

# WEST TEXAS BAPTIST

## RAMBLING

### REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

Well, I hope you got everything you asked Santa Claus for this Christmas. I was a little disappointed, because I had visions of another new pair of house shoes since I had lost my old ones, but unfortunately we found them. However, I was not completely overlooked, so I am happy. . . . I did not have more weddings than is usual at Christmas time, but they did come at the most unusual hours. Around mid-night seemed to be the favorite hour this year. Just as I would get sound asleep the door bell would ring, and without waiting to see who it was or what they wanted, my wife would slip on whatever you-call-them-things you put on when you want to look presentable without dressing and answer the door while I sleepily put off a few of the nearest masculine garments, took a couple of licks at my hair with a comb, and came out about as animated as a fat man at 4 o'clock in the morning on the day coach of a night train. . . . One night after I had mumbled through the ceremony and stumbled back to bed I soon became vaguely conscious that my wife had gotten out of bed again. I was mildly curious but too sleepy to take much interest in her strange behavior. Just as I dropped off into blissful unconsciousness, she gave me a vigorous shake and when I opened my eyes there she stood over me with a steaming cup of hot chocolate. In the tender, solicitous voice peculiar to the Christmas season she said, "Here, drink this. I fixed it for you so you could get right back to sleep. . . . If she were a nurse I suppose she would wake the patient to give him sleeping powders. . . . There is just time and space left to wish you a fruitful and happy 1942."

## TRAINING EMPHASIS WEEK SET FOR JANUARY 19-23

During the week of January 19 to 23 teams of Training Union specialists will conduct programs in 110 associations in Texas. A special team will be arranged for El Paso Association at a later date. The 22 teams will speak in five associations each. Following is the schedule planned for churches in West Texas.

January 19—Snyder, Levelland, Plainview, Amarillo, Paducah, Lampasas, Rochelle, Haskell. January 20—Lamesa, Brownfield, Floydada, Hartley, Lockett, San Saba, Brownwood, Anson. January 21—Big Spring, Spur, Lubbock, Canadian, Seymour, Mullin, Santa Anna, Breckenridge. January 22—Monahans, Clairemont, Amherst, Wheeler, Newcastle, Hico, Ballinger, Clyde. January 23—Balmorhea, Roby, Dimmitt, Clarendon, Holliday, Comanche, San Angelo, Merkel.

## EVENTS TO COME

January 19-23—Training Union Emphasis Week in all associations.  
December 21-31—Christmas Holidays, H-SU.  
February 24-25—District 7 Convention, Marfa.  
February 26-27—District 8 Convention, Lamesa.  
March 5—District 17 Convention, Rotan.  
March 17-18—District 16 Convention, Coleman.  
March 31-Apr. 1—District 9 Convention, Coleman.  
April 2-3—District 10 Convention, Amarillo.  
April 3—District 11 Convention, Vernon.  
April 7-9—State Sunday School Convention, Houston.  
April 14-15—District 17 W. M. U. Convention, Stamford.

## HAMLIN CHURCH SLATES DEDICATION OF BUILDING

Dedication and Homecoming services will be held at First Church, Hamlin, on Sunday, January 4, with Rev. J. Henry Littleton, missionary for District 17, preaching the dedicatory sermon at the morning worship hour.

All former members and friends of the Hamlin congregation are invited and urged to attend the dedication services.

Missionary Littleton was pastor at Hamlin for over 14 years and the present commodious and well-arranged building was erected in 1928 under his leadership. During the same period was erected the present parsonage at a cost of \$6,000.

The church building is one unit, representing an expenditure of \$44,000. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 600. In addition, there are seven departmental assembly rooms and 39 separate class rooms.

Depression years found the church with a large debt which was gradually lifted until this fall when the remaining balance of \$2,900 was paid and the building cleared.

During the past two years the church has received over two hundred members, 115 of them for baptism.

In addition to the large offering for the local debt, the Hamlin church has adopted a budget for 1942 in which gifts through the Cooperative Program were doubled. Also included in the budget are appropriations for Hardin-Simmons University, Hendrick Memorial Hospital and Lueders Encampment. The church owns the largest privately owned building on the Lueders grounds.

"Being pastor of such a church is a great joy," declares Pastor Henard E. East. "I would like to urge every church in this district and the state to get behind and really support the institutions fostered by Baptists. When churches do this, they possess a new spirit, they grow big hearts. And that is what is needed today."

## MRS. LYON CHANGES DATE FOR DISTRICT 17 TOUR

The plans of Mrs. E. F. Lyon, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Texas for a speaking tour of District 17 have been postponed, the date to be announced later, announces Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district W. M. U. president.

The reason for the change was that the original time, January 19 to 23, was found to be identical with that of the Training Union Emphasis Week. "There is the greatest cooperation between the Sunday School forces, the Training Union forces and the W. M. U. in keeping clear these special weeks of emphasis and our weeks of prayer for Foreign Missions and Home Missions," states Mrs. Lyon. "We do not think it wise to try to have two associational meetings the same week."

## MISSION SECRETARY MADDRY REACHES HOME AGAIN

After his eventful visit to the Board's mission in Hawaii, Dr. Charles E. Maddry arrived by clipper in San Francisco December 14. Our hearts are grateful that his life and that of our 15 missionaries on the islands have been protected. The Board is looking forward to expanding the work in that important area.

## RETIRED PASTOR GOES HOME

The funeral of Rev. J. J. Burk was held at First Church, Sweetwater, December 19, with burial at Winters. Rev. Burk was a veteran of the Cross, having lived more than 82 years and having preached the Gospel approximately half a century. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. H. G. Briley of Sweetwater, and by a son, A. N. Burk of Fort Worth.

## HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY AT BURKBURNETT CHURCH

With no special emphasis of any sort, First Church, Burkburnett had the highest attendance at Sunday School during the ministry of Pastor Jack W. Manning, special days excepted, reports Superintendent Roy T. Magers. The average grade of 61 was the best on record. Fewer visitors than usual were present. The church auditorium was filled at the preaching hour and there were six additions, two for baptism.

## First Baptist Church, Hamlin



## DICK O'BRIEN ACCEPTS CALL TO BIG SPRING

Rev. Dick O'Brien, pastor of First Church, Stamford, for more than four years, has resigned to accept the call of First Church, Big Spring, which has been without a pastor since the resignation of Dr. C. E. Lancaster some months ago.

The Stamford church has done a notable work under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. O'Brien. The church has been greatly unified, and burdensome debt has been removed, the building repaired, redecorated and improved. The church has done a good work in the support of the West Side Mission.

Rev. O'Brien has served two years as president of the District 17 convention and of Lueders Encampment. Mrs. O'Brien rendered valuable service as leader of young people in the district W. M. U., in addition to much work in the church and association.

