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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.

That war is costly business, glance at the President's war budget for the fiscal year, beginning next July 1. He asks for \$62,786,186,000, which is \$21,000,000,000 greater than the total value of all securities on the New York Stock Exchange; equal to the entire dollar value of all the products turned out in 1939 by the 184,000 factories in the United States; the equivalent of \$3,295 per hour since the beginning of the Christian era.

Commenting on the budget, the President said: "We are determined to pay whatever price we must to

TEXT FOR THE WEEK
Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. —Psalm 37:5.

preserve our way of life." He said further: "Let no man say it cannot be done. It must be done."

Actually, the government is now spending on the war effort at the rate of two billion dollars a month, and may be spending at the rate of five billion dollars a month by 1943, which means, to put it another way, that the government will devote "at least one-half" of all national production to the war effort.

The President had this to say about rationing, paying interest, and future prosperity: "I do not at present propose general consumer ration cards. . . . A debt level of 110 billion dollars by 1943 will require an increase in the annual interest from one billion, which we paid in 1940, to above two and a half billion in 1943. . . . Such an increase in interest will prevent us for some time after the war from lowering taxes. . . ."

Walter Lippmann, commenting on the mess in Washington, about which some courageous observers have been concerned for a long time, including Senator Harry Byrd, wrote in his column last week: "If there has been any lingering doubt in the President's mind, no doubt can now remain that his administration is badly organized and inadequately manned to carry out the war program. . . ."

On top of all of which fell the withering words of the Senate Defense Investigating committee, charging "inefficiency and selfishness" all up and down the line.

There are definite signs that Britain may resist all new Nazi demands, move the government to Toulon, where the French fleet is stationed, and seek an alliance with the United States.

EVENTS TO COME

- January 19-23—Training Union Emphasis Week in all associations.
- January 26-30—Central Training Schools in 12 key centers in Texas.
- February 23-24—District 8 convention, Lamesa.
- February 24-25—District 7 Convention, Marfa.
- March 2-6—Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong offering.
- 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.
- June 22-28—General Encampment, Lueders.

POPULAR STUDENT LEADER WILL HOLD H-SU REVIVAL



Charles E. Swor, one of the most sought after young people's speakers in the south, will conduct the annual student revival of H-SU, February 1-8. Swor will speak twice daily—at 10 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening under the sponsorship of the Baptist Student Union.

The series of meetings will begin on Sunday, February 1, with a service at the First Baptist Church at 11 o'clock. That evening he will conduct a similar service at the University Baptist Church. February 8 he will conclude the meetings with services at the University Baptist Church in the morning and at the First Church in the evening.

Bob Foley, president of the Hardin-Simmons BSU, and Billy Trice, secretary of the Union, are in charge of arrangements for the Swor meeting. They have announced that friendship circles will be held each night after services in the auditorium, and that students wishing to may have personal conferences with Mr. Swor during his stay here. The music of the meetings will also be under the management of Foley and Trice.

Mr. Swor is one of the leading youth speakers in the south, having proved his popularity and merits at both the Ridgecrest Student Retreat in North Carolina the past summer, and at the Texas Training Union Convention which met in Fort Worth during the Thanksgiving holidays. He is on a leave of absence from Mississippi College for the purpose of conducting special youth work throughout the south, and has already covered nearly every state in the Southern Baptist Convention. Swor is dean of men and associate professor of English at the Mississippi college, which is located in Clinton. He received his Master of Arts degree from Oxford University.

The BSU sponsors a student revival on the campus for one week each year. Rev. J. W. (Bill) Marshall, BSU secretary of Texas, was the speaker for the past two years.

COLLEGE GIRLS EXCHANGE PARTIES FOR WAR AID

In the interest of defense and the national crisis the student body of Mary Hardin-Baylor College has passed a resolution concerning the curtailment of organizational activities. This resolution presented by the President's club of the college, states in effect that "in order to conserve time, energy and health, in the interest of national defense, such student organization will meet only half as often as heretofore."

It was further recommended that all organizations curtail or modify their plans for special activities, such as receptions and special programs.

SON OF EARLY MISSIONARY IS BURIED IN ABILENE

E. H. Kiefer, former West Texas publisher, was buried in Abilene January 18. His death followed three weeks of critical illness. He had been incapacitated by ill health for many years.

He was the brother of Mrs. George S. Anderson of Abilene, with whom he had made his home during the years of invalidism, and the son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Kiefer. Dr. Kiefer was a pioneer physician and Baptist preacher. He was an early missionary to European peoples in South Texas. With the opening of West Texas, the family moved to Roby and the learned and able doctor left a deep impress upon Baptist work in the area.

The Bible has proved the motivating philosophy of the American way. —John W. Raley.

CHAPLAIN WINS CONVERTS DURING SEVERE BLIZZARD

By Alfred Carpenter

"It has been 28 degrees below zero most all week. The snow is very deep. I speak several times each day. I had 45 conversions in one day." This Southern Baptist chaplain in a reception center far in the north reports 647 won to Christ during the last half of 1941. The church, from which he is on leave, must rejoice in these reports.

A noble spirit has been exemplified by many of our churches in giving their pastors leave to serve as chaplains with our armed forces. Since the outbreak of war some have told their pastor-chaplains to stay as long as needed. Usually these churches have as supply pastors retired preachers or returned missionaries.

Every pastor desires to do his part in this emergency. Many qualified to serve as chaplains would volunteer if encouraged by the church. More churches must be willing to release their pastors, encouraging them to volunteer for a definite period or for the duration. We find some of our most capable men rather hesitant because their church leaders unintentionally discourage them.

When the pastor makes this sacrifice the church should see to it that his salary as chaplain is kept on a par with that in the pastorate. It may be necessary for the church to supplement. Of course, the church will not neglect to keep alive his retirement payments.

The present program of the chaplaincy is one of the newest, most far-reaching, soul-winning, missionary responsibility and privilege ever placed before our churches. Surely each church at the close of the war will want the satisfaction of cooperating to the fullest in this emergency.

MRS. LYON WILL COME TO DISTRICT 17 IN MARCH

Mrs. E. F. Lyon, state executive secretary of the W. M. U., will make a tour of District 17 March 16 to 20. An earlier date was cancelled on account of a conflict. The itinerary and program will be announced later.

I need not encourage you to serve the Master unless you are loyal. You can't be loyal unless you love.—Chester Swor.

Gearing to War Tempo--

H-SU President Announces Spring Semester Speed-Up

"An acceleration of the educational program so that students may receive their degrees more rapidly and special defense courses will be offered at Hardin-Simmons next semester," said President W. R. White upon returning from a conference of college and university presidents in Baltimore, Maryland, last week. These defense courses and all training on the campus will be directed by the federal government. Civilian defense work also will soon be under way and the campus will be organized in a like manner to that in any other community in accord with the local defense work in Abilene.

"There is a strong feeling that the educational system be maintained in tact and efficient during the war, and that students should not rush pell-mell into governmental service since there has already been considerable readjustment and expense to the government," said Dr. White. He stated that there was an absolute unanimity and determination among educators to make all facilities available for winning the war. He said the national government expects institutions of higher learning to play a dominant part in the war and in the peace to follow.

