17-19—Annual Baptist Student Union Convention, Austin.
- October 19—Laymen's Day, in all Baptist Churches.
- October 24—District 17 Convention, South Side, Abilene.
- November 10-11—State W. M. U. Convention, Abilene.
- November 10-11—State Brotherhood Convention, Abilene.
- November 12 to 14—Baptist General Convention of Texas, Abilene.
- November 20-22—State Training Union Convention, Fort Worth.

BROTHERHOOD CAMP HELD IN DISTRICT EIGHT

By W. C. Harrison

Following the week of the associations, we had a district Brotherhood camp in the city park, Big Spring, where the city has donated about 11 acres to the Baptists of this district for an encampment ground. The Woman's Missionary Union erected a large dining hall and a tabernacle there this summer and it will be turned into a camp for all our work.

There were 237 men at our first session. The first night we had a Bar B Q supper. R. W. Smith, Odessa, spoke on Buckner Orphans Home, State Brotherhood President R. A. Springer brought us an inspiring message on the Brotherhood, Rev. Vernon Shaw, Snyder, spoke on the Purpose of the Brotherhood. A fine group of men spent the night and the next morning we had a program of a high spiritual nature. All laymen on the program. One preacher said, "It will take us a long time to get over this." Men with strained relationship righted, their differences and many wept for joy as laymen spoke of their deep gratitude to God for His wonderful blessings and acknowledged God as the giver of all good gifts.

Joe Williamson, Roscoe, president, resigned on account of pressing duties, and C. C. Murray, Midland, was elected. Mr. Owen Taylor is the efficient secretary. Committees were appointed to make arrangements for another year to meet a little earlier for what we hope to be vastly greater than this first one.

District 8 seems to be making progress.

DISTRICT EIGHT ASSN'S. REPORT MUCH PROGRESS

By Missionary W. C. Harrison

The Mitchell-Scurry Association met at Lorraine, September 9. Moderator G. A. Elrod, Roscoe, and Clerk W. A. Strickland, Dunn, were reelected for another year. This association was well attended, considering the rainy weather. The churches made good reports for the year. Some churches are pastorless but are making definite plans to call right away. The Lorraine Church was pastorless but they did a wonderful job of entertaining the meeting. Looney Church was reinstated.

The following outside visitors were present: Dr. W. W. Melton, state secretary, was there and spoke on denominational work; Rev. R. L. Holmes, Dallas, represented the Relief and Annuity Board; Dr. W. A. Stephenson, spoke on Christian education and was a special representative of Hardin-Simmons University. There were other visitors who did not speak on any special line of work.

The treasurer, E. W. Wiman, reported the association out of debt with a nice balance in the treasury.

The association will meet at Hermleigh next year in a two-day session, Rev. G. W. Parks, host pastor.

The Lamesa Association met with the Klondike Church September 9, Wilson Church assisting, Rev. Ernest Phillips, host pastor. Brother Phillips was reelected moderator, with Rev. E. Brand, pastor of Five Mile Church, clerk, and Owen C. Taylor, Lamesa, treasurer. This association was exceptionally well attended with the churches making good reports.

The newly organized church at Welch was admitted to membership. She now has 23 members with a prospect of making a strong church. Dr. Melton, Brother Holmes, and Dr. Stephenson also made this association. These men were great assets to this meeting. Rev. Leon Frazier, Monahans, Rev. D. Van Pelt, Weinert, Rev. E. G. Pennington, Gainesville, and possibly others were present.

This association will meet with First Church, Lamesa, next year, Rev. E. F. Cole host pastor. The treasurer reported the association out of debt and a nice balance in the treasury.

The Big Spring Association met September 11-12 with the Immanuel Baptist Church, Odessa, for the first day and First Church, Coahoma, the second day. Rev. B. A. Rogers and N. W. Pitts, are pastors respectfully. The matter of meeting in opposite sections of the association was an experiment and had a poor chance this year, due to rainy weather, but justified another trial. This association is considered to have about twice the strength of the other two. Good

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR DISTRICT 17 CONVENTION



R. A. SPRINGER

The first fall convention of District 17 will be held at South Side Church, Abilene, on Friday, October 24, with all departments of the church activity represented. Preparation of the program was among the last of many denominational undertakings by Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge pastor and district president, before leaving to become pastor of the First Church of Albuquerque.

The principal address of the morning will be delivered just before noon by R. A. Springer of Dallas. Mr. Springer is state treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and is also general secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas. His subject will be, "The Enlargement Program of Texas Baptists."

The four department heads in the district will speak on the accomplishments and outlook of their particular phases of the work. Rev. Lawrence L. Trott will speak for the Training Union, Ewell O. Bone, education director of First Church, Breckenridge, for Sunday Schools, Mrs. J. B. Buckley of Abilene for the W. M. U., and Prof. Hiram R. Arrant of H-SU speaking for the Brotherhood. These four are vice-presidents of the convention. Rev. H. E. East of Hamlin is first vice-president.

A survey of the work in District 17 will be given by Missionary J. Henry Littleton in an afternoon address. The program will close with an inspirational address by Rev. A. A. Davis, pastor at Baird. Rev. H. D. Blair, missionary of Cisco Association, will open the program of the day with song and devotions. Special music will be rendered by groups from Hardin-Simmons.

The district board, of which Rev. Chas. A. Powell of Rule is chairman, will have lunch together at the noon hour and transact necessary business.

ROCHESTER REVIVAL WINS 60 ADDITIONS

One of the best meetings the Rochester Church has ever had closed August 31. It was a close second to the meeting two years ago when there were 1559 additions. In this there were 60 additions, 40 for baptism. Pastor Aubrey Short did the preaching.

Ewell Bone, education director of First Church, Breckenridge, was in charge of the music. He did a great work with the young people in the evening prayer services. He is one of the best in every way that Rochester has ever had.

As the meeting progressed, there was an increase in the crowd until on the last night there were some 1,200 people present.

In July Pastor Short held a brush arbor meeting eight miles west of Rochester, the results being 20 conversions, with 15 of them uniting with the Rochester Church.

NEW MISSIONARIES ARE BARRED FROM BRAZIL

Foreign Mission Board

A law recently passed in Brazil forbids the entrance into that country of any missionaries who do not have re-entry permits. This regulation excludes three young couples, recent appointees of the Foreign Mission Board—Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A. Bagby, Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Clinkscapes, and Rev. and Mrs. Stephen P. Jackson. Their sailings, scheduled for August and September, are postponed indefinitely.

