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SUNDAY, MAY 12 IS NATIONAL HOSPITAL DAY

PLANS BEING FORMED FOR LAYMEN'S WORK IN DISTRICT 17

The program is being perfected for the district laymen's meeting to be held with University Baptist Church, Abilene on Thursday, May 9, beginning at eight o'clock. A banquet will be one of the features of the program. Judge L. H. Welch of Breckenridge, president of the Laymen's Convention of District 17 has called a meeting of the leaders of the district to meet in Abilene tonight to discuss definite plans for the program next week and to work out a tentative program for the laymen of the district to be presented next week.

Judge E. S. Cummings of Abilene is chairman of the laymen's work in the Sweetwater Association and he is working with Judge Welch in formulating a program for the meeting next week.

Since the annual meeting of the laymen of Texas Baptist at Dallas a few weeks ago, the plans formulated there to better organize and enlist the laymen in all phases of our denomination work, is being pushed in all sections of the state, and the meeting here on May 9 is one of the many district meetings being called.

WORKERS CONFERENCE MEETS AT SHEP ON THURSDAY, MAY 9

The workers' conference of the Sweetwater Association will meet Thursday, May 9 with the Church at Shep. Shep is located in the southwest section of Taylor county. Those going to Shep from Abilene will take the new highway leading southwest through Caps and View. The program for the meeting follows:

Theme: "Testing of Faith."
10:00 Devotional: "The purpose of Testing," (James 1:1-12), W. H. Howell.
10:30 "The Test of Obedience" (James 1:22-25), W. H. Hughes.
11:00 "Test of True Religion," (James 1:26-27), J. H. Dean.
11:30 Business.
11:40 Sermon, C. A. Powell.
Lunch
1:30 Board Meetings.
2:00 "The Test of Brotherly Love," (James 2:1-10), Dr. E. B. Atwood.
2:30 "The Test of Good Works" (James 2:14-20), Rev. Sam Malone.
Adjourn.

DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

TWO GOOD WORKERS CONFERENCES

The Fisher County Workers Conference met with the El Paso church April 20 with a large attendance. There was one man converted at the eleven o'clock preaching service.

Callahan Workers Conference met at Atwell, Tuesday, April 21. They also had a good attendance, and a very fine program.

Both of these associations are attempting to have an offering for missions from each of their churches during April.

Brother G. O. Summers preached at Dressy Sunday morning and took a mission offering.

Brother Roy O'Brien, pastor at Admiral, filled his pulpit Sunday morning, at which time he preached a Mission sermon and took an offering.

The Rev. H. H. Summers has recently presented the Hundred Thousand Club to his churches. From Hodges he received two pledges, and

hopes to get others. From Potosi he got three members.

The Missionary preached for Rev. S. C. Lair, at Johnson Chapel last Sunday afternoon. They took a mission offering of \$4.75 and voted to take such an offering on the second Sunday of each month.

SEND YOUR PASTOR TO THE

The Southern Baptist Convention meets, beginning May 14, at Memphis, Tennessee. A goodly number of the churches of District 17 are sending their pastors to this great meeting of Baptist.

The churches owe it to their pastors as well as to the convention. If you want him to be best preacher give him the best backing, and encouragement. He will get from the Southern Baptist Convention inspiration and information that he cannot get elsewhere. If his church would grow he must grow.

Let a few of the brethren make up a purse and send him. Next year don't forget to put it in the budget.

This is How it Feels To Be a Princess

Behold a little girl whose mother was afraid her child would be "unhappy" in the hospital!

Watched over by physicians who understand heart and mind as well as body . . . tended by nurses who know that sympathy and affection are often as important as efficiency . . . revealing in a succession of newfound comforts . . . this young lady is learning how it feels to be a princess and loving it.

An this little girl and her mother are but two of the many who, every day and every night, discover what a haven of help the hospital really is. Each day men and women enter, broken in body and spirit, and afraid. And others leave, each day, with new hope in their faces, new strength in their bodies and gratitude in their hearts.

Your physician will tell you that in many cases, only the hospital can offer the equipment, surroundings, and care conducive to a prompt and thorough recovery. Yet many people start to protest when the doctor mentions the word "Hospital." Why? Chiefly because, being unfamiliar with

the inside of a hospital, they have formed their own erroneous opinion of what it is like.

If you have any doubts about hospitals, the quickest way to dispel them is to visit one of the hospitals in your locality. An especially good day to do this is Sunday, May 12th, for that day throughout America is National Hospital Day.

At that time hospitals will hold "Open House." Here is a day set aside not to solicit funds or aid of any kind, but merely to make you more familiar with hospitals and more conscious of the part they play in safeguarding the health of your community.

Why not take advantage of this opportunity? Visit your hospital on National Hospital Day. Talk to the men and women there who are giving their lives to healing the sick. Observe how smoothly everything runs. Learn something of the work which the hospital is doing to keep contagious diseases under control in your city or town. Above all else, discover for yourself what a friendly, restful, quiet place a hospital really is.

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HART PHILLIPS, PROMI- NENT CHURCH LEADER DIES AT BIG SPRING

Baptists of West Texas have sustained a great loss in the death of Hart Phillips, 75, wealthy Howard and Glascock county rancher and oil man. Brother Phillips, affectionately known by his many friends as "Uncle Hart," was for many years, one of the leaders in the East Fourth Street Church, Big Spring. The funeral was conducted Tuesday by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Garnett, of East Fourth Street Church.

Mr. Phillips was a consistent friend of Hardin-Simmons University and to Christian education. President J. D. Sandefer of Hardin-Simmons, who attended the funeral gave out the following statement in regard to this good man as a benefactor to Christian education:

"The last check signed by Mr. Phillips was for \$13,000 for the endowment of the chair of Bible at the Hardin-Simmons university. It was the joint gift of him and his wife."

"Mr. Phillips was widely known in West Texas for his civic, church and philanthropic work. He and his wife contributed heavily to the construction of the East Fourth Street Baptist church at Big Spring, and has assisted many boys and young men in high school and college."

"A Hardin-Simmons junior, Bob Basetti, who has been attending school here for three years through their aid, went to Big Spring Tuesday to attend the funeral rites. During his high school days, he lived in the Phillips home."

B. T. U. REVIVAL AT NOLAN

Rev. Charles Dickson of Ft. Worth and Rev. T. D. Wiman of Wastella, together with the pastor, conducted a B. T. U. Revival at the Nolan Baptist Church last week.

The enrollment was about forty, with good interest manifest each night.

Bro. Wiman and Bro. Dickson are tireless workers, and we feel that much good was accomplished.

N. W. Pitts

The Worker's Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association meets with the Shep Baptist Church, May 9th, at 10:00 A. M.

A good program is being arranged and is published in this issue of the West Texas Baptist.

It is expected a large attendance will be there.

West Texas Baptist Sanitarium Along With Other Institutions Will Hold Open House

HAVE FAITH IN GOD Mark 11:22

J. E. Skinner, D. D. Murray, Ky.

No since the writer can remember has there been a more urgent need for the Master's admonition in the above heading than to-day. Nor has there been a day when that need was more universal among the people of God than at this very hour.

There are more things to distract and discourage faith by drawing us away from God to other sources of dependence and even devotion itself. The deadly trio of the world the flesh and the devil seem never to be more determined to capture the forces of righteousness and lead them away into captivity, and to shut off every means of a safe return to the Fatherland. In this shrewdness the father of lies is even making such return seem unnecessary and undesirable.

The age old argument of the devil for human freedom and independence is being played-up as never before since the fall of the first pair. Every lawful restraint is being thrown off as a dead letter and altogether out of date. Every law that would restrict human conduct is classified as "a blue law," whether that law be human or Divine. And to make their argument more plausible and effective they have even laid their hands upon Holy Writ with an attempt to show it was God's own design that men should do as they please . . . turning the grace of God into lassiveness and "using their liberty for an occasion to the flesh."