The conference was under the sponsorship of the committee of military affairs of the national committee of education and defense and the United States office of education, and more than a thousand colleges and universities were represented at the national meeting.

Education has a dual task in the winning of the war and the peace that comes after. Dr. White told the H-SU student body in beginning a series of chapel talks on current war problems.

A forum, in which department heads and students will take part, will

PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED FOR PLAINS CONFERENCE

"The Church and Social Reconstruction" is the theme for the annual Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference which is to be held February 9 to 11 at Wayland College. Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville will give five inspirational addresses and Dr. E. D. Head of Houston will deliver five Bible lectures.

The program will begin at 10:00 Monday morning and conclude at 3:55 Wednesday afternoon. Sessions will be held morning, afternoon and night. Rev. A. F. Loftin will be Scripture reader at each service. Music will be arranged by leading music directors of Panhandle-Plains churches.

Missionary J. Lowell Ponder of District 9 and Missionary J. C. McKenzie of District 10 will have part on the program. Speakers outside these districts include Dr. George C. Humphrey of New Mexico, Dr. E. S. James of Vernon, and Dr. A. C. Miller, who is state supervisor of Baptist work with soldiers.

Other speakers are Dr. W. B. Irwin, superintendent of Lubbock schools, and pastors of the area. Among the pastors are Dr. C. Gordon Bayless of Pampa, Rev. S. R. McClung of Perryton, Dr. A. D. Foreman and A. D. Hasty of Amarillo churches, and L. A. Brown.

Music directors scheduled are J. T. Sizemore, Claud White, Ira M. Powell, Melvin Rathel, E. Paul Briggs, O. C. Huber, Leo E. Waite and Harry Miner. Daily themes are "The Bible Teaching on Social Reconstruction," Monday; "The Accomplishments of the Church in Social Reconstruction," Tuesday; and "The Unfinished Task of Social Reconstruction," Wednesday.

PLEDGER CHURCH PAYS DEBT

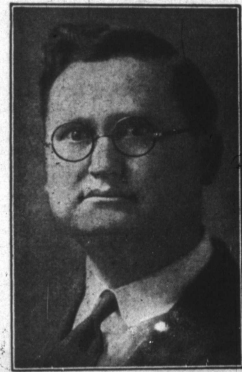
Pledger Church in Fisher Association has raised the money to finish paying the last note on the church debt. Plans have been started for a homecoming and dedication service on the fourth Sunday in April.

Pastor Jim Fields extends the thanks of the church to friends in Fisher County who have helped generously in meeting the obligations of the church. They now feel that they can have a more worthy part in missions and all denominational work.

JONES COUNTY CHURCHES SECURE NEW PASTORS



REV. MILES B. HAYES



REV. J. P. MCBETH

With the acceptance by Rev. Miles B. Hayes of Dublin of the call of First Church, Stamford, two of the larger churches in Jones County find themselves with new pastors within a month. The other church is Anson, where Rev. J. P. McBeth of Dumas began work at the beginning of the year.

Rev. Hayes succeeds Pastor Dick O'Brien, who resigned to accept the call of First Church, Big Spring. Before going to Dublin about two years ago, he had served a fruitful ministry of 12 years at Burk Burnett. Mrs. Hayes is the former Nola Hasty, a state Training Union worker for several years.

Miles Hayes was a member of the varsity football team at Baylor during his undergraduate days. Upon receiving his degree in 1918, he entered the army as a chaplain. After the war he served as a state evangelist. Other pastorate have been at Hillsboro and Olney.

He has been serving as moderator of the Erath Association, and chairman of the District 12 executive board. For many years he has been a member of the state executive board.

McBeth a Bible Scholar

Rev. J. P. McBeth came to Anson the first of the year, replacing Pastor L. A. Doyle, who is now at Floydada. He had had a long period of service at Dumas, where he had done an outstanding work. The Dumas Church was one of the first in Texas to attempt the tithing test and the success of the plan was phenomenal. He has been one of the denominational leaders in the upper Panhandle. He is the author of a widely used text on the Book of Romans and is in demand as a Bible teacher and expounder at encampments and pastors' conferences. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons in the class of 1925. Good reports are received of the favorable beginning of his work in Anson.

SIDNEY COX ACCEPTS CLYDE PASTORATE

Rev. Sidney Cox, H-SU senior and president of the university ministerial council, has accepted the call of the Clyde Church and will begin his pastorate next month. Although he expects to move to Clyde in the near future, he will complete his work for his degree in the spring semester.

Rev. Cox is an experienced minister and a successful pastor. He has been pastor of two half-time churches, Tuxedo in Jones County and Knott in the Big Spring Association.

Rev. J. D. Alexander will supply the Clyde pulpit until Pastor Cox has concluded his work with the other churches.

INTEREST WIDENING IN CENTRAL STUDY COURSES

By G. S. Hopkins

The interest and enthusiasm is mounting upward in these 12 central simultaneous training schools. The possibilities are unlimited. There will be 520 teachers involved with a goal of 15,000 in attendance. Nothing that we have tried to promote in the past 16 years has met with such a happy response. We asked ten places to be in this movement and 12 responded.

A system of reports has been worked out so that each one of the 12 centers will send a report to all of the other centers each night so that the following night announcements can be made as to the enrollment in each territory as well as the combined enrollment. We plan on printing not only the goals, but the actual enrollment in the Baptist Standard at the conclusion of this movement.

To indicate the interest and preparation that has been made in these various centers, we are quoting the following brief statements:

Concho Valley: Plans for our central training school are coming along nicely and we are going to have a good school. We are preparing extensive newspaper publicity, church paper publicity and a person to person campaign throughout the association for enlistment. I believe we shall reach our goal of 500.—Ray Rozell, First Baptist Church, San Angelo.

Wichita-Archer: With best wishes to the other schools. We are counting on our people to show Brother Hopkins into which attendance group Wichita-Archer should be classed.—B. T. Adams, associational superintendent.

Amarillo, First: We are making careful plans for our city-wide Sunday School Training Courses January 26-30. A wide selection of books is being offered and teachers have been secured from all the churches. The Amarillo people are responding to this movement very heartily, and without question it will be a real success.—A. D. Foreman, Jr.

Abilene, First: I am glad to note that the movement is gaining momentum as is manifest by the fact that there are 13 cities now in the campaign.—J. D. Riddle, educational director.

CITY MISSION PROGRAM TO AID IN WASHINGTON

Taking into account what was termed "a problem of enlistment and missions of staggering proportions" in the nation's capital, the Home Mission Board here January 13 voted to launch at once a city mission program in Washington and the District of Columbia.

Called into special session by the Board's president, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, the administrative committee unanimously concurred in a request from the District of Columbia Baptist Association.

"The District of Columbia has increased in population 36 per cent and the suburban areas 82 per cent during the past ten years," said Rev. M. C. Stith, chairman of the executive committee of the District of Columbia Baptist Association, as he presented the petition to the Home Board.

The Home Mission Board, Rev. Stith pointed out, has recently inaugurated missions in other strategic urban centers, such as Atlanta and Houston. The capital city, he added, has needs to meet which the Baptists are seeking every resource available.

