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## BAPTIST CONVENTION - DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

### RAMBLING



By DICK O'BRIEN

I was so excited and busy last week that I did not get around to the remarks. For the sake of Mr. Anderson, who is doing such a fine job of editing the West Texas Baptist in addition to so many other duties, and my seven readers I always hate to miss a week. Of course the cause of my excitement was the gift card which was presented to me. She has been lording it over the rest of the family since the presentation. I am waiting with interest to see how she reacts to the gasoline and oil bills which will soon be coming in. In fact, I believe she has thought of that too, as her attitude has been a little less Hitler and a little more conciliatory as we approach the end of the month. Today we went to the Workers meeting. She drove and I sat in the back seat going down but coming back she actually let me drive. . . . Frankly, it is a great feeling to have something like this to happen to you. Not only the intrinsic value of a modern motor car, but the loads of sentiment which go with the gift. A thing like this could not happen at the wrong time, but surely this was timed by Providence. I have often said that I never get blue or discouraged and I meant it. I have often been disappointed but never discouraged, but this time I was mighty close to the line. But when we came in from Moran where we had attended the Workers conference of the mother association and found our old car gone and that new

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### DISTRICT EIGHT MET AT SNYDER MARCH 17-18

Pastors E. D. Dunlap of Sweetwater, M. H. Godfrey of Loraine, and Thomas Patterson of Colorado, were convention preachers at the annual meeting of District 8, which met March 17 and 18 in Snyder.

Mr. G. S. Hopkins of Dallas spoke on Sunday School work, Judge James P. Stinson of Abilene on things a layman can do, Dr. T. C. Gardner of Dallas, B. T. U. address, Dr. H. H. Muirhead of Pernambuco, Brazil, missions, and Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Christian education.

E. F. Cole is president of the District 8 convention; Mrs. J. J. Strickland is W. M. U. vice-president; Claude Crane, Sunday School vice-president; H. L. Wren, Brotherhood vice-president; and N. W. Pitts, B. T. U. vice-president. Rev. J. J. Strickland is district missionary and Rev. E. F. Gonzales is district missionary to Mexicans.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY AT ABILENE FIRST

Special services for young people were held at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, on Sunday, March 18. At the 11 o'clock hour Rev. Earl Burks, pastor of the Throckmorton Church preached to an audience containing a large number of high school boys and girls. The young people were very attentive and after the service many expressed appreciation of the inspiring sermon.

The pulpit was filled at the evening hour by Mr. William Hall Preston of Nashville, Tenn., assistant secretary of the Southwest Baptist Student Union. Mr. Preston gave an unusual interpretation of the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, reading Christ where the King James version reads charity. His address was very effective.

Pastor Millard A. Jenkins is in the midst of a great meeting with Pastor Burks and the Church at Throckmorton.

### DR. HARRY LEE SPENCER CONVENTION PREACHER



Denominational leaders in District 17 are delighted that they have been able to secure as convention preacher, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, the gifted evangelistic pastor of College Avenue Church, Fort Worth.

Although he has been in Texas only a short while, he is rapidly gaining recognition for his remarkable work. Since he accepted the call to College Avenue in 1936, their membership has increased over 400 and a burdensome debt has already been reduced nearly 40 per cent.

Dr. Spencer came to his present pastorate from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he had given long years of constructive service. He is a graduate of Baylor University and had both Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from the Southwestern Seminary. During his student days he was pastor of several churches in Central Texas, including three years of outstanding work at Alvarado, from which field he resigned to accept the call to the large church at Hattiesburg.

At the latter place he was the loved minister of hundreds of students in Mississippi Woman's College, the Baptist school for girls, and also State Teachers College. While there he earned the distinction of being called the young people's preacher. He was one of the trustees of M. W. C. and during one depression year he gave his time without compensation as Bible teacher in the college.

The convention sermons will be preached in the H-SU chapel at 10, 4, and 8:45, Thursday and at the 10 o'clock chapel hour on Friday. Dr. Spencer will preach on each of these occasions.

### WORKERS MEETING AT ROBY MONDAY, THE 21ST

The Fisher County Workers meeting convened with the Roby Church last Monday. Brother James Alexander discussed the value of the Sunday School study course. Brother Edwin Johnson, the Associational B. T. U. director, discussed the value of the B. T. U. study courses. Both brought good messages.

In the absence of Brother Clyde Jackson, the district missionary was asked to preach at the 11 o'clock hour. The afternoon session was climaxed with a message by Rev. Hogan, an independent prohibition lecturer. He brought an informing and inspirational message.

Brother O. D. Hinley was elected Associational Sunday School superintendent upon the resignation of Rev. Howell. Brother Howell is going to the Seminary in Fort Worth as soon as his school is out.

Brother Reid asked A. D. Ware, Rotan, and Arlie L. McDaniel to work with him in promoting the evangelistic work for the year. They will make good workers in that place.

### FORWARD, RALLS

The Ralls Baptist Church, under the able leadership of Rev. W. R. Derr, who went to the Plains from Immanuel Church, Abilene, continues to make forward strides.

After two years of constructive efforts they can boast of a Standard Sunday School. The final obstacle was overcome when a class of 28 completed a teachers training course recently.

They have an average attendance in Sunday School of between 150 and 160 and are constantly striving for higher goals.

### Meeting At Hardin-Simmons University

Abilene, Texas

Thursday and Friday

March 31st and April 1st, 1938

H. H. STEPHENS . . . . . President  
MRS. J. B. BUCKLEY . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of W. M. U.  
GEORGE W. McBETH . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of Sunday School  
ROY SHAHAN . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of B. T. U.  
L. H. WELCH . . . . . Vice-President in Charge of Brotherhood  
B. N. SHEPHERD . . . . . District Missionary

### PROGRAM THURSDAY, MARCH 31

MORNING SESSION  
9:50—H-S. U. Chapel Program.  
10:00—Sermon . . . . . Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Fort Worth  
10:30—Song Service . . . . . Jack Dean, H-S. U., Abilene  
10:40—Welcome Address . . . . . Prof. L. Q. Campbell, H-S. U., Abilene  
11:00—Response . . . . . Rev. Chas. T. Talley, Jr., Ranger  
11:10—Appointment of Committee on Committees.  
11:25—Offering For Expenses of Convention.  
11:35—Music . . . . . H-S. U. Male Quartet  
11:40—Message . . . . . Rev. H. R. Whatley, Haskell  
12:10—Adjourn for Lunch.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Theme: "EVANGELISM."  
"And he brought him to Jesus." (Jno. 1:42a).  
1:30—Song Service . . . . . Jack Dean, H-S. U., Abilene  
1:40—Special Music . . . . .  
1:45—B. T. U. Department Conferences:  
Rooms:  
S. H. 111—Asso. and Gen. Officers, Pastors . . . . . Roy Shahan, Rule  
S. H. 112—Beginner, Primary . . . . . Mrs. R. A. Umberson, Abilene  
S. H. 102—Junior . . . . . Mrs. H. A. Pender, Abilene  
S. H. 304—Intermediate . . . . . Miss Mildred Yeager, Putnam,  
and J. S. Tierce, Clyde  
S. H. 303—Senior . . . . . Miss Verna Lee Carson, Abilene  
S. H. 302—Adult . . . . . Rev. J. B. Rowan, Aspermont