SWEETWATER MISSION WILL HONOR PASTOR



REV. ERNEST HOLLIS

Westside Mission, Sweetwater, has designated Sunday, September 28, as Hollis Day in honor of Rev. Ernest Hollis, who has been pastor at the mission since its inception more than four years ago. He has resigned, effective October 1.

The members plan for an all-time high attendance for the last service of Rev. Hollis as pastor. First Church, Sweetwater, which sponsors the mission, plans for a later service in his honor.

The mission has grown from a small group, meeting in a rented building, part of which served as the Hollis home, to a fine congregation with an active organization. They now worship in an attractive stucco building erected in 1939, largely through the efforts of the Brotherhood of First Church, Sweetwater.

The mission was founded under the pastorate of Rev. E. D. Dunlap at First Church. The present pastor of the mother church, Rev. J. M. Sibley, conducted the summer revival at the mission this year. Other revivals have been led by Pastor Hollis, Rev. Norman Shafer and Rev. Guy Lewis.

ALL MISSION EFFORT IS ONE LINKED UNIT

Foreign Mission Board

The following story told by Mrs. Albert Bagby of Brazil illustrates the far-reachingness and power of the Gospel:

While preaching out at a mission station here in the city, Albert learned the interesting facts in a man's experience, that I thought linked missions far and near together.

A Rumanian, he was brought up in Bessarabia, heard the Gospel in Russia and Bessarabia but his heart was hardened and he would not hear. His mother was converted there through Baptist work and began the years of prayer for him. His wife became favorably inclined to the Gospel. They came to Brazil and in the interior of the state of Sao Paulo his wife, in child-bearing, confessed Christ as Savior and Lord. They were miles and miles from any one and only her husband was present. The strivings and yearnings to surrender were over.

At the time the government was giving free passage to any who wished to migrate to other parts of Brazil. A friend gave them a sack of flour, and the good woman made it all into bread. For five days on the train that is all they and the children had to eat. A passenger on the train kindly provided milk for the youngest child. Senor Raugust made the whole journey with his family (Continued on page 4)

EXTENSION COURSES BEGUN BY H-SU FACULTY MEMBERS

Extension courses in Texas history and school administration were opened at Haskell Monday evening by Dr. Rupert N. Richardson and Dean R. A. Collins of H-SU. Other classes by faculty members will be offered in the near future in Coleman, Sweetwater, Eastland, and possibly Abilene.

A. L. Teaff in Revival Meetings

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Teaff of Hedley, who this summer assisted Pastor F. H. Porter in a good meeting at the old Teaff home church at Tye, were with Pastor W. K. Horn at the Friendship Church in Lubbock Association in their second summer meeting at that place. There were many conversions, additions and rededications.

GOLDEN JUBILEE SESSION BRINGS INCREASE TO H-SU

Hardin-Simmons University opened its 50th scholastic year on Friday, September 19, with a surprising increase in attendance. The total registration Monday was 746 actual residence students, which is much more than a year ago.

An indication of the gain is vividly illustrated in the number housed in Smith hall, co-operative dormitory for girls. When the decision was made to renovate the building and again use it as a low-cost housing project for young women, it was hoped that 75 might be secured for residence there. As advance registrations came in, it appeared that there would be 85. There are now a total of 104 accommodated in the building. There is room for only a few more. There were 45 girls in the co-operative apartment last year.

Other dormitories are filled. Ferguson hall for men has a waiting list. All rooms in Mary Frances hall for girls were reserved but there have been two or three cancellations on account of illness. Pending the early completion of the new, low-cost dormitory for men, students who have rooms reserved are sleeping in Marston gymnasium.

Dr. R. N. Richardson, who has been connected with the university as student and faculty member for over 30 years, states that the registration is a new record for the first two days of school.

"We are happy for the wonderful response in our opening," states President W. R. White, with mixed emotions of gratification over the auspicious beginning of the Golden Jubilee year, and perplexity over the many and unexpected problems arising from the sudden increase.

Contract has been let and work is getting under way for the enlargement of the seating capacity for the university chapel, which will be used as a convention auditorium for state Baptist sessions in November.

A BIRTHDAY OFFERING FOR CHRIST

By G. S. Hopkins

October is our regular time for State Mission work and the following plan is suggested. It is a great honor for our Sunday Schools to be called upon to participate in such a vital matter. Let's not fail, but render a worthy service.

This represents the greatest program we have ever had and presents a great challenge to our people. It will be necessary for us to raise this year a total of \$1,100,000. Of that amount, we have raised \$700,827.74, as of August 1, which leaves \$399,172.26 yet to be raised. Under normal conditions we have reason to expect that within the next three months we will receive, from our regular budget, about \$199,000—which still leaves \$200,000 to be raised in a special campaign between now and the Convention.

In order that we might come to the convention with our obligations all met, let us make a birthday offering for Christ. The plan of our special offering is that every member of our church and Sunday School give at least five cents for each year they are old. This may seem a small matter, and it is small. It is within the reach of every child. For that reason, we are asking every pastor and superintendent to organize thoroughly his school around that idea.

The date for this special offering is for October 26.

If the pastors and superintendents would take this matter seriously and magnify this plan and enlist every pupil in every class in every school, the proceeds would be far beyond what we are seeking.

In making this special offering, let it be thoroughly understood that these gifts are to be over and above our regular gifts to the budget. This is our fall round-up for State missions. The people love missions and they are willing to follow if they have a positive leadership. This is a good time for pastors and superintendents to work together in enlisting teachers and classes in this worthwhile undertaking. We need more than \$200,000 over our regular gifts to meet the obligations this fall. If the more than 565,000, who are enrolled in our Sunday Schools, should give five cents for each year they are old, we would have approximately \$275,000.

RAMBLING

EMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

This week I am attending a revival conducted under a big tent by Evangelist B. B. Crimm. If you have ever heard Crimm, or rather if you have ever seen Crimm preach you know that he is different. If I could put into written words the things he makes me think of as he preaches, I would have enough rambling remarks to last all year. But walking under that tent, meeting the smell of canvas and sawdust, and sitting down on a pine bench with resin oozing out of it, certainly brings back memories. If he used smelly old gasoline lamps that have to be doctored every night or two with a wire hairpin to make them burn, and half of them run out of fuel before the preacher runs out of points, I would feel at home. Then, if he would discard the piano and get a squeaky old reed organ to accompany the singing, we would be practically all the way back. . . . I wouldn't want to give away my age, but I remember ever so faintly the old smokey torches that preceded the gasoline lamp. I remember they had a snout which looked very much like (Continued on page 2)

This Changing World

"... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Heb. 12:27.