He is a member of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention, a trustee of the Baptist Standard and of Hardin-Simmons University. For a number of years he has contributed "Rambling Remarks," a column of wit and philosophy, to the West Texas Baptist. He is greatly sought as an after-dinner speaker.

Before going to Stamford, he was pastor at Colorado City. Other pastorates include Floydada and Munday. He is a native of West Texas and was educated at H-SU, then Simmons College.

## Baptist Brotherhood Objectives For 1942

The following 17 points of emphasis are listed as the tentative objectives for the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas for the new year.

The Advisory Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas in its meeting in December restated with emphasis that the function of the Brotherhood is to promote the program of the church and of our denomination. The Brotherhood exists only to accomplish this for 1942 and are suggested to every Brotherhood in the state, district, association, and church.

**Cooperative Program**  
Magnify the Cooperative Program in all Baptist churches in Texas. This program deserves a more worthy and proportionate support. Last year there were 324 churches not making gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program. It will be our purpose to reach those churches and to encourage and promote increased giving in the churches which are already contributing. This is to be accomplished through information on the work of the Cooperative Program, personal contacts, and through the regular programs of the Brotherhood in district, association, and church meetings.

**Baptist Standard**  
Set ourselves to the task of putting the Baptist Standard in the homes of

## NEWS FROM MISSIONARIES CAUGHT IN WAR ZONES

(Foreign Mission Board)  
The following cables have been received from missionaries in war areas:

**Manila**—  
"Well, Delayed-Manila . . . Sallie James."  
**Hongkong**—  
"Wards, Dodson, Pender, Quick, Rankin satisfactory. Hayes, Woodward, Gallimore, Greene, Miller, Ford, Canton. Circumstances unknown. No information about missionaries occupied areas.—Rankin."

Although no definite word has come from our own missionaries in occupied areas, several cables have been received from missionaries of other denominations. All are reported to be well and are being allowed a certain amount of freedom.

Dr. Maddry upon his return from Honolulu on the 18th of December reported that our 15 missionaries located in Hawaii are finding great opportunities in relief service as well as in evangelistic work. Although everyone of the 15 was offered a chance to return to America, each asked to be permitted to remain where the needs and the opportunities for evangelistic work are so great.

We must not hate Japan.—Chas. E. Maddry.

## J. M. DAWSON TO DELIVER LECTURES AT SEMINARY

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, this week announced the third annual Mid-Winter Conference to be held at Cowden Hall on the Seminary campus the last week of January, 1942. At the same time he announced a program of lectures, discussions, and conference for visiting religious workers.

This week of conferences which grew out of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the presidency of Dr. Scarborough and of the findings of the School of Religious Education and Sacred Music, has proven to be such an inspirational affair that it has been continued annually.

The following is the schedule outlined by Seminary authorities:

Monday, January 26  
7:00 P. M.—Holland Foundation Lecture. Dr. J. M. Dawson.  
Tuesday, January 27  
11:20 A. M.—Founder's Day Address. Dr. J. W. Bruner.  
4:15 P. M.—Panel discussion for pastors, church musicians, religious educators, W. M. U. workers.  
7:00 P. M.—Holland Foundation Lecture. Dr. J. M. Dawson.  
Wednesday, January 28  
11:20 A. M.—Address. Dr. Austin Crouch.  
4:15 P. M.—Conferences for pastors. Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr.  
Conference for church music, Rev. Kearnie Keegan.  
Conference on Religion Education. Conference on W. M. U. work. Mrs. B. A. Copass.  
7:00 P. M.—Holland Foundation Lecture. Dr. J. M. Dawson.  
Thursday, January 29  
11:20 A. M.—Address. Dr. Austin Crouch.  
4:15 P. M.—Conference for Pastors. Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr.  
Conference on church music. Rev. Kearnie Keegan.  
Conference on Religion Education. Conference on W. M. U. work. Mrs. B. A. Copass.  
7:00 P. M.—Holland Foundation Lecture. Dr. J. M. Dawson.  
Friday, January 30  
11:20 A. M.—Address. Dr. Austin Crouch.

## LUBBOCK CHURCH INVESTS BUILDING FUND IN BONDS

First Church, Lubbock, had planned to erect a completely new and modern plant to accommodate their growing attendance, to that end they have gathered about \$25,000, which with the high sale value of the present property, would have enabled them to build this year.

The great difficulty of securing labor and materials under present conditions have made it seem wise to postpone the building until after the present emergency, so the church enthusiastically adopted the suggestion of Pastor C. E. Hereford that the cash on hand be invested in Defense Bonds.

The church expects to continue to add at least \$1,000 per month to that fund in additional bonds each month through the new year.

## MISSIONARY

### ESSAYS



When you read this I will have finished two years as your District Missionary. To me they have been happy years. You have made them so. I do not believe any one could have had a better spirit of cooperation than you have given me. From every source has come words of encouragement and if there has been criticism of any kind, I have not heard of it.

You not only have done this but I know many of you have prayed daily for us. I want you to know that we will ever appreciate each kind word and every prayer that you have said.

I have made many mistakes and will make many more, but I have tried to give my best to Kingdom work for these two years. I know that I love this district better than I do my own life, and I am praying that this will be, by far, the best year's work we have ever done. There is no reason why it should not be.

We have a good program ahead of us. I will say more about it next week. I have the promise of Lawson Cooke spending a week in the district during March. Training Union Emphasis Week is January 19 through 23. We are to have some central training schools in the very near future. Many other things are before us. Let us give our best this year.

I wish for you the very best during the year to come.

## NORTON CHURCH BUILDS

Work commenced this week on a new church building at Norton, Runnels Association. The structure will be of native stone and is to contain an auditorium and 20 class rooms. Rev. W. T. Sparkman is pastor.

## 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.

Associate Supreme Court Justice Owen Josephus Roberts heads the five-man board now at Pearl Harbor to investigate the debacle of Sunday, December 7. Other members of the board are Army and Navy officers, all trusted and experienced men.

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The words of Secretary Knox, "not on the alert," as describing his findings of the tragedy of Pearl Harbor have been soberly received by the American people. Until the blame is properly fixed by the board of investigation, it will do little good for us to speculate about the matter.

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The President's prompt action in naming new commanders for the Pacific fleet was heartening. The men now in command are said to be the very ablest men available. They will

## TEXT FOR THE WEEK

This is the time.  
Revelation 1:6.

be assured of the prayerful support of the entire nation.

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All four of the President's sons are in the active service of their country. James and Elliott are captains, James in the Marines and Elliott in the

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The New Year comes to us under a dark cloud: Yet, to those who have been looking intently forward, perhaps it is not so dark as some days in the past have been. The year ahead will, doubtless, have days of anxiety, days of heartache, and perhaps days of sorrow, but we are persuaded that we have already witnessed the beginning of the end of this war of wars.