They demand a new religion and a new church, that shall conform to their modern ideals and to the demands of their own standards of conduct. They find, "no room" in their thinking for the authority of revealed faith, that makes them accountable to God for enthroning self as god and rejecting Him. No authority higher than the human will, and no standard higher than the dictates of a depraved human conscience—every man doing that which is right in his own eyes.

In an effort to meet "twentieth century conditions" "twentieth century methods" have been adopted and employed in going after "twentieth

The hospitals throughout the nation on May 12th. will hold open house to the public. Those in charge of hospitals know that it is important that the public be familiar with the work of the hospital and thoroughly understand their relation to the hospital. May 12th. is also Mother's Day and has been set aside by the Southern Baptist Convention for each church in the Convention to do something for one of the twenty-six hospitals on this day. Our Baptist people in West Texas, of course, will want to help their own institution; likewise, the Baptist people near other Baptist Hospitals in the state will see that their contributions go to the nearest Baptist Hospital. This money is not to be used to pay debts and salaries, but it is to be used to care for the charity patients. This is the only time during the year that our Baptist Hospitals have asked our churches to help them with this work. Every church in the state will want every Baptist Hospital to be able to take care of every charity patient in need of hospitalization. Our hospitals are compelled to pay for the drugs, surgical supplies, food, laundry and many other items necessary in the care and treatment of a charity patient, just the same as if it was a pay patient.

We are asking our church people on May 12th. to help us raise this money. Our doctors and nurses will be giving their services and the hospital space will be used free, but we must pay the drug house, the surgical supply house and the various other business firms where we purchase supplies in treating sick. Texas Hospitals receive no money from the church program, unless a free will offering is taken or a certain amount is designated to go to a certain hospital. A very small percent of our Baptist churches in the state have ever given one penny toward the care and treatment of charity patients or helped in anyway the Baptist Hospitals in the state. We, as Baptist people, not only believe that it is our Christian duty to help serve the sick and injured poor, but it is also our duty to provide proper facilities to care for others

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century minds," but so much of the gospel of Christ had to be left out of these methods that there was no salvation from sin left in the "twentieth century gospel."

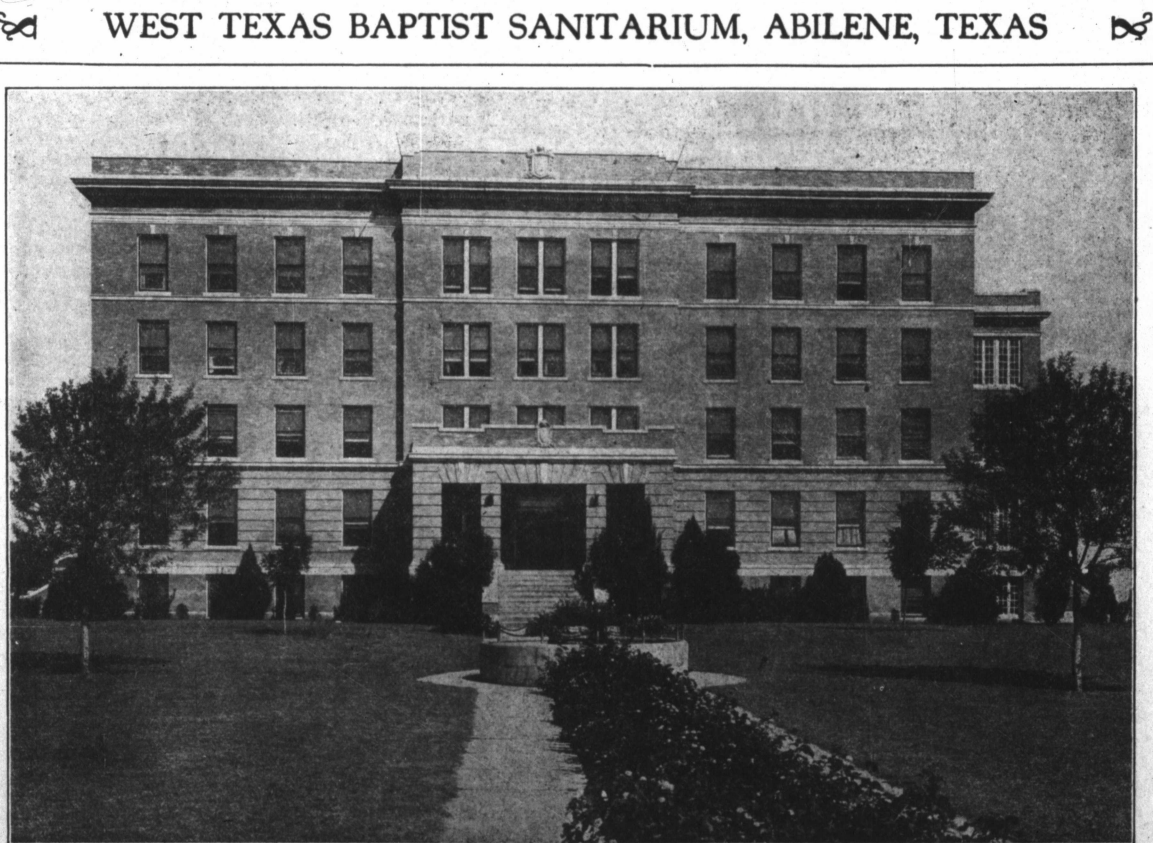
And this God-defying effort finds the church away from home, stripped of its weapon of warfare, itself also entangled in the meshes of the world, the flesh and the devil. Truly, we fared forth after them. We found the way ended in a blind pocket, but were too dazed to find the way back. An "inarticulate church" with an "inarticulate gospel" endeavoring to "sing the songs of Zion in a foreign land," where the language of Zion is utterly unknown—what a spectacle! The "Bride of Christ" in captivity! The "Body of Christ" separated from its Head!

Whether all this is true or not, it is exactly what the age of demanding, and the disposition of many who claim to be Christians to yield to the demand has been witnessed on every hand, though at the present moment there are also encouraging signs of an awakening. The sound of a stirring is heard. Lights are being lit in the tents of thousands of Israel. Surely the night is far spent and the day is now dawning for our return from the enemy's land.—Western Recorder.

The W. M. S. of Potosi Baptist church met in regular session Tuesday at the church house. After listening to an interesting missionary program they made plans to help buy the canoe for Dr. Deter who is the Missionary in Brazil.

We are planning to have a program on Mothers Day celebrating the mothers of our country, they are always loving kind and true.

Bro. H. H. Summers was out in our community last Friday doing pastoral visiting among the community. He also filled his regular appointment Sunday bringing two good sermons.