2:25—Reassemble in Main Auditorium.  
2:25—Song Service and Reports.  
2:30—Address . . . . . Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas  
3:00—Sunday School Conferences:  
Rooms:  
S. H. 111—Vacation Bible School . . . . . J. D. Riddle, Abilene  
Chapel—Asso. and Gen. S. S. Officers, Pastors . . . . . G. S. Hopkins, Dallas  
S. H. 112—Extension . . . . . Mrs. R. H. Taylor, Sweetwater  
S. H. 102—Cradle Roll . . . . . Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Ranger  
S. H. 304—Beginners . . . . . Mrs. J. R. McGraw, Abilene  
S. H. 303—Primary . . . . . Mrs. Aubrie L. Foster, Stamford  
S. H. 301—Junior . . . . . Mrs. John Smith, Cisco, and Miss Rudd, Abilene  
S. H. 302—Intermediate . . . . . Mrs. R. L. Smith, Abilene  
S. H. 301—Young People . . . . . Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Winters  
S. H. 213—Adult . . . . . A. A. Brian, Merkel

3:40—Reassemble in Main Auditorium.  
3:40—Song Service and Reports.  
3:55—Special Music.  
4:00—Sermon . . . . . Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Fort Worth

### EVENING SESSION

W. M. U. ANNUAL MEETING  
Held in Main Auditorium  
6:45—W. M. U. Business.  
7:00—Program:  
Chorister . . . . . Lola Gibson Deaton  
Pianist . . . . . Louise Buckley  
Devotional . . . . . Mrs. J. F. Clark  
Special Music . . . . . Mildred Jenkins  
Address . . . . . Miss Viola Humphreys  
Special Music . . . . . H-SU Male Quartet  
8:30—Adjourn for General Session.  
8:30—Assemble in Main Auditorium.  
8:30—Song and Praise . . . . . Jack Dean  
8:40—Special Music.  
8:45—Sermon . . . . . Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Fort Worth  
9:15—Adjourn.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

MORNING SESSION  
Theme: "STEWARDSHIP."  
"As good stewards of the manifold grace of God." (1 Pet. 4:10).  
9:00—Song Service . . . . . Jack Dean, H-S. U., Abilene  
9:10—Devotional . . . . . Charles Dickson, H-S. U., Abilene  
9:20—Sunday School Conferences:  
Chapel—Asso. and Gen. S. S. Officers, Pastors . . . . . G. S. Hopkins, Dallas  
S. H. 310—Vacation Bible School . . . . . J. D. Riddle, Abilene  
S. H. 111—Extension . . . . . Mrs. R. H. Taylor, Sweetwater  
S. H. 112—Cradle Roll . . . . . Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Ranger  
S. H. 102—Beginners . . . . . Mrs. J. R. McGraw, Abilene  
S. H. 303—Primary . . . . . Mrs. Aubrie L. Foster, Stamford  
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S. H. 301—Intermediate . . . . . Mrs. R. L. Smith, Abilene  
S. H. 302—Young People . . . . . Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Winters  
F. A. Chapel—Adult . . . . . A. A. Brian, Merkel  
10:00—Reassemble in Main Auditorium.  
10:00—Song Service . . . . . Jack Dean, H-S. U., Abilene  
10:10—Special Music.  
10:15—Sermon . . . . . Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Fort Worth  
10:45—W. M. U. Department Conferences:  
A. H. 25—Sun Beam . . . . . Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford  
A. H. 22—Junior G. A. . . . . Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson, Sweetwater  
A. H. 30—Intermediate G. A. . . . . Mrs. J. H. Dean, Blackwell  
A. H. 31—Junior R. A. . . . . Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene  
A. H. 34—Intermediate R. A. . . . . Rev. J. H. Dean, Blackwell  
A. H. 35—Y. W. A. . . . . Mrs. Phil McGahey, Breckenridge  
Chapel—Gen. Officers, Pastors . . . . . Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene

11:30—Assemble for Reports and Announcements.  
11:40—Special Music.  
11:45—Message . . . . . Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Abilene  
12:10—Executive Board Lunch Together.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

Theme: "CONSECRATION."  
"They first gave themselves unto the Lord." (2 Cor. 8:5b).  
1:30—Song Service . . . . . Jack Dean, H-S. U., Abilene  
1:40—W. M. U. Department Conferences:  
S. H. 111—Sun Beams . . . . . Mrs. Dick O'Brien, Stamford  
S. H. 112—Junior G. A. . . . . Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson, Sweetwater  
S. H. 102—Intermediate G. A. . . . . Mrs. J. H. Dean, Blackwell  
S. H. 304—Junior R. A. . . . . Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene  
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S. H. 301—Y. W. A. . . . . Mrs. Phil McGahey, Breckenridge  
Chapel—Pastors, General Officers . . . . . Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene  
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2:25—Message on Evangelism . . . . . Rev. P. C. McGahey, Breckenridge  
2:50—B. T. U. Conferences:  
Chapel—Asso. and Gen. Officers, Pastors . . . . . Roy Shahan, Rule  
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3:30—Reassemble in Main Auditorium.  
3:30—Song Service . . . . . Jack Dean, H-S. U., Abilene  
3:35—Business, Report of Committees, Election of Officers, etc.  
3:45—Adjourn.  
Let us give two FULL DAYS to this worthwhile program.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Abilene homes will furnish entertainment on the Harvard Plan. Come prepared to stay through the entire program.

### HAL S. LATTIMORE SPEAKS AT BANQUET



The principal speaker at the district Brotherhood banquet at the H-SU cafeteria Thursday evening, March 31, will be Judge Hal S. Lattimore, prominent Fort Worth attorney and active member of College Avenue Church.

Judge Lattimore is well known throughout Texas in his own right and on account of his distinguished father, the recently mourned and beloved Judge O. S. Lattimore, who was for years president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

### OUTGROWS BUILDING SWEETWATER FIRST

A building program to take care of the overflowing Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater was launched at the morning service, March 18. A remarkable feature of this movement is that the cash is expected to be on hand before construction starts. No debt whatever is contemplated.

The present basement will be remodeled to furnish better accommodations for the elementary departments. Additional rooms will be built on the east wing which will eliminate some of the present congestion.

This constructive movement is being promoted by a committee of 90 of the leading members of the congregation, and Pastor E. D. Dunlap is happy over the outlook.

### HENDRICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ITEMS

Hendrick Memorial Hospital was honored in the election of Business Manager J. F. Morrison as president of the Northwest Texas Clinic and Hospital Managers Association in its tenth annual meeting at San Angelo, March 18.

A total of 273 persons were discharged from Hendrick Memorial Hospital during February, according to the monthly report read by Mrs. Eloise Odom at the March meeting of the hospital staff. Of these cases, 115 were surgical, 76 obstetrical, and 82 medical.

Mrs. Ruth A. Maxon was elected delegate to the state convention of nurses at a meeting of West Texas graduate nurses at Snyder, March 17. The state convention meets at Waco April 11-14. Mrs. Maxon was formerly instructor in nursing at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

### AUTO TAG TIME LIMITED

With only one week remaining in which to license the old family bus, tax collectors are sending deputies out to convenient points in their counties to make the ordeal easier if not less painful. If we settled with the Lord as promptly as with the tax collector, tax paying might be less of a burden. How do you read Malachi 3:10?

### TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday the Temple Baptist Church, new location at corner of South Eleventh and Sycamore streets, will have services all day. The program appears in this paper. Pastor Owen is very happy over the outlook and is expecting a great day.