As we stand at the peak of the New Year and look across the veiled valleys of the tomorrows toward the sunset crest of the year, we find that we are not able to envision the circumstances or conditions we may find when we get there.

So we shall go forward in faith, believing that the Almighty God will be our God and that he will be with us, in valley or on summit, the long year through. We shall commit ourselves and all that we have into his keeping with assurance and confidence. We shall live one day at a time, giving it our best, as if it were the last.

But we will not fall prey to pessimism nor take counsel of our fears. Neither will we slacken in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ in whatever circumstances, and under whatever conditions we find ourselves. For we are servants of the King and he will hold us accountable if we become faint hearted and futile because of fears.

We are persuaded that if we march in faith, with courage, we shall find great and unexpected opportunities along the way in spite of the difficulties which we may encounter. Nay, rather, because of the difficulties, for the faithless and the fearful have no heart to look for opportunity.

If we go with God, 1942 can not be other than a good year.

—Pray Without Ceasing—

### OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

In the budget of Texas Baptists for last year and this, it has been possible to give Christian Education a larger share than formerly. With our plan for a progressively increasing budget, we may expect further enlargement. This is commendable for two reasons.

First, all church-related schools have had increasing difficulties through the years in the face of competition from tax-supported institutions. While the latter have had great sums of governmental money for expansion, the church college has been hampered by lack of buildings and other essential facilities, as well as shortages in funds for every necessary purpose.

Second, the rising cost of living and expanding war economy affect institutions no less than individuals. Without enlarged appropriations from the funds of the state board, our institutions might soon be finding themselves in serious difficulties.

It is probable that within a year, or two at most, Texas Baptists will have relieved themselves of the shadowing burden of debt. When that happy period has arrived, some of the large amounts which have, of necessity, gone for payments on principal and interest, will then be available for institutions.

When such a time comes, might we not consider whether it would be an equitable plan for the denomination to assume the burden of ministerial scholarships? This is one of the heavy loads which our schools have to carry through good years and bad. These scholarships for ministers are right and proper, but rightly and properly, they are the obligation of the denomination and not that of the schools.

It may be asked if that is not after all the same thing, since the schools are supported by the denomination. That would be quite true, if the denomination really supported the schools. As a matter of fact, the denomination does not support the schools, it only aids in that support. The remainder comes from various sources, including those interested individuals, living and dead, who have made contributions to endowments, buildings and other funds; from the faculty members, who loyally remain for a larger load and a smaller check; and from the paying students, who are a major source of income in nearly all our schools.

So, when the Christian college gives a scholarship, there are three main donors—the contributing church member, the faculty and the student body. Except for that scholarship, the contributions—in most cases sacred money, devoted to God—could be put to some other use. That the other use might not be more worthy, is beside the point. The fact remains that if it were not for the load of scholarships, totaling an enormous sum, the faculty member could receive more for his work or have more help in getting it done, the student could either have his fees reduced or be given more for his money and the contributor would help more youth to receive a Christian education.

But, it is asked, is not ministerial education the purpose of our church colleges? Most certainly. And no Christian who is thinking straight will begrudge one dime of any scholarship to a student who is giving his life to the cause of Christ.

There are two reasons for maintaining Christian colleges. One is to provide an educated ministry, a matter no longer debated among Baptists. The other is to make higher education in a spiritual atmosphere available for our children. We contend that neither should be penalized for the other; that, for this dual purpose, it is the duty of our churches to provide the best possible educational institutions.

It is unfair to the student to limit his advantages to provide a lower cost education for someone else. It is equally unfair to our church leadership to handicap their ministry by limiting unnecessarily their educational advantages.

Texas Baptists are neither few nor poverty-stricken. We hope, at no distant date and under proper safeguards, they can assume the tuition of their ministry of tomorrow.

## News Notes

Oklahoma Baptists have changed their fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year.

There are 1,172 students in Texas Tech who are Baptists or express preference for Baptists. This is one in three of the student body.

Rotan Church, which erected a most beautiful and commodious building this year, has inaugurated a program to liquidate the remaining indebtedness.

There are 132 Negro Baptist churches reported in Detroit, Michigan, where there were only two 25 years ago.

Lieutenant Leroy W. Raley, chaplain of the 179th Infantry, was guest preacher at Eastland Sunday, December 28.

First Church, Houston Heights, Rev. M. L. Rhodes, pastor, furnishes free bus service for its section of the city.

The Sunday School and Training Union meeting for the west zone of Sweetwater Association was held at Blackwell on December 28.

Dr. Ben M. David of Brownwood has accepted the call of First Church, Cuero.

Dr. A. A. Duncan of Greenville has been asked to serve as interim pastor at First Church, Odessa, until a success for Pastor John T. Kee has been selected. Rev. Kee lost his life in a traffic accident recently. Dr. Duncan, before his retirement, was for many years pastor at First Church, McAlester, Oklahoma.

Chaplain W. E. King, assistant divisional chaplain of the 45th Division, was guest preacher at University Church, Abilene, December 28.

Calvary Church, Vernon, will move into a new brick building on January 4. There are 22 class rooms and an auditorium with a seating capacity of 400. Rev. Weaver E. Lovelace is pastor.

The mother of Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas, died last week at her home at El Paso. Mrs. Rainey had long been a member of the El Paso Church.

Elmdale Church had a study course just before the holidays with 45 enrolled and 35 awards, reports Pastor W. A. Strickland.

Rev. Ira Harrison of Abilene supplied December 28 at First Church, Big Spring.

Rev. F. E. Swanner of Paducah has been called to First Church, Eastland.

Rev. J. P. McBeth of Dumas has accepted the call of First Church, Anson, and is moving this week. Rev. McBeth is much sought as a Bible expositor. His work as pastor at Dumas has attracted wide attention on account of the great number of tithers in the church.

## WE MUST RETURN TO GOD

By Edward B. Jenkins

A broker in Wall Street lost everything in the stock market. That night he told his wife that she would have to discharge the cook as they had no money to pay her.

Next morning at the breakfast table she asked her husband to return thanks. He looked at her and said: "What has come over you?" She replied: "Last night after we retired I began to think of how we had left God out of our lives; of how you had attended your clubs and I my bridge parties. Then I slipped out of bed and got on my knees and told God we would serve Him if He would forgive us."

Then again she said: "John, will you return thanks?" He mumbled out a prayer of thanks and when he looked up the tears were in his eyes.

That home came back to God though they had wandered from him and left the church out of their lives.

"Even from the days of your fathers ye have gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye say Wherein shall we return?" (Malachi 3:7).

Inconsistent Christianity in America is a definite handicap in winning the Chinese to Christ, according to Miss Viola Campbell, Home Board worker among the Chinese in El Paso.