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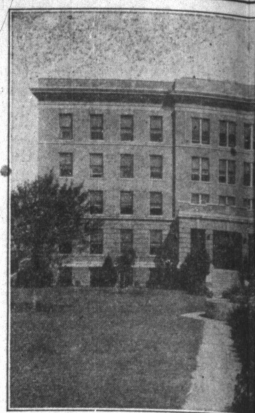
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To The
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Sunday, May Twelfth Is National Hospital Day

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who are able to pay when they become sick and injured. A good hospital is one of the most important institutions in the community, next to the school, church and home; we cannot do without it. So why shouldn't we show a greater interest in our hospitals? The Baptist Hospital in Abilene has been crowded to capacity for the past year. We are receiving patients from a very wide territory, and our doctors are doing very excellent work. Our death rate last month was 3 per cent, which is considered very small. Larger hospitals consider 5 per cent an excellent record. A few weeks ago we received a young mother who lived on the border of old Mexico. She had previously been in a small hospital and was asked to leave when her funds were all gone. She needed further hospitalization, and the family asked a friend to bring the young woman to this institution. They had to pass three or four hospitals to get here. I asked them why they drove all that distance to come to this institution. They said because they did not have any money and knowing this was a church hospital they thought the Baptist people would provide some way to take care of her. We received this mother; she was operated upon and left the hospital several days ago gaining in strength rapidly. Some of

our church people may say why should we take a charity patient out of our territory? If we refused them, others would say that we were unchristian and inhuman, and I am sure they would be right. I do not believe we have the right to turn anyone down until our Baptist people have given to this work to their extremity. We know that we are going to have these poor people come to us, and we know further that it will take money to properly care for them. All we know to do is to put our appeal up to the people in the church. If they turn us down, we feel that we have done our duty, and the responsibility for negligence will be upon the church. I think the Lord should have mercy on the church or individual whose heart is so cold and hard as not to be willing to divide with some one who is destitute and whose body is wracked with pain and disease. Our Master said, "Go preach, teach and heal". Shall we follow and obey this great command, or shall we obey that which suits us best? Nothing would do my heart more good than to know that every Baptist church in this district presented this work to their church and let them do what they could to help in this work.

E. M. Collier, Superintendent.

Regional Chairman Appeals For Distressed Hospitals

The following appealing letter from Mr. Bryce L. Twitty, regional chairman of National Hospital Day for Texas, is self explanatory. The letter sets forth the distress of the hospitals of the nation, and appeals to our people to come to the aid of these institutions on Mother's Day. The letter follows:

April 10, 1935

West Texas Baptist
Dear Friend:

Enclosed kindly find copy taken from the Editorial Staff of the Saturday Evening Post, March 16th, concerning hospitals. The situation is even worse than outlined in the Post, and our hospitals are in deplorable condition. The Government has appropriated billions of dollars for well people and has never made a single appropriation for the sick during the entire depression. The hospitals, most of whom are heavily indebted are not in position to bear the added burden of the depression.

May 12th is National Hospital Day, as proclaimed by President Roosevelt. This also is Mother's Day

and very fitting that the nation should pay respect to the hospitals on Mother's Day. Any courtesies you can show us through your editorial pages or otherwise will certainly be appreciated.

It seems that 95 per cent of the people who come to the doors of the hospital come with a hard luck story and the pitiful part of it is that they are telling the truth, almost without exception. I really believe if John D. Rockefeller got sick and had to have a serious operation necessitating a long siege of hospital care that he would come with a hard luck story and the hospital would have to give him 50 per cent discount or allow him to pay the bill over a period of five months to two years, and still the wholesale houses who deliver to the hospital have to have their money or they can not make deliveries. The cost of supplies to the hospitals have increased from 30 to 105 per cent. Lard, for instance 68 per cent, gauze 70 per cent, ice cream about 100 per cent and other items in proportion.

People who have money to help in worthy causes therefore, should always remember the hospitals because they are taking care of people who can not take care of themselves. It seems that football stadiums, race tracks, fountains, statues and other such things could wait for awhile so that people could use the money to invest in humanity. This is a serious matter and if our hospitals can't get some help the future is very uncertain for them.

This letter is written as chairman of National Hospital Day for Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana. Our newspapers have always been most gracious to the hospital, which fact is very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Bryce L. Twitty, Regional Chairman.



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MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

From lands afar rings out the cry
Of burdened souls about to die:
"Oh, who will come and prophesy
To us of God?"

About to die? year, already dead
In Sin's dark night! Grim fear and dread
Have crushed their heart and slowed their tread
In search for God.

'Neath heavy load of hopelessness,
A torture to themselves, they bless
No Christ of Love for righteousness
And peace from God.

That cry! alarming cry! accusing cry!
Oh, will its wailing echoes never die!
Ah, no not till we go and prophesy
To them of Christ.

G. C. Whiteley.

SELLING HONOR FOR REVENUE

Legislative bodies, both national and state, are wrestling with the problem of providing sufficient revenues to balance heavy expenditures. Failing to secure the necessary amount by normal methods of taxation, they resort to all sorts of questionable expedients. There are legislators who appear to be willing to barter honor "for revenue." Whether a thing is right or wrong does not seem to be a deciding factor in their plans. Anything for revenue.

Bills are introduced and passed providing for the sale of intoxicating liquors "for revenue," notwithstanding the manifest evils of the liquor traffic. Even the outstanding champions of repeal are admitting that automobile accidents are increasing because of drunken drivers. Yet we propose to license a traffic which kills and maims "for revenue." Never mind new graves and desolate homes: we must have revenue! Never mind the despair and desolation caused by alcohol: we must have money!

All sorts of gambling devices are proposed, and legislators vote to legalize gambling, and thus dishonor and degrade manhood and womanhood for the sake of revenue! They say that men and women will drink and gamble anyway; why not make some money out of their depravity? Have we come to the place where a legislature trusted by a commonwealth, to conserve its highest interests, confesses that it is impotent, and instead of restraining evil, propose rather to coin money out of human depravity?

We had better go back to the simple life of our fathers and spend less money, have fewer comforts and rougher roads, than to meet the cost of increased appropriations with the blood of innocent men and women.

The eternal standards of righteousness are as binding on states and nations as on individuals. No commonwealth, through its legislators or executive officers, has any right to legalize iniquity for the sake of revenue. Baptist (Oklahoma) Messenger.

WAR AND THE COLLEGE STUDENT

"The war that started in 1914 was not ended with the signing of the peace treaties. The nations ceased fighting with guns and continued to fight with other weapons."

Whether we have war or peace, there is one basic fact the students of the world have to face: the life of most students in college today has been marked by one continual report of open war, economic rivalries, national animosities and preparation for future armed conflicts.

But the desire to have these problems or questions solved, in order to attain peace, economic welfare, and work for all who need it, has ceased to be theoretical for the millions of unemployed who have lost their jobs as the result of the wholesale destruction of world savings and goods during the tragic period, 1914-1918.

College and university students do not pretend to know the solution for difficulties that will beset them during or after their days in school, but they do realize that they must co-operate in finding an intelligent approach to the international problems and the world forces that will determine, directly or indirectly, their own future welfare as well as that of their fellow citizens. Only through steadfast devotion to the building of a stable world community can the younger generation of college and university students find respite from the menace of war.

This world society or community can be built only through international co-operation of these students, which will replace selfish, nationalistic methods and thus in turn human welfare will be advanced.

These students must of necessity set up a definite object rather than an emotional appeal, however, which might produce a detrimental reaction. Through co-operation they may impress upon individuals the futility of war, the obstacles blocking international peace, alternatives to war, and interdependence of nations in this world community. These objects will all lead toward an organized world society which is essential to world peace.

Students then have this challenge placed before them: "The problem of peace has become the key problem of our civilization and the final test of all national and international policies."

Armaments and military budgets are larger than ever before. Countries are ready for war. This challenge is our problem.

UTILIZING EVERY MOMENT

To learn never to waste our time is perhaps one of the most difficult virtues to acquire. A well-spent day is a source of pleasure. To be constantly employed, and never asking, "What shall I do?" is the secret of much goodness and happiness. Begin, then, with promptitude, act decisively, preserve; if interrupted, be amiable, and return to the work unfrustrated; finish it carefully—these will be the signs of a virtuous soul.—Gold Dust.

Mothers' Day And The West Texas Baptist Sanitarium

Mother's Day, May 12, has been designated as National Hospital day. For several years many of the churches in this section of Texas have observed this day by remembering our great West Texas institution of healing with an offering. This issue of The West Texas Baptist is dedicated to this institution. We are hoping that our readers will read this issue carefully and prayerfully, and then present the cause of the institution to our people and urge them to come to the aid of the heroic management of the institution.

