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LETTER FROM BRAZIL TELLS INTERESTING STORY OF MISSIONARY WORK

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Dear Friends in the Homeland:

Today I am thinking of two continents and the meaning of Christmas and the Christ to each of them. To you He is alive and present in spiritual union with every believer; to most of these people He is far away and can be approached only through a long line of intermediaries. Yours is the joy of freedom; theirs the fear born of superstition. And all of this is in a world that God intended should glorify Him. To that end we ask your prayers and send our greetings.

Let me tell you a true and challenging story that I heard the other day, one that will thrill you with the joy of the conquering Christ. When I got off the train here on Dec. 13, one of the first to greet me was Carlos Stroberg, one of the evangelists of this field of almost three states, a region about as large as Texas. He seems to live a charmed life, for when he was in the World War, one day his captain sent him back for help. On his way he had to pass by the shack where his old mother lived. He stopped in for a moment and found her on her knees, praying that she might see her boy once more. He interrupted her to tell her that the prayer was answered. Soon he rushed on. When he returned he found that every member of his company had been killed. His life story here reads almost the same way, and I shall give one instance that thrilled me greatly.

About two months ago, he, with Dona Louisa Mattheis and Joao Alves, made a trip to the most difficult part of this field. They went to Santos, thence by river-boat to Xiririca, a five-day trip. On the boat Carlos Stroberg met and talked with one of the leading merchants of Xiririca, who became greatly interested. When they parted they were brothers in Christ.

This man, C. Rudinin Leite, and his wife, who was a radical Catholic and objected strongly to his change of belief, but who is now an ardent believer, are influencing many of the best people of the town for Christ. One lady, blind and 102 years old, was saved. Another is the mayor of the city who gave to Joao Alves a fine lot for a church. Still another is an old mining engineer who received Carlos gladly and sat on the front seat and wept as he heard the gospel preached and saw people saved. He has offered us 2,500 acres of fine timberland if we will build a hospital. Who will do this for us? In two days here 16 people were saved. Then the workers went to a small village, Bananal Pequeno, where they found 81 in Sunday School. In the preaching service that followed, six persons were saved. They have there a fine church that cost in U. S. money about \$300.00, but worth much more, because the dollar out there will buy much more than in the states. This little band of believers built their church in one year. How? The answer is simple: **THE ARE ALL TITHERS.** Sunday there was a busy day. They took coffee at 7 a. m. and had nothing else until 7 p. m. They sang, taught, preached, and baptized until they just had to stop. The river had risen so that people had to come in canoes, which they tied to the church. Six were saved and wanted baptism right away. The church approved them, so they stepped out into the yard and were baptized. If the river had not come to them, they would have had to go to the river. Yes, very convenient, but not to my liking.

On their return down the swollen river, the little steamer went over a waterfall during the night and was caught in a mighty whirlpool. Dona Louisa was trapped inside. It seemed that this was to be the end. As the boat wallowed in the suction of the whirlpool, it rolled over on its side. Water was pouring in from the lower side, and a pile of lumber slid across the door, cutting off all hope of escape on the upper side. Carlos Stroberg, on the upper side of the deck, clinging to the rail for dear life, was spared miraculously. The fireman was swept overboard and never seen again as the inky blackness of night and the whirling waters wallowed him. But God had not forsaken his faithful witnesses. As if by the touch of a mighty hand, the

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Preachers Quartet Hardin-Simmons University



The preacher quartet of Hardin-Simmons University, above, is composed of four of our finest young ministerial students in the university. They appeared on the program at the Pastors' Retreat, greatly to the delight of their preacher brethren as well as the lay members of the audience. These young men are rendering programs in churches all over West Texas. Members of the quartet, reading from left to right, are: Finis Williams, first tenor; Wilson Gilbert, second tenor; G. Avery Lee, baritone; Thurston Rock, bass.

MISSIONS IN DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

Pastors Retreat a Deeply Spiritual Meeting

Expressions are coming from many different ones of the 150 pastors that are attending the Retreat, in the University Church, Abilene, of their gratitude for the deeply spiritual nature of the meeting.

Dr. W. T. Conner has been teaching the book of Philippians. Dr. Julian Atwood has preached twice daily. A number of the pastors in the two districts have been also used on the program. The music has been excellent, under the direction of J. D. Riddle, Rev. Virgil Reynolds, and Ira Powell.

Stamford Co-operatives Call Pastor

The Co-operative Baptist of Stamford have called the Rev. P. C. Williams, of Glen Rose, as pastor, and he has accepted, and will move on the field the latter part of January.

Brother Williams is a graduate of Baylor University, and the Southwestern Seminary.

We welcome him to District 17, and wish for him the greatest success in this wonderful opportunity at Stamford.

Clyde Calls Tierce

The Clyde Church has called the Rev. J. S. Tierce of Aspermont, but he has not yet given his decision.

Brother Tierce is organizer and moderator of the Stonewall Association, and has done a very fine work there. If he should accept, we congratulate the Clyde Church on getting this good leader and excellent preacher.

Associational-Wide S.S. Study Course

A number of our associations are planning to have an associational-wide Sunday School study course, beginning February 9 and continuing through that week. We hope the leaders in each association will enlist every church possible and will make such plans as are necessary as early as possible.