## NEW, CONSTRUCTIVE IDEA ADVANCED BY A PASTOR

By O. D. Henley

The greatest pleasure of this passing life is to be able to leave something that will do good on and on after we are gone. Each can do that. The poet was right who said, "We can make our lives sublime." But that in life which we evaluate most highly naturally is the thing we want to perpetuate. One who felt science was man's highest good would leave his best efforts and his means to those who were most likely to advocate and advance science.

To the spiritual, something that honors God is of the deepest concern. Personal habits and activities are made to contribute to spiritual ends. He who is deeply interested in God's work will show it by investing himself in some phase of the kingdom's enterprises. Some make possible homes for orphans. A more commendable venture could not be found. Others, build sanitariums, or promote their ongoing. We ought to have more Baptist hospitals instead of less. A few have seen the great good in Christian colleges and have made their great usefulness possible. So through the ages, religious people have founded and maintained spiritual works.

If anyone has ever endowed a Baptist paper, I never heard of it. In fact, it is doubtful if many ever gave it a thought. Suppose word were to go out that every Baptist paper would cease circulation. Our mission boards and hospitals and schools all would be deeply affected. But how can we expect our Baptist papers to function forever for causes other than themselves unless someone gives them more solid backing? The wonder of it is how our papers have lived until now. No Baptist paper is ever a money-making business. If those who make it possible were not sacrificial, it could not continue.

Will not someone who reads this to whom God has given the money to do it, invest enough money, or bonds, or securities, or properties, or insurance, in this Baptist paper to make it a permanent factor in kingdom building until Jesus comes again. Because we receive the paper almost free is no sign that it doesn't cost somebody much.

Think what joy you could get during your lifetime to know from week to week you were making it possible for thousands to have a Baptist paper in their homes. Then, when God calls you home, each issue of the paper would carry its message of spiritual encouragement and salvation to the present and future generations. It would be difficult to find a better use for what God has entrusted to you. Who'll do it?

## PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Sweetwater Association, with Caps Church, Jan. 8

Rev. F. R. Cole, Pastor  
Scripture: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."—Romans 1:16.

Theme: The Gospel of the Evangelist.

10:00—Song and praise service, Rev. W. I. Taylor.

10:10—Attitude of the Evangelist—"Unashamed," Rev. Guy Lewis.

10:30—Power of the Gospel—"Salvation," Rev. T. J. Sparkman.

10:50—Scope of the Gospel—"All," Rev. O. A. Hendon.

11:10—Condition of the Gospel—"Belief," Rev. Douglas Carver.

11:30—Sermon, Rev. Floyd Chaffin.

Lunch.  
1:15—Board meetings, Association and W. M. U.

2:00—Sunday School Report, J. D. Riddle. Training Union Report, Jaxie Short. Report on Denominational Work, Rev. W. C. Ashford.

2:15—Inspirational address, Rev. Truman Crouch.

## PROGRAM

Fisher Workers, Meeting with Cross Roads Church, January 5

At this meeting we are to have all of the phases of our work presented. Hence the program.

1:00 Devotional, Rev. Ingram, pastor at Plasterco.

10:20 The Sunday School work, presented by O. D. Henley, Sylvester.

10:45 The W. M. U. work, presented by Mrs. L. L. Trott, Rotan.

11:10 Business and announcements.

11:25 Sermon, J. Perry King, pastor at Roby.

1:30 Board and women's meeting.  
2:00 The Training Union work, presented by Mrs. Frank Kingsfield.  
2:25 The Brotherhood work, presented by Rev. C. A. Jones.  
2:50 The Cooperative Program presented by L. L. Trott.

## Sunday School Lesson

January 4, 1942

### THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS:

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE

Matthew 1:1, 17; Mark 1:1, 14-15; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the Synoptic Gospels because they are largely composed of parallel narratives. They were written by the men whose names they bear, and appeared a very few years before the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70. The resemblances existing between these books chiefly consist in the same general outline, an almost identical series of incidents, a similar method of narration, and frequently a striking verbal agreement, yet there is sufficient divergence to mark each writer's individuality and reveal the independence of his work; thus each contains peculiarities of style and vocabulary, embodies exclusive material, states the same fact differently from the others, and, in particular, presents a peculiar conception of our Lord. Thus Matthew, the publican apostle, presented Jesus to the Jews as the Messiah fulfilling the ancient prophecies; Mark, the companion of Peter, revealed Jesus to the Romans as the miracle-working Son of God; and Luke, the medical associate of Paul, in more systematic treatise, emphasized the humanity of Jesus before the Greeks.

JESUS WAS THE REVEALED MESSIAH. The first Gospel, written primarily for Jewish readers, presented Jesus as the promised and predicted Messiah. It opened with the genealogy in proof that Jesus, as foretold, was a descendant of David the king and of Abraham the father of the Hebrew people. Outstanding names, bad as well as good, were taken from the genealogical register and set in three groups of 14 generations each. Some names have a history of their own, but many are no more than fingerboards pointing onward to the Messiah.

JESUS WAS THE REVEALING SON OF GOD. Note: The beginning of the Gospel by Mark. The foreword of the writer was merely his title to the initial paragraph referring to the ministry of John or possibly to the book entire, covering the life of the Lord. Without argument, it presents the Son of God on the threshold of redemption as Moses (Gen. 1:1) presented God on the threshold of creation. The Son of God is given a double identification: personally as Jesus the young man of Galilee, and officially as Christ (Greek equivalent for Hebrew, Messiah) the long promised Savior and Lord. This message is declared to be the Gospel, and certainly it is good news to a lost world. And here we have its beginning through the ministry first of John and then of Jesus who in earth simply "began both to do and to teach."

The preaching of the Gospel by Jesus. He had closed his early ministry in Judea where success was limited and opposition great, as shown in the imprisonment of the Baptist, and returned to Galilee with its reader following and larger opportunity. Preaching was his first and fundamental work. The theme of his preaching was the Gospel of God, the good news of salvation. His message was timely and urgent because it proclaimed the fulfillment of prophecy

in the coming of the Messiah and the visible inauguration of his reign upon earth. The burden of his message centered upon two great duties. The first was repentance, which involves a sense of sin, sorrow for sin, and severance from sin by the grace and help of God. The second was faith, which involves assent to Gospel truth, acceptance of Christ as Savior, and acknowledgement of him as Lord and Master.

JESUS WAS THE REDEEMING SON OF MAN. The human aspects of the atoning Savior were presented by Luke in his inspired biography of Jesus. The preface to his book shows him a careful and conscientious historian. To him we are indebted for a consecutive and complete life of our Lord. Of many narratives current in Luke's day none is preserved to us. He doubtless used them for comparison and verification. But in the preparation of his work he went to original sources as a systematic and sympathetic investigator. An accomplished writer, he puts his work on a definite historical basis in order that he might confirm the faith of Christians. The book was addressed to Theophilus ("friend of God"), who, while otherwise unknown, was an eminent Christian, perhaps of riches and rank.