### MISSIONARY ESSAYS



By B. N. SHEPHERD  
Missionary, District 17

Arlie McDaniel is planning his summer's work for revival meetings. His work at Liberty, where the next Fisher County Workers meeting is going, is progressing nicely. Recently Arlie assisted our mutual friend, Aubrey Short and the Forsan Church in a B. T. U. revival. Arlie reported it to be the finest study course he ever participated in. He says Aubrey is doing a telling work with that good church. We expected that.

The revival and B. T. U. study course at Jayton are starting well. The crowds are large in spite of the fact that the schools are active in approaching the closing of interscholastic contests and a tent show is in town. Please pray for us. Brother Byron Fletcher, H-SU, is leading the B. T. U. work, and, as you would expect, is doing it well. The missionary is preaching each night. Brother Ogletree is getting the work well in hand.

Brother L. B. Edwards and the church at Midway, Scurry County, are to have a spring revival with Brother G. W. Parks leading. Brother Parks will preach on 1st Timothy at the morning hour and on Romans at night. All who can are invited to attend.

Pastor and Mrs. Hardesty are in their new home at McCaulley. They

### MCCAULLEY CHURCH MOVES FORWARD

The B. T. U. had four study courses last week. The pastor taught the B. A. U. manual with eleven in the class; Rev. O. D. Hinley, Sylvester pastor, taught ten seniors, using the book, "What We Believe"; Miss Alline Akins taught the Intermediate class, and Mrs. John P. Hardesty taught the Juniors, using the new junior manual.

The new pastor's home is nearing completion. The pastor and wife have moved in, and are feeling very much at home.

The pastor recently taught two Sunday School training courses, "The Way Made Plain," and "The Grace of Giving," to large classes.

The church recently purchased new song books, "Precious Hymns," and this has put new enthusiasm into our choir.

Pastor Dick O'Brien, Stamford, and Roy Camp, Wichita Falls, have been secured for our revival August 1.

Several from our church will attend the district convention at Abilene next week.—John P. Hardesty, Pastor.

### SIX CONVERSIONS AT MORAN SUNDAY

Rev. T. L. Nipp, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Moran, states Sunday, March 20th, was a great day with the Moran Church. Miss Viola Humphreys was with them for both services and brought two great messages. There were six conversions at the 11 o'clock service. The pastor says they have one of the best W. M. S. organizations in the district. Their G. A.'s and R. A.'s, Y. W. A.'s and Sunbeams are really doing things. The Sunday School is standardized and humming with enthusiasm. They have three B. T. U.'s that went over the top in the Associational contest, the Intermediates, Juniors, and Primaries.

Rev. W. C. Ashford of Abilene will begin a revival with the Moran Church April 1st, and they are expecting a great revival.

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### HOUSTON CHURCHES IN CITY-WIDE REVIVAL

Houston Baptist churches, 38 strong, held a city-wide revival and the first day 148 people were received into the church.

What a beautiful thing it is to dwell together in peace and harmony. God is always ready to bless those who are ready to be blessed. Dr. J. B. Gambrell, God bless his memory, never said anything truer than when he said: "There is no competition in doing good." God help his people to really know the truth.

### THE SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMINARY

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, assisted by Dr. Hall and other faculty members, are quietly going about the matter of raising \$1,000,000 for endowment of that great school of the prophets.

Texas Baptists do not have an asset, save the Bible and God's promises, that means more to the future of our great denomination than the Southwest Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth. How important is it that we shall send out men and women trained in the best way to preach and teach God's Word. If the great school can be endowed its future will be secure.

### RENDER UNTO CAESAR

Congratulations are due manager Leo Fitzpatrick of Station WJR, Detroit. May his tribe increase.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's claim to distinction is order, effective on his station, prohibiting any further pollution of old favorite ballads by playing them in swing time. A hot-cha version of his mother's beloved "Annie Laurie" was the occasion for his revolt.

It is to be hoped that his rebellion spreads to this section in time to prevent renewed desecration of "The Sweet By and By." You may have heard that syncopated version rendered the other day by a dance orchestra which had the unmitigated gall to rename it "A Playground in the Sky," or something of the sort.

On the other hand, many of our churches are guilty of singing "Annie Laurie" with other words. Surely, out of the great wealth of sacred music which is our heritage, and with abundant talent in the churches of today, our song services can be made inspiring and worshipful without recourse to folk airs and dance tunes.

Outside the most formal hymns, we seldom see a religious song-book which does not include one or more numbers to be sung to the music of Old Black Joe or Aloha Oe or The Beautiful Lady Waltz. These melodies are alluring. That is the secret of their popularity. The sentiments of the church versions may be beautiful—if one could concentrate on them instead of thinking the more familiar phrases. But a Divine Being, who is satisfied only with first fruits and unblemished sacrifice, can scarcely be pleased with parodies.

### RIGHT OR WRONG?

For a good many years we have debated in our minds the question of which way a church should be erected. Should the Sunday School rooms be in the basement or on the street level, or should they be on the second floor and the auditorium on the street level?

It is our candid opinion that the auditorium should be on the street level and should, in this day and time be seated with the most comfortable seats obtainable, be air conditioned and finished in the most beautiful manner possible and on top of that equipped for religious moving pictures.

You don't find moving picture shows on the second floor very often. The buildings are attractive, the seats are comfortable, and air conditioned auditoriums are provided before the show opens its doors.

The church is the greatest institution on the face of the earth. Jesus Christ set it up and said the very "gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Above the denominational school, the Sunday School, prayer meeting, B. T. U., everything in this world, the church stands out preeminent. The church service is the greatest heritage we have and it should be magnified and glorified, not that we should get the cart before the horse and make it come above the real, true worship of Jesus our Master and God our creator and protector, but first as a means of worship. How we should love and honor the church and its services. Its teaching and the liberties which it guarantees to us. Nothing should ever come ahead or equal to the preaching service at the regular appointed hours of worship in our accustomed places of meeting.

### A JOB FOR HERCULES

The day by day dispatches from Europe are a dramatization of the story of Hercules and the hundred-headed monster. You recall the story of the Greek hero who fought the many-headed snake. Whenever one head was cut off another promptly grew to take its place.

A few weeks ago there was a general feeling that things were going to be smoothed over promptly and the danger of war averted. Just as everyone was settling down with relief, Hitler swallowed Austria in one gulp.

Before that flurry of excitement had died down, Poland had issued an ultimatum to Lithuania and all eyes were focused on the Baltic regions as the place where the great war was to begin.

This outbreak was halted by the abject surrender of the Lithuanians.

The same papers which announced their acquiescence carried the report that Hitler had demanded the breaking of a military alliance between Czechoslovakia and Soviet Russia. There is no indication that the Czechs will comply.

Then we are told that the Lithuanian question is far from settled. And meanwhile war has been resumed with renewed vigor in both Spain and China. As fast as one head is lopped off the monster, up springs another.

All the people of the world are spectators at a three-ring circus, with the full realization that the beasts of the arena may at any moment spring out upon them.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Hight C. Moore

March 27, 1938

### CORRECTING WRONG IDEAS OF RELIGION

Mark 7:1-13

**Golden Text: This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.—Mark 7:6.**

Certain of the ecclesiastical authorities from Jerusalem had come to Galilee and were on the track of Jesus seeking to entrap him in his teaching, to discredit his work, and to counteract his influence. On the traditions of the elders they based their charge that the disciples, contrary to custom, were eating with unwashed hands. But Jesus brushed aside the film of ceremonialism and revealed to them the unworshipful nature of the kingdom of God.