This is the Last Month of the First Quarter

January is the last month of the first quarter of the convention year. Several of our associations are planning to try to get an offering from every church during each quarter. It must come in this month if they accomplish this. In District 17 there have been 96 of the 130 churches that have made an offering in the last two months. Eighty-four have not made an offering. The associations have the following number that have not contributed: Callahan 8, Cisco 20, Fisher 6, Haskell 14, Jones 17, Stone-wall 7, Sweetwater 11.

Let the organizers please contact each of these and put forth every effort to get an offering in this month.

The total amount given from this district in December was \$2,475.85, a per capita gift of 7.4 cents, which was above the average. Our goal for the year is an average of 8.5 cents per capita gift each month, which will make \$1 per member during the year.

Wall Charts
Wall charts have been sent to the
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What Dr. Gambrell Said

L. R. Scarborough, President

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

The last message that Dr. J. B. Gambrell ever gave to Southern Baptists was this: "Do right and go forward."

That is a very pregnant sentence, full of meaning. No man loved Southern Baptists more than Dr. Gambrell. Few men, if any, rendered more effective service for our denomination than he. He was president of the Convention during the 75 Million Campaign. He was a member of the campaign committee. He helped in making the debts. He did his best to help in paying them. He helped to make the things we have to show for our debts.

Applying his pungent message to Southern Baptists to the 100,000 Club, let me say to the Southern brotherhood:

First, our debts were made under the leadership of among the best men in the South, who loved all the causes. They were honestly made, on faith in God and the Baptists, all for the purposes of Christ's glory.

Second, we have wonderful assets to show for the investment made by borrowed money. That of the assets to Baptists and to Christ in foreign mission work, home mission work, our four seminaries, our great New Orleans hospital! Much that these institutions have was built by borrowed money. We are receiving a wonderful dividend on the investment made. Scarcely a dollar of it was wasted. It all went into the strength of Christ's causes.

Third, it is right to pay these honest debts. Nothing else is right. We cannot do right and not pay these debts. It will bring a stain of dishonor and disgrace to us and take largely from us our witness as Christians. Dr. Gambrell was right. And Southern Baptists are pre-eminently right in making a strenuous effort to pay their debts.

Fourth, we cannot go forward as we ought without paying our debts and doing right. Progress must be made in honor. Dishonest progress is not progress: it is death. I know of nothing that will advance the cause of Christ among Southern Baptists faster or more gloriously than for us to "clean the slate" of all our debts and have the confidence of our creditors. To do right and go forward, we must do it honestly; and we must go forward.

The writer of the Hebrews says "Lay aside every weight." Paying debts is carrying out this commission. And then he says "run with patience the race" set before us. That is progress, but progress made in a weightless race. These debts hang about our necks and will crush us unless we pay them.

Fifth, we have made progress with the 100,000 Club—definite, steady, aggressive, progressive, certain progress. We now have the

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Fourth Street Baptist Church Big Spring, Texas

Bulletin for January 19th

SUNDAY—

9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Preaching service.
6:15—Training Unions.
7:15—Preaching service.

MONDAY—

3:00—W. M. S. Meeting in Circles.
6:30—Y. W. A. meeting at Church.
7:30—Men's Brotherhood.

TUESDAY—

4:15—G. A. meeting at Church.
7:30—Choir practice.

WEDNESDAY—

6:45—Training class.
7:30—Prayer meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Training Classes

January is training month in our church. We hope that every Sunday School teacher and officer, and all others who can, will spend some time with us in Bible Study and in special preparation for more efficient service.

Beginning next Tuesday classes will meet at the Church at 4 o'clock and at 7:30. All of the books leading to the teachers diploma will be taught. If you have not had all four of them, come to these classes: You may take on book in the afternoon and another at night if you want to.

Brotherhood Meeting

The men's Brotherhood meets Monday at 7:30 at the Church. President Joe Wright has prepared a splendid program. All men of the church are invited.

Plans are being completed for a revival meeting for men only beginning February 23. Let us begin now, in our brotherhood meetings, to plan and pray for the salvation of many men during this meeting.

Pastors Retreat Draws Large Attendance During the Week

DR. W. Y. POND MAKES PLEA FOR EVANGELISM ENDOWMENT IN TEXAS

At the Tuesday session of the Pastors' Retreat, Dr. W. Y. Pond, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, and formerly superintendent of evangelism for Texas Baptists, made a strong plea for a stronger and more determined effort at evangelism in Texas. Dr. Pond declared that one of the greatest needs of Texas Baptists was to "put first things first," meaning by that statement to put major emphasis on the all-important matter of preaching the gospel of redeeming grace throughout the length and breadth of this great empire state.

As a means of intensifying the evangelistic spirit in Texas Dr. Pond advocated the raising of a million dollars for the endowment of evangelism in Texas, and he announced that a gift of over fifty thousand dollars had been made by a West Texas ranchman and his good wife as a nucleus for such an endowment.

In a statement received this week from Dr. Pond, the following plea was made in behalf of evangelism:

"I have a very deep conviction in my heart that Texas Baptists could and should endow the work of evangelism. I think while we are thinking in terms of endowments for other phases of our work it would be well to consider evangelism. Evangelism holds first place of importance in the commission of the Lord. It was first in the ministry of the Apostles. It has been the vanguard and the conservator of all great achievements for Christ. It is the spirit of evangelism that gives conviction, produces conversion, leads to consecration, promotes co-operation and vouches safe the conservation of all that we love and hold dear to the promotion of the cause of Christ. Why not endow such a vital and all important work? There are several reasons that I want to give why I believe evangelism should be endowed:

"1. The importance of the work of evangelism needs to be emphasized. We all thank God for the importance that has been attached to the work of our institutions by the endowments which they have received. But without evangelism we would not have had even the men who started the institution. We are indebted to evangelism for all we have and only by it can we maintain and promote what we have. Men and women of means need to see and to realize the importance of soul-winning. There is no endowment that can count for so much as a fund given to win men to Christ. Brick and stone will never be heard like the voice of one redeemed by the grace of God.