A superintendent of city missions in Washington will be appointed, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Home Board executive secretary-treasurer, announced, as soon as details are approved by the Washington Association, which he expects to be soon.

MUCH PROGRESS SHOWN BY SAN ANGELO CHURCH

Rallying enthusiastically to the leadership of their pastor, Dr. James W. Middleton, who came from Clinton, Mississippi, last April, First Church, San Angelo reached record attendance with a high mark of 1,363 in Sunday School and 356 in Training Union last fall. In nine months the church has 318 additions, 81 of them coming for baptism.

The church budget was increased this fall from \$32,500 to \$45,000 and during November and December the total of \$8,700 was raised.

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A COMFORTABLE RELIGION

The history of religions seems to be the history of the efforts of mankind to find an easy religion, one so easy that you may conform to it and still do as you please. General Knudsen says that the trouble with the American people is that they insist on getting from one place to another while sitting down. Most people want to go to heaven—sitting down.

In pagan rites and in quasi-Christian rituals may be found systems for letting one do as he likes, for a price. The pagan conception is of a god who can be bribed by appeasement, and not of an Eternal Justice, which can be satisfied only by atonement, which is the making right a wrong. Anyone with the price can be an appeaser, but only the holy Son of God can atone for sin.

In man's efforts to find a comfortable religion, he is first anxious to find a creed which is easy on the conscience. With this end in view, he, consciously or unconsciously, devises his own theology which will give him the laxity that his depraved nature craves and at the same time offers a smug sensation of self-approval.

There is one who says of his pet indulgence, "God made it; therefore it is good," and with that excuse proceeds to put good things to an evil use. God made electricity, for example, and it is a source of great good to the race of men. But it is good only when it is properly controlled and harnessed. A live wire lying across a street, a short circuit adjacent to inflammable material, these are sources of evil and not good.

Another may take the teaching of Jesus that the Sabbath is made for man and so stretch it as to include almost every sort of indulgence and sinful pleasure. The highway of history is strewn with the wreckage of nations and peoples who have turned to evil ends that day which God made for the physical rest and the spiritual development of man.

Men have found it comfortable to soothe the conscience and ease a covetous purse by asserting, "If God wants the heathen saved, He will save them." So believing, they have gone on and prospered in peace. But the day came, and now it has come again, when their possessions, their bodies and their souls have been troubled because those heathen, whom they lifted not a hand to turn from their pagan ways, have arisen to vent upon the world their heathen rage.

We find it comfortable to tame the conscience and to live self-centered lives. If one tries hard enough to find it, there is probably some Scripture which can be taken out of its setting and made into an excuse for most any course. "But the world can never get around the fact that 'no man liveth to himself,' and that 'he that saveth his life shall lose it.'" One who has set out to follow the Master along the highway, which he has charted with signboards, will find toil instead of ease, a sword instead of peace; but he will find it a pathway of triumphant joy, and a "Well done" at the end.

BAPTISTS MULTIPLY BY DIVISION

In the news columns of this paper is the striking story of growth through division as exemplified in First Church, Lubbock. It should not be strange that Baptists have found this their best method of development, for it is the method of all nature. Life, whether animal or vegetable, is a process of growth and replenishment through the division of living cells.

In the article by Mr. Waite, he modestly refrains from explaining that there is more to this business of multiplication by division than rules of mathematics. This intangible plus is the same in a class or a Training Union as it is in a cell, namely, that there must be a nucleus of life if the new organism is to live and develop. The living nucleus in the example which he gives is the organizer.

Others have had experience in setting up new classes which atrophied and died without evidence of growth. Perhaps it was because there was no breath of life which could infuse vitality into the body, making possible nourishment and growth. In an organization this nucleus must be some person or persons who believes sufficiently in its need for existence to go out and sell others the idea. This is what Mr. Waite calls the class organizer. By whatever name it is called, the meaning must be a salesman, a missionary.

Churches, as well as units of teaching and training, grow by division, but do not expect to lop off just any group and see it grow any more than you would expect an amputated finger to grow a new man. There must be that divine spark, which is of the Spirit.

PRIORITIES ON LIQUOR

To aid the winning of the war, American people are good naturedly seeking to adjust themselves to doing without new cars, new tires, and a host of other articles of daily use, which are made of metals, rubber, and other essentials, for armament. They are willingly seeing factories turn from civilian needs to war industry.

Now, in spite of the rebuff which the Senate gave to the Sheppard bill to remove liquor from the vicinity of the armed forces, it is good news to learn that 60 per cent of the better equipped distillery capacity will be turned to making industrial alcohol for war use and that the molasses of the West Indies will be made into munitions instead of rum.

This rationing of liquor through war priorities is reminiscent of the enervation of notorious gangsters for income tax evasion. However, by this devious means, those gangsters were permanently subdued. And in this left-handed way the liquor consumption will be reduced. We might help still further by voting Texas dry this summer.

News Notes

Rev. H. B. Naylor has resigned at Sudan, effective February 1.

Brownfield Association sent a 60,000 car of feed grain to Buckner Orphans Home.

Eula Church, where Rev. Strauss Atkinson is pastor, has just completed reconditioning their church building.

President Pat Neff of Baylor University is reported recovering satisfactorily from injuries received in an automobile accident in December.

H. L. Wren of Snyder, Brotherhood president of District 8, will be guest speaker for the Brotherhood of First Church, Sweetwater, Tuesday evening, January 27.

Paul Counts, music and Training Union director of South Side Church, Abilene, is in Hendrick Hospital recovering from a major operation.

Captain W. E. King, assistant divisional chaplain of the 45th Division, Camp Barkley, made a tremendous impression on the men of the First Church, Abilene, with an address at the January Brotherhood meeting.

Mrs. Tom Tarwater, nationally known Bible teacher, is in Abilene this week conducting three study classes daily under the direction of the city Federation of Church Women. She is a Baptist and spoke Sunday evening from the pulpit of First Church, Abilene.

On the second Sunday in December, a junior adult union of First Church, Abilene, presented a program at Golan Church, where Rev. Hooper Campbell is pastor. One month later Training Union manuals were taught and three unions were organized.

Rev. Lawrence Hays has resigned as pastor at Park Heights Church, San Angelo, to enter service as a chaplain. Rev. Edward B. Jenkins is acting as supply pastor for the present.

Littlefield Church has just finished raising over \$2,100, which is half the indebtedness on their building. The balance will be paid out of the regular budget at the rate of \$100 per month. Rev. Roy Shahan is pastor.

The Fisher Association Workers Conference will meet at Cross Roads on February 2, announces Rev. O. D. Henley, moderator. The January meeting scheduled for that church was not held on account of the blizzard.

The Buffalo Gap Church will have a dedication service for the new building on Sunday, February 1. The house will be completed and paid for by that time, states Pastor Scott W. Hickey.

Rev. Emmett Brooks has accepted the call of the Oplin Church and has begun his work as pastor there.

The Velasco Church building burned January 11 with a loss of \$16,000, and \$10,000 insurance. A new building program was launched the day of the fire.

PROGRAM

Workers Conference, West Plains Association, Meeting with Lums Chapel Tuesday, Jan. 27

Scripture text: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Cor. 16:2).

10:00—Song Service, Brother L. L. Dunn, Rocky Ford.