Our own West Texas Sanitarium, controlled by our Baptists of Texas, along with practically all other hospitals, is being sorely pressed as a result of the long continued depression. When the final chapter of the story of this, the world's greatest financial upheaval, is written, it will be found that our hospitals, and the doctors and nurses have played a leading role in the performing of unselfish service to God and humanity. Superintendent Collier and the management of our hospital are carrying a tremendous load these days. Sick people are coming from all over the country begging for help. The institution is not endowed; it does not receive aid from the cooperative program, excepting the small amount that is sent in designated. The institution is absolutely dependent upon the receipts from the patients, and the contributions from its friends to pay its debts and keep going.

Pastors, church leaders and lovers of suffering humanity in this great West, do you not think it would be Christ-like to remember our hospital on Mother's day. No greater tribute could be paid to the memory of mother who gave so freely to the service of suffering humanity, than to help our hospitals. Let us all join in a worthy movement on Mother's day and make worth-while offering to the hospital. It will gladden the heart of the management of the institution, as well as to make it possible to care for more of the suffering patients all over the country who are so sorely in need of medical and hospital treatment. And as we think of Mother and suffering humanity and sacrifice and service on Mother's day, let us not forget, that behind the unselfish service of these institutions of healing are a great staff of doctors and nurses who are responding to the cry of suffering humanity with a devotion that is beautiful and sublime.

Devotional Thoughts

JESUS IN THE DEATH CHAMBER

When Jesus entered the chamber of death He put forth the flute-players and the babbling crowd. It was a parable of what he has done on a vaster scale. He has dismissed from the death chamber the philosophers with their guesses, the skeptics with their everlasting farewells, the sentimentalists with the chaff well-meant for grain, the flute-players of poetry and music, who by melodious words and strains seek to disguise the tragic fact, and shown us how death is a sleep with a golden awakening.—W. L. Watkinson.

FISHING FOR MEN

How few souls are saved! What is the reason? Either there are no fish to catch or man-fishing has become a lost art among us. It cannot be that there are no fish. The waters are seething with what we profess to be seeking. You do the same work, you eat at the same table, you sleep in the same bed with the damned, and you know it. You are called to save such for His Kingdom and unto His glory. If souls are not being drawn to Christ, it is not for want of sinners who need salvation. Then why should the net come empty to the boat so often?

Is not this the reason—that we believe in Christ in a sort of dumb way, but we are not looking at Him and we are not getting His orders? "As the eyes of the handmaid are toward her mistress, as the eyes of a servant look to his master, so our eyes are toward Thee, O God!" This is the attitude for me as a preacher, for you as an elder, for every man or woman who is trying to win souls.

To catch that kind of fish we must look to Christ. We must not trade upon past experience. We have not wit; we have no wisdom. It is our greatest folly to think that we have. So the Lord gives us leanness and emptiness in order to bring us to a better mind. It is only when we come to our wits' end—and that is no great way from home—that we go down upon our knees and say: "Lord, come and help me; give me some real success. I do not want to go through the mere mechanics of man-fishing—it is wearing work—but, Lord, show me the right side." And He will.

Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples knew not that it was He. No; they expected Him, as we all do—but not just there and then. They thought of Him as away somewhere—when, lo! He was beside them. Let us go right here. Lift thy bent back, thou weary toiler, for thy God. See Him; descry the Man upon the shore; hail Him. Cry: "Master, help!" Do not disappoint Him, as these disciples did. Send Him a glad shout of recognition. Then shalt thou have fruit of thy toil; nor yet be spoiled by thy success. Thy heart shall say: "This is the Lord."—John McNeill.

AN OUTLINE ON REDEMPTION

It is said the Raphael was a great artist in composition, because he saw things in their true relation. One reason why people do not understand the Bible is that they do not see things in their true relation. I had given to me, upon the back of an old envelope, this outline, which I want to pass on to you, because it has been of great value to me. It came from one Addison Blanchard: "The great theme of the Bible is the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. It is presented in that Book in five different phases. The Old Testament is the preparation for redemption; the first four books of the New Testament, the Gospels, are the manifestation of redemption; the book of Acts is the propagation of redemption; the twenty-one epistles are the interpretation of redemption; and the book of Revelation, the last book, is the consummation of redemption."

I left Denver some years ago and took charge of a church in McPherson, Kansas. As soon as I got settled, I began a series of ten sermons upon these five phases. It was the hottest weather I have ever seen. The average temperature for that month was 103.7; and yet on Sundays we had a crowded church, while I was preaching this series of sermons. It had this effect upon the community, and I want to bear my testimony to it: all through that hot weather . . . at the Sunday evening services we had from

THE PLIGHT OF OUR HOSPITALS

None of our public institutions which look to the generosity of the public for their maintenance are feeling the pinch of depression more sharply than our hospitals. Many of them are compelled to operate upon a skeleton basis at a time when the demand for their services is more insistent. Many of them find it impossible to balance their budgets even after enforcing these more drastic economies.

The reasons for present conditions are not far to seek. Income from endowment funds has been sharply cut. Gifts from regular contributors have fallen off. The number of private-room patients has steadily dwindled. While income has thus been reduced, outgo has often been unavoidably increased. As the number of pay patients has fallen off, the proportion of free patients has steadily mounted.

The public is always quick and bitter in its denunciation of institutions which turn away suffering and penniless patients, but hospitals are like their critics in that they have to pay butcher and grocer and coal dealer, whether they are breaking even or not. Well-managed institutions do not like to close their doors in the face of suffering humanity, but they are confronted by the same stern necessities with which the rest of us have to cope.

Persons unfamiliar with hospital management often expect more from these institutions than they can possibly render. So great is the free service they contribute to their communities and so widely has it become expanded in recent years that the public, for the most part, takes it for granted as a vested right, without asking or even wondering how it is financed or by whom the costs are ultimately paid.

Most of our hospitals deserve well of the public they have so long and so zealously served. The same public should stand behind them in the emergency which no possible foresight or good management could have averted, and see to it that they are enabled to carry on. This is a serious matter of public safety.

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275 to 320, whereas before we had been having thirty to forty. That was the condition of affairs when I was trying to present the Bible from that synthetic standpoint that sees things in their proper relation. So we can testify to the power of the old Gospel of Jesus Christ in saving souls and getting the people to the study of the Word, for they are hungry for it.—Mervin A. Stone, in The Coming and Kingdom of Christ.

THE VOICE OF MOTHER

This tribute to Mother was handed the editor Wednesday by Brother R. E. Bratton, of Snyder, who is pastor of some rural churches in that section.

The voice of mother first I knew.
'Twas so kind and true.
Soft as the voice of a dove
As an angel that spoke from above.

My child, she said, my love you have
I heard mother say in solemn vow.
My heart to you ever do I give
As long on earth as I may live.

My joy my love your's ere to be
To my life mother's greatest to me.
Of all the greatest words spoken
Shall I never forget mother's token.

Always spoken in a gentle voice
Let her words ever by my convoy.
Mothers message my heart to cheer
Life pathway my footsteps to steer.

No sweeter language can I think
Among the learned of great in rank
Mother's wisdom is all so great
Her voice may I strive to imitate.

The sweetest of music my ear is trained
Viole the harp the organ golden starred
The vocal I've heard my mother sing
Makes all other music to me a refrain.

The voice to me there's none other
So sweet and charming as mothers;
As a voice that speaks from above
Mother's voice is a charming voice of love.

Composed by R. E. Bratton, April 26, 1935.

LIFE OR DEATH

On the sandy beach of Time
A billion mortals stand,
Down close by the Sea of Life,
Afraid to leave the land.