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## PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By  
COOPER WATERS

### PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Luke 13:6-9

The owner of the vineyard went three consecutive years to a certain fig tree expecting to find figs on it and was disappointed each time. After the third disappointment, he instructed the vinedresser to dig it up and cast it away. The vinedresser demurred and asked permission to give it special care for another year and allow it another chance to bear fruit.

The purpose of the parable is to illustrate the fate of those who refuse to repent, i.e., the necessity of repentance. It comes as a climax to a sermon on repentance which was illuminated by two fresh tragedies, the slaying of a group of Galileans who refused to pay taxes to Rome and the falling of the tower of Siloam upon 18 people. Man must either repent toward God or perish without hope as did these two groups of people referred to in these tragedies.

Some interesting figures are used in this parable. The tree represents any person. Every person is a tree

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## African By a M

Dearest Mommie:

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Really I think that I am ed than those who and slept. Every day away was filled with Mom, you know becoming a real sharp scapel at the dispensary tion, and I do believe I am going to be do an appendectomy the school boys case of cellulitis of Well, you know he people and there boy suffering from len foot, there was to do but take a open in a couple of him relief, but I the awful pain in ago I had to open the knife, yesterday a worm from a b only knows just w do next.

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Tuesday I Well, we are of after a very delight Until you have I where you see only your own mission ev not understand how me to come here, many, many people Mr. and Mrs. Adair us their ability to Saturday evening ner for us and for diers who have re

# African Glimpses Seen By a Missionary Nurse

Iwo, Nigeria,  
October 4, 1941

Dearest Mommie:  
It seems that I will never get accustomed to this business of taking a nap every day when every one else does. I can think of so many other things of interest that gets rid of all this energy that I seem to have. I am sure that the other members of the household wish that I would either sleep or get out of the house, for today I have completely re-arranged all of my furniture which involved quite a bit of noise. Any way I am proud of the change in the room.

Yesterday, instead of resting I had a sudden notion to go take a few snap shots of the city. So I got on the bike, and without saying a word to any one I went into the town and out into the country for miles. I took a picture of the king's palace, one of His Majesty's messengers. Before I got such a mob around me that I could not breathe, I found a street leading into a direction that I had not traveled before, so I decided to do a bit of exploring.

I rode several miles through the greenest and freshest looking country that I have ever seen. The sun was out and casting warm glances my way, but tall shade trees on either side of the road protected me from the strong rays. Little streams of clear water ran across the road in several places, and at such spots many young women had stopped to give their children their bath. As I passed them they all waved and yelled at me.

Really I think that I was more rested than those who stayed at home and slept. Every minute that I was away was filled with fun and frolic.

Mom, you know your daughter is becoming a real surgeon. I have a good sharp scalpel and one hemostat at the dispensary to do my operation, and I do believe that pretty soon I am going to be skilled enough to do an appendectomy. Today one of the school boys came in with a bad case of cellulitis on his right foot. Well, you know how I hate to hurt people and there was that poor little boy suffering from the terrible swollen foot, there was nothing for me to do but take a knife and slit it open in a couple of places. It brought him relief, but I still imagine I felt the awful pain myself. Two days ago I had to open a huge boil with the knife, yesterday I had to remove a worm from a boy's eye. Heaven only knows just what I will have to do next.

Not only am I becoming a surgeon but I am learning how to collect money from patients. These people think that white people are all rich and many times they want free treatment or a reduction on our set price. So that involves much discussion and a great deal of explanation. Of course, we do not charge them very much, but we have to have the cost of the medicine at least. I find that they follow our orders for treatment much better if they pay for their drugs.

October 13

Greetings from the big city. I suppose this must be my summer vacation, anyway, Alma Graves and I came down to Lagos last Saturday to stay until Tuesday. She had to have an X-ray made of her teeth and, of course, she needed a nurse so I came along. This is my first trip to see the ocean since I went up country and my, how good it is to see such a large expanse of water again.

We left Iwo station at 7:40 a.m., rode all day through dense forest, passing little stations about every 15 miles and stopping at all of them. The heat of the day came and we almost roasted. I broke our water jug just as we left Iwo, and we had to go without a drink until late in the afternoon when we reached Lagos. We did not suffer from thirst too much because we bought oranges and ate them, but we were certainly glad to feel cool water trickling down our throats again. First class tickets are very expensive so we always ride second class, however, when the conductor invited us to come to first class without any extra charge, we graciously accepted his offer for our car was filled with people.

Tuesday Morning  
Well, we are on our way home after a very delightful visit in Lagos. Until you have lived up country where you see only the ten people in your own mission every day, you cannot understand how much good it did me to come here, where there are many, many people of our own color. Mr. and Mrs. Adair certainly showed us their ability to entertain.

Saturday evening they had a dinner for us and for two British soldiers who have recently come here

from London. After a full meal, including ice cream, we sat in the living room and chatted about "international affairs."

Sunday we attended the First Baptist Church at Lagos. Sunday night we had a cosmopolitan group for a sing-song at the Baptist Academy. Two Canadian missionaries from Central Africa and their young son, two young men from Britain, three Texans, a girl from Louisiana, and a man from Georgia, made up the group. We had a rather difficult time finding songs that every one knew, but the evening was well spent.

Monday was hot, sticky and noisy. I shopped all morning. I walked at least ten miles looking at the shops—just tramping around by myself in the big city of Lagos. Monday afternoon I got a permanent. The man who gave me the wave is a first class hair dresser. While I had all the baking apparatus on my head I got to thinking what I would do if an air raid alarm should sound.

The other day a huge American Clipper settled down in the harbor at Lagos, thrilling the hearts of all the Americans who saw it. Some of these days there will be a regular passenger plane between the West Coast of Africa and America. Then Mildred will be coming home in five days instead of three to six weeks.

Here we are back in Iwo. I must tell you about my patients at the hospital. They are so sweet and so nice. Last night as I was making my usual calls on the patients, I happened to call on a little boy about two years old, that has a deep burn on his arm. He has always been afraid of me, but last night he wanted me to hold him, so I carried him around to see all the other patients. His father, an idol worshipper, is well pleased with the way the child is recovering and is grateful to us. Today I talked to him about becoming a Christian—of course, it is difficult for him to understand as he cannot read; but we told him the simple story of salvation. He promised that he would attend church. Maybe through the child's illness the father will become a Christian.

I am becoming a stronger believer in prayer for the sick every day. A few days ago a tiny baby was brought in with tetanus, which is prevalent among the new born here. We gave the baby a dose of tetanus antitoxin. The father refused to leave the baby in the hospital. That night I prayed earnestly for the child. The next day they brought him back for two treatments. That night at our prayer service we had special prayer for the little one. Today the child is well. Now I know the Lord worked through the administration of the drug we gave the child.