#### 1. Religion Obscured by Ceremonialism

The custom of the Jews showed how religion may be obscured by ceremonialism. Among the Jews it was the custom never to eat with unwashed hands. The habit was based less upon sanitary reasons, though the Oriental ate with his fingers, than upon ceremonial grounds, for a system of minute and exact purifications enslaved the people in every movement of their daily lives. So, the orthodox Jew would not eat unless he had ceremonially washed his hands; and this washing even extended to the cups and pots, the brazen vessels and the tables.

#### 2. Religion Opposed by Criticism

The question of the Pharisees showed how religion may be opposed by criticism. It so happened that the Scribes from Jerusalem saw some of the disciples partaking of a meal with hands not ceremonially purified as tradition demanded. At once they found fault and they raised the query, asking Jesus direct: "Why walk not thy disciples according to the traditions of the elders, but eat their bread with defiled hands?" It was not that they cared so much for the ceremony of cleanliness and still less that they wished to reclaim the disciples from their supposed waywardness. It was, rather, a thrust at Jesus and a subtle attempt to discredit him in the eyes of the tradition-bound people.

#### 3. Religion Outraged by Conduct

The comment of Jesus showed how religion may be outraged by conduct. In reply to the scribes Jesus first quoted an apt assertion from Isaiah: "This people honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." Spirituality had been displaced by formality. And at the bottom of this defection was the promulgation of false doctrine, namely, the teaching of the commandments of men instead of the doctrines of God. They laid aside the divine commandment and put in its place the traditions of men as illustrated in their minute and multiplied ceremonial ablutions. Truly and strongly he turned upon his critics with the declaration: "Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye keep your tradition." Then Jesus follows the quotation with an illustration and its application. He takes the fifth commandment as an example. Moses commanded, "Honor thy father and thy mother," and the penalty of disobedience was death. But these critics had so covered up the original command with the commandments of men that they had actually nullified the ancient and ever-binding law. They taught that if a son wished to escape the duty of parental support he could merely label his property as "Corban," that is, a gift of God; but he could keep the property as long as he would and use it for whatever he chose except the one thing of supporting his parents. It was a most shocking and perverse equivocation performed in the very name of God, whose primal law was thereby trampled under foot. Thus the hypocrites were, as Jesus said, guilty of "making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered; and many such like things ye do." These critics were thus shown to be quibblers of the most childish sort.

#### Seek and Spread Right Idea in Religion

(1) **The Right Idea in Attitude.** "The Pharisees—certain of the scribes—some of his disciples." Christ was in his world. Their relation to him was a matter of attitude first of all. Some accepted him as Savior and Lord. Some stood aloof from him. Some bitterly criticized him. Everything depended upon what they thought of him.

(2) **The Right Idea in Aim.** "Had come—had seen." The delegation from Jerusalem came a good distance. But their purpose was not sincere. Their object was sinister. Hence, their vision was blurred and refracted. They saw, but could not see straight.

(3) **The Right Idea in Action.** "His disciples ate their bread with—unwashed hands—the Jews, except they wash their hands diligently, eat not." It was not a question of sanitation, but ceremonialism. The Jews were bound by tradition. But the disciples had been liberated from the fetters of formalism. Sincerity surpasses formality.

(4) **The Right Idea in Inquiry.** "The Pharisees and the scribes ask him." They were inquirers who did not wish to know the truth. They were quibblers who wanted to entangle Jesus in his talk. Their question was tinged with scorn. But who can learn the truth unless he seeks it with a whole heart?

(5) **The Right Idea in Speech.** "This people honoreth me with their lips." They could speak beautiful words. They could subscribe to lovely sentiments. Their voices, however, were like the clanging cymbal. There was about them the hollowness of hypocrisy. Let no word be hypocritical.

(6) **The Right Idea in Spirit.** "Their heart is far from me." This is the one supreme thing in our lesson both to God and to men. When the heart is distant and cold, nothing else can be acceptable.

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## NEWS NOTES

W. C. Taggart, senior ministerial student at Hardin-Simmons University, has been chosen as assistant pastor and educational director of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Mr. Taggart, who took training at the Arizona State Teachers College before entering Hardin-Simmons last summer, will continue his work in the university looking toward his degree in June. His week-ends will be devoted to the work in Big Spring and after commencement he will give his entire time to the church.

Troop 9 of Abilene Boy Scouts has secured Edwin Burnam, Hardin-Simmons graduate and teacher in the city schools as scoutmaster. The troop is sponsored by the Victory Bible Class of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Burnam has been in scout work for 15 years and has over 70 merit badges. Recently he has been scoutmaster of Troop 3 and will be followed in that place by Rex Palmer who has been acting as his assistant.

Governor Allred has decided that the best interests of his family and others will best be served by keeping out of politics for awhile. He will not seek a third term, according to his radio announcement which he made Saturday, March 19th, but will enter the private practice of law at Austin.

Hitler seems to have made a success of Germany's absorbing Austria. Hitler is a bluffer and a speeder. He strikes while the iron is hot and makes a lot of speeches about what he does.

There will no more honor rolls in Abilene High School, according to Principal Byron England. The reason assigned for this move is the belief that this emphasis on grades is the cause of many pupils feeling that the grade is the end of education.

"We want our students of Abilene High School to study for the purpose of developing their ability to think and not merely to get a grade," asserted Mr. England.

Church attendance was boosted materially on Sunday, March 20, through the efforts of the Hi-Y club, an organization of Christian high school boys. About 1,500 students accepted tags which carried the message, "I am attending church. Are you?" Through the cooperation of the ministerial alliance special recognition was given in Sunday's services all over the city.

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### MISSIONARY MESSAGES

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 would hardly speak to us common people. However, they did ask the missionary to come right away. Brother Hardesty said there was some floor painting to be done. We are happy that the good church has provided that good modern home for those worthy laborers.

Brother George McBeth, Abilene, district Sunday School superintendent, attended the Fisher County Workers meeting. He is always a welcome visitor in that, his home association.

Pastor and Mrs. Barton are leading their church, Cross Roads, Fisher Association, in a B. T. U. revival. They are offering the B. A. U. Manual, the Senior Manual and the Junior Manual. The work is really growing in that church under the leadership of these fine young people.

The First Church, Stamford, reported three conversions last Sunday morning in the services. That is happening regularly. We are finding it true in many of the churches. When we pay the price the Lord is ready to bless. No blessing is equal to having people saved.

On April 3rd the Associational B. T. U. is meeting at the First Baptist Church, Anson, at 2:30 p.m. It will be the initial meeting for the association-wide B. T. U. revival. Miss Carson, Abilene, will deliver the address. The meeting will last only one hour.

W. L. Daniel is conducting a mission revival in the West Side Mission at Stamford. Great interest is being manifested. Let us join in prayer for them.

Dick O'Brien, in a talk to the executive board of the Jones County Association, brought out the fact of the mission opportunities in the suburbs of our towns and cities. He said our greatest mission opportunities are to be found there. He is trying to do

something about it. We are really waking up to our tasks. When people get near the Lord they see things as he sees them. We will soon be offering ourselves for the tasks as did Isaiah.