10:20—The Bible Teaching on Church Finance, Rev. Guy Self.

10:50—The Practical Side of Tithing, Rev. L. A. Blair.

11:20—Announcements and recognition of visitors.

11:30—Sermon, "Thy Will Be Done," Rev. Wayne Perry, Fieldton.

12:00—Lunch served by Lums Chapel.

1:00—W. M. U. and Executive Board meeting.

1:30—Song Service, Brother L. L. Dunn.

1:45—Some associational Sunday School Objectives, Rev. Aubrey McAuley.

2:00—Conferences on Sunday School Work, led by associational Sunday School officers.

2:30—Closing message, Rev. A. A. Brian, Levelland.

We are to know God's will, do God's will, and love God's will.—William H. Joyner.

This Changing World

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States. Our government is now negotiating with Vichy for resumption of trade with North Africa.

Legislation on labor has been definitely shelved for the present; the administration basing its hopes on the new War Labor Board to handle the situation. It is known that a solid majority of the Congress would quickly vote to force the unions to make public reports on their finances, names of their officers, and so forth.

In 1930 the War Department urged widespread cultivation of guayule in the United States as protection against a wartime rubber shortage. Secretary Wallace opposed it, and defeated the recommendation. Now Wallace is chairman of the Economic Warfare Board, charged with the function of protecting the country against such shortages.

Plans to set up an Exile Philippine government in Washington are taking place. Resident Commissioner Elizalde is organizing the movement. Auditor General Jaime Hernandez, who was in New York at the time the war broke, would probably be named as head of the government in Washington. The Philippine government has a credit of \$53,000,000 in the U. S. treasury and extensive assets in New York banks.

Where is the German air force? Britain believes that a large portion of the force has been called back to Germany for refitting and repair, that another large part of it has been sent to the Mediterranean area. Scores of new airports have been built in Italy, south of Rome, in Sardinia, in Sicily, and in Crete. All of which sounds like the next attack will be centered on Britain's control of the Mediterranean.

Food prices will rise steadily for the next several months, with the possible exception of flour. Meat prices will rise moderately, due to the large supply of hogs. Dairy products will rise sharply, as will canned goods.

Japan has cut off the supply of bristles for paint brushes from China, and the unions pretty well broke up the plan of spraying paint, which means that we may discover we are at war on still another front, should we take a notion to enter the annual clean-up campaign this spring.

Never in the history of war have so many nations and races combined in one effort at one global point to fight for such a little spot of land as Singapore, a tiny island 27 miles long and 14 miles wide. Its coastline has 25 miles of barbed-wire gun nests and machine-gun pill-boxes. Churchill says: "Singapore will hold." Let us pray that his prophecy shall come true.

TOO LATE WITH THE MESSAGE

By Edward B. Jenkins
Robert Browning, in one of his poems, tells of an English citizen who was arrested and condemned to death by the Turks on the charge of being a spy in their country. He protested his innocence, and offered to prove it by a letter. They gave him the opportunity to prove it and he wrote to a friend for the letter. Anxiously he waited for an answer to come. The day arrived for his execution and the people assembled to witness his execution.

The hour arrived and one man looked in the distance and saw a messenger come running. But he did not give the word and the firing squad carried out the sentence. Then the messenger arrived and fell exhausted; but he got there too late to save the man's life.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15).

A SIGNIFICANT TESTIMONY

I regard our Sunday schools and churches as the only effective means to stem the rising tide of vice and crime among the youth.—Lewis L. Fawcett, Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York.

Sunday School Lesson

January 25, 1942

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Read Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13. Study Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation of Jesus occurred immediately after his baptism early in A. D. 27. It was a test and proof of his Sonship as the Father declared at his baptism. During 40 days of fasting and by three final assaults the tempter sought to dislodge him from his position as the Son of God. But Jesus held true. Satan was driven back for a time and the ministering angels leaped to the side of their Lord.

1. The Tempter

THE PERSONAL APPEAL was made by the tempter of Jesus. The glory of the baptismal hour was momentary. From the waters of the Jordan into the fastnesses of the near-by wilderness (perhaps Mount Quarantania, a little west of Jericho) went Jesus under impulse of the Spirit. The divine purpose was that he should be tested, disciplined, and prepared for his work by resistance to the subtle enticements of the devil, the slanderer, accuser, and adversary of man. The reality of the temptation is not to be doubted, nor the existence of a real and personal devil.

2. The First Temptation

THE PHYSICAL APPEAL was made in the first temptation of Jesus. Like Moses and Elijah, Jesus abstained from food for 40 days and night. During that time he was perhaps supernaturally sustained, for he was exposed all the while to the malicious attacks of the tempter. The object of Satan was "to get him to distrust the heavenly testimony borne to him at his baptism as the Son of God—to dislodge from his heart the consciousness of his Sonship." But so far the tempter had failed. Now he marshals his forces for a yet fiercer assault. The 40 days' test being followed by intensest hunger, the tempter here finds the point of attack. Loaflike stones were scattered over the ground at their feet; how a hungry man could wish they were actual bread! But Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. Why, then, should he not command a stone to become bread? The suggestion was a subtle one; any human being with the power would have yielded readily. But such a proof of divine Sonship was needless, and Jesus, who never wrought a miracle for himself, would not exert his power for the premature gratification of bodily appetite. Yielding would have been both selfish and distrustful. Hence, he responded in Scripture word that spiritual manna is of more value than physical bread.

3. The Second Temptation

THE SPIRITUAL APPEAL was made in the second temptation of Jesus. If his trust in God is so absolute, Satan will give him an opportunity to exercise it. The scene changes to the city of Jerusalem, where the conflict was waged on a wing of the Temple overlooking on one side the dizzy depth of Hinnom Valley and on the other the crowded court of the sanctuary. There Satan suggested an exhibition of the trust of Jesus, giving the wily proposal

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5. The Triumph

THE OVERCOME APPEAL appears in the triumph of Jesus. With all the odds in his favor, Satan had presented to Jesus with the greatest possible force and ingenuity the most enticing allurements to sin. But on every ground he had been baffled and beaten. At the authoritative command of Christ he therefore slunk away from the Holy Presence, though only for a season.

Gold in the Golden Text

Jesus the Son of God . . . was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.—Hebrews 4:14-15.

Jesus was tempted. He suffered every class and kind of temptation that comes to man. Not a spot or shred in his humanity escaped the assaults and seductions of Satan. Truly he was "tempted like as we are."

Jesus was tempted without yielding to sin. He did not yield. He resisted. He fought with the Sword of the Spirit. He overcame. He routed the tempter. He came forth attended by ministering angels.

Jesus is the faithful friend of all who are tempted now. He is more than model before us; he is Master with us. Not without him can we ever be "without sin." God help us in every hour of testing!

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the color of Scripture authority. It was a temptation to presumption, and also threw out before him the glitter of sudden fame if he should leap unharm into the Temple court and assert his claim. But the net so cunningly spread was cloven by the Sword of the Spirit. The needless test of God's fidelity to his promises is expressly forbidden.