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands — one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Time Newsmagazine tells of the missionary push of the Roman Catholics to do something for the great area of the South in which the Catholic population is very small, namely, parts of Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, sometimes referred to as the most distinct community of Anglo-Saxon inhabitants in the world. Last week the Catholics dedicated two churches in this area, one at Waynesville and one at Bryson City, North Carolina. North Carolina now has ten thousand Catholics in a population of three and a

TEXT FOR THE WEEK

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

—Isaiah 55:6.

half million. Georgia has a still smaller Catholic population, according to Time. Continuing, the magazine says: "Here in this virgin field for Catholic proselytizing, Catholicism is making its greatest percentage gains. Since 1937 the number of Catholics in the South has increased 12 per cent."

Remarks of the week: Reporter, "Mr. Farley, do you think President Roosevelt is going to run for a fourth term?" Mr. Farley, "I didn't think he was going to run for a third term."

Big news of labor last week was rebellion within the ranks of CIO at Panther Creek, in Pennsylvania's mine region, regarding the latest move of Boss John L. Lewis to raise assessments from two to six dollars a year "to build up a war chest against the day when defense work ends and the recession sets in." The rebellion closed the mines. Lewis sulked silently in his Washington headquarters.

Meanwhile, certain Congressmen got up enough nerve to declare that something had to be done about rack-

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CLOSING DOORS

For some years, Brazil has had perhaps the widest open door of all our mission-fields. In addition to a ready acceptance of the Gospel message, there were advantages of accessibility, an easily learned language, and, on much of the field, a pleasant climate.

Our missionaries have begged and pleaded for reinforcements, which never came, or were sent in inadequate numbers. We became calloused to such reports as no missionary in a state larger than Texas, or of the Clem Hardys, alone at Manaus, a thousand miles from help. But we dallied along, paying debts painlessly and sending a little reinforcement now and then.

Now, thanks to national legislation in Brazil which was aimed at foreign fifth columnists, that once wide door has been slammed shut for new missionaries. Those who are on furlough in the states, holding permits to return, will be allowed to go back. But new missionaries assigned to Brazil will not be allowed to go unless this law is relaxed. It is believed that there are powerful interests in that great South American nation who will use every pressure to prevent any modification which will re-open the door for evangelical missionaries.

In this crisis, we Baptists can strengthen our schools in that country for the training of native workers and we can furnish scholarships in this country for outstanding leaders among Brazilian youth. Through the wisdom of our mission leadership of a generation ago, there is a growing force of native leaders, trained and grounded in the faith. Both seminaries and several other schools are now under Brazilian direction. They have home and foreign mission boards, we understand, without debt. There are publishing houses and hundreds of self-supporting churches.

But all of this is but a spark in the vastness of Brazil. The Baptist people down there are mostly poor and cannot adequately serve that empire in their own strength. Through a fortunate difference of exchange and due to the low cost of living in a tropical land, a little American money goes a long way. Miss Maybell Taylor tells us that \$35 per year, \$3.00 a month, will pay necessary expenses for board and tuition for a girl in the Training School at Recife. This is an illustration of how a little of the money that we waste can be projected into consecrated lives for tomorrow.

There is one other thing that we must do. It will not help in Brazil or in Japan, or in Yugoslavia, or any of the other countries where doors are already shut, but profiting by these examples, we can redouble our efforts in those remaining lands where missionaries are welcomed today. Nobody thought that we would ever see mission reinforcements stopped from Brazil. We have no assurance of how much longer we may send workers to any foreign land. We must do our best while we can.

We had been warned to work while it is day, but the night was so long deferred that we expected the day to last forever.

"AS A MAN THINKETH IN HIS HEART"

"Father, I want to confess," said a sick soldier in a military hospital to Chaplain A. W. Blaine, former Baptist pastor in West Texas. The chaplain explained that he was not a Catholic priest and suggested that a man in a sick bed could not have committed many sins since the last visit of the father confessor.

"Maybe not many sinful deeds," admitted the patient, "but I have thought some awfully rotten thoughts."

However much we may disapprove the soldier's idea of absolution from his sins, we must admit that he had been properly taught something of the true nature of sinfulness.

The religionists of Jesus' time did not think as did this boy. They were strict for the observance of the outward letter of the law that made a show, but gave no attention to the spirit of the man who kept the law. The major lesson of the Sermon on the Mount is that strict observance of the commandments is of little value unless it is accompanied by a heart that is attuned to the spirit of the Lawgiver.

We who accept the invitation to come boldly to the throne of grace, without any intermeddling of a father confessor, need to remember to confess those sins which we commit only in thought, lest our minds become infested with sins which will crop out in word and act.

"As a man thinketh in his heart," so is he."

DON'T BLOW UP THE BUILDING

A journal of the printing trade makes a suggestion for coping with the shortage of paper. Due to various reasons connected with the war, the greatest of which is probably an unjustified fear of shortages, some types of paper are becoming difficult to get.

The suggestion made is that the government allocate paper on a priority basis, as is being done with many other commodities, and that publications, the content of which are too putrid to be delivered through the mails be barred from receiving paper under such priorities.

This is a left-handed way of doing a right thing, such as breaking up the Al Capone gang through convictions for violation of income tax laws. There is danger in doing a commendable thing in an arbitrary way. Especially when the decision for action rests to so great extent on the whim of a bureaucrat. If we set up such a precedent in regard to the purient publications on the basis of official disapproval, what is to hinder somebody down the road from denying paper to all publications which meet with his disapproval?

We need to get rid of the polecat, but let's don't dynamite the barn to do it.

NEWS NOTES

Dr. C. E. Hereford, pastor, will preach for the fall revival of First Church, Lubbock, beginning Sunday, September 28 and continuing one week.

Mrs. Robert Gray has been elected Training Union director at Rotan.

Mrs. W. W. Haines was elected president, Mrs. Lucy Beckham vice-president, Mrs. Ben Parker recording secretary, Mrs. Rufus Grisham corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Theis Jones treasurer of the W. M. U. of Abilene First Church last week.

Rev. Melvin Byrd, pastor at Shep and Drasco, is re-entering Hardin-Simmons this year.

There were 15 additions to the Shep Church in the recent revival with 12 for baptism. Rev. Clyde Jackson, former pastor, now of Temple Church, Abilene, preached for Pastor Melvin Byrd. Deacon W. H. Pillion conducted the song services.

Dr. E. Leslie Carlson of Southwestern Seminary faculty, will lead in a revival at First Southern Church of Tucson, Arizona, October 12 to 26. Dr. Carlson was a speaker at the Arizona Baptist assembly last summer.