Mr. William Hall Preston, associate south-wide student secretary of Nashville, Tenn., and Bill Marshall, state student secretary, addressed students at H-SU Monday, March 21, in a B. S. U. conference. The central theme of their addresses was urging Christian students to devote their vacations to work for Christ. Daily vacation Bible schools, training courses and soul winning were some of the fields for service which were stressed. Both these leaders were in the Plains B. S. U. Conference at Lubbock last week.

The fostering of city missions has been adopted by the First Church, Abilene, as an abiding policy of the church. Under the leadership of the Brotherhood a mission and a Scout troop has been projected for the oil mill area in southeast Abilene. A building program is planned and is waiting only on the securing of a suitable lot. Under the leadership of Roy Anding, H-SU senior, mission work has been carried on in the brick plant neighborhood since last summer. The First Church W. M. U. has sponsored this movement and plans are now under way for building a tabernacle where a mission Sunday School can be conducted and other services held.

Thirteen neighbors came with tractors and in one day recently plowed a field of 189 acres for W. T. Bly of Knott community in Howard County. During the fatal illness of his wife Mr. Bly had fallen behind with his crop work. This application of practical Christianity put the unfortunate farmer in a position to make a crop.

Rev. John P. Hardesty, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McCaulley, was in Abilene Tuesday. Brother Hardesty is doing a splendid work at McCaulley. He is one of our best preachers and is loved throughout West Texas.

District 9, which includes 20 Plains counties, is holding its convention with Wayland College, Plainview, March 23-24. Rev. A. C. Huff of Tulla has resigned his parsonage to give his full time to mission work in that great district, which is larger than the combined states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

L. A. Doyle, pastor at Anson, was called away from the Jones County Workers meeting for a funeral. He is working on plans to reach every corner of the association. He wanted to present some further plans, but had to leave before the board meeting was over.

The next Workers meeting of the Jones Association will be with the Hebron Church on Monday, April 18. The usual time is Tuesday, but on account of the State Sunday School Convention starting on Tuesday, April 19, they changed this time. Four churches asked for the meeting. For the next four months the meetings will be as follows, Hebron in April as stated above, Boyd's Chapel in May, Hodges in June, Hanna in July. It is much better for several churches to invite it at the same time than not to have an invite at all.

### Mrs. Roosevelt Comes To H-SU

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt will appear on the artist course program of Hardin-Simmons next year. Whether she speaks in November or March depends on the time she decides to make her itinerary. She will be the first wife of a president of the United States to address an Abilene audience.

Mrs. Roosevelt's speaking tour this year included only four cities in the southwest—Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her topic for discussion this season was "A Day at the White House," and that of last year was "World Peace."

Contract for the lecture was negotiated late last week by G. B. Sanderfer while the First Lady was touring North Texas.

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### POTOSI CHURCH HAS GREAT WEEK

It has been some time since you heard from Potosi, and we have been having so many good things the last few weeks it makes us want to tell others about it.

Last week we had a great week. A week that we may never have the opportunity of having again. Last Monday night the services were started by Brother Dee Carpenter. He led the singing, and it is a treat to hear him sing. Next Brother Elmer Holt brought a devotional and Dr. N. A. Moore followed with a sermon using the subject, "Encouragement for Christian Service."

Tuesday night Brother Joe Mayes, pastor at Baird, led the singing for us, and we are always glad to have Brother Mayes with us. Next Brother L. E. Brown brought the devotional and then we had one of the greatest lectures we have ever had an opportunity to hear, by Dr. D. W. Arnett, on the "Glory of God in the Creation of Man."

On Wednesday night we had Brother Carpenter back with us in the song service. Brother J. William Arnett brought the devotional, and Dr. Atwood brought us another great lecture on the "Glory of Intercession."

Thursday night Brother Clyde Campbell led the song service and also brought the devotional. Brother Campbell held our meeting last summer and we love him and are always glad to see him. Then Brother W. C. Ashford preached on the "Glory of God in Redemption."

Friday Luther Webb led the singing for us, and after that Brother East brought the devotional. Then I heard the greatest sermon I have ever heard on "Salvation by Grace," by Brother C. A. Powell, pastor of the University Church, Abilene. I think it was one of the most instructive weeks I have ever attended, and we want to thank our pastor over and over again for making this program possible for us to attend.

We are grateful for all the speakers who came out and took part in this program with nothing in mind but the good that they might do in carrying on the work of the Master.

And I must not overlook the ladies who came out and played the piano for us. Mrs. Elmer Holt, Mrs. Coleman Campbell and Miss Ruth Cotton, and that is not all. A few weeks ago on Sunday night, one of our finest young men surrendered to preach the Gospel and at the same time another young married man surrendered to do any special work that the Lord might lead him to do.

Our pastor, Brother S. L. Tidwell, had his tonsils removed some time ago and is not able to preach yet. But he is doing everything possible to make the Potosi Church a better church, and the Potosi Community a better community. He is putting all he has into the work down here, and I think things will move forward in the near future. We think we have one of the best preachers in the country.

On Sunday, March 13th, Brother Freeland preached for us. Again we want to thank every one for bringing this program to us.

—E. N. McCOY.

### MEETING WITH OAK GROVE CHURCH TUESDAY

The Jones County Association met with the Oak Grove Church Tuesday of this week with one of the most impressive programs of many months. The morning was given to Evangelism. The climax came when Charles A. Powell, pastor of University Church, Abilene, brought one of those powerful sermons. His text was taken from the 14th chapter of John. Just a clause, "If it were not so I would have told you." The subject was "As Advertized." God used it to stir our hearts to want to tell the world of the claims of the Gospel.

In the afternoon three young men were ordained as deacons of the Oak Grove Church. It was a deeply impressive service. J. Henry Littleton conducted the examination which was short and effective. H. E. East, pastor at Bethel, presented the charge to the church. It goes without saying, that it was well done. Dick O'Brien so impressively presented the charge to the deacons. The pastor, Brother Sidney Cox, offered the prayer. The missionary attempted to bring the closing message.

The church had everything ready to make the day a good one. The dinner was served country style. That's the way to do it wherever it is done. I filled my plate too full, as usual, and was not able to do much the rest of the day but digest it. That is such a fine little church.—B. N. Shepherd.

### Open House Temple Baptist Church Sycamore and Eleventh Street

First Service in New Location Next Sunday

March 27th

#### PROGRAM

- 10:00 A. M.—Sunday School—C. L. Holt, Superintendent. Offertory—Special Accordion Number, Mrs. Haddox. Solo—Mr. Haddox.
- 11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Pastor—Subject: "Some Mountain Peaks in Baptist Achievement."
- 12:00 A. M.—Fellowship Period.
- 1:15 P. M.—Song Service—Led by Curtis D. Owen.
- 1:30 P. M.—A Glorious Church—Rev. W. C. Ashford.
- 1:50 P. M.—Special Music—Violin Duet, Dorothy Mack Aman and Alma Jane Page.
- 2:00 P. M.—What A Layman Can Do—Judge E. S. Cummings.
- 2:20 P. M.—Special Music—Duet, Miss Staten and Miss Robinson.
- 2:25 P. M.—Church Enlargement—J. D. Riddle.
- 2:45 P. M.—Address—Dr. M. A. Jenkins.
- 6:40 P. M.—Baptist Training Service—Mrs. Mildred Walker, Director.
- 7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Pastor—Subject: "The Bible Plan of Salvation."

Visit Our Sunday School and Worship with Us Sunday.