I am in love with this little hospital. I would give everything I have to see it grow and reach every one in Iwo who needs medical attention.

We are in the beginning of the dry season. It is becoming very hot, our heavy rains are about over, it will be six months before they come again. The Texas people just do not know what dry weather is.

I could tell you more but what is the use—except I am happy, glad and well. I am just sitting on top of the world. You know I thought that I was happy in America. I was to a certain extent, but here I have the happiness that comes when a person is following God's plan for his or her life. Of course, I miss my family something awful, but since all of you are together and well, I feel that we are not so far apart after all. Somehow, I do not live in the future as I did before I came, but I try to live every day as if that day is the important one. Really I never thought that life in Africa could be so wonderful.

It's time for class in Nursing Procedure. Remember,  
I love you,  
MILDRED.

## TEN MILLION BOOKS ARE NEEDED FOR SERVICE MEN

Book readers of the nation are asked to share their treasures with men in the uniform in the National Defense Book Campaign, beginning Monday, January 12. Libraries will serve as collection depots and will forward the books to "day rooms" in army camps, U. S. O. buildings, ships, and other points where they will be available for soldiers during their time off duty.

It is estimated that ten million books will be needed to supply the demand. Magazines and newspapers cannot be handled through the libraries. Donors are invited to put their names in the books.

## WHY DO WE HAVE SO FEW LEADERS IN OUR CHURCHES

By Mrs. J. H. Epley  
This is such a deep and interesting question that I feel I can only touch on it.

Suppose we take this question to ourselves and search down deep into our hearts and see why we are not leaders in some service for Jesus.

First, it takes a converted person. Some people think they are Christians that are not. I blame some preachers and teachers who teach that all you have to do is to join the church and be baptized and you will be saved. Jesus says, "You must be born again." If we lead people in God's service we have to be led by him and cannot do this unless we surrender ourselves wholly in his hands to be used by him at his will. I think this is one of the greatest reasons that there are not more leaders in his service.

If we could only say as Samuel and Isaiah did, "Here am I Lord, send me," it would surprise some of us at the things we might do. We would study God's word and pray often and try to be fitted to be useful. Then, when we are called on to do anything we would not say, "Oh, I cannot do that, let some one else do it who is more competent." We would be afraid to refuse because we would be afraid that God that led this person to call on us.

He tries us with little things, and if we are faithful in little things he will then give us greater things to do. He gave some five talents—others ten—and the one that would not use his talent but laid it up in a napkin, he took it from him and gave it to others. The ones that used their talents, he doubled them. If we use the one talent it will be just as acceptable to God as the one that has ten talents.

You say it takes qualities for a leader. Yes, but how do they know unless they try. I believe every church has members that if they were developed would make good leaders. Sometimes God has to send trouble, sickness and even death upon us before we are willing to do as he wants us to do. Sometimes we have to go with Jesus through the Garden of Gethsemane before we can be used by him.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, so we must fear as well as love him. Sometimes we try to hold God with one hand and the world with the other, and that is one reason we make mistakes and God cannot use us. I do not mean that we have to give up all pleasures, only the things that would kill our influence and drive his spirit out of our hearts. We are human and social beings and should be the happiest people in the world, and believe we are when we are living the true Christian life. We were bought with such a price as the shedding of our Redeemer's blood—why can't we make more sacrifices for him and for one another and serve him better.

The Bible says, "He that is the greatest in the Kingdom is the least here and the servant of all." But a leader does not feel that he is a servant but it is a pleasure and great opportunity to serve. One of the greatest qualities to make good leadership is to love God as well as to love everybody else, and have a big loving heart for all mankind.

## "FILL YOUR QUOTA NOW"

By ALFRED CARPENTER,  
Superintendent Camp Work,  
Home Mission Board

"Fill Your Quota Now" is the request from the government to Southern Baptists regarding its army reserve chaplains. Recent response has been gratifying but the need is greater than as of August 1 when this office made its first appeal. Qualifications are still the same, age 24-40, an A.B. and Th.B. degree or the equivalent, with three years preaching experience. We are requested to withhold endorsement of men not meeting these qualifications.

Southern Baptist quota is 74 per cent filled. In addition to quota we need a 25 per cent reserve pool to draw upon for impending emergencies. We are shorter on quota than any other denomination excepting Methodists and Catholics. Northern Baptists are over with 124 per cent.

Southern Baptists have no ecclesiastical authority to appoint or draft their chaplains as do some other denominations. We must depend upon the volunteer cooperation of our 25,259 churches and 23,040 preachers. Here lies the answer whether Southern Baptists will have their portion of preachers serving military forces or will other denominations take our place. We cannot ask the government to hold our quota open much longer. "Fill Your Quota Now."

## CONQUER WORRY, FEAR VETERAN WARNS CHILDREN

My Dear Children:  
Our country is now involved in what, no doubt, will be a long bloody struggle for the freedom of mankind. We have just one duty to perform in all of this crisis—that is to do everything possible to win. Shirk no responsibilities or sacrifice however great. Facing this desperate struggle, I offer to you dear children, the pride of my heart, the following suggestions:

First—Do not talk too much about what is going on, more especially the location and output of materials. As the struggle grows harder the enemy will be listening, and you will not know who the enemy is. Don't give them any information which may be beneficial to them. May I quote to you a sign which I read throughout Europe during the First World War: "The walls have ears. The enemy is listening. Do not talk."

Second—Do not listen to or repeat wild rumors. They will come thick and fast as this struggle goes on. This is part of the enemy's plan to demoralize our people. Listen and rely only on the facts put out by our government. It is not our duty to know all that is going on in war, but be sure that we do our part in helping to win it. Everything else must be put in the background except the one idea and determination to win.

Third—Be willing to do your part of the suffering in defense of your country. Remember we are no better than other people to die in defense of our country. I had far rather know that any of you were dead, than to know that you showed any form of disloyalty to this fair land of ours. This is a battle for the freedom of the world, and each of us must play our parts well. I know you children can take it, and with a smile. You remember I left you children as babies with your dear mother and went over seas in the last war. I pledge you now that I am ready to gladly go anywhere at any time that I may serve my country in this bloody struggle. It is fine to live and great to die in the battle of freedom and liberty.

Fourth—Do not worry, but face life as brave Americans. Worry and fear are two of earth's greatest demons. Conquer them now in our own hearts and lives, then you are prepared to live happily. As this conflict continues, we will be called upon to suffer sacrifices and hardships of which we have never dreamed. Accept them gladly and serve with a smile.

Fifth—Remember that our family has a long record as brave Americans who were willing to fight and die in the cause of their country. It is now left to us to defend this noble record. Wherever duty calls us, we will go, even to death, with a smile on our face and a song of victory in our heart. There is no greater honor that can come to man than to live or die on the battle fields of freedom. Honor God, trust your government, serve humanity, in this great crisis. Whether you live or die, honor and immortality will be yours.