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PARABLES OF THE LORD

Discussed By
COOPER WATERS

THE PARABLE OF THE KING'S MARRIAGE FEAST

Matt. 22:1-14

The parable of the King's Marriage Feast has to do with two classes of people who miss heaven: (1) Those who refuse the invitation and (2) those who fail to meet the proper conditions. This parable is divided into three divisions:

1. Those Included in the First Call. The first call or invitation was given to the Jews and they refused to accept it (John 1:11). This part of the parable has a specific reference to the way the ministry of Jesus was received by the Jews, his own people. He had a distinct purpose for coming to the Jews first as we shall presently see.

2. Those Included in the Second Call. When the Jews rejected him, he then went to the Gentiles. This does not mean that at first only the Jews could be saved, for it has been in God's plan always to save any who would believe. It simply means that the ministry of Jesus was first manifested to the Jews because he had a special privilege he intended for them. That privilege was that of carrying the Gospel to the others. When the Jews refused, then the privilege was given to "whosoever would come." The Gentiles came and

today it is the privilege and duty of the Gentiles to evangelize the Jews; it could and should have been the reverse of what it is.

3. The Condition Under Which All Must Come. The man who was found without a wedding garment was not cast out because he had come uninvited, for all had now been invited, but because he had refused to put on the garment the host had provided for each of the guests. He wanted to attend but he wanted to dress as he pleased. Some will try to get into heaven on their own prescription but to no avail. God's condition is faith and repentance. Those seeking to come otherwise will be cast out into outer darkness.

GOOD HEALTH

He whose blood is red, whose muscles are hard, whose sleep is sound, whose digestion is good, whose posture is erect, whose nerves are steady has a good bank account in life—he possesses that which contributes to happiness, to accomplishment, to service, to society, to state and to country.—Calvin Kendall.

It is our business to make our government as perfect as we can.—Pat Neff.

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Perennial Revival News Comes Out of Africa

By L. L. Johnson

Our Brazilian Baptist churches continue to experience a perennial revival, with overflowing crowds and constant baptisms. One of the strongholds of Catholicism in the state of Pernambuco during the more than 50 years since the Gospel entered that state has been the interior city of Bom Jardim (Good Garden).

In the days of Solomon Ginsburg (the Wandering Jew in Brazil), he was imprisoned in that city, and one native Christian was killed. The persecution was so fierce that the small Baptist congregation was completely wiped out, and for many years Bom Jardim resisted all attempts for its evangelization.

Finally, some three years ago, another attempt was made by this writer. We found a more favorable attitude on the part of the people and we rented a building and began regular services. Soon, a number of people were converted. The work was put in charge of a good Brazilian pastor who continued to make regular visits. Now comes the good news that the work continues to prosper and recently the woman care-taker of the Catholic Church was converted and that two people were baptized before an audience estimated at some seven hundred people.

The pastor adds that the son of the mayor of the city is interested and offered to pay the expenses and to furnish entertainment for the coming of Rev. Jose Tavares, ex-priest, who was baptized by me some years ago and who succeeded me in the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Maceio. To those of us who have known Bom Jardim for all these years, this seems almost incredible.

Another most interesting news item from Brazil is the baptism in Sao Paulo of another ex-congo, high ranking Catholic priest, who was baptized by Dr. Gioia Martins, eloquent and cultured Baptist pastor who himself was a prominent member of the Catholic clergy in that state for many years. Some two thousand people witnessed the baptizing among them being two other ex-priests.

Still more encouraging news is brought by "O Journal Batista" (The Baptist Journal), published in Rio de Janeiro. It comes from the city of Lisbon, capital of Portugal, where the Foreign Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention has maintained work for many years. During the first week of October, the Catholic church staged one of its famous Eucharistic Congresses in that city, accompanied by all the bombastic fanfare which always characterizes these pompous occasions. The two Baptist churches in Lisbon decided to hold revivals during that week. Both of their buildings proved too small for the multitudes which crowded them and the power of God was upon His preached Word. The meeting in the First Church was so successful that it was decided to prolong it another week, and as a result, more than 13 people professed faith in Christ.

Two new orphanages are being launched in Brazil by the Baptists, one near Rio de Janeiro and the other in the state of Minas Geraes. Both have secured substantial properties and their outlook is most promising.

Brazilian Baptists now number more than sixty thousand, gathered in 776 churches. There are many problems which always present themselves on a growing mission field. Especially when the work reaches the stage where there must be a transfer of direction from missionaries to natives. Great care must be exercised that the institutions may have capable direction. A recent decree by the Brazilian government prohibits any

foreigner from being director of any school which has government recognition. That will oblige our schools which have missionary direction to change to native leadership. Fortunately, we have capable Brazilian brethren for such positions. The problem is to see that they are placed in these strategic positions. But Baptist democracy, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, will solve these problems.

The prospects for the evangelization of this, the greatest of the Latin American republics, are bright indeed. May Southern Baptists have an increasingly large share in this glorious consummation!

To Offer 'War' Courses in Spring

The spring semester curriculum at Hardin-Simmons University will include courses geared to the nation's war effort, for men engaged in defense industries, as the demand justifies, Dr. W. R. White, H-SU president, said this week.

Government approved courses in mechanical and engineering drawing, radio, chemical explosives, industrial and labor relations, accounting, statistics, budgets, production control, industrial safety and water purification, will be given as the demand warrants, Dr. White said.

These will be free, will be held at night, and will be given to "high school graduates or the equivalent," Dr. White said.

Other spring courses at Hardin-Simmons, to be offered for credit by the physical education department, will include military drill and first aid. Two companies of volunteers are already taking military drill, twice a week, Otho M. Polk, department head, as instructor.

A Red Cross first aid course will be given on the campus, February 2 to 27, with Miss Helen Margaret Robbins, director of physical education for women, as instructor.

DIRECT HITS ON SIN

By William H. Joyner

We need to drop bombs of truth on various evils today. It is hoped that this column will score a few direct hits.

The liquor evil rages like a scarlet plague. In this country last year an average of 15 gallons of alcoholic liquors were consumed for every man, woman and child.

"Woe unto him who giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him and maketh him drunk. . . . The Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory."—Hab. 2:12.

"At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—Prov. 23:32.

The evil of desecrating God's Holy Day is cursing us. God knew what He was doing when He gave us Sunday. He decreed one day in seven to be different from the rest—from other days. To go against His command and laws is to invite disaster. Nations in Europe are reaping a harvest of blood, tears, chains and death partly because for so long they have ignored God's Day. We are commanded to "remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy." Are you changing the Lord's Day into the devil's day? God tells us to rest and worship on this day. Have you made it a fun day? The Continental Sabbath in America will bring the hell of Europe to us.

TEXAS LEADS THE WORLD IN TRAINING UNION WORK

Texas Baptists earned 71,183 Training Union diplomas and seals last year. This is approximately one-fourth of the awards earned by all the states in the Southern Baptist Convention, the District of Columbia and the Baptists in foreign countries.

We observe that Texas earned more awards than nine states in the South hand the District of Columbia combined. The nine states referred to, with the number of diplomas and seals earned are as follows:

Virginia	9,780
Kentucky	12,358
Mississippi	13,540
Arizona	623
Maryland	819
New Mexico	3,655
Illinois	5,416
Florida	11,594
Louisiana	12,281
District of Columbia	776
Total	70,842

The study course goal for the State of Texas this year is 75,000. If all associations will adopt a worthy goal and then break this goal down to churches and unions, we will reach it.