And so the many fail and fall
Upon the unproductive sand.
They've heard the Sea's appealing call,
They've felt the subtle tug so grand
Of distant shores and vessels small—
They choose that worn and worthless land
Where bare Existence grips their hand.

Oh, give me the Sea with its mystery,
And the Polar Star to show the way;
Near Life in Death I would not stay—
I'm in my bark on Life's great Sea.

G. C. Whiteley.

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

Turner To Lecture Before Student Body Of H-S. U. On Regular Artist Program

After Talk He Will Select The Winner of Brand Beauty Contest

Colonel Roscoe Turner, America's Speed King, will lecture to the students of Hardin-Simmons university at 8 o'clock May 4 in the auditorium as a number on the regular artist course. The artist course is under the management of Mr. G. B. Sandefer.

Immediately following the lecture, he will personally view the contestants in the Brand Beauty contest and will select the winner and the next four without rank.

Roscoe Turner, world-famous flyer, who is known as the fastest man between Los Angeles and New York and one of the three fastest between England and Melbourne, Australia, will not be hard to recognize when he comes here to deliver his illustrated talk on the great Air Derby across three continents.



COL. ROSCOE TURNER

his messages to the twenty-one minute length.

Ernestine Rosser, who is now Mrs. Carver, was with him. Their visit with their former student friends in Abilene was a pleasant one.

SIMMONS PREACHERS

Hardin-Simmons preachers have found their way into pulpits and pastorates over a great section of the south. A special committee has been asked by the officials of the Alumni and Ex-Students Association to make a special roster of the men who have gone out into churches through the years. Some of the men whose work has been outstanding have been in Texas work for a long time and have helped to shape Baptist policies. Among others Era T. Miller, now of Corsicans First Baptist Church, Baker C. Miller, First Baptist Church, Belton; and others may be noted.

Will Hamor, of the class of 1914, has been pastor of the First Baptist church at Winters for a number of years. Will has had a large part in the plans and work of the Alumni and Ex-Students Association.

Henry Weldon, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carlsbad, New Mexico, has been holding a meeting with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Abilene, where W. R. Deer, also a Simmons man is pastor.

C. E. Dick is pastoring the church at Lawa. He has been active in building interest for Hardin-Simmons.

B. M. Jackson at College Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, is one of the most popular speakers of his section. Recent news accounts from the Baptist sources indicate that he is one of the leaders of his association.

The present pastor of the First Baptist Church at Sweetwater was well known while a student in Simmons as E. D. Dunlap. He and Mrs. Dunlap are popular with their church and with the citizenry of Sweetwater.

Willis J. Ray, now Missionary of the Midland Association, has caused much comment and favorable discussion of his work because of his particularly sincere interest in the pastorless churches, in that area. He has become known far and wide as the "friend of the weak."

J. Lowell Ponder, who worked at the Citizens Bank during the day, studied a little during the spare time, and attended classes when he could, is the popular pastor of the First Baptist Church at Rochester. His wife has help to make his work a success; she too is an ex-student of the old school.

Blonnye Foreman, well known as writer and student, is now at Calahara, Calixia, Brazil, as a missionary. His work as a missionary has been given considerable credit by the religious journals of America.

L. E. (Lytle) Payne, was never a preacher but he could do a great many things the preacher boys had to do. He has recently been elected Educational Director of the First Baptist Church at Gladewater, Texas. Both he and Mrs. Payne (Bert) were students here.

J. Perry King is now pastor at Clarendon where he is happy in his work. Perry's health has been considerably better of recent months. His friends will remember that he was dangerously ill two or more times and his life was despaired of.

At Eastland, V. E. Bessels is Educational Director of the First Baptist Church.

"Old Gray Mare" Is Theme of Bronco Which Was Released to Students Tuesday April 23

The Old Grey Mare!

No more fitting ideal could have been selected to portray the theme of the new 1935 Bronco which was distributed to students of Hardin-Simmons university this week. This theme typifies as nothing else could the spirited atmosphere of this Cowboy university.

The 1935 Bronco received acclaim and attention at a display before the Southwestern Journalism Congress meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana early in April. The Bronco this year reached the students more than a month earlier than any previous yearbook.

The padded covers, artistically done in silver and blue, are an outstanding feature of the publication. The cover is finished in a deep blue with a bucking reproduction of the old grey mare, likewise in blue. Across the bottom of the front cover is embossed the musical strains of the "Old Grey Mare," with a cloud of dirt and sand, artistically portrayed in silver under the flying heels of this typical animal.

Another outstanding feature of the

new Bronco is the large quilt section. It is a complete section of jokes and fun which include more students than ever before in the history of the school. The quilt section, known as "The Barb-Wire" covers a section of about 40 pages, in which advertisements are cleverly intermingled to create attention.

A two-color combination is likewise used in the favorite section, which devotes a page to the university queen, each of the class favorites, summer queen and range foreman.

A section of more than 20 pages is set aside for athletics, headed by football, basketball, track, tennis, and swimming, and finishing with the freshmen activities. A complete section is devoted to campus organizations which include the science, pre-med, commercial, history, B. S. U., social science, home economics and classical clubs.

The student publications, the Brand and Bronco, with the press club and other journalistic organizations and publication staffs are given several

pages. The Cowboy band, Cowgirls,

players club, oratorical and debating association, pre-law club, choral club, Y. W. A. and the Art league are given prominent positions in the new yearbook.

Ivan Flynn, Abilene, is editor of the 1935 Bronco and W. B. Phipps, Abilene, is business manager of the publication.

B. A. Majors Are In Responsible Places Throughout South

Hardin-Simmons men are found in places of high responsibility in the business world and are making good largely because of their Business Administration training is the gist of a report made recently by a friend of that department. The report named men who had done their work in Business Administration and indicated what each was now doing.

Among many others mentioned the

report stated that Joe Breed, formerly cashier of the First State Bank of Floydada, is now a member of the Examining Board of the Federal Land Bank at Houston. Friends will remember that Mrs. Breed is the former Ruth Rosser.

Nolan (Skinney) Walter, former football hero and generally popular student, is now a major bank examiner on the state board of New Mexico. Skinner was advanced to this position from a temporary office with the federal government under its land and cattle loan organization. Mrs. Walter is the former Virginia Hook-enhull.

A long list of bankers, auditors, who secured their training under Prof. Rich, Mrs. Wiggins and Prof. Wells, is attached to the report.

J. Inzer Returns From Long Trip to Holy Land

John Inzer, D. D., former Hardin-Simmons man, now pastor of the First Baptist church of Montgomery, Alabama, has recently returned from an extended stay in the Holy Land. John was extremely popular in Simmons in his student days, and his popularity remains as he is pastor of one of the largest and most important churches of the South.

Hardin-Simmons Ex Is Popular Creator Of Wash and Easy

Royston Crane Took Much Art in University; Good Student

Recently the world has been interested in the great dangers through which their comic strip heroes Wash Tubbs and Capt. Easy have been going. A recent check of the Hardin-Simmons record made by their creator, Royston Crane, formerly of Sweetwater, Texas, more recently of Cleveland, Ohio, reveals the fact that Royston studied considerable art in Hardin-Simmons and that his grades were uniformly A's. Along with the art, Royston took some history, English and other courses, which should assure the continued good fortune for the popular heroes, Wash and Easy.

Royston is married and now lives in Cleveland. He is the son of Judge and Mrs. R. C. Crane, of Sweetwater whose generous cooperation gave students the benefit of the well known Crane library section of our own library.

Choral Club Home After Seven Days Touring Of Texas

Hardin-Simmons university choral club returned Thursday, April 18, after a seven-day trip into North and West Texas giving concerts in many towns.