### DRUNKS INCREASE OVER THREEFOLD SINCE REPEAL

An increase of 346 per cent in convictions for drunkenness since the repeal of the 18th Amendment is shown by a survey of the records of the corporation court in Abilene. Outside of traffic and alcoholic charges, and in the face of a marked increase in population, there has been a decrease in the actual number of other complaints in the city court.

During the last calendar month there were a total of 69 convictions of drunkenness or drunkenness in connection with other misdemeanors. In comparison, February, 1926, in a typical year of prosperity, produced only 20 convictions on this charge. The same month in 1932, the year before nationwide repeal, also found 20 persons guilty of an uncontrolled appetite for liquor.

A marked increase is also shown in the proportion of drunkenness to other law breaking. Disregarding violations of traffic laws, 92 per cent of all cases in police court last month were for intoxication. Court attendants attributed to the same cause the downfall of most of the other offenders. They are also convinced that alcohol causes a great many of the traffic trespassors to run afoul of the law.

In contrast with this record, an average taken at random from representative periods in the ten years preceding the repeal of national and state-wide prohibition indicated that only 70 per cent of all cases on the docket, other than traffic infractions were for drunkenness and the kindred vice of vagrancy. Although many of the vagrants were undoubtedly sober, on the other hand, a few drinks probably preceded many of the arrests for assault, disturbing the peace, and driving with the muffler cut-out open, which were frequent offenses in those days.

Intemperance alone accounted for less than half the arrests not involving the use of an automobile, in the days of national prohibition. It has been suggested that the depression made officers more lenient toward unfortunates who were formerly jailed for vagrancy, thus lowering the record on that score.

It seems that the people who buy the liquor in these days frequently have the money left to settle with an outraged justice for last week the doors swung open to an empty city jail in Abilene.

### PROGRAM OF MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE, HAMLIN

Meeting with First Baptist Church, Hamlin, March 29, 1938.

- 10:00—Devotional, Mrs. Lucian Keene.
- 10:15—Class Period.
- 11:00—Round Table Discussion, led by Mrs. George Flournoy, "Best Plans for Promoting Mission Study."
- 11:15—Class Period.
- 12:00—Lunch (bring covered dish).
- 1:00—Board meeting.
- 1:20—Class Period.
- 2:05—Special Music, Mrs. Ted Russell.
- 2:15—Reports from Presidents and Chairman.
- 2:45—Business.

Every Baptist woman in Jones Association is urged to attend for capable teachers will teach the following interesting books:

- Sunbeams—"Nine Stories of Missionaries," Mrs. P. D. O'Brien, Stamford.
- G. A.'s—"Around the World in the Southland," Mrs. Ed Rowell, Anson.
- R. A.'s—"Guitars and Water Jugs," Mrs. Tate May, Hamlin.
- Y. W. A.'s—"Telling You How," Mrs. Aubrey Foster, Stamford.
- W. M. U.'s—"Palestinian Tapes," Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Abilene.

### TWELVE COUNTIES IN SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

The 17th District of cooperative Baptist work in Texas will meet in the annual convention at Hardin-Simmons University on Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1. The first session will be in the H-SU chapel at 9:50 Thursday morning when Dr. Harry Lee Spencer of Fort Worth will deliver the opening sermon. The time and the place of each part of the two-day meeting is found in the program which is prominently displayed in this issue. Out of town visitors will be entertained in Abilene on the Harvard plan, which includes bed and breakfast. Highly inspirational and instructive hours are assured.

The district consists of seven associations and twelve counties, listed as follows: Callahan Association—Callahan County; Cisco—Eastland, Shackelford, Stephens; Fisher—Fisher; Haskell—Haskell, Southern Knox; Jones—Jones; Stonewall—Kent, Stonewall; Sweetwater—Nolan, Taylor.

Officers of the convention include Rev. H. H. Stephens, Winters, president; Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene, vice-president in charge of W. M. U.; George W. McBeth, Abilene, vice-president in charge of Sunday School; Rev. Roy Shahan, Rule, vice-president in charge of B. T. U.; Judge L. H. Welch, Breckenridge, vice-president in charge of Brotherhood; Rev. B. N. Shepherd, Abilene, district missionary.

### SWEETWATER ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

The officers and zone leaders of the Sweetwater Sunday School Association had a well attended meeting at the last Workers meeting at South Side Baptist Church. These workers plan to push forward on the Sunday School work in this association this spring and summer. The zones are having fine monthly meetings. Zone No. 1 plans to meet with Zone No. 2 at South Side Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, March 27, at 3 o'clock. This includes all Sunday Schools in Abilene and those others in zones 1 and 2.

The chief objectives of the association is enlargement and mission Sunday School work.

### WHICH ARE YOU?

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
- Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
- Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the work along,
- Or are you just satisfied to be the kind that "just belong?"
- Do you go to visit a member who is sick?
- Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
- There's quite a program scheduled that I'm sure you've heard about, And we'll appreciate it if you will come and help us out.
- So come to the meetings and help with a hand and heart;
- Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
- Think this over, members, you know right from wrong,
- Are you an active member, or do you "just belong."

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### W. C. Taggart New Associate Pastor At Big Spring

W. C. Taggart, Jr., a senior in Hardin-Simmons, recently accepted the assistant pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Taggart will take over his duties immediately which include working with the young people in Sunday School, director of Baptist Training



W.C. TAGGART

Union, director of recreational activities of young people. After his graduation in June he will devote full time to the work.

This year he is student director of the Baptist Student Union, treasurer of the Ministerial Council, president of the Art League, member of the Greek club, Pi Kappa Delta chaplain. He has debated this year with Barefield Thomas as his colleague.

Last year he taught in the junior high school at Chandler, Arizona. Previously, he was an instructor for two years at Chino Valley, Arizona. Young Taggart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taggart, Sr., of Abilene.

### HASKELL ASSOCIATION WORKERS' PROGRAM

Meeting with the Sweet Home Baptist Church Tuesday, March 29.

- Theme: Evangelism.
- 10:00—Devotional, H. H. Segro.
- 10:15—The Motive for Evangelism, Mrs. B. M. Whitaker.
- 10:45—The Method of Evangelism, A. B. Mosely.
- 11:15—Special Music, Haskell Church.
- 11:20—The Message of Evangelism, J. B. Rowan, Aspermont.
- Lunch.
- 1:30—Board meetings.
- 2:00—Round Table Discussion of Evangelism in Haskell Association.
- 2:25—The Power for Evangelism, S. L. Tidwell.

### DR. J. D. SANDEFER TO SPEAK APRIL 8TH

Dr. J. D. Sandefer will be the main speaker at the W. C. T. U. meeting Friday, April 8th, 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas. All members are urged to attend and visitors are cordially invited.

—Publicity Chairman.

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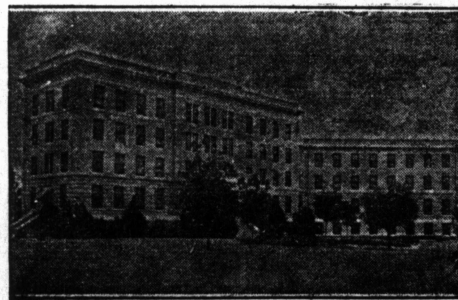
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# The Imperative of Sound Doctrine

Titus 2:1

NOTE: Founder's Day address delivered Tuesday, March 15, 1938, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary by Dr. J. H. Pace, pastor, First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas. The occasion of the address was the 30th anniversary of the granting of the Seminary's charter, March 14, 1908.