AT THE TOP 'O LIFE

By Orval A. Hendon

Duty is for man, destiny is for God. Man is the masterpiece of God's creation. God is the creator. Man has a duty and a destiny. Duty is that which we are bound or obligated or responsible, that for which every soul must answer. Destiny is fate or divine decree.

From Isaiah 40:9 that great prophet of old shouted, say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God." This applies to all nations, even the United States. If our nation stands it will stand under the fellowship of God. Any nation will fall without God in due time. We must watch God and follow the way of the cross, the way of the Lord. Be at the top of life, by doing your duty to God. Serve Him.

Watch God. Be sensitive to God. "Behold your God." Those who have done this have seen him put away their sins, so I am challenging you to trust God and let Him put your sins away through his son Jesus that you may prepare the way of the Lord, even Jesus Christ our Savior.

This is still God's world and we cannot overthrow his plan for it. Destiny is for God but duty is for man. Find your place in the world and serve God and man. Is that your duty? Yes, then do it without fail.

God is working in and through the world. But God will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. Our duty is to trust Christ and follow him. Our duty is to pray and we must not fail in this. Our duty is to keep his commandments. For the believer there is singing, praying, praising, teaching, preaching, giving, worshipping and denying. We are duty bound to serve God. He is omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. God is impossible to exaggerate. He is the great I AM.

We need to quit talking so much and do more. We have not used God's ways—one of which is prayer. We must use this way daily. Prayer does not pull God down to us; it pulls us up to God. Prayer makes us act like God wants us to act, so be at the top of life by praying that prayer right now. Do your duty this moment, serve God and his beloved son, Jesus the Christ.

"Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God.'"—Isaiah 40:9.

This is the greatest thing the Lord ever required of his children—to witness.—W. W. Melton.

LATIN AMERICA CALLING

By EVERETT GILL, JR., Secretary for Latin America

Each week millions of Americans are listening with a newborn interest to Edward Tomlinson and other noted radio commentators on Latin American affairs. For the first time in their lives, many North Americans have become conscious of the existence of this tremendous continent where one nation like Brazil is larger than the United States. Unfortunately, we had to wait for a world war, and our own need of hemisphere defense to arouse our interest. What-

ever the cause, we rejoice in this coming together of North and South Americans. All Central American nations are now fighting side by side with the United States. Colombia is the only South American nation which is an actual ally, but the majority of the other nations are friendly. Following the conference in Rio de Janeiro this January, they may become even more co-operative.

Long before we ever dreamed of a "Good Neighbor" policy or hemisphere defense, our Foreign Mission Board, through its missionaries, has been engaged in an unselfish, sacrificial endeavor to give the simple, glorious Gospel of Christ to the millions of South America. Prompted solely by love for the Lord and for the people of those lovely lands, we have asked nothing in return. We have given churches, schools, colleges, seminaries; we have raised the moral standards, have educated their children, have above all brought thousands to a saving knowledge of Christ. Our missionaries, returning to the United States, have sung the praises and presented the opportunities of our neighbors. We do not go to take our northern culture, nor do we go as agents of any government or business.

Through our missionaries we go to represent Christ and His infinite, redeeming love, forcing no one to accept Him, asking simply for the privilege of holding Him up before men. Tens of thousands of good Brazilians, good Uruguayans, good Paraguayans, good Argentinians, good Chileans, and people of other nations have accepted Him voluntarily. Great native conventions, with hundreds of churches, carry on a magnificent work.

All we ask is for the same right the Catholics have in North America to propagate their views. Every Baptist is ready to defend the Catholic's right to proclaim the truth as he sees it. We ask for reciprocity and are willing to let the Truth stand or fall on its own merits, without political pressure.

Having accepted the call of the Foreign Mission Board to become its secretary for Latin America, I have undertaken my new work with the deepest conviction of my soul that this is the call of God. Spending these first months familiarizing myself with the work of the Foreign Mission Board in all Central and South America, it is my hope to make an initial visit of these areas after the Southern Baptist Convention in May, if war conditions permit. Our co-operative work in these fields include some 800 churches, 325 ordained native workers, 150 missionaries, and over 80 schools, colleges and seminaries.

The major duties include: 1. Cooperating with the executive secretary in the work of the Richmond office. Keeping in touch with the needs and problems of 467 missionaries involves an amazing amount of detail work.

2. Acting as the board's representative to the missionaries and the native conventions, and in turn interpreting to the board the interests of the missionaries and the mission work.

3. Making periodic visits to the mission fields, approximately once every three years.

4. Preaching on behalf of missions in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

5. Assisting in the selection of new missionaries.

6. Cooperating in the opening of new mission fields.

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I WOULD LIKE TO RUN AWAY

But I can't. I am a prisoner of Jesus Christ; held by His sacrifice, by His love, by His grace, by His tender compassion and by His immutable call to service. I would like to find a safe place way back in the Ozark hills, build a house of great slabs of stone, gather my loved ones about me and enjoy the beauties of nature, music, art and literature. Away from automobile accidents, from the danger of the imps of hell flying on the wings of man-made machines to rain fire and destruction upon the just and unjust below. Away from the prurient sins of debased humanity to walk and commune with God.

To walk with Christ Ah, but He walked through the garden!

Yes, I would like to get away from where I have seen so many human bodies torn asunder, so many families scattered, so many left homeless and starving. I would like to run away from the responsibility and worry—the ever-present dread of greater calamities yet to come. I do not want again to be forced to walk in human blood as we of this hospital were forced to do when the floors of the corridors and verandas were lined with wounded and dying following the recent bombing.

To walk with Christ! Ah, but He walked all the way to Calvary!

Yes, I would like to get away from it all and shift the burden to younger, more capable and more consecrated shoulders. I would like to get out of the garden and climb to the mountain top. But if I would follow my Lord I must walk in the path as He directs even though it be hard and dangerous; yes, even though it leads to Calvary itself. Only He can give the necessary courage, for I suppose I am a coward.

These are terrible times everywhere. Satan has unleashed his fury to destroy the Faith and the faithful. We feel the overpowering force of the impact. As never before it is a time for prayer. And as never before, every missionary who is trying—sometimes feebly—to follow the gleam of His leadership needs the sustaining prayers of you at home who so nobly support us. So we call you to prayer. Pray for us.

—ROBERT E. BEDDOE, M. D.
Wuchow, Kwongsi, China,
November 20, 1941.

SIN

Sin as a caterpillar is bad enough, but sin as a butterfly is a thousand times worse. On every wing there is a picture as varied as the rainbow. There is a power in sin to make itself attractive. Sin beautifies itself by assuming and wearing the wings of wit, the wings of fashion, the wings of art, the wings of attractive and pleasing names.—David Gregg.

THE U. S. NAVY CALLS FOR MORE BAPTIST CHAPLAINS

Now that the United States is at war and the Navy is rapidly expanding, several more chaplains are needed at once in the U. S. Naval Reserve it is announced at headquarters of the Eight Naval District, New Orleans.

Although the duties of Navy chaplains are primarily religious, there are additional duties to be performed in connection with the Navy's program for the advancement of mental, moral and physical welfare of the officer and enlisted personnel.