Forty choristers took part in presentations given in Hamlin, Stamford, Haskell, Rule, Monday, Seymour, Wichita Falls, Iowa Park, Burkburnett, Frederick, Vernon, Thalia, Paducah, Matador, Spur, and Rotan.

Special features of the program included the men's quartet, composed of James Rodden, Payne Hathcock, James Rosser, and Gordon Suits; the girls quartet, Edna Ardis, Rose Mary Malone, Ruth King, and Margaret Upshaw; the girls sextet composed of Peggy Byers, Edith Currie, Naomi Davis, Tabitha Adkisson, Mildred Jenkins and Ruth Scheibe; Gordon Suits, accordion soloist; and Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton, director of the club, soprano. The bulesque opera, "Cleopatra," was presented by the male members of the chorus as a part of the program in most of the appearances made.

The trip was made in a chartered bus and five motor cars.

Ex-Student Preaches In University Meeting

The university meeting for this year was conducted by Douglas Carver, now pastor of the First Baptist church of McPherson, Kansas. He was well received by the student population and was especially popular because of his familiarity with student problems. Douglas remembered the days he spent in chapel and kept

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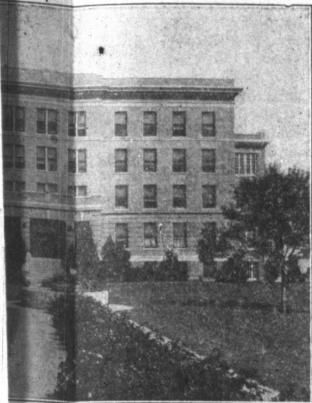
BSU Group Elects Jarnigan Leader

Clark Jarnigan was elected president of the Baptist Student union for 1935-36 Thursday night in a regular meeting of the organization. Jarnigan will take place of N. J. West, moreland present president of the council.

Other new officers elected Thursday night are: Garland Foster, first vice-president; Maxine Simmons, second vice-president; Murray Fuquay, third vice-president; James Rosser, choister; Miltie Wiman, pianist; Mildred Burnett secretary; Fred James, extension secretary; Christine Dennis, corresponding secretary; Si Addington, treasurer; Joy Pender and Rose Ross Sunday School representatives; Don Gayer and J. D. Moore, B. T. U. representatives.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Sam Malone

Luke 15:11-24

Sin, Repentance and Faith
Golden Text—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

Devotional Reading, Psalm 51:1-10

For our lesson Sunday we have the beautiful story of the prodigal son. The story is both beautiful and tragic. It portrays the awful depth to which sin drags us, and the glorious heights to which the love of God lifts us. Our Bible teacher in college cautioned his students against trying to make the parables in the Bible "walk on all four feet." He meant by that to refrain from trying to make every little detail of a parable have a meaning. In giving parables our Lord usually had one great truth in mind that he wanted to impress on the minds of his hearers. In this parable, perhaps the outstanding thought is the love of God the Father in forgiving sin. However, this parable is one that tempts us to make it "crawl on all four feet." Let us make a brief study of the parable under three heads:

1—The Journey in Sin.

Jesus tells of the father who had two sons. The younger came to the father and asked for his portion of the inheritance. He was tired of the restraint of the homelife; he wanted to have his own way. Here is the trouble with humanity today. Man wants to have his own way. He does not want to submit to the will of the Father. (1) The younger son "gathered all together and journeyed into a far country." Sin invariably leads one into the far country of sin. (2) "He wasted his substance in riotous living." We have here the waste of sin. Sin wastes time and talent and character and body and soul. (3) "And when he had spent all there arose a mighty famine, and he began to be in want." Look around us on every side and we see the awful famine of drouth and famine in our land, but this physical condition is not to be compared to the awful famine and waste of sin that has engulfed our whole land. (4) "And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country." Here we have the final plunge into despair. The young man or young woman, overwhelmed with the famine of sin, joins himself to some wicked companion in sin, and he soon goes to the very bottom. Jesus pictures the young man here feeding swine and fain would fill his belly with the husk that the swine did eat. To the Jew the swine-herder was the very lowest calling that a man could possibly have. So the picture here shows a man sunken to the very depths of sin and shame. (5) "and no man gave unto him." When one reaches the depth of sin, he will find the old world rather cold and unsympathetic.

2—Conviction for Sin

The picture painted so far is very dark, but here the story changes and the silver lining appears. Jesus states that this young man "came to himself." This might well represent conviction for sin. When conviction comes the Holy Spirit reveals to the sinner his sinful condition and his need of a Saviour. He begins to think not only of his condition but also of the bounty of the Father who has

plenty and to spare. He resolves to arise; he turns his back on the old life, gives it up and turns his face toward the Father. That brings us to the third thought—

3—Repentance and Forgiveness of Sin

Repentance is not only godly sorrow for sins, but it is also a turning away from sin to God. The young man's next thought is toward confession of sin. (1) "I will confess to my Father." True repentance brings confession. The son has faith to believe the father is able to help him and is willing to help him. At least, realizing his awful condition, he is willing to throw himself on the mercy of the father. (2) "And when he was a great way off his father saw him." What a glorious thought here. The loving, forgiving father is looking for the return of the wayward son and is ready to receive him with outstretched hands. The glad father calls for the best robe, places a ring on his finger, shoes on his feet, kills the fatted calf and rejoices, "for," said he, "this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." As this earthly father restored his lost son to the sweet fellowship of the family and home, so will our Heavenly Father restore to His blessed fellowship and a heavenly home, every sinner who, from the depth of sin and despair, turns away from sin, and confesses his sins. What a comfort to know that the Father is constantly looking, and sees the wanderer from afar and gladly and loving goes out to meet him.

BOOK REVIEW

A NEW BOOK ON THE COUNTRY CHURCH

F. V. McPartridge

Those attending the Rural Church Conference at Mt. Calm last December were thrilled and challenged by the lectures delivered by Dr. J. W. Jent on Rural Church Problems. These will be glad to know that the lectures, with a few additional chapters, have now been published in book form. The book is attractively bound in paper covers, is about the size of the study course books published by the Sunday School Board, is attractively printed on good book paper, and contains 140 pages. The text is emphasized by the use of capitals and black-face type in Dr. Jent's characteristic and inimitable manner, and those who have heard him can almost hear the emphasis he puts upon these statements.

There are 12 chapters in the book, as follows: (1) "The Rural Genius of Rural Churches"; (2) The Constitution of a Country Church; (3) The New Testament Model; (4) The Pastor Problem; (5) Rural Church Administration; (6) The Enlistment Problem; (7) Rural Church Organization; (8) The Money Problem; (9) The Denominational Problem; (10) The Challenge of Changing Conditions; (11) The Rural Church Perspective; (12) Rural Church Development." In addition there is a list of books on the Rural Church, and a list of books on Rural Life, indirectly related to the work of the rural church, which is worth the price of

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NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES, by Dr. W. E. Denham, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, price 60c. A little book that carries with the air of

spiritual refreshing. Beginning with a bird's eye view of world conditions in preparation for the Saviour's coming, it sweeps on from his birth to his ascension with a graphic realism, and spreads in panoramic view events and personalities from Pentecost to the closing words of the Revelation promising the Lord's return. It breathes a deep reverence throughout, and is well written for the popular study in our new Sunday School Training Course, for which it was prepared. The author is a ripe Bible scholar, a popular pastor and a princely preacher of the Word.—Millard A. Jenkins.

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Reports of Associational W. M. U. Presidents

The following reports were presented at the district meeting at Cisco April 16-17:

CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

In reviewing our year's work from the standpoint of our watchword, we find we have accomplished some vital things.