Rev. Ernest Hollis, who has directed the work of the West Side Mission in Sweetwater from the beginning, has resigned, effective October 1. The mission is a project of First Church, Sweetwater.

Missionary Phillip N. White died in service at Kweichow, China, September 11. Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary for the Orient, cabled the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. White and their two children returned last November with other mothers and children, and are with her mother at Hartford, N. C.

After little more than a year as missionary to China, Miss Grace Wilson has been compelled by illness to return to her home, 3002 Kinmore, Dallas.

Word comes from Vernon that Dr. C. V. Edwards is able to be out in the yard after a severe illness.

The Downtown Bible class at Lubbock had an attendance of 372 on September 14.

Colorado Association had a workers meeting program recently on the work of deacons.

Pastor R. L. Patillo is preaching in a revival at Carlsbad in a meeting which began September 24. Rev. Charles H. Jackson of Seminary Hill is leading the singing.

Rev. C. S. Parker, a Baylor student who has been called to be pastor of an Austin church, was ordained by the Big Lake Church, September 18. The presbytery assisting Pastor R. A. Scranton were Dr. J. W. Middleton and Rev. N. E. McGuire of San Angelo, Rev. W. T. McGregor of Mertzon and Rev. Cecil Goff of Iraan.

Rev. R. L. Patillo and Miss Helen Westbrook of the Carlsbad Church assisted Pastor N. E. McGuire and the Immanuel Church, San Angelo, in Training Union study course.

Dr. Julian Atwood has resigned as pastor at First Church, Texarkana, to accept the call of Highland Church, Dallas. He goes to the new field on November 15.

Dr. W. M. Wright, evangelist of Dallas, will act as supply pastor at Lancaster for Pastor C. O. Hitt, who has been given a leave of absence of a year to serve as a chaplain in the air corps.

Rev. D. D. Gilmore preached at Presidio on September 14. This border town is a needy field.

Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Church, Nashville, and chairman of the Sunday School Board, is in a revival with Dr. Marshall Craig and Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas.

Dr. A. E. Prince, formerly pastor at Brownwood, has resigned at West Monroe, La., to accept the presidency of Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Missouri.

John D. Matthews of Midland has been elected education director of First Church, El Paso.

Rev. S. R. McClung of Perryton preached and Rev. W. I. Taylor of Tuscola led the music in a recent revival with Pastor A. L. Teaff and the Hedley Church. There were 15

conversions during the meeting and a number of new converts have come for baptism since the meeting closed. Pastor Teaff is completing his first year at Hedley next Sunday.

Dr. A. J. Barton of Wilmington, S. C., for many years a Texas pastor and later head of the Anti-Saloon League in the state, has retired from active pastoral work on account of ill-health. Dr. Barton has held many places of importance in South-west work, for several years having headed the Social Service Commission.

The sermons preached by Dr. M. E. Dodd during August this year at Temple Church, Los Angeles, will be heard by electrical transcription over Station KWKH, Shreveport, and 1130 kc. at 7:45 each Sunday through October 19.

Rev. Vernie Sides of Shamrock has accepted the call of Hobart, Okla.

Dr. McKinley Norman, state evangelist now leading in a revival at First Church, Abilene, has just closed a good meeting with Pastor W. R. Lawrence and the church at LeFors. There were 24 conversions and 19 added to the church.

Rev. Alvin Hatton, senior student preacher at H-SU, recently conducted a successful revival at McKnight Church in the Panhandle. There were ten conversions and baptisms and the church greatly blessed.

University Church, Abilene, received a total of 131 additions in the eight days, September 14 to 21, several of these came for baptism. They had 691 in Sunday School last Sunday and 246 for Training Union.

Rev. Phillip C. McGahey, Breckenridge pastor, will address the Brotherhood of University Church, Abilene, Friday evening, September 26. Ewell O. Bone, music director of the same church, will bring special music.

In addition to generous gifts through the Co-operative Program and the Lottie Moon offering, First Church, Waco, supports ten foreign missionaries, the greatest number of any church in the South, says Dr. C. E. Maddry.

Rambling Remarks

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The spout of an old fashioned coffee pot and the round wick protruded out of this snout. Oil was put in a brass container and hung on a post in the arbor and the torch gave off about 40 per cent yellowish light and 60 per cent black smoke. But I tell you, when the men and women gathered under the arbor, coming from their "grove" meetings, and began to sing, "Brethren we have met to worship," and "O Happy Day," and "How Firm a Foundation," everybody forgot smoky torches and hard benches without backs to lean on, and how they worshipped! The testimony meeting, followed by the sermon, climaxed by the preacher's "calling mourners." The "mourners bench," filled with men, women and children, some with bowed heads, others down in the straw with their heads resting on the bench and "workers" moving from one to another praying, quoting Scriptural promises, explaining the plan of salvation and occasionally breaking into a shout when one would surrender. Friends and relatives moving about under the arbor, and some time beyond, seeking lost friends and loved ones. . . . After the benediction a period of visiting then sleeping, and sleepy, children were carried or herded to the wagons and backs. Teams were untied from trees and posts and the bumping and grinding of wheels would send them away to "their several places of abode." Large groups of boys on horseback, saddles squeaking, horse hoofs pounding, would ride alongside the wagons to timidly banter the girls who would titter and giggle. When we would reach home the older boys would "take out the team," and throw down some hay for all the stock, draw a bucket of fresh water for every one a cool drink, then off to bed to sleep the sleep of the innocent. I do not pine for those old days, but they gave me something that I would not take the world for tonight. . . . If I may close in this unusually serious vein, I would say that if we do not so live as to give our children something worthwhile to look back to, and something they can use for an anchor when they reach the age where storms will break around them, then we are unworthy of the fathers and mothers who left us so much. . . . If our children have the right kind of parents, we are their only hope.

Sunday School Lesson

September 28, 1941

THE FULFILLMENT OF HISTORY: THE NEW JERUSALEM

Read Revelation 21 and 22
Study Revelation 21:1-7, 10-12, 22-24
The closing chapters of Revelation unveil the new Jerusalem as the fulfillment of human history.

1. The City of Salvation
THE FELLOWSHIP IN THE NEW JERUSALEM is anticipated. That perfect fellowship we glimpse with John:

Fellowship Without Sin. Gone was the old earth corrupted by wickedness, and consumed were the heavens that had looked down upon a sinning race. A new heaven and a new earth now came into view. It was the Holy City without trace or taint of sin. It was the new Jerusalem 'rid at last of its age-long iniquity. Here finally was freedom from sin and fellowship without sin.