Chaplains in the Naval Reserve are commissioned lieutenants (junior grade), from the ages of 24 to 34, and may be commissioned lieutenants if in the age bracket from 35 to 44, the maximum age.

Chaplains are eligible for promotion as are other officers and draw the same pay for like rank and length of service. Lieutenants (junior grade) receive \$2,000 a year as base pay plus allowances for subsistence and quarters if they have dependents.

A candidate for a chaplain must be a citizen of the United States, be a fully ordained clergyman in the church he represents and be in the active ministry. He must be nominated and endorsed by the official authorities of his denomination and have completed four years of college work for the Bachelor of Arts degree, or an equivalent academic degree in an accredited institution. In addition the applicant must have completed three years in a theological seminary for the Bachelor of Divinity degree or Doctor of Sacred Theology degree.

Candidates must pass a rigid physical examination and must be physically fit.

Baptist pastors should send their applications to the General Committee on Army and Navy Chaplains, Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

He who stands for nothing falls down on everything.

A crumb of praise is worth more than a loaf of criticism.

Many are too open-minded. Credulity is the opposite of faith.

Many are half-and-half Christians—do about half what they ought.

More are insistent than consistent. Vaccination is an aggravation.

Some try to kill bear with birdshot. The insane will not co-operate.

Christ is known not for what He owned, but for what He disowned.

The retiring have to retire. To gratify self is to satisfy Satan.

Love must forgive. There will always be plenty of unfinished business.

Christ is the Expectant Christ, because He is counting on you.—Charles E. Maddy.



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War Zone Missionaries Safe at Latest Report

By GEORGE W. SADLER, Secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, Foreign Mission Board

So many persons have manifested interest in the well-being of our missionaries in the beleaguered areas that we are using this space in answering their queries. The Foreign Mission Board has heard directly or indirectly from many of the centers in which missionaries were at work at the time of the outbreak of hostilities. Dr. Maddy brought tidings from the Hawaiian group with whom he had daily contact for almost a week after December 7. Before he left Honolulu, he called the missionaries together and presented to them, one by one, the two alternatives—leaving for the mainland or staying by the stuff. It is inspiring to know that all of them deliberately decided to identify themselves with danger and need and opportunity right where they were.

In addition to prosecuting the tasks which were originally committed to them, our missionaries in Hawaii are administering relief, working with soldiers and co-operating with the government as special agents. Rarely has any group of Christian workers had opened to them so many doors of opportunity.

The news that first came from the Philippines was good. The group that had gone there for language study was increased by two, Miss Sallie James and Rev. Earl Parker, who stopped en route from China. A cablegram, asking for funds, was responded to but, since the fall of Manila, there has been no word from Baguio.

Messages sent by Dr. M. T. Rankin on December 11 and 12 were received on the 17. These advised us that he, the Wards, Misses Dodson and Pender and Mr. Quick were in Hongkong, Mrs. Hayes and Miller, Miss Greene, Messrs. Gallimore and Woodward in Canton.

Three telegraphic messages have been received from Dr. R. E. Beddoe in which he requested that funds be forwarded. His requests were granted, of course. In the third communication he stated that the Canton missionaries were safe and well.

Rev. J. L. Galloway, of Macao, South China, asked by cable that money be sent through a Portuguese bank. The maximum amount allowed by government regulations was dispatched.

From Europe
From the three centers in Europe in which our representatives have been living in these latter days there have come words of reassurance. Mrs. Bengtson, of Barcelona, indicates that she can receive and dispense funds. From Washington and Budapest reports come which leads us to believe the John Allen Moores and Miss Ruby Daniel will be allowed to leave Hungary with the American legation. It is expected that they will travel to Lisbon and it is hoped that they will find it possible to proceed thence to the United States.

On January 10 the following communication came from Honorable Cordell Hull:

"Reference departments letter De-

ember 20 concerning repatriation Roy Starmer and family from Bucharest. Telegram dated January 6 from Starmer transmitted through Swiss minister Bucharest quote Referring your telegraphic instructions plan travel with legation to Spain. Since Department of State informed legation private citizens not permitted travel to States on government vessel sent for diplomatic party must travel on Spanish vessel from Bilbao although would prefer sailing with diplomatic party as wife is convalescing from serious operation. Require immediate telegraphic transfer of \$1,250 to Wagon Lits Geneva for transportation and subsistence. Telegraph reply via Bern, unquote. Department willing to instruct American legation Bern by telegraph your expense to request Swiss government to deliver your reply to Starmer at Bucharest."

Two trips have been made to Washington and one to New York in recent weeks in efforts to contact missionaries in war-ridden areas and reach them with funds. Officials of the State Department and of other boards have been most co-operative. Friends and relatives of missionaries may rest assured that both the Foreign Mission Board and the Department of State will exhaust every resource in their efforts to supply the needs of these ambassadors of Christ.

Other Fields
From Africa and the Latin American countries there come reports of the progress of the Gessel along with requests for recruits. At the same time gifted young persons write to say that God has called them to go as messengers of light to various foreign lands.

What Can We Do?
One of the greatest contributions we can make now is the gift of impetunate prayer. In the special edition of The Commission Dr. Carver calls attention to our duty when he says, "We must give ourselves to praying at all seasons in the Spirit . . . on their behalf, the utterance may be given unto them in opening their mouths, to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel, for which they are ambassadors in chains; that in them they may speak boldly, as there is demand for them to speak."

We can also share. When these words go to press Southern Baptists' Committee on War Emergency Relief will have met. No one, of course, can foretell the action of this important committee. It is believed, however, that they will accept the recommendation of Dr. Maddy and take the lead in raising a worthy amount for the suffering, starving millions of Europe and China. Surely Southern Baptists in this unprecedentedly tragic hour will hear and heed the Master's "inasmuch."

Loss and Reinforcement
The Foreign Mission Board has sustained a real loss in the leaving of Archibald M. McMillan for entry into the military service of his country. During the brief period of his connection with the board, Mr. McMillan has taken the lead in increasing the circulation of The Commission from 16,111 to 32,600. This unusually gifted young man will be followed by the prayers and good wishes of Southern Baptists.

Miss Lucy Smith, secretary to Dr. M. T. Rankin, happened to be in this country at the beginning of war with Japan. She has strengthened our hands by taking over some of the responsibility formerly borne by Mr. McMillan.

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., came a few days after the beginning of the New Year to assume his duties as secretary of the Foreign Mission Board for its work in Latin America. Dr. Gill is so well and favorably known to Southern Baptists that words of introduction would be superfluous. We are sure that those who will cooperate happily with Dr. Gill will be glad to have this word from him.

DISTRICT NINE BUDGET FOR CONVENTION YEAR

Missionary's Salary	\$3,000
Convention Expense	100
Bulletin and Publicity	180
Canyon B. S. U.	100
District Clerk	50
District Convention Expense	100
Retirement Annuity	90
Expense for District S. S.	25
Expense for District T. U.	25
Expense for District Evangelism Organizer	25

Total Budget \$3,695
Rev. L. B. Reavis, Plainview, district treasurer, reported a balance of \$361.65 in the treasury on January 1.