"2. Evangelism should be endowed so that our state mission board could have sufficient funds to send evangelists into places where men are lost to lead souls to Christ without the thought of having to get a collection in order to live. The evangelist could stay at a place till he won the victory for Christ.

"3. Evangelism should be endowed so that our young preachers in our schools could be paid a small amount during their summer vacation to hold three or four revival meetings. That kind of work will grow strong preachers, save country communities, provide places for more preachers, keep our schools linked to the business of soul-winning.

"4. Evangelism should be endowed in order to guarantee the perpetuation of the faith and the work of soul-winning till Jesus comes. There is no one phase of our work which will keep us as close to the great heart of Christ as evangelism.

"It seems to me, if we are wise, that this matter will claim our earnest attention. An endowment should be raised and placed in the hands of our Baptist Foundation to be administered by our executive board. Ranchmen want to give their ranches. Oil men will give their royalties and capitalists will leave large sums to this, the greatest of all work."

The Callahan Association is fortunate in having Brother J. T. King as a co-laborer in that field. He is the good pastor of the church at Rising Star.

Including the local ministers there are around 150 Baptist ministers from over districts 8 and 17 here this week attending the Pastors' Retreat at Hardin-Simmons University Baptist Church. The retreat began Monday night with a large attendance, both of visitors and local people. At that meeting Dr. W. T. Conner, who is teaching the book of Philippians gave the introduction to his lectures, which are being given twice daily at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. Dr. Conner has been professor of theology at the Southwestern Seminary for the past 21 years, and most of the preachers at the retreat have been students under him at the Seminary at Fort Worth. He is bringing wonderful, soul-stirring messages at each lecture.

Dr. Julian Atwood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M., is the retreat pastor and his sermons each morning and evening are being greatly enjoyed. The subjects for the evening services have been Christ on the Cross, Christ in the Hearts of Men, Christ in This Modern World, and Christ on His Throne.

Willis J. Ray, missionary of District 8, and J. D. Brannon, missionary of District 17, have presided at all the sessions, and have provided a program that has been both interesting and instructive at each session.

Some of the speakers from the two districts have been H. R. Whatley, pastor at Haskell, W. S. Garnett, pastor of Fourth Street Church, Big Spring; Fred Eastman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Eastland; C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene; Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene; R. E. Day, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Big Spring; and Dr. W. Y. Pond, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, secretary of missions, is to be here for the meeting today (Thursday) and the program is expected to draw the largest attendance of any day during the entire week.

The retreat will close with the Friday morning program. On Thursday evening the visiting ministers are to be dinner guests of University Church just preceding the evening service.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien, who was to appear on the program, was called home Tuesday on account of serious illness in his family.

The following out-of-town preachers registered at the retreat:

E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater; Gene B. Thorn, Graham; R. E. Day, Big Spring; R. L. Wittmer, New Braunfels; Jim E. Black, San Antonio; James E. Easterwood, Roscoe; S. H. Williams, Anson; E. R. Mathis, Seminary Hill; George T. McBeth, Rotan; A. J. Martin, Anson; W. Y. Pond, Breckenridge; L. L. Trotter, Sweetwater; W. C. Harrison, Odessa; Lowell Ponder, Rochester.

J. C. Parks, Rotan; John F. Taylor, Rotan; DeWitt Van Pelt, Cross Plains; Fred McPherson, Jayton; G. W. Thomas, Ranger; C. P. Cowart, Caddo; C. E. Dick, Ovalo; C. R. Joyner, Merkel; F. A. Hollis, Putnam; H. D. Blair, Cisco; P. D. O'Brien, Colorado; D. G. Reid, Roby; G. W. Parks, Roscoe; W. C. Dever, Forsan; C. R. Mathis, Roscoe; Ben Ferguson, Big Spring; W. H. Hughes, Caps; Roy Clayton, Lueders; J. S. Tierce, Aspermont; H. T. Dennis, Swenson; E. S. James, Cisco.

Avery Rogers, Gorman; G. O. Summers, Clyde; H. R. Whatley, Haskell; Willis J. Ray, Big Spring; W. K. Horn, Meadow; A. Loper, O'Donnel; Julian Atwood, Roswell, N. M.; W. S. Garnett, Big Spring; Forrest Lee Ferkin, Kansas City; Robert Lee Smith, Wm. B. Waldrop, W. M. Whatley, E. F. Cole, John P. Cundiff, J. W. Braswell, Lamesa.

Our people in West Texas gave a glad welcome to Brother Fred Eastman, the new pastor at Eastland. For several years he was a student in Hardin-Simmons. Before coming to Eastland he had been pastor of one of the churches in Dallas.

Rev. Jim Black, a former West Texan, now pastor of one of the churches in San Antonio, attended the retreat here this week. Before going to South Texas Brother Black was pastor at Putnam for several years.

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ENDOWING EVANGELISM.