Everyone who was privileged to know Dr. B. H. Carroll, and to understand in some measure the significance and mission of a worthy Theological Seminary, recognizes the propriety of this occasion. More marvelous than His material creation are the spiritual blessings that God has given to men. Everyone who came under the personal influence of the founder of the Southwestern Seminary is fully assured that God worked out a large measure of His divine purposes in that noble life. \*\*\*\*\*

As Jacob, "who gave us this well," to furnish refreshing water to thirsty multitudes who journeyed along the centuries, so Dr. B. H. Carroll has left this noble institution to refresh the spiritual life of a host of the passing prophets of God. Every man familiar with the history knows that God had a dynamic purpose in the life of the founder of this noble seminary.

We have chosen for our theme today: "The Imperative of Sound Doctrine."

### Divine Purposes Verified

If any man of recent generations loved the truth, sought to discover, understand it and present it clearly, that man was the founder of this Seminary. He believed the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and taught this fact with an ever increasing emphasis. We have not had a noted preacher of modern times more devoted to the development and presentation of sound Christian doctrines than was Dr. B. H. Carroll. It would have been in keeping with his noble soul to have often said, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." Dr. Carroll emphasized the imperative of truth clearly presented and faithfully defended. \*\*\*\*\*

I can think of no better way to pay fitting and loving tribute to the life of Dr. B. H. Carroll than to point out, as I may be able, how that certain great promises of God's Word were verified—were fulfilled in his life and works.

Let us take two or three familiar passages. First, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Those of us who were privileged to sit under the personal instruction of Dr. Carroll and hear him speak of plans for God's work, could but marvel at his faith, his faith in God and in His divine purposes for the salvation of men and the advancement of the kingdom of heaven. A mother promises weeks before Christmas a beautiful doll to her little daughter. One day the mother discovers the little girl with a bed prepared and food set beside it. She plays mother and talks to the doll in the bed. The bed, the food, are the substances to the doll that in a true sense is already a reality to the child, all because of her faith in her mother's promise. Just so some of us heard Dr. Carroll, long before this seminary stood upon this eminence, talk and plan for it. He visualized its buildings, and through the clear eye of faith he could see young men and women by the scores gathered in the class rooms to sit under the instruction of faithful men devoted to God's Word and the salvation of a lost world. Because of his faith in Almighty God, these buildings, this faculty, this student body, were all a glorious reality to him. \*\*\*\*\*

Is it not true that because many of us fail to exercise the reach of faith we thus fail to move forward in the accomplishment of great and mighty things for God. This blessed institution could not have been founded by a man of lesser faith and deeper convictions as to the purpose and plan of God in his life. Yes, the founder of this institution was a man of strong faith, a faith that enabled him to face criticisms, to move forward when, from the human viewpoint, there was no justification, and to build when there was no promise in the circle of mere human understanding to insure success. Who could look upon Dr. Carroll and hear him project his plans far into the future, for the on-going of the kingdom of God, without being reminded of Moses, the man of daring faith, who as the servant of God forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for

he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Take another passage strangely verified in the life of Dr. Carroll. This one is from the account of Paul in his meeting with the Ephesian elders. In that presence the strong apostle declared: "I am bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying, that bonds and affliction abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry that I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." \*\*\*\*\* There would be no special profit here to discuss the discouragements that Dr. Carroll faced as he carried forward the worthy movements that have materialized into institutions of power and blessing to unnumbered multitudes. Suffice it to say that in the spirit of Paul, as he faced these discouragements and difficulties, he could ever proclaim, "none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus." He was a man of deep convictions, determined in purpose, and moved forward to the goal before him with the tread of a conqueror. What an inspiration he ever proved by this spirit to those who sat under his ministry and instruction. The inspiration of his masterful physique, his measured sentences by which he clearly expressed his convictions and pictured before the minds of his listeners, the things to be accomplished, always put iron into their blood. The noble church that God developed through his ministry, his commentaries on the Bible and other writings that he gave to the world, together with this Seminary, all move forward with ever increasing blessings to verify his wisdom and foresight. His belief in the purpose of God in his life, enabled him to say in the face of all difficulties, "none of these things move me." \*\*\*\*\*

Let us take one other passage. The passage we are about to quote was given to encourage the early Christians who were all but overcome by the fierce and furious persecution heaped upon them by unbelievers and a merciless government. These are the words: "Here is the patience of the saints. Here are they who kept the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yes, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them." Weymouth, Moffatt, Goodspeed and Worrell, supported by the Greek, translate this passage with the sense that what they have done, referring to the Christians who have departed, will go with them. I am persuaded in the light of other Scripture teaching that the good work of departed Christians continues as a vital force here upon earth long after such believers have gone to the Father's house. As the light of a star falls for centuries upon the earth after the star has been blotted from the firmaments, so the good works of the believer go on to bless coming generations long after he has departed to heavenly rest. Is this truth not verified before our eyes and in the experiences of those of us who have come under the influence of this institution? \*\*\*\*\*

Brethren, my heart is inspired and encouraged by this thought. That if we learn sound doctrine and live these truths before our people in the spirit of Christ, we may rejoice to know that though as a worker we are called from our service, our works continue to bear fruit long after we are seen face to face no more. \*\*\*\*\*

May I now add a few more words on the Imperativeness of Sound Doctrine?

### Imperativeness of Sound Doctrine

We do not attempt to speak for other seminaries, but all of us may rejoice in the fact that this noble institution and our Southern Seminary, are given in great devotion to teach God's Word as the inspired revelation from Him. The men of these two faculties are not only scholars of note but are men whose lives daily reveal the fact that they have discovered and teach sound doctrines.

Sound Christian doctrines are imperative if men are to know their real nature and come to a saving knowledge of the true God. There are numerous teachers, movements and institutions who give themselves in an attempt to justify, glorify or excuse the real nature of man. While science, so called, philosophy, poetry and art for the most part glorify man, the inspired Word of God alone reveals his fallen and sinful nature. The department of knowledge mentioned above, with other forces, have through the long centuries attempted to teach and lead the unregenerate nature of man to produce the fruits of righteousness. However, times and instances without number have proven that this is an impossibility. That man is sinful by nature is a sound Bible teaching. \*\*\*\*\*

At the very center of life for every man is the need of the sound doctrines that reveal his sinful nature, his guilty distance from and his imperativeness of God.

The imperativeness of sound doctrine is seen again in the redemptive truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. That there is one and only one power that can change the sinful nature of man, is clearly taught in the inspired Word of God, and verified in the experience of the race. Without the proclamation of this sound doctrine of redemption in Jesus Christ there is no hope for time or eternity for man or civilization. \*\*\*\*\*

It would not be possible in the brief period of this message to direct attention to any considerable number of the many true doctrines taught in the New Testament. In fact, to direct attention to these is not the primary purpose of this message, but rather to emphasize their imperativeness. The speaker is not presuming to call attention to sound doctrines because of any apprehension that such are not faithfully and clearly understood and as well forcefully taught in this institution. We rather direct attention to their imperativeness for the reason that the founder of this institution placed such strong emphasis on this truth. \*\*\*\*\*

As stated by a former Texan, an honored president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. George McDaniel, "Baptists are glad to hold many doctrines in common with other Christians. Among these are the inspiration of the Scriptures, the doctrine of the trinity, the ruin wrought by sin, salvation through Christ and the future rewards of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked. These are equally dear to us and to Christian friends of other denominations." But Dr. McDaniel states further some sound doctrines which are distinctive with Baptists. They are: "First, we believe that the New Testament is the sole and sufficient rule of faith and practice. Second, we believe in individual responsibility to God for the performance of duties. Third, we believe that a church is a body of baptized believers equal in rank and privileges, administering its own affairs under the headship of Christ." These distinctive doctrines of the Bible have been so ably discussed by Dr. McDaniel and other Baptist writers that any one desiring to learn more of them can do so by consulting their productions.