Fellowship Without Separation. "And the sea is no more." As he wrote the Revelation, John was an exile on the Isle of Patmos, cut off from the mainland by the unquiet waters of the Aegean Sea. To him, therefore, the sea was a barrier, an obstruction, a wall of separation from friends and freedom. So he foresaw the period and the place where he could enjoy fellowship without separation.

Fellowship Without Solitariness. Was John lonely on Patmos? No Christian homes; no worshipping churches; no congenial comrades? Yet he was not alone. He saw the Holy City coming down like a bride adorned for her husband. He heard the loud voice from the throne and perceived its truth: God was making his tent or dwelling place among men; "They shall be his people and God will himself be with them" (Moffatt). No soul can be solitary with such fellowship.

Fellowship Without Sorrow. What do we have in our world of sin? Tears; mourning; crying; pain! All are here and in plenty, as everybody knows and as nearly everybody experiences bitterly. But we may expect a fellowship with never a shred of sorrow with its wretchedness, its wailing, and its woe. For God himself "shall wipe away every tear from their eyes." Not a drop of grief will remain.

Fellowship Without Death. The old earth is sown with sepulchers and gashed with graves, but in the new earth and heaven "death shall be no more." He who emerges victor from Joseph's new tomb will not allow death to start a tear or chill a heart in all the host of the redeemed. Indeed, he will so completely accomplish the death of death that the last dread enemy shall be destroyed. None ever die in heaven.

Fellowship Without Defeat. Heaven is the habitat of conquerors; indeed, they are more than conquerors through Christ who loved them. The reverses that mark and mar life on the old earth will not be repeated or even remembered in the new earth and heaven. The final victory over sin and Satan will have been won, and "he that overcometh" will enjoy a fellowship that will never suffer defeat.

Fellowship Without Destitution. What shall be the victor's heritage? All this privilege and possession and place in the new Jerusalem of holiness and happiness. And its very crown of glory will center and culminate in the undying fellowship with God who declares: "I will be his God, and he shall be my son!" What richer possession can a penniless mortal obtain? What higher heaven can anybody ever attain?

2. The City of Security
THE SECURITY OF THE NEW JERUSALEM is assured. That holy and eternal stability is declared to the apostle.

The Angel Showing. He was "one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues." He summoned the seer in order to show him "the bride, the wife of the Lamb." He took him "in the Spirit to a mountain great and high"—a setting sublime for a vision splendid. Wide open were the eyes of the exile for such a sight as he had never beheld.

The City Appearing. In infinite contrast to "Babylon the great, the mother of the harlots and of the abominations of the earth" was "the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." The city is "not now called new, but holy—to indicate the purity of the glorified church" (Pendleton). Moreover, "this figure represents the redeemed church in its permanent union with the Lord" (Irwin).

The Light Outshining. Upon the holy city and out of it rested and

radiated "the glory of God." Its "light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a jasper stone, clear as crystal," and declared emblematic of God's holiness.

The Wall Enclosing. Protection and security are symbolized in "a wall great and high." Yet "the always-open gates pointing all points of the compass, signify ready and constant access from every quarter" (Inwin).

The Angels at the Gates. At each of the gates there was an angel who stood sentinel. It has been remarked that the twelve angels, the twelve tribes, and the twelve apostles "seem to show the union of all God's faithful servants, both the unfallen and the redeemed, of every period and of all nations, in the glory of His Church."

3. The City of Splendor
THE GLORY OF THE NEW JERUSALEM is certified. And it is threefold:

The Glory of the Lord. There is no need of a temple in the holy city, for the all-pervasive glory of the Lord makes the entire city a sanctuary. "The absence of a temple indicated that all parts of the heavenly Jerusalem, being equally holy and equally bright with the presence of God, were equally suitable places for worship."

The Glory of the Lamb. The city that has no temple "hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it." Not a million shining suns could emit such an effulgence, for "the lamp thereof is the Lamb." He who is now the light of the world is also and forever the light of heaven. And "how vain is it to deny the deity of the Lamb of God, in view of the fact that he is the light of the new Jerusalem."

The Glory of the Nations. From the person and the people of God there shines upon the nations a light in which they can safely walk for it will be the path of purity and of peace. And ultimately it will contain all the real greatness and goodness of mankind, for "the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it."

Gold in the Golden Text
He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.—Rev. 21:7.

Overcome. Fight the good fight to a finish. Make no compromises with sin.

Inherit. Think what the God of all grace provides and presents to the redeemed!

Enjoy. Far greater than sweetest fellowship with the saints even in heaven must be the fellowship with God, our Father, our Lord and Savior. For him to be our God and for us to be his children—what keener bliss can there be in heaven forever?

District Eight--

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reports were made with the addition of the Calvary Baptist, Midland. This church was organized too late to get in last year but was a cooperating church almost all of last year. Rev. Fred McPherson is the aggressive pastor. This association is especially strong on the Cooperative Program. One church is going to be a strong contender for first place in per capita gifts in the state to the Co-operative Program—Smith Chapel.

Dr. Melton brought a great message to Odessa, also Brother Holmes. Much interest is being manifested in the Retirement plan. Dr. Stephenson also brought a great message on Christian education the second day at Coahoma. The speakers were all up to par and a great meeting was had. Moderator N. W. Pitts (Pitts was re-elected), Rev. A. B. Lightfoot, Smith Chapel, will succeed Rev. McPherson as clerk, and Rev. Paul Jakes, Stanton, will succeed Mr. J. C. Hudson, Midland, as treasurer.

The first day of the association will be held with the First Baptist Church, Odessa, next year. Rev. John T. Kee is host pastor. This association also reported out of debt, with a substantial balance.

Rev. Vernon Shaw, Snyder, spoke at the Lamesa Association and also the second day at Coahoma, Big Spring Association. Both messages were on soul winning.

Mrs. J. M. White, District Woman's Missionary Union president, made all three associations. She was supplying for Mrs. A. A. Copass. All in all it was a high point in our work all week.

Rev. Earl Lantrop, pastor at Lorenzo, has accepted the call of Hagerman, N. M., and will work there September 28.

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mania we receive communications that tell us that the sessions of the training school and seminary were completed successfully, that only two weeks were lost because of that country's entry into the war. From Spain we get tidings of the finding and following of Christ by men and women who are happy to own Him as Lord.

Even from war-mad Japan there comes assurance that Dr. Maxfield Garrett's presence is a source of strength to many in that misled land. From China one quotes Genesis in saying: "The Lord hath made me fruitful in the land of my affliction." Another declares: "We have just finished one of the best years our school has yet known." Another whose wife is in this country writes: "I have no fear and feel all will be well in the end." Still another reports a meeting in which "the power of God was manifested in the salvation of about 20 souls and the dedication of some 15 or more lives for special service to our Lord."