Yours father,  
ANDREW J. MORGAN.  
Breckenridge, Texas  
December 10, 1941.

## PLEASANT VALLEY AND CROSS ROADS

We are getting along pretty well at the Valley. Our budget is helping us and when we can get weather so we can have better attendance it will be better all around. The work and workers are still the chief thought of this pastor in regard to the Pleasant Valley Church.

Cross Roads is doing mighty well, but I am wondering if we had not better spur ourselves up a little or we may get behind. To the everlasting credit of some of the Cross Roads people, we have the most splendid Christmas tree I have ever seen, so beautifully trimmed and decorated. The budget is working fine with the church here, and it is helping just a lot.

We are to entertain the next Workers Conference, meets Monday, January 5. The program is in this paper. You will note that it is to be a real conference. We want a good attendance, and we will have the most superb entertainment for all who will come.

I am in love with both of these churches. I have been trying to pastor churches for a long time and I have had many of the Lord's best to work with; men and women who live right and stand for the right things, but never have I had better men and women and young people to lead than I have right now at these two churches. I am grateful to the Lord for letting me into this field. My prayer is that I may not disappoint any of them nor fail in my leadership. I request the prayers of all of you for this same thing.

JOE R. MAYES, Pastor.  
There is no short cut to power. It calls for complete surrender.—Chester Swor.

## PROGRAM

Workers Conference, Cisco Association, Meeting with First Church, Breckenridge, Tues., Jan. 6  
10:00—Devotional, Rev. Clifford Nelson.  
10:25—Paul's Flight (II Tim. 4:7), Russell Dennis.  
10:50—Paul's Victory (II Tim. 4:8), David Phillips.  
11:15—Greeting of new pastors and visitors.  
11:25—Special music, Finis Williams.  
11:35—Sermon, Rev. F. E. Swanner, Pastor First Church, Eastland.  
1:30—Board meeting and W. M. U. Program.  
1:30—Devotional, Mrs. David Phillips, Ranger.  
Special music, Albany W. M. U.  
Oh Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth, Herbert Christian, Rising Star.

## MISSION GIFTS ANALYZED FOR WICHITA-ARCHER

Of the 25 churches in Wichita-Archer Association, only one small, pastorless church failed to give to missions through the Cooperative Program last year, according to an analysis made by Association Moderator Homer P. Reynolds, pastor at Lamar Avenue, Wichita Falls.

Five churches sent contributions every month. These are: Burkburnett, Jack W. Manning, pastor; Holiday, Harry Roark, pastor; Thrift, Glen Bales, pastor; Lamar Avenue, Homer B. Reynolds, pastor; and Highland Heights, A. C. Huff, pastor. These were, respectively, second to sixth in per capita gifts. First Church, Wichita Falls, Dr. Fred B. Eastham, pastor, was highest in total and per capita giving, averaging \$3.01 per member.

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NOVEMBER RECORD OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS FROM DISTRICT 17

Each month during this convention year we expect to have published the gifts of the churches of this district through the Cooperative Program. At a glance you can see whether your church gave during the month of November. This is the official report sent out by our state treasurer, Mr. R. A. Springer.

Our district was ninth out of 17 in November. Only 74 out of 168 churches gave anything during the month. We are hoping that each one has given or will give by February 1.

J. HENRY LITTLETON,

Missionary.

Callahan Association

Table listing gifts from Callahan Association churches including C. E. Poe, Cross Plains, Organizer, Admiral, Antioch, Atwell, Baird, Belle Plains, Clyde, Cottonwood, Cross Plains, Denton Valley, Dressy, Dudley, Eula, Oplin, Potosi, Putnam, Scranton.

Cisco Association

Table listing gifts from Cisco Association churches including H. D. Blair, Cisco, Organizer, Albany, Breckenridge, Caddo, Carbon, Center, Cisco, East, Cisco, First, Corinth, Crystal Falls, Desdemona, Eastland, Frankell, Fort Griffin, Gorman, Harmony, Hodnett Grove, Long Branch, Mangum, Midway, Mitchell, Moran, Necessity, New Hope No. 1, New Hope No. 2, New Hope No. 3, Nimrod, Okra, Olden, Pioneer, Pleasant Hill, Pueblo, Ranger, First, Ranger, Second, Rising Star, Sabanna, Staff, Union, Wayland.

Fisher Association

Table listing gifts from Fisher Association churches including L. L. Trott, Rotan, Organizer, Bethel, Cross Roads, El Paso, Gannon, Highland Home, Hitson, Hobbs, Liberty, Longworth, McCaulley, Newman, North Roby, Plasterco, Pleasant Valley, Pledger, Roby, Rotan, Royston, Sardis, Sylvester.

Haskell Association

Table listing gifts from Haskell Association churches including S. E. Stevenson, Goree, Organizer, Brushy, Curry's Chapel, East Side, Gillespie, Goree, Grace, Haskell, First, Knox City, Mattson, Munday, O'Brien, Pinkerton, Paint Creek, Roberts, Rochester, Rockdale, Rule, Sagerton, Sweet Home, Weinert.

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ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 14-21

Table listing attendance reports for churches including Sunday School, Church, Amarillo, First, Lubbock, First, Wichita Falls, First, Abilene, First, Albuquerque, First, San Angelo, First, El Paso, First, Vernon, First, Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave. 713, Brownwood, Coggin Ave. 654, Breckenridge, First, Borg'er, First, Midland, First, Odessa, First, Plainview, First, Sweetwater, First, Coleman, First, Big Spring, East Fourth, Burkburnett, First, Big Spring, First, Wichita Falls, South Side, San Angelo, Immanuel, W. Falls, Highland Hts., Hamlin, Wichita Falls, North Side, Merkel, Training Union, Amarillo, First, Albuquerque, First, Vernon, First, Breckenridge, First, Sweetwater, First, Big Spring, First, Burkburnett, First, San Angelo, Immanuel, Merkel.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD OBJECTIVES FOR 1942

(Continued from page 1) in the church it should be supervised through the Brotherhood.

Stewardship Emphasize stewardship and Scriptural giving as the avenue through which to increase the receipts of our local churches and to raise our Cooperative Program. We further urge that the stewardship committee of the Brotherhood give itself to this important task, enlisting the enthusiastic support of the Brotherhood members.

Evangelism Suggest "Win a Man for Christ" as a good slogan for every Brotherhood member. The Evangelistic committee of the Brotherhood should be most active in promoting soul-winning campaigns, possibly planning a one-week men's revival in the church.