RELIGIOUS PLAYS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CHURCHES

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.
Baylor University's newly formed Religious Drama League of the South, backed financially by the Rockefeller Foundation and directed by Wilbur Swartz, will present plays in churches throughout Texas during the spring months.

Prof. Paul Baker, head of the Baylor drama department, announced last week that Swartz and a troupe of 13 drama students will tour the state for 12 weeks beginning March 16, offering a religious play in churches and Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' in high schools and city auditoriums.

The War Department, he said, has authorized the procurement of 993 additional chaplains having the rank of first lieutenant. They would be called to active duty as needed. Applicants must be citizens of the United States, actively engaged in the ministry as a vocation and between the ages of 24 and 45 years. They must have had at least three years' practical experience and be endorsed by their proper church authorities or committees.

A minister holding an A. B. degree from a recognized college or university and a Th. B. degree from a recognized theological school, or one who possesses evidence of having graduated from a recognized four-year college course and a three-year theological course and duly recommended by the chief of chaplains, U. S. Army, will be appointed without further educational requirements. Mandatory upon all applicants is a physical examination, Chaplain Miller added.

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For endorsement, address: Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

"All we ask," Swartz says, "is that a sincere effort be made to use the God-given talents of church members."

Swartz, only 27, took his bachelor of arts degree from Baylor in drama and studied two years at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Three years of professional theater work followed the Eminentary training and for the past two years he has been director of music and education at Ervay Street Baptist Church in Dallas.

WEST PLAINS BAPTISTS ERECT MEXICAN MISSION

A Mexican mission building has been erected in the Mexican section of Littlefield by the churches of West Plains Association and a missionary, Rev. E. A. Martinez, has been called in cooperation with Tierra Blanca Association.

For some time this association, in connection with two others, has had Mexican mission work under the voluntary leadership of Mrs. Mae Abbott. The new missionary was converted in the association a few years ago and since has had training in the Paul Bell Institute at Bastrop.

The association has a dismantled box car, which has been used as a mission building. This has been adapted for living quarters for the missionary and his family. The new building was donated by the owners, a Baptist and a Lutheran. It has been remodeled and equipped at the expense of several hundred dollars, including seats, which were donated by the Lums Chapel Church. The building is now complete with electricity and gas, except for outside painting.

Churches are being asked to send offerings of canned goods and other groceries to the workers' meeting at Lum's Chapel on January 27. These will be given to the Mexican Missionary.

A VOICE OUT OF THE PAST

Diffusiveness of education, much as it is to be desired, is no panacea for all of the ills of life. . . . General education has not brought that mental vigor and exemption from evil that was anticipated. . . . The tendency seems to be to call into action the physical strength of a people, to make learning the means of making money, instead of cultivating the moral and religious nature. The head, with utilitarianism and objectivity, finds culture, while the heart, with its emotions, affections, and purer aspirations, is neglected and dwarfed.—Prof. J. L. Curry, Richmond College, Virginia (1870)—The Chronicle.

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ARMY CALLS FOR 993 ADDITIONAL CHAPLAINS

Clergymen of accredited churches residing in the Eighth Corps Area, comprising the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona, who desire to become chaplains in the army of the United States now have the chance to do so, announces the Corps Area Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Luther D. Miller.

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Gearing to War Tempo

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statistical and budgeting knowledge in directing all the nation's resources to win the war," Dr. White said.

The Hardin-Simmons president said plans are in the making to "accelerate all courses to permit men to finish studies in the shortest time, and increased use of summer sessions will be one such way.

"The American Association of Colleges named a special committee group to meet with President Roosevelt on spread of the ROTC program, and other forms of military service, to serve more schools, and to urge special aid from the government for students of military age who stay in school during the summers, to compensate for loss of summer earnings," he said.

On Friday morning, Dr. White discussed the place of morale in the war effort.

"This war will be won by spirit, or lost for lack of it. There must be attitude, fortitude, spirit, buoyancy, force, and spontaneity," he said. The spirit of the American in 1918 won the first world war for the Allies, and by contrast France lasted just 30 days in the present war because of lack of morale at home, Dr. White said.

"This no time to drag our feet, to whine, to be nonchalant, or superficial, or indifferent. It is no time to be cheap or shoddy. Move up to the highest level of yourself and stay there," he concluded emphatically.

By endowing a Baptist paper, you could invest in missions, Christian education, church activities, evangelism and personal Christian character.—O. D. Henley.

NEW ORGANIZED CLASSES RETURN RICH DIVIDENDS

By LEO E. WAITE
In The First Baptist, Lubbock

Several years ago the Activity Center building was being rented for \$50 a month as a boarding house. When the decision was made to convert it into a Sunday School building, it was questioned as to the wisdom of stopping a regular \$50 a month income in order to expand the Sunday School.

For the past four years this building has been used by young married people. Last Sunday the offering coming through this department of women was \$168.32. During the month of December \$398.30 was contributed by those meeting in the building.

In October we organized a 50-50 class of recently married couples meeting in the Sanders Funeral parlors. Last Sunday the collection by this class was \$36.62. This class, which has an enrollment of 28, is composed of new Sunday School pupils with the exception of the teacher, Mrs. W. C. Henly; organizer, Mrs. Waite; and one couple.

We find that whenever a new class is organized, we are enabled to enlist many, many new people. Most of the existing classes have reached their stride of enlistment and are not rapidly enlisting new members.

Our pastor urges that we organize new classes throughout the Sunday School whenever a teacher can be enlisted. Plans are under way to organize a new men's class to meet in the Plains Funeral Home on Broadway.

As we have used every available space in our four buildings for classes, we are now forced to seek outside accommodations to care for new classes. Yes, organizing new classes pays rich dividends in souls won and enlisted, as well as materially.

STEADFAST AND TRUE

Dr. W. B. Glass, our senior missionary in North China, wrote in a letter dated September 26:

"Things are going on pretty well. We are living a day at a time, and having a good time of it. I do not mean that everything is just as we would have it; but since we can go on, and have so many manifest tokens of the goodness of God, we give thanks and press forward. It is now four full years since we came back into this war-torn field of work. The strain has been unrelenting; but I hope to make it through the full seven years. This will bring me to the 70th birthday."—F.M.B.

Jesus does not like to hear us sing his praises unless we really love him.—Chester Swor.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 11

The following reports on attendance for Sunday, January 11, have been received. Address reports to Box 1560, Abilene, for publication in this column.

Sunday School	
Amarillo, First	1858
Abilene, First	1223
Wichita Falls, First	1068
Albuquerque, First	963
San Angelo, First	926
El Paso, First	870
Vernon, First	789
Wichita Falls, Lamar Ave.	682
Breckenridge, First	651
Brownwood, Coggin Ave.	603
Borger, First	549
Odessa, First	483
Sweetwater, First	482
Plainview, First	471
Big Spring, East Fourth	402
Burkburnett, First	397
Coleman, First	385
Wichita Falls, South Side	336
Wichita Falls, Highland Heights	271
San Angelo, Immanuel	246
Wichita Falls, North Side	207
Johnson Chapel	42
Training Union	
Albuquerque, First	352
Abilene, First	333
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San Angelo, Immanuel	90
Johnson Chapel	52

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