From South America there come assurances that the word of the Lord is not returning unto Him void. Behind the temporarily closed doors in Brazil, life is being transformed and God is being glorified. In the other republics the Good News is being preached without hindrance.

And so we might report about Africa and the other areas which have not been mentioned. The light is shining in darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. The Son of Righteousness is rising with healing in His wings and some day He will be recognized and acclaimed the Light of the World.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS IN WESTEX CHURCHES

The following reports of attendance are for Sunday, September 14. Send reports to Box 1560 any time during the week. All churches of the West-ern part of Texas, regardless of size, are invited to use this column. Give enrollment or not as you like.

Church	Enr.	Att.
Amarillo, First		2100
Lubbock, First		1663
San Angelo, First		1083
Abilene, First		1058
Wichita Falls, First		965
El Paso, First		814
Vernon, First		809
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.		741
Borger, First		600
Abilene, University		549
Odessa, First		549
Big Spring, First	711	425
Coleman, First		397
Littlefield, Sept. 7		307
Hamlin		302
Rotan	462	280
Shep		167
Johnson Chapel	65	74
Tye		42
Training Union		
Abilene, First		420
Vernon, First		162
Sweetwater, First		118
Johnson Chapel		40

Missionary Messages

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about the benefits derived from it you should talk to Brother Hardesty. He is one happy man.

I preached at Clairmont Sunday night. Some of you will remember that when I began this work I found that this county seat town was not having a service of any kind. I wish you could have been with me last night. There was a large group present and most of them young people. They like Brother Jones over there. He gives them half time and yesterday morning the church at Girard called him for the other two Sundays. These two churches are close enough together for him to serve them well. He has a difficult task, but you will find him doing it.

Remember the Stonewall Association meets with the Girard Church October 6 and 7.

The church at Royston has called Brother W. L. Daniel for half time. He just closed a good meeting with this church.

Sardis and North Roby have called Brother Powers of Rotan. We have not heard as to his decision.

OLIVERS RETURN TO BRAZIL

On Saturday, August 30, Dr. and Mrs. A. Ben Oliver of Curitiba, Brazil, and Rev. and Mrs. John L. Rife of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, sailed from New Orleans, La., on the S. S. Delvallo, to resume the work to which they have already given so abundantly. While on his furlough Dr. Oliver prepared the manuscript for a study book for young people to be used in 1942.

This Changing World

(Continued from page 1)

steering on the part of labor bosses in the AFL and about Communism in CIO. Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold estimates that racketeering in the AFL is now costing the government a billion dollars a year. This racketeering thrives under the now famous decision of Felix Frankfurter of the New Deal's supreme court. As indicated in this column a few weeks ago, Mr. Arnold hopes that pending legislation will make it possible for him to get at this Augean stable.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's desperate effort to defend his isolation policy opened a big hole in the line in his attack upon the Jews last week, and it took only a few hours for the facts in the case to make him look very sad as a debater. Dorothy Thompson gave the facts regarding actual Jewish control of the press, movies, banks, and so forth, and with the exception of the so-called Jews of this country appear to control less than their share of public opinion. The Jews that I know are very patriotic citizens.

Napoleon said: "I made a mistake in attacking Russia. . . . One shudders when one thinks of such a mass as Russia that one cannot attack either from the side or from the rear. I tried it stupidly." Hitler, of course, relies not only upon attack from the side and rear, but also from the air; but thus far he is behind Napoleon's progress. Only time will reveal whether Hitler, too, acted stupidly.

Ambassador Nomura last week said: "All over Tokyo are no taxicabs," reflecting the stern fact that Japan is desperately hard up for oil and gasoline. My hope is that the United States will firmly stand by its policy of not supplying Japan with oil and gasoline, and that we will further cut off all supplies of munitions. If we had taken this course five years ago, the trouble in the Orient, in my humble opinion, would long ago have been settled.

The American Chemical Society met last week in Atlantic City, with one of the principal papers directed to the question of why people grow old, and how to avoid the frailties of advancing years. Result of the addresses and discussions: practically nil. One definite suggestion had to do with preventing hair from turning grey. Remedy: para-aminobenzoic acid, a member of the vitamin B complex.

Students in the University of Puerto Rico, two thousand in number, revolted last week when President Roosevelt and Puerto Rican Senate President Luis Munoz Marin decided to have Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, original New Deal brain trust, serve as chancellor of the university as well as governor of the island. The students said they would take Tugwell as chancellor, but they didn't want him if he was to try to fill both positions. A truce of two weeks was declared, during which time Marin and Roosevelt will further confer on the problem.

Department stores lead the country in profits as the buying spree of the past several weeks sent retail sales to an all-time high. Increase of sales ranged from 15 to 25 per cent over any previous six months in the history of merchandizing in this country.

Clearing the Atlantic of "rattlesnakes" has crystallized opinion in this country as no other single stroke of strategy. The Navy is hunting the snakes, and the nation is hoping every snake will be "crushed." The final effect of it all no man can foretell. Every Christian feels a renewed sense of dependence upon God.

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ADDITIONAL GIFTS FOR HOSPITAL CHARITY FUND

Donations for week ending Sept. 20.
Southland W. M. U., \$1.50; Central Baptist W. M. U., Pampa, 10.00; First Baptist W. M. U., Albany, 4.25.
Temple Church, Abilene, 6 jars jelly, 2 qts. peaches, 1 pt. pickles, 1 qt. green beans, 1 pt. squash, 14 towels.

Calvary Church, Lubbock, 19 jars fruit and jelly; Aspermont W. M. U., 103 jars of food; Mrs. Lera Zablouidil, Abilene, gladiola bulbs; Intermediate and Jr. G. A. and R. A., Anson Church, 12 jars fruit, 1 can corn, 12 embroidered napkins.

Skellytown W. M. U., 7 hand towels; O'Donnell W. M. U., 18 jars jelly, 12 cup towels; Redsprings W. M. U., 11 jars peaches; Hodges Church, Levelland, 4 wash cloths, 6 towels, 2 prs. pillow cases, 2 sheets; Sylvester W. M. U., 23 jars fruit, 1 can corn, 12 towels, 4 wash cloths.