First of all, there is an upward trend in interest in missions. Our women are becoming more and more interested in worldwide missions, as evidenced by our gifts during the special weeks of prayer. Our little gifts here and there to missionaries and the fact that a number of our women are writing to missionaries give promise of far-reaching results. We are planning now to buy canoe and a canvas for the Deters in faraway Brazil in answer to the appeal that appeared in the West Texas Baptist a few weeks ago, and we are trusting and praying that in a small way at least it will help the Deters to raise and unfurl the banner of the cross to the lost people of Brazil.

In the second place, our women are realizing that if we know our mission fields and their needs we are far more interested in these fields and it is easier to raise money for the work. In Prov. 29:18 we have this scripture: "Where there is no vision the people perish," and we can not have vision where there is no knowledge, so it is with much joy that we see our ladies becoming more interested in mission study. With the help of some of the ladies from Abilene we were able this year to have a mission study institute, which we think was very beneficial to those who attended.

In the third place, we are gaining ground in that we have organized some of the young people's organizations. "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that our daughters may be as cornerstones polished after the similitude of a palace." As our young people are trained today so will be our church of tomorrow.

In the fourth place, we find that we can not separate stewardship and missions. To be a good steward is to believe in missions. To be a steward of time and money only means the spread of the gospel. "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." "Wherein have we robbed Thee?" "In tithes and offerings." "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

"In the name of our God we will set up our banners" in helping the orphan child. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto Me." Clothing and feeding the orphan children and finally bringing them to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is a worthy task for any group of people, and then giving them and others a Christian education to meet the issues of life, a most worthy and profitable task.

We realize that debt is a hindrance to any cause, that so long as the Foreign Mission Board has this burden of debt the work will be hindered, so some of our societies have joined the Hundred Thousand club.

I am trusting that "In the name of our God we will set up our banners" in Callahan association in the year 1935-36 and press forward in all phases of the work.

Mrs. John Cook, Pres.

CISCO ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U.

We, the women of Cisco association, join Pastor and Mrs. James in again welcoming you into our midst.

We hope that your brief stay among us will be both a pleasure and a blessing to each of you, and we feel sure will leave us fitted for a more fruitful service. I regret very much being unable to be with you at this

time. Since I am denied this privilege I am sending the following report, made possible by the loyal support of the host of faithful workers and officers among our women of Cisco association.

Our women made a notable contribution toward the support of missions within the bounds of Cisco association during the past year.

The Executive Board of the association faced a discouraging future with respect to retaining our associational missionary because of debt and declining receipts. The matter was considered at length with the outcome uncertain. Our women challenged the board to continue our missionary on the field, and encouraged them by the promise of our best effort to give financial aid.

In a very short time, after earnest prayer, a plan was suggested by Mrs. H. D. Blair, the wife of our missionary. After counseling with others the matter was presented to the Associational W. M. U. and approved by them. After a brief intensive campaign, participated in by women in most of our churches, but entirely without the knowledge of the board, we came to the Worker's Conference in Ranger in May, 1934, and presented the board with a surprise gift of \$300 in cash. We later added \$85 to the amount. The result was most inspiring, and has enabled the board to carry on with increasing success.

We helped the district to buy graduating clothes for one of the B. O. H. girls. In June we remembered the W. T. B. Hospital at Abilene.

In August we gave \$30 for Lueders encampment.

September, our associational meeting with our district officers present.

November, special gifts to W. T. B. Hospital. \$30 memorial for Baylor Memorial dormitory in honor of Mrs. H. D. Blair. We also sent a car load of food to B. O. H., Dallas.

December, Lottie Moon Christmas offering, reaching our goal. Gave a special offering to our Mexican missionary of \$20.11, Raymond Torres.

January, under the capable leadership of our Y. P. leader, Mrs. A. N. Crowner, we again started our young people's councils, which are proving very helpful to those who attend.

February, we held our first mission institute at the First Church, Eastland, with Mrs. White, Mrs. Burnam and others from Abilene as our teachers. Our capable mission study chairman, Mrs. Jones, of Albany, planned the program. We are planning to have a greater institute this coming year. We are still remembering our old minister with gifts every month.

One of our churches, First, Cisco, is keeping a native missionary in China.

We have started the Mexican mission work in our association and there is a growing interest in the negro work. Instead of quarterly meeting we meet once every month in afternoons on same day of Worker's Conference. Our men are backing us with their prayers and support.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas, Pres.

FISHER COUNTY W. M. U.

The close of another district year brings both joy and regret.

The association and cooperation of the seven auxiliaries in Fisher county association have been one of pleasant memories. There has been joy in service and achievement, but goals unattained always bring regret. We have tried to put into our work the spirit of the watchword, "Be strong and of good courage."

We feel sure that our mistakes and lack of attainments are due to our failure to go to the One who is our strength and the source of our courage.

We have held each quarterly meeting with very good attendance and interesting programs and reports. The women are learning the importance of making reports.

The Associational meeting was

well attended and it was a pleasure to have with us Mrs. R. M. White, the district president, and Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Young People's leader.

There are two new auxiliaries which we are glad to report. Classes in Missions and one School of Missions have been enough to cause us to think on missions and as we learn of missions we certainly are better prepared to give to missions.

A Mission Study Institute held at Sylvester was attended by women from over the association, who went back home better prepared to teach missions.

The seasons of prayer were observed and offerings taken for each cause represented.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering was beyond that of any previous year. We were wonderfully helped in all of our associational meetings by the cooperation and attendance of our pastors of the association.

Field day for Hardin-Simmons university was met with a good response on the part of high school students and we are all looking forward to the time when we are to spend another day on the Hardin-Simmons campus.

Due to the faithful work of our Young People's leader and the leaders throughout the association, the work among the young people has grown by leaps and bounds. We find that our greatest difficulty is not in enlisting the Young People in the work, but in getting leaders for them. To a great extent we are overcoming this difficulty as women see their responsibility in the work.

The periodical chairman reports a large number of World Comrades and The Window.

All apportionments have been met and we have had a part in every phase of the work. This was largely made possible because of the never tiring efforts of our good corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Enlistment of more women in the work and organization of new auxiliaries are some of our greatest needs.

We hope our work may be strengthened and we may hold out the banner of Christ as we press on into new and greater fields of service for the Lord. Mrs. D. G. Reid, Pres.

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

We have had all of our quarterly meetings and sent all reports in on time. We observed State, Home and Foreign Mission weeks of prayer with offerings of \$267.03. Three schools of missions and one mission study institute have been held and other schools of missions are being planned for. Seals for our mission study classes have totaled 52. We have 112 tithers, 104 subscribers to the state papers and periodicals, 43 to the West Texas Baptist, and a Spanish paper subscribed for. Boxes and cash offerings to Buckner Orphan Home, West Texas Sanitarium, and old ministers totaled \$333.32. We have 56 Baptist high school students, 21 in Baptist colleges and 26 in other colleges; three banquets for high school graduates and six talks on Christian education were reported. The women gave through the church budget \$1,650.98.

In personal service we have visited the unenlisted, sick and shut-ins, distributed Bibles, supplied Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. literature to the negroes. Our aim for another year is some new organizations.

Four young people have volunteered for special service, two being in high school, one in Baylor, one in the Louisville training school. We have 14 young people's organizations with 61 tithers and \$116.40 given to missions. We have a quarterly young people's council.

Mrs. H. R. Whitley, Pres.

JONES COUNTY W. M. U.

In the county there are six W. M. U. organizations with 109 members, all reporting at last quarterly meeting. We have 11 young people's organizations with 154 active members.

Five societies observed the weeks of prayer and made offerings. All apportionments have been met and deficit on previous year made up. Have contributed to Buckner Orphan Home with cash and boxes of food and clothing and to West Texas Baptist Sanitarium linens, canned goods and cash, also to old ministers and Margaret fund student. We have some members of the Hundred Thousand club.