Dr. W. Y. Pond's plea for evangelism at the Pastors' Retreat Tuesday of this week, made a profound impression on his hearers. Dr. Pond's very heart is in this great work. For many years he has been one of our leading evangelists in Texas. He has won many thousands to Christ. In his work as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, the spirit of evangelism dominates his life. He is intensely evangelistic in his pulpit. He preaches on the streets of his own city, and he holds many revival meetings in all sections of the country. Dr. Pond stresses evangelism, and at the same time he does not compromise one minute with modern evils. He is one preacher we know who fights sin in his own city and in his own church, without compromise, and gets by with it.

The suggestion Dr. Pond makes of endowing evangelism in Texas should be given serious consideration. Within the next few years consecrated laymen will give away millions of dollars to the cause of Christ. Money given to carry the gospel to every section of our own state should appeal to those entrusted with the stewardship of wealth.

For a long time the outstanding characteristics of the Methodist and Baptist denominations in the South was the intensely evangelistic note in their messages and efforts. This accounts for the marvelous growth of these denominations. Perhaps the Methodists have lost that major note of evangelism. An effort is being made by their leaders to call the people back to it. We believe the dominant note in the Baptist message is still the note of evangelism. However, we feel sure our people are failing to give evangelism its merited place in our programs. As someone remarked at the retreat this week, it is not more machinery we need, but more power in the machinery we have. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit accompanying a united effort of evangelism on the part of our Baptist brethren, will overcome every obstacle and usher in a wonderful era of spiritual prosperity. Our Baptist people have an open field for evangelism, especially in the rural sections. It is up to us to take full advantage of this opportunity, or to eventually surrender the field to hollowness and other fanatical forms of religion.

THE PASTORS' RETREAT.

One of the noticeable things about the Pastors' Retreat in session here this week is that Districts 8 and 17 have an abundance of preacher talent in them. Only two outside preachers have had regular places on the program, yet every hour has been filled with sermons and addresses of the very highest order. H. R. Whitley of Haskell, W. S. Garnett of Big Spring, Fred Eastman of Eastland, C. A. Powell and Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene, R. E. Day of Big Spring, W. Y. Pond of Breckenridge, at this writing, have all discussed different phases of vital issues of the day in a manner that has enlightened, inspired and encouraged our visiting brethren. Willis J. Ray of District 8 and J. D. Brannon of District 17, our beloved missionaries of the ten associations, have presided at the meetings, and they have kept the programs running without a single hitch all the way through. These two consecrated, aggressive young men are filling their places of leadership in a manner that brings hope for the future of our great Baptist program in West Texas.

Over one hundred preachers, pastors in these two districts, have registered at the meeting. No finer group of worthy pastors can be found anywhere. No group can be found who are more loyal to the cause of Christ nor to the world-wide program of our Lord as fostered by Texas and Southern Baptists. Dr. W. T. Conner, professor of theology in the Southwestern Seminary and Dr. Julian Atwood of Roswell, N. M., main speakers for the retreat, have greatly endeared themselves to the hearts of our people in West Texas. Dr. Conner's expositions of the Book of Philippians have been great spiritual feasts at every session. He is a product of West Texas and Taylor County and the West is justly proud of him, and we all thank God for his scholarly, consecrated life of usefulness. Dr. Atwood has brought two stirring messages each day that have kindled the fires of evangelism in the hearts of our people. We believe these flames of love and passion for Christ and His redeeming love will be carried back to our churches, and that every nook and corner of this territory will receive a blessing as a result of this meeting.

Today's session bids to be the very best of them all. Our secretary, Dr. J. Howard Williams, is to be here for an address which will be, no doubt, a great climax to a wonderful week of inspiration, information and blessed fellowship.

MERELY REMOVING THE FOUNDATION.

The story goes that one morning one of the lunatics was found with a pick digging at the foundation of the main building in which the unfortunates lived. When asked what he was doing, he answered that he intended to dig out the foundation and remove the first story of the building, so he could raise potatoes and cabbage on the site of the building. When asked where he intended to live, he answered that he had been living in the first story, but as it was necessary to remove that in order that he might have a garden, he intended to move upstairs. When reasoned with that, if he destroyed the foundation and removed the lower story, the super-structure would fall, he insisted that he was sane, intelligent in fact, fully abreast with the best modern scholarship, and that all who opposed him were ignorant, non-progressive, and back numbers.—Leevin B. Williams in "Pun-ting Paragraphs."

KAGAWA'S PHILOSOPHY AND ADVICE.

(Excerpts from Toyhiko Kagawa's conversations, addresses, and interviews at the Southwide B. T. U. Conference in Birmingham)

Reported by T. C. Gardner

"Christianity has changed Japan because it has taught us the spirit of social service and ideas about purity."

"It is very difficult to become a Christian in Japan. Christianity came into disrepute about three centuries ago, and its progress ever since has been very slow. For me it was very difficult to become a Christian, but I fell in love with Christ. I was made a captive by the missionary forces from this country."

"I preach the God of Christ because, although Buddhism is a good religion, it has no cross of Jesus; and although Shintoism is a good religion, there is no life of Jesus who dies on the cross."

"I believe in miracles because my own life's history is a history of miracles. God has provided some mysterious ways to overcome my difficulties. God is love. Love means possibilities, and for you today, possibilities are waiting. I believe in God who is merciful and full of loving kindness, and I believe that he lives today."

"Love is the creation, preservation, and restoration of society."

"In Japan we have purgatory all the time, but fortunately, we can get out of it."

"Laws would result from the customs of the people—not the customs from laws."