Wilmet Church, Winters, 141 cans peas, 6 pts. jelly, 11 qts. peaches, 1/2 gal. pickle peaches, 1 gal. pickles; Redwine Church, Tahoka, 38 cans peas; Santo W. M. U., 27 pints jelly and preserves; Eliasville W. M. U., fruit and canned goods; Hawley W. M. U., 100 qts. canned goods; Pleasant Valley Church, Rotan, 42 qts. canned goods; Cottonwood W. M. U., 11 dozen quarts fruits and vegetables; Knott W. M. U., 18 cup towels, 5 towels.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION UNITED TEXAS DRYS

September 30—To Be Held at the First Methodist Church, Dallas 10 a.m., September 30, Song and Prayer.

Words of Greeting, Dr. Angie Smith, pastor, First Methodist Church, Dallas.

Response, Dr. Leslie Boone, First Methodist Church, Brownwood. Appointment of committees, Bishop H. A. Boaz, president.

Keynote address, Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, Dallas. Noon.

Reassemble, 3 p.m., in executive session. Report of committees. Open discussion. Adjourn. Bishop H. A. Boaz, presiding.

7:30 p.m., Bishop H. A. Boaz presiding.

Song service led by Mr. R. E. Shepard, former singing mayor of Wichita Falls.

Invocation, Dr. L. N. D. Wells. Address, Mrs. Claud D. Van Watts (10 minutes), state president W. C. T. U., followed by one minute greetings (to be selected).

Address (15 minutes), "Young People and the Liquor Traffic," Joseph Nance, president of East Dallas United Youth Crusaders.

Closing address, Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Song and benediction.

LITTLEFIELD REVIVAL
There were 53 additions, 19 by baptism, to the First Church, Littlefield, in the recent revival with Rev. Hal C. Wingo, Gonzales pastor, preaching. Joe Trussell, evangelistic singer of Brownwood led the song services. There were a number of rededications. Pastor Roy Shahan commends both helpers most highly.

Dr. C. E. Matthews of Travis Avenue, Fort Worth, is leading First Church, Sweetwater, in a fall revival.

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PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By COOPER WATERS

TWO PARABLES ON THE WORK AND CONSUMMATION OF THE KINGDOM: THE DRAG-NET AND THE SCRIBE

Matthew 13:47-53

To bring to completion the discourse by the sea, Jesus gave two parables concerning the work and consummation of the Kingdom of Heaven. These parables are the Drag-Net and that of the Scribe.

In the parable of the Drag-Net we see something of the final separation of the sincere from the insincere within the Kingdom. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a drag-net which fishermen use to catch fish. The net takes all kinds of fish and drags them to shore where the trained eye of the fisherman sorts out the good ones and keeps them and discards the bad ones. The unerring judgment of God will sort out the false professors from the true ones in the end of the world. The parable of the Scribe is a closing thought about Israel, who had the peculiar privilege of belonging to both the old dispensation by birth and

to the new dispensation by grace. The Jew is like a householder who can entertain his guests with things that are new and fresh and also with things that are old and fine and rare. The Jew who receives Christ makes an effective soul winner because he can speak from the old dispensation which was for the Jews and from the new dispensation which is for anyone who will believe.

The Scribe was a teacher of the Jews and Jesus used this parable for his benefit. He was teaching how great could be the service of the scribe who would accept Him. The Christian scribe could lead many souls to Jesus. The heart of Jesus must have been as he related this parable to those whom his heart longed to save but they would not let him save them.

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It Was Harder to Land Than to Get to Africa

By Mildred Smith

Last week, Miss Smith told of the difficult decision of the group of missionaries to go forward across the raider-infested Atlantic, where their sister ship, the Zam Zam, had recently been sunk. This installment of the same letter tells of reaching Africa. It was dated at Iwo, Nigeria, July 8 and reached Abilene on September 15.—Ed.

We arrived outside Lagos Port on June 9, but because a boat had been sunk there in the harbor a few days before, the port had been closed. We spent the night cruising around at sea and went back next morning for instructions from Lagos officials. That day at noon we proceeded to Takaradi on the Gold Coast some three hundred miles away, but we had to have fuel and water, as we had not been able to get the latter at Trinidad.

About 3:00 p.m. we reached Takaradi, but no one seemed to be especially interested in our boat entering, so we were told to drop anchor outside the port where we remained until Friday the 13th. We went in closer, but not inside. There we started getting a good fresh drink as we had been running short on water several days. The passengers were allowed to go ashore that day after 5 o'clock, and you can imagine how excited we all were to put foot on land again. We were not allowed to go inside the gates of the city because of the yellow fever epidemic.

It was thought that Lagos passengers might disembark at Takaradi, but such an idea was done away with at least for several days. Finally, one day we received news that we could get into Port Harcourt down the coast from Lagos, so with happy hearts and much excitement we left the harbor and thought we were on our way when a signal from the shore interrupted us. A message stated that the harbor at Port Harcourt was too shallow so we dropped anchor for the night and re-entered the harbor next day. The port at Takaradi was then closed, so there we sat! The heads of the different missions got together and secured permission from the captain to go ashore to see if the officials would let us get off there and remain until we could secure transportation by land, sea, or air to Lagos, as the boat was being delayed because of Lagos passengers.

There were two of the group who went ashore and after a couple of days of hard labor they did secure permission and found accommodations for us at Accra, a port some 125 miles away. But in the meantime the Lagos harbor was opened and when the two men returned we were about to lift anchor and sail. We had to be out of the harbor by 6 o'clock and at 5:55 we were passing through the entrance and I have never seen such an excited group in all my life. We were all afraid something else might stop us.

For a day and two nights we passed through some risky territory, but on Wednesday, June 25, we again approached Lagos port. A small boat came out, brought the pilot and we entered Lagos harbor safely. I had a difficult time convincing myself that we had really reached our destination after so much maneuvering around. Anyway, we said good-bye to our friends and our ship-home and proceeded through customs which turned out to be a headache of a task. Mr. A. Scott Patterson, head of Baptist Academy in Lagos, was there to help us, and I am still wondering how I could ever get through without him.

We spent our first night in Africa in the Broadstreet Home, or the Baptist Mission house, in Lagos.

Early next morning Mr. Patterson took us out to the recently completed and dedicated mission house and school, built by Texas women in memory of Miss Lucille Reagan. As we approached the place we were all simply amazed at the loveliness of the setting and by the beauty of the house. Then as we entered the spacious lawn we were still more amazed at the beautiful flower gardens and grass covered lawn. We were directed to the monument that was placed there to the right of the house. As we drew near and as I read the inscription signifying that the place had been built in memory of Miss Reagan by the women of Texas I felt that surely I must be standing on holy ground. Not a word passed from the lips of anyone for several minutes, but I know that in each heart there was a prayer of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Reagan and for the noble gift of Texas women who loved African children enough to give their money for the construction of a home for their teachers and schools in which

the children could study. Many an African child will come to know the Lord Jesus because of that school. I only wish each woman who had part in the building of the lovely place could see it and feel as we did when we looked on. As we passed through the buildings that day the children arose and saluted us and so I take the privilege of passing their salutes on to Texas women.