We cannot, however, fail to recognize that there are bound up in these distinctive doctrines of Baptists some fundamental truths essential to the life of Christianity and the kingdom of God.

These doctrines justify the organization of our Baptist groups from other religious denominations. There rests largely with our Baptist people the responsibility of preserving and proclaiming certain New Testament doctrines that are vital, not only to our faith, but to the life of true Christianity. Do we not as Baptists stand almost alone in the contention that the New Testament is the sole and sufficient rule of faith and practice. This is a true New Testament doctrine that must be defended and proclaimed with life itself.

Furthermore, our belief in individual responsibility to God for the performance of duty is another vital New Testament doctrine that needs an ever increasing emphasis if pure Christianity is to win its way in this world. That men are saved as individuals and as individuals are accountable unto God, is not only taught in the New Testament but has been defended and proclaimed by Baptists through all the history of Christianity. \*\*\*\*\*

The drift today toward the union of all religious faiths even at the sacrifice of sound doctrine is a dangerous one. May Providence hasten the day of union, but it must be on the basis of sound New Testament doctrines if it is to endure. A union on any other basis would be so only in name and would lead to further divisions.

We briefly emphasize two other points. First, sound doctrine, clearly stated and faithfully proclaimed, is imperative to the preservation of Christian evangelism and the development of worthy Christian character.

## Pastor-Evangelist



REV. FRED C. EASTHAM

The annual Hardin-Simmons campus revival began Tuesday morning with Rev. Fred C. Eastham, H-SU alumnus and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, as guest preacher. Preparation for the meeting was conducted by the faculty committee on religious life. Preaching services continue twice daily through Friday and the meeting closes at chapel hour Saturday.

Faculty members have called their students' attention to the revival in their daily lectures and many have made possible spiritual conferences with their class members. There is a faculty prayer meeting each day preceding the evening service.

The Rev. Eastham received his theological training at the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans. Before accepting a call to the Wichita Falls Church, he was pastor at Ervay Street Church, Dallas, and at the First Baptist Church, Eastland. He is outstanding among the many splendid preachers of the state. The Hardin-Simmons meeting is doing much good.

Such doctrines must be our joy if we grow a strong Christian fellowship of cooperation. Sound doctrine is imperative if we are to establish and grow true New Testament churches and maintain worthy institutions for Christian training. It must be so if we minister in the spirit of Christ to the sick and suffering of humanity. Furthermore, sound doctrine is essential if, as Christians, we are to leave to future generations a worthy literature that will endure against the corrosions of time and the wastes wrought by the ungodliness of future generations. That this matter of sound doctrine has its application in individual life is made evident in the teachings of the Scriptures. In Paul's word to Titus he indicates that there are certain people who profess that they know God: but in works they deny him, being abominable and disobedient and to every good work reprobrates. Then he urges, "but speak thou the things that become sound doctrine that aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in patience." Let us make this matter of sound doctrine a personal equation in the life of every individual. If we are to preserve the home, the church and the state, we must recognize the imperativeness of true beliefs, faithfully taught and earnestly lived. \*\*\*\*\*

### RAMBLING REMARKS

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one in its place immediately our blood pressure went back to normal. . . . The twins expressed my sentiments exactly. Like all other families I suppose we had each said if we were buying another car we would buy this or that make and model and color. But the twins said, "Daddy, that is exactly the car we all wanted, wasn't it? We wanted a four door sedan, wanted robin blue color, and the Plymouth is the best car in the world." There was no argument, we all agreed that it was exactly what we wanted. Now we are dedicating the rest of our lives to an effort to be worthy of such friends as these. . . . In reading about the beheading of John the Baptist I was reminded that he lost his head because he preached against sin. It occurred to me that there are two kinds of preachers who oppose sin in their sermons. One is the preacher who loses his head and preaches against sin, and the other preaches against sin and loses his head. We

The future looks pretty dark for the taxpayer. It is well to remember in this mad scramble to provide every one with the more abundant life, regardless of the individual effort, that the taxpayer is the backbone of this country. It is the taxpayer who makes the wheels go round, and keeps them going round. —Miles Messenger.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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"Son, give me thy heart." Then the consecrated heart will go into everything we think or say or do.

(7) **The Right Idea in Worship.** "In vain do they worship me." The exercises may have been ornate. The forms may have been correct. External commands may have been carried out. But the spirit of worship was lacking. Hence it was vain. To worship God at all, we must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(8) **The Right Idea in Observance.** "The commandment of God—the tradition of the elders." Of course, it is wrong to substitute human tradition for divine command. But we may even obey divine command without putting heart into it. Therefore, sincerity is required in even the forms of religion or they become mockery in the sight of God.

(9) **The Right Idea in Doctrine.** "Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men." Our beliefs profoundly react upon our character and conduct. We never believe wrong and do right. Happily we can believe right and live accordingly. But sincerity will be required.

(10) **The Right Idea in Obedience.** "Moses said—but ye say—making void the word of God by your tradition." In other words, their obedience was not obedience. In seeming compliance with the word of the law they utterly destroyed its spirit. Such obedience is actual disobedience. It lacks heart power. It is insincere.

### Daily Bible Readings

- March 21—Wrong Ideas About Religion. Mark 7:1-13.
- March 22—Wrong Ideas About Worship. John 4:19-26.
- March 23—Wrong Ideas About Prayer. II Corinthians 12:1-10.
- March 24—Wrong Ideas About Forgiveness. Matthew 18:21-35.
- March 25—Wrong Ideas About Happiness. Luke 12:13-21.
- March 26—Wrong Ideas About Serving God. Matthew 25:31-46.
- March 27—How Please God? Psalm 24:1-6.

evidently need more of the latter and fewer of the former kind. . . . People expect a preacher to preach against sin, but not in a way that makes him a sinner in the doing of it. . . . I suppose we will never be done with telling J. B. Gambrell stories. I recall one now about the time he was plowing corn and saw the lizard gnawing on a stalk. He threw down the plow handles and went after the lizard determined to kill it for destroying the corn. He succeeded, for when the battle was over the lizard was dead, but he had lost a half hour of precious time, almost exhausted himself physically, nearly ruined his work clothes and had torn down a half acre of corn. This was more corn than 50

lizards could have ruined in a whole season. Success like that costs more than it is worth. . . . You know, if we are not bigger than anything that can happen to us, we are not big enough. . . . Not what the world can do to us but what it may provoke us to do to ourselves is the thing to be watched. Did you read or hear the story about the negro who called at the front gate while the dog barked lustily near the front steps? The lady of the house came to the door and said, "Come on in, Mose, the dog won't hurt you." "No," replied the colored gentleman, "I wasn't afraid he'd hurt me, I'ze afraid he'd make me hurt myself." But this is too philosophical. So q. e. d.

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