"Ninety-nine percent of the intelligent people of Japan are against militarism. A militarist is like a mosquito in a room—he makes a lot of noise. I wish we (Japan) could be a Christian nation like Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. I wish we would not fight."

"A revival of an old religious order known as the Shinto-Japanese movement is causing unrest and trouble."

"America has too much individualism and too much competition. You need more co-operation."

"Make Christianity real—a necessity—if you would have world peace and prosperity."

"Mussolini and Hitler can change the laws, but that doesn't change the people. Only religion can do that. When the brotherhood of man stepped out of the church in centuries past, panic resulted."

"We need to act more and preach less. There is too much emphasis on theoretical and rational religion. We ought to show by example rather than by the spoken word."

"Three kinds of evangelism are needed—spiritual, educational, and industrial."

"Seventy percent of the farmers in Japan are tenant farmers."

"The Christian religion does not prevent a Japanese from being a good citizen."

"We are too greedy, and that has developed a war complex which only co-operation can cure."

"Capitalism and communism are two great threats to Christianity."

"Churches have reduced the gospel to a doctrine. To me, it is a life."

"We need a revival of love—love for nations, love for friends, love for God. In America you have many of the best people in the world. Your nation is perhaps the greatest. You are not co-ordinated. If you would co-ordinate and co-operate you could win the world."

"Japanese like the girl reviews, but I don't have time for shows or movies."

"Hell in the United States has its center in Chicago with the gangsters. Heaven in the heart of Abraham Lincoln."

"Americans are great people for doing things in a hurry."

"Communism and Nazism seek prosperity through violence. They cannot last."

THE FAILURE

W. S. Garnett

God's vision spans eternity. His purposes are the purposes of a God, and are worthy of the infinite Being that He is. His plans sweep across millenniums. With Him, time is not. It is a bubble on the surface of the eternity in which he lives. God can wait. He need not hurry. Eternity is His. His will must be accomplished. It will be accomplished. He can wait.

Man's time is short. He is bounded by the inscrutable. The impossible stops him. He is failing. Time is sweeping him on. Death is rushing to meet him. He must hurry. He cannot wait. He must undertake things that can be done now. His plans must be limited to a few decades. He must deal with plants that grow rapidly, or else he cannot hope to see the fruitage.

Man plants a vine and builds a trellace and watches it grow. Each day he trains the vine about the trellace. In the middle of summer it has covered the trellace, has burst into colorful beauty, and has perfumed the garden. Man is pleased, for his vine has grown and his purpose is accomplished.

God plants a vine. At the end of a thousand years He builds a trellace. The vine grows imperceptibly. But it will grow. All eternity waits for it. Eternity does not move. The vine grows an inch. A thousand years have passed. God is pleased. The vine is growing. It will cover the trellace. It will burst into bloom. His purpose will be accomplished.

Man's life, his plans, his purposes are but points in God's plan. Man cannot see the complete pattern into which his life is being woven. He sees but shadowy outlines of vast purposes stretching from the dawning to the end of time. Beyond these limits he cannot dream. He does not comprehend even these shadowy outlines.

Man becomes impatient. He is tempted by the temporal. He is dazed and tired. He is so small! What can he do? What difference does it make?

He turns from the road and sits down. The procession marches by. He is left. He is not missed. He is forgotten. He has failed. The plans of the ages sweep on. God's great purposes will be accomplished. The man who sat down is left out. He has no part in things that go on through eternity. He has failed. He is alone forever. Poor man! He is lost! He left God out and walked by sight.—Big Spring, Texas.

The meetings of our pastors which are being held over Texas this month are called "retreats," but there is no evidence of a spirit of retreat in the hearts of the preachers attending the Abilene meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Hight C. Moore

January 19, 1936

JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS WORK

Luke 3:21, 22; 4:1-13

GOLDEN TEST: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8.

In his ministry John prepared the way for Jesus. It was in the Wilderness of Judea and on the banks of the lower Jordan that John the Baptist came, possibly about the first of 27 A. D., preaching the Kingdom and baptizing the penitent. For the first time in four centuries the voice of a prophet was heard in the land. Vast multitudes from every quarter attended upon his ministry. He rebuked them as they needed it, instructed those who sought information and corrected the popular suspicion that he was the Messiah, declaring, however, that he was the forerunner of the swift-approaching King.

In his baptism and temptation, Jesus prepared for his work. At thirty years of age, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan not far from Jericho in the vicinity of which the great forerunner had been preaching for some months. Immediately afterwards Jesus was tempted in the neighboring wilderness. He then returned to the Jordan where John was baptizing and won his first disciples. Thence he returned to Galilee.

1. The Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3)

How did Jesus in baptism prepare for his work? In answer we suggest: (1) He endorsed John as a man sent from God, the New Testament Elijah, the forerunner of himself as the Messiah. (2) He identified himself to John as the Coming One whom John had been proclaiming to the assembled multitudes. (3) He fulfilled every kind of righteousness required of him and of John at that time. (4) He placed himself visibly in the ranks of the spiritual Israel. (5) He made the hour of baptism an hour of dedication, for he was praying as he rose from the watery grave. (6) He was himself imbued by the Holy Spirit and endorsed by the Father as the well-beloved Son of God. (7) He made through the baptismal waters a definite entrance upon his Messianic work. It was indeed with its attendant circumstances a fitting introduction to his appearance and proclamation as the Messiah. (8) He vividly set an example that believers everywhere and in every age may follow. (9) He instituted an ordinance which, forecasting his burial and resurrection, sets forth also the believer's death to sin and resurrection to newness of life in Christ.