There is more that I should like to tell about our stay in Lagos and the Baptist schools there, but since my work is in another place I am anxious to take you up-country.

Dr. and Mrs. Walker, their children and I left Lagos Saturday afternoon and started to Iwo by way of Abeokota. We drove up to the mission house there a little before sundown and just in time as one of these fierce tropical rains arrived about the same time we did. We dined in the home of the J. N. Pattersons on real American food which was positively delicious.

Early next morning we continued our journey to Iwo. We reached the mission house about 12 o'clock where we met Mr. and Mrs. Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Littleton, Miss Lena Lair and Miss Kathleen Manley. These six have charge of the work now. Miss Manley came to take over the work of Mrs. McCormick at the dispensary until the relief nurse came.

We have three lovely mission houses here, a dispensary, the day school and college. Our house, the home of the McCormicks, is located on an elevation overlooking the city of some sixty-five thousand people. Brilliant blossoms of yellow, red and blue, spacious lawns, trees of various kinds, and blossoming vines all make the place a paradise.

In all my wildest imagination I had never dreamed that Africa could be so lovely. Such a vastness of natural beauty simply leaves me bewildered and dumbfounded! I think I should like to steal a few of these trees and see if they would grow in Texas.

To be sure the country with all its majestic beauty has made an impression on me, but when I see thousands and thousands of people who have no conception of what it means to know the Lord Jesus as a personal Savior; people who worship lifeless gods of stone and wood, I can understand better why our Living Lord calls to young men and women to give their lives as witnesses for Him here.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity of serving my Master here. The lost are here by the thousands. God is ready to save them—the task of bringing them to Him is ours. May we not fail in this tremendous task of helping bring spiritual light to these who are in darkness.

OLSEN STATUE PLACED IN H-SU SCIENCE HALL

Life size portrait statue of Dr. Julius Olsen, active faculty member from 1902 to 1938, was completed recently by Bob Rogers, trick roper, and sculptor, and is to be placed in the science hall near Dr. Olsen's old office next week.

The statue is made of Trazzo, an Italian product of chipped marble, and has been mounted on a mahogany stand.

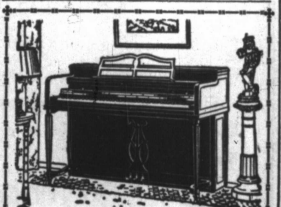
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The book may be had in person or by mail from the author at Sylvester, Texas, or may be purchased at the West Texas Baptist office. Price 50 cents.

O. D. Henley was born and reared on a Texas farm. He received his education at Howard Payne College, master of arts at Baylor University, master of theology at Southwestern Seminary. Including his student years, he has spent 25 years in the pastorate, having served full time at Walnut Springs, Godley, Big Lake, El Campo, Megargel and Sylvester, where he has been for four years.

At the present time he is moderator of Fisher Association and superintendent of associational Sunday School work. He is also a member of the District 17 board. He holds many summer revivals.

Since early manhood, he has been writing "pieces." One of the first of these went half around the world to be republished in a paper at Jerusalem. Friends frequently see him jotting notes at meetings, condensing, perhaps, the thought of an entire address into a dozen telling words.

He and Mrs. Henley have one daughter, Mrs. Lamar Cole of Dallas, a talented musician. They also reared two orphan nephews. Next to the Lord's work, he says, he loves his family and friends.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley
Frowns never inspire.
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The devil never tells all.
He sees well who sees good in others.
The devil won't take a hint.
The best way to multiply evil is to express it.
The life that becomes worth less to God becomes worth more to the devil.
Money doesn't write volumes but it speaks them.
Most people know more about where nations are situated than how they are situated.
More defy Christ than deify Him.
Trying to increase our oddity only increases our stupidity.
Much that is classed as natural is in reality devilish.
If we give our best to our task that is all God or man can ask.
Love would share its best and bear the rest.
Sin shortens.
He who wants to sin wants for salvation.
Age mars or mellow.
Truth is eternally fundamental.
More die with troubled hearts than with heart trouble.
Minor subjects often cause major arguments.
We may be heading for a beheading.

All Mission Effort--

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with but three mil reis (14 cents) in his pocket. They arrived there with six cents.

Although he was amazed at the Lord's care and provision for them, he stubbornly refused to accept the wooings of the Spirit. His wife, after being encouraged and strengthened in the Word while in Sao Paulo, daily read the Bible and prayed unceasingly for her husband, disregarding his scorn, persecution and careless living. Finally he could resist the Spirit no longer and his was a completely transforming rebirth. They moved to Porto Alegre and now the real of the Lord consumes him.

No one can listen unmoved to the broken testimony of this smiling mother of ten children, as she tells of her amazing joy in seeing her whole family at the feet of the Lord. How she condemns herself for her lack of faith. They are both radiant and tireless in their devoted living for Him. Foreign, Home City missions terminated in a family altar that is a meeting house for worship in that district.

Dr. White Gives Three-Fold Greeting To H-SU Students

Dr. W. R. White, beginning his second year as president of Hardin-Simmons University, welcomes all students, new and old, to the campus, and sends them this greeting:

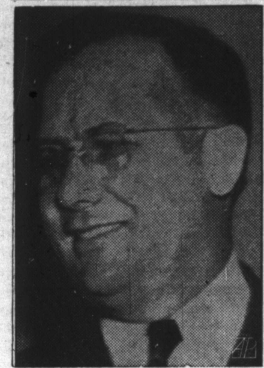
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"1. We are in the midst of one of the most meaningful eras in all human history. Hardin-Simmons University as a liberal arts college provides that comprehensive point of view which is so essential to such an era.

"2. This is an hour in which character will count as never before. This is universally admitted by all real students of our times. Hardin-Simmons University has demonstrated that it is one of the greatest character building forces in the country.

"3. An integrating agent is more vital than ever. Life is so confused and chaotic, it must have an organizing set-up. H-SU plans to present, not in some hackneyed way, but in a fresh, wholesome, vital way, the True Center of all things.

"There will be plenty of sane, elevating recreation and fun on the campus. There will be western hospitality at its highest and best. There will be the frankness and freeness of the West permeated by the highest



DR. W. R. WHITE begins his second year as president of Hardin-Simmons University.

culture. To all of this we welcome you—the administration, the faculty, and hosts of comrades and friends. Come to see us any time with any problem that may baffle you. We are here to help you realize your highest destiny."

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