Mrs. L. A. Doyle, Pres.

STONEWALL ASSOCIATION

Madam president, members of District 17 and friends:

I bring you greetings from the Missionary societies and junior organizations of Stonewall association.

Stonewall association is one of the weakest associations in the district, both numerically and financially, but we have tried to make it strong in kingdom interest. We have fourteen churches in our association, five of which have woman's missionary societies and young people's organizations. One woman's missionary society is new. Three of our societies have attained class B on the standard of excellence. One society is A-1.

We have a very loyal group of local presidents and committee chairmen; in fact, I have never seen a more loyal spirit anywhere, than we have. So all that is done is done through their work I am happy to through their cooperation with me. report we have met all of our apportionments.

One of the things of interest in our associational work has been our program at the regular workers' conference. Each month we have time on the program for some phase of work fostered by the W. M. U. In this way we have led our men to know more about the work of the W. M. U.; their encouragement has been an inspiring factor in our work.

Our interest in missions has been quickened by increased numbers of women attending the seasons of prayer. Each society observed them all, and took an offering.

Mission study has been emphasized in every church. In March we had our Mission Study Institute at Peacock. Information and inspiration were received there that will help us through out the years, as we studied the needs of the fields both at home and afar. We have sought to lift high the banner of Christ by carrying the gospel to the Mexicans and negroes in our own association. We have distributed gospels and tracts to our Mexican friends. Two of our societies have helped the negro women with their W. M. U. work. One society invited these to meet with them in the study of "The Plan of Salvation."

We have tried to lift high the banner of Christ through stewardship. It was our privilege to have our state stewardship chairman, Mrs. J. H. McClain, with us in June to teach "The Stewardship Parables of Jesus." This study brought us to realize anew our responsibility to Christ and to the world. More interest was shown in the young people's stewardship contest than ever before. A clearer understanding of stewardship has come to those who took part in the contest, and also to those who attended it.

Buckner Orphan Home and the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium have not been left out of our program, but this year we are planning to do more for both. We plan to get our women to set aside during the canning season every tenth can for these institutions.

We have remembered our old minister and his wife with cash and boxes several times during the year. We have stressed Christian education and have tried to influence the young people who go away to school to attend Christian colleges. All of our societies except one, carried the seniors to Hardin-Simmons for high school "senior day" last year. Plans are being made for all to go this year.

Quite a number of our boys and

girls attended the camps at Lueders last year. Two of our precious boys found Christ there. We feel that that was reward enough for all of our year's work. Our young people are looking forward to the camps this summer. The junior girls are asking for a camp.

We have tried to be a mother to our Margaret fund students by sending boxes and cash to them.

As we close the old year's work and begin the new we realize that we have not lifted the banner of Christ as we should but we will go forward as we grasp the thought and spirit that is set forth in this poem.

"There's only one way that the lost world can know,
 That Jesus for sinners has died!
 To tell the glad story he's hidden us
 go,

And no other way doth provide,
 He's counting on us the story to tell,
 His scheme of redemption of man;
 He's counting on you, he's counting
 on me,
 The Master has no other plan."

Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Pres.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary brings greetings to all members of District Seventeen as we close the report of our year's work for 1934-1935.

We are all familiar with the battle of the Israelites with the Amalekites as found in the seventeenth chapter of Exodus. We remember that when Moses held up his hand Israel prevailed and when he let down his hand Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy so they took a rock and put it under him and he sat there on and Aaron and Hur stayed his hands, the one on one side and the other on the other side, so the Israelites prevailed. In commemoration of this victory Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi, which means, Jehovah is my banner. A banner with a cross inscribed on it. In the same way the Sweetwater Association Auxiliary has been trying to uplift the banner of the cross, through enlistment, personal service, missions, mission study, Christian education, stewardship, benevolence, periodicals and young people's work. One of the outstanding things for which we are thankful and appreciate is the recognition given us by the brethren in our monthly Worker's Conference. At each meeting, we have had an hour's conference with our women and at almost every meeting we have had a W. M. U. speaker in the program. We have now twenty societies in our association and at our quarterly meeting last Friday we had reports from all but three and these are to be visited and encouraged early in this quarter. It is our goal to have a wide awake W. M. U. organization in each church in our association. We have met all our apportionments for the year; the Lottie Moon Week of Prayer was observed by all of our organizations, with an offering almost as large as we gave last

year. The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer was also observed by most of our organizations with a larger offering than the previous year but our state missions offering was quite a disappointment. Our box for our aged beneficiary was the best we have every sent and the old couple were made very happy. The Buckner Home and the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium were also remembered with cash offerings and boxes especially in linens for the Sanitarium. We also observed the day of prayer for the Relief and Amnity board with prayers and offerings. We have paid Miss Blanche Rose Walker's salary in China and helped the Deters. Our Mission Study Institute was quite a success; we had a good attendance, good teachers and were very happy to have classes for our Mexican and negro sisters.

We have ten new organizations in our Young People's work but regret to say that we have lost some. Merkel has a new Y. W. A. with eighteen tithers. In Abilene one of our Y. W. A.'s has maintained the A-1 standard during the whole year. We had our part in helping to put over the Hardin-Simmons Field Day picnic, and had a small part in helping lift the debt on the Baylor Memorial Dormitory and are still at work on our silver anniversary fund for Hardin-Simmons university. We are taking more of our periodicals but there is still room for improvement. It is a joy to have our two Margaret fund girls in Hardin-Simmons and we are planning a nice May day surprise for them.

The District year of 1934-35 has closed with its faithfulness or failure, with its successes or mistakes, with the things which we have done or the things left undone, but a new year is dawning, with new opportunities to show our faith by our works. Sweetwater Association Auxiliary pledges its allegiance to District Seventeen and to our president and trust we will be able to accomplish greater things for the Master this coming year.

At the massacre of the French Huguenots to whom my husband's fore fathers belonged William Faber wrote:

"Faith of my fathers, holy faith,
 We will be true to thee till death."

With just such faith may the women and young people of District Seventeen lift high the banner of the cross and say,

"We hear the call; in dreams no more,
 In selfish ease we lie,
 But girded for our Father's work
 Go forth beneath his sky
 Where prophets word and martyr's
 blood

And prayers of saints have sown,
 We to their labors enter in,
 Would reap where they have sown.
 O Thou whose call our hearts has
 stirred

To do his will, we come,
 Thrust in our sickles at Thy word
 And bear our harvest home."

Mrs. C. C. Compere Pres.

A TRIBUTE TO SIMMONS U.

This poem of appreciation from the pen of a grateful mother of West Texas we pass along to our readers.—Sam Malone, Editor.

God has been very kind and good to us,
 And given us eight children so dear
 We reverence His great and Holy name
 As the Death Angel never lingered near.

Now they have all finished "Haskell High"
 And then to Simmons they did go
 To this grand old man "Prexy"
 Dr. Sandefer, we all well know.

Then Miss Head has safely guided
 Our six girls on to higher grounds,
 And we two love her very dearly
 As well as other good teachers around.

There our dear girls studied Bible
 Under that great man, Dr. Fry.
 Now one has been called to the foreign field
 And preparing to go to Brazil, bye and bye.

One boy studied pre-med there
 While the other played in the Cowboy Band,
 And they both love Simmons U
 And think its teachers are grand.

Then why shouldn't we cherish Simmons,
 And love its walls and campus so dear
 When now our last little girl is there
 And will be a senior next year.

Our hearts will be sad and lonely
 When all our children go away
 So I am only hoping and praying
 I may have a teacher in Simmons some day.

And now I would like to move near Simmons
 As it is "House Beautiful" to me
 And I long to see it grow and grow
 Until death shall set me free.

Mrs. Dr. L. F. Taylor, Haskell.