2. The Temptation of Jesus (Luke 4)

How did Jesus in temptation prepare for His work? In answer, we suggest: (1) He put himself at the disposal of the Holy Spirit. In the Jordan he received the Spirit downwooping as a dove upon him. As he came from the river he was full of the Spirit. Into the wilderness he was led by the Spirit. Indeed, as Mark asserts, he was driven by the Spirit from the river into the desert. (2) He armed himself with the Word of God. He knew much of his Bible by heart. Many scripture verses had been stored in his mind at Mary's knee and in the village synagogue. Thus his quiver was full of good arrows and his scabbard contained a trusty sword. (3) He withstood the assaults of Satan. During the forty days, as well as at their close, Jesus was tempted of the devil who is the slanderer, accuser, and adversary of man. He resisted the subtle enticements of the enemy. He remained true to himself and to his mission. The reality of the temptation is not to be doubted nor the existence of a real and personal devil. (4) He exhibited his mastery over the body. Like Moses and Elijah, Jesus abstained from food for forty days and nights. During that time he was perhaps supernaturally sustained, for he was exposed all the while, as stated, to the malicious attacks of the tempter. Having failed so far, Satan marshaled his forces for a yet fiercer assault. The forty days' fast being followed by intense hunger, the tempter here found the point of attack. Loaflike stones were scattered over the ground at their feet. How a hungry man could wish that they were actually bread! Why should not Jesus, if he were actually the Son of God, command a stone to become bread? The suggestion was a subtle one. But Jesus never wrought a miracle for himself, nor would he assert his power for the premature gratification of bodily appetite. Yielding would have been both selfish and distrustful. Hence he responded in Scripture word (Deut. 8:3) that spiritual manna is of more value than physical bread. (5) He exhibited his mastery over the mind. To the summit of a very lofty mountain Satan took Jesus and in some unknown way showed him all the kingdoms of the world with their glory and power. Then it was that he sought with a world bribe to win the Son of God. Why would Jesus struggle for centuries to gain control of the world when by the simple acknowledgement of Satan's sovereignty he might at once take possession? If Jesus had yielded the world's Savior would have been only a demon. Hence, in utter abhorrence of Satan, Jesus gave him another thrust with the blade of Truth. (Deut. 6:13), presenting God as the one object of worship and of service. (6) He exhibited his mastery over his spiritual nature. The scene changes to the city of Jerusalem where the conflict was waged on the temple pinnacle overlooking on one side the dizzy depths of the gorge outside the city and on the other, the crowded courts of the sanctuary. There Satan suggested an exhibition of the trust of Jesus, giving to his wily proposal the color of scriptural authority (Psalm 91:11-12). It was a temptation to presumption and also threw out before Jesus the glitter of sudden fame if he should leap unharmed into the Temple court and assert his claim. But the net so cunningly spread was cloven by the Sword of the Spirit (Deut. 6:15). The needless test of God's fidelity to his promises is expressly forbidden. (7) He won out over every sort of temptation. 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 battled and beaten. At the authoritative command of Christ he therefore slunk away from the Holy Person, though only for a season.

How to Find God's Way for Life

1. Listen to God. Amid the baptismal waters Jesus was praying. As he emerged he heard the voice of the Father. We, too, can learn the will of God in our lives if we pray to him and hearken to his voice.

2. Follow Jesus. He set an example which we can copy. He leads where we can follow. He showed how we also may fulfill all required righteousness.

3. Be Led by the Holy Spirit. Remember that first Jesus was

full of the Holy Spirit. At baptism the Spirit in the form of a dove descended upon him. He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, indeed, but nevertheless led by the Spirit of God. Again it is stated that he was actually driven by the Spirit. What better can we do than to put ourselves at the disposal of the Spirit?

Home Daily Bible Readings

- Monday—Jesus Baptized. Luke 3:21-22.
Tuesday—Jesus Tempted. Luke 4:1-13.
Wednesday—A Leader's Preparation. Ex. 3:1-10.
Thursday—A Ruler's Preparation. 2 Kings 3:4-14.
Friday—A Prophet's Preparation. Isa. 6:1-8.
Saturday—A Young Man's Preparation. Psalm 119:9-16.
Sunday—Conquerors Through Christ. Rom. 8:31-39.
Devotional Reading—Hebrews 2:10-18.

BILLIONS FOR THE TOBACCO GOD.

If Mars were inhabited and the inhabitants could look down upon the earth, who would they think we worship? asks "Purity Crusader." The "great smoke god," for morning, noon, and night, continually and without ceasing, great billows of incense arise in his name, and his devotees spend ever-increasing billions of dollars in his cause.

Surely we think more of tobacco than we do of education, for vast as the amounts are that we spend each year on our public school systems—elementary, secondary, and college—yet we spend more for tobacco. Neither is religion a competitor of the tobacco god, for we spend much more for smokes and chews than we do in the name and cause of the true God.

America's tobacco bill runs close to \$3,000,000,000 annually. This is only the direct cost, and does not take into account the impaired health, the medical attention, and the funeral expense that tobacco using entails.

Human Sacrifices

Do we offer human sacrifices to our "smoke god?" Oh yes, the worshippers of the fiery Moloch were not the only ones who placed their young in his arms to be consumed, for the Tobacco Trust has said that it must have twelve hundred beginners each day to keep up the ratio of increase in the use of tobacco. Twelve hundred human sacrifices—twelve hundred boys and girls—demanded daily to appease the tobacco god. Moloch never had so insatiable a maw for human life. Think of it.