Preaching Services Insist that the preaching services are fundamental in our churches and that one of the main services which the Brotherhood can render is to stimulate attendance among the men of our churches upon the regular worship services and in particular on Sunday evening. The worship committee of the Brotherhood should be most alert and aggressive in this respect. One of our big problems is that of the absentee member. In order to promote regular attendance we suggest the following:

a. A period of church attendance when the men are called upon especially during that period to be loyal to every service in the church. May is the month suggested. Some are making it a ten weeks campaign and are promoting "Ten Weeks in God's House."

b. An honor roll in the Brotherhood listing those who are regular in church attendance.

Layman's Day Vigorously plan and promote Layman's Day on October 18, when the laymen will be given special recognition and an earnest effort made to get every man in all church services on that day.

Conventions Urge every church to send representatives to the Brotherhood Convention which meets in Fort Worth, November 9-10, 1942. This would hold true whether or not the church now has a Brotherhood. Also, we urge the presence of representatives from every church at the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio in May, especially on the night the Brotherhood report is given.

Definite Objectives Urge every Brotherhood to adopt definite local objectives—these things which the church needs most—and lend itself to promoting the same. Every church has some important needs, and it should be the purpose of the Brotherhood to take the initiative in meeting those needs.

Reports Encourage every Brotherhood to make regular and interesting reports to the State Secretary. Report what objectives are adopted and the success in reaching them.

District Rallies Urge the district Brotherhood presidents to plan at least one big district rally during the year, either in the form of an encampment or a shorter meeting, and also to see that each association is organized and functioning.

Association Meetings Urge association presidents to have regular meetings at least quarterly. They should encourage and lead in organizing Brotherhoods in all churches. They should enlist the cooperation of the extension committees in the now existing Brotherhoods to help in this endeavor.

Annual Association Ask the association moderator to provide a place on the annual association program for the Brotherhood report and to see that the best available person is asked to make this report. We appreciate the splendid cooperation this past year.

Workers Conferences Request the program committees for the workers conferences to give emphasis regularly to the Brotherhood work. This has been done with good success in many associations, and we trust it will extend to every association.

Tours Commend the plan of State Secretary Springer and State Convention President Cummings in making tours of the various districts and associations, thereby saving time and expense and reaching more people.

Helps Commend the booklet, "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood," to our Brotherhoods and ask that they be secured, studied, and used in promoting the work. The Brotherhood Quarterly and Annual are unequalled for reading or program material. All of these may be ordered from the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, 1040 Commerce Title Building, Memphis, Tennessee. Masculine Brotherhood buttons to wear in coat lapels are also to be ordered from the same place.

This Changing World

(Continued from page 1) Navy. Franklin and John are ensigns in the Navy.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS President Roosevelt has named Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, son of the 26th President of the United States, a brigadier general.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Wiston Churchill's visit to the United States has deepened the ties between the two great English speaking nations of the world. His address on the White House lawn Christmas Eve, and his address to the Congress last Friday, reveal the man's greatness of heart and head.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Sale of Defense Bonds and Savings Stamps have jumped to as high as 8,681 per cent over any previous week. In many banks the people were told that they would have to come back when more bonds had been secured from the Federal Reserve.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS No more golf, tennis, or squash balls! One sporting goods store sold 2,000 dozen golf balls before 11 o'clock in the morning the day before this order went into effect. It is suggested that perhaps croquet, parchesi, tic-tac-toe, horse shoe pitching, and other ancient forms of recreation may again come into their own.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Walter Lippmann gave the country something of an eyeful and Mrs. Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia something of a jolt last week when he said that Civilian Defense should be taken out of the hands of Mrs. Roosevelt and the Little Flower and put under the jurisdiction of the War Department.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS By the time this appears in print we shall likely know at least some of the reasons why Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook, Prime Minister MacKenzie and others have been in conference for days in Washington with President Roosevelt: My guess is that one of the results of this conference will be an Allied Command.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Good news from Mexico: "Mexico is actively working with the United States armed forces in maintaining control north of the Panama Canal and south of the Rio Grande," and these are the words of President Manuel Avila Camacho.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS In his Christmas message, Hitler said: "Millions of our soldiers stand after a year of the heaviest battles against an enemy who is superior in numbers and material on the front."

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Since 1928 there had stood in front of the chief railway station in Prague a statue of Woodrow Wilson, a gift of U. S. Czechs. Last week, by order of Hitler, it was torn down and carted away. I shall never forget standing near the statue, watching Czech children place flowers at its base.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Twelve government agencies will be moved from Washington to regional cities within the next few months. This step is essential, we are told, to meet the overcrowded condition in the nation's capital.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is calling an interdenominational conference on post-war problems in Ohio next March. Commenting on this conference, John Foster Dulles says: "No conception leads more surely to war than that which identifies peace with a perpetuation of the status quo."

GIVE TO + RED CROSS The rubber bridge thrown across the Chattahoochee River, near Ft. Benning, Georgia, on December 18, 1941, marks a new and constructive step in military strategy. It required two hours and six minutes to span the 300 feet and start the armored division safely across.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Biggest selling novel of 1941 was Keys to the Kingdom, by A. J. Cronin, published by Little, Brown and Company. The same publisher brought out one of the best non-fiction sellers of the year, You Can't Do Business with Hitler, by Douglas Miller.

GIVE TO + RED CROSS Take care of your tires. They will have to last you for a long time. Just as well make arrangements now to have them retreaded. Selah.

OPPORTUNITIES BRIGHTER SOUTH AMERICA REPLIES

(Foreign Mission Board) On December 10 the following cable was sent from Richmond to missionaries in South America:

"In view American entry into war Board reappraises mission situation desires advice from South American missionaries regarding their needs or desires."

Three answers have come from South America: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil—"So far there is no reason for uneasiness opportunities were never brighter greatest difficulties due to soaring prices."—Thomas Stover.

Recife, Brazil—"Everything normal executive committee mission meets eighteenth will inform you deliberation by air mail all missionaries well."—John Mein. Buenos Aires, Argentina—"Baptist mission urges sending new or transferred missionaries. Renewals all requests July meeting."—Lemuel Quarles.

A Cuban Baptist church in Colon, Cuba, has sent forth its first missionary, according to Rev. Enrique Pina, pastor. Three years ago Miss Lucila Franquez was converted. Last year she married Rev. Jose Prado, and is now a missionary in Costa Rica with her husband.

Statemen and world leaders have led the world out of one mess into another because they have not followed Jesus Christ.—W. B. Harvey.

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Sentence Sermons

By O. D. Henley People like to perform. Public sentiment only molds the weak.

An affected tone is not an effective tone. Jesus invites all to go on a world-tour with Him for Him. The duller you are, the sharper your remarks.

A cold recommendation is worse than a rejection. Foreign missions are foreign to many. We admire, or envy, those who excel us.

I have never seen a will broken with the Lord's cause written into it.—J. W. Bruner.

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