Twelve hundred boys and girls who, by the use of the cigarette, will dull their senses of right and decency.

And our devotion to tobacco is increasing at an unparalleled rate. In the matter of cigarettes, for example, here are some significant statistics as to the number reproduced in the United States during recent decades:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Number of cigarettes. 1902: 2,971,000,000; 1910: 8,644,000,000; 1920: 62,000,000,000; 1930: 123,000,000,000.

In other words, we smoked forty-one times as many cigarettes in 1930 as we did in 1902, fourteen times as many as in 1910, and twice as many as in 1920.

These figures include only the "tailor made" cigarettes, and do not take into consideration those that are rolled by the users. These "homemade" cigarettes probably offset the number out of the above that are exported and therefore not used in this country.

This prodigious total of one hundred twenty-three billions of cigarettes means that on the average each man, woman and child in the United States uses more than one thousand cigarettes annually.

These cigarettes, if placed end to end, making a line 5,338,542 miles long, would reach to the moon and back eleven times, and would girdle the earth at the equator two hundred thirteen and one-half times.

At an average price of fifteen cents a packet, the American people spent \$922,500,000 for cigarettes in 1930. That means that each minute of the year 234,000 cigarettes were lighted, and \$1,755 went up in cigarette smoke—\$105,300 each hour, \$2,527,200 each day.

This amount of money would buy 6,150,000,000 loaves of bread at 15 cents each; 184,400,000 pairs of shoes at five dollars each; 922,500 automobiles at \$1,000 each; 184,500 homes at \$5,000 each; and would give each of 92,500 young people a \$10,000 education. It would build two and one-half Boulder Dams. And these staggering sums, bear in mind, do not take into account the huge amounts spent for cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, and snuff.

Hardin-Simmons News

English Head

Prof. W. D. Bond, head of the English department of Hardin-Simmons, who has been connected with the school since 1920. Prof. Bond received his B. A. degree from Hardin-Simmons and his M. A. from Texas university. At present he is working on his Ph. D.



School Receives Portrait Of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin

Portrait of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Hardin, benefactors of Hardin-Simmons university, was presented to the university last Thursday, January 2, at the chapel hour.

Solon R. Featherston of Wichita Falls, president of the ex-students association, presented the portrait, and C. M. Caldwell, president of the board of trustees, accepted it.

A Wichita Falls artist, Emil Hermann, painted the portrait. The picture was purchased two weeks ago by ex-students but the presentation was delayed until Mr. Hardin could be present. Mr. Hardin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chatham of Burkburnett, was here for the program.

Sun Carnival Officials Send Thanks To H.-S.U.

Although able to produce only a 14-14 tie with the New Mexico Aggies in the annual Sun Bowl game in El Paso Jan. 1, the Cowboys gained the admiration, both on and off the field, of a huge holiday crowd.

Only 11,000 people witnessed the football game, but an estimated crowd of over 100,000 saw the gigantic Sun Carnival parade in which Hardin-Simmons had a large part.

The parade, covering five miles, was divided into ten sections, each section being made up of floats and Hardin-Simmons delegation was composed of the university queen, Miss Jane Guinn, who rode a float that was awarded third place in her division, the Cowboy band, and the Cowgirls.

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The Sun Carnival Queen, an El Paso girl, was attended on her float by little Miss Mary Beth Kimbrough, the Hardin-Simmons princess.

The Cowboy band, in addition to joining with the Cowgirls to present a stunt at the intermission of the football game, appeared in a midnight revue at the Plaza Theater New Year's eve, and again on a short program over NBC hookup preceding the parade.

Officials of the Sun Carnival said the success of the affair exceeded by far their fondest expectations and were gracious in their thanks to Hardin-Simmons for the cooperation afforded them. The Sun Carnival as an annual affair was practically assured.

Letters of thanks and appreciation from the officials of the event follow: Mr. G. B. Sandefer, Abilene, Texas. My Dear Mr. Sandefer:

In behalf of myself and the whole parade committee of the great Southwestern Sun Carnival, Inc., allow me to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful entry and also the real spirit of western comradeship that was shown, and also for

having been on time and for closely observing the rules.

It took time and money to prepare your entry and also a great deal of worry went with it, but it was all worthwhile as the parade was a 'knockout' and we of the west made the rest of the world sit up and take notice. We are on our way to those great days to come, as I firmly believe that the Southwestern Sun Carnival may be also called 'The rebirth of the Southwest.'

We all wish you many happy days to come and trust that our mere words have been able to convey to you our deep appreciation.

Sincerely,

CHRIS P. FOX, Chairman Parade Committee.

William Balch, Curtis Tuller, Jay Harmon, Herman Leibrich, Frank Klohs, Fred Ellis, B. B. Bell, Graydon Propst, Dick Crawford, Nate Cordova, L. (Nuts) Cordova, Ted Anders, Paul Huchton, Harry McKemy, Eric Munro.

Hon. J. D. Sandefer, Pres., Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

My Dear Mr. Sandefer: In my mind, the recent Sun Bowl Carnival, with its attended attractions, was the biggest thing El Paso has ever pulled off and to me, personally, I could think of no other section, or any other University, which would bring out the crowds and the cooperation as would the University of which you are the great president.

El Paso is now looking forward to

next year, hoping to repeat, and, if possible, excel what we have just succeeded in putting across and we certainly want a goodly representation from all cities in our territory.

Mr. A. N. Manker, in this office, being a staunch Baptist, was, naturally yelling his head off to see Hardin-Simmons win this ball game, but, at that, he and all of the 12,000 people, who witnessed this contest, felt that it was one of the best that it was their privilege to see.

I shall certainly avail myself of the privilege of visiting you when the opportunity presents itself.

Assuring you again that El Paso, in general, and I, in particular, appreciate the sentiments expressed, and hoping that we may in the future be able to repeat the action that prompted such sentiments, I remain,

Very sincerely yours, ADRIAN POOL.

Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas.

Attn: Mr. G. B. Sandefer.

Gentlemen:

On behalf of myself and the parade committee of the great Southwestern Sun Carnival, Inc., please allow me to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for having given us such excellent cooperation and such wonderful music. The pep squad was great also and everyone enjoyed it tremendously.

You have no idea how vital it was to the success of the parade to have ample and good music. Your band conducted itself in an excellent manner and gave us a wonderful performance.

Thanking you again for having participated in this great event and trusting that we may continue this great work to the end that this glorious Southwest of ours may take its much deserved place in the Sun, of which we so often speak. The whole parade committee joins me in wishing you all a most happy New Year.

Sincerely,

CHRIS P. FOX, Chairman Parade Committee.

Complete collection of Panhandle Pueblo culture including pictures of Indian life will be presented to the Archaeological society of Hardin-Simmons university by Lloyd Studor, recognized expert on this type of life.

Mr. Studor has studied Indian life since boyhood and numbers among his achievements in this field the uncovering of a whole Indian village.

Hardin-Simmons University

ABILENE, TEXAS

SPRING SEMESTER OPENS JANUARY 29



SCIENCE HALL

Hardin-Simmons University takes this opportunity to congratulate graduating seniors over West Texas. Throughout the years Hardin-Simmons has remained in close touch with West Texas high school activities and experiences pardonable pride in congratulating each graduating group.

HARDIN - SIMMONS UNIVERSITY IS A MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF MUSIC AND ALLIED ARTS

Hardin-Simmons University announces the opening of its spring semester January 29, and invites all West Texas graduates to enroll. Special courses designed to meet the needs of fall semester graduates will be offered. Never before in its history has Hardin-Simmons been better prepared to serve the youth of Abilene and West Texas. Students may enroll for the spring semester and begin work immediately toward a degree.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY 45TH YEAR

News Notes

Dr. C. V. Edwards, representing Mary Hardin-Baylor College, was a visitor at the Pastors' Retreat Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our readers will sympathize with Pastor W. M. Laurence of Elbert in the death of his wife. Mrs. Laurence, who was associational president of the W. M. U. of Throckmorton-Young Association, was buried at Elbert last Saturday.

Dr. Julian Atwood, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roswell, N. M., who brought two evangelistic messages each day during the retreat, is one of the busiest men in all the West. He is chairman of the board of the New Mexico Convention, and is actively connected with Southern Baptist activities. Besides this, he conducts many revival meetings in the West.

Texas Baptists have suffered a great loss in the death of Pastor E. F. Lyon of the First Baptist Church, Vernon. Dr. Lyon had been pastor of the Vernon church for the past several years. He had been ill for the past two and a half years, and for the past six months had been confined to his bed. Before going to Vernon he was, for several years, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo.

LETTER FROM BRAZIL TELLS INTERESTING STORY

(Continued from Page 1) boat was righted and set on its way again. So they finished their 43 day trip and reported 53 conversions, two churches organized, and other wonderful evidences of the grace of God. Do not forget us in such glorious work. Pray for us daily and give of your means that we may carry on. You sent me down here; be sure that you hold the ropes.

Your missionary, A. BEN OLIVER.

POTOSI NEWS NOTES

The church work at Potosi is making progress. We have just finished a Sunday School study course, and are working more faithfully toward a standard Sunday School. We have just organized another Union in our B. T. U., and are making plans for a B. T. U. revival to begin soon. Our W. M. U. has begun meeting each week and a Sunbeam Band is being organized. Our Y. W. A. is studying the standard of excellence to make a better year. Brother H. H. Summers filled his appointments regularly on the second and fourth Sundays in each month.—R. P. Adams.

The play production class 213 taught by Mrs. Levy presented "The Trip" in the fine arts auditorium Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. A large group of the Players were present and a number of visitors.

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Gleanings From District Eight

WILLIS J. RAY, Missionary, Box 1291, Big Spring, Texas.

MEXICAN CHURCH IN BIG SPRING TO CONDUCT TWO WEEKS BIBLE SCHOOL

The Mexican Baptist Church of Big Spring will conduct a Bible school which will open the 16th of this month and remain in session for two weeks. Daily sessions will be held, morning, afternoon and evening. The purpose of these meetings will be to increase the spirituality of those attending, to ground them in the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, such as salvation by grace, regeneration, and the office-work of the Holy Spirit, and to gain a more intimate knowledge of the Scriptures.

The pastor, Rev. Scott Cotten, will conduct this school, and is planning to be ably assisted by some one who will conduct revival services at the evening hour. The church can furnish accommodations for as many as 25 persons who may wish to avail themselves of this opportunity. Bedding should be brought. The ladies of the church will prepare and serve meals at the least possible price, possibly not over \$5.00 for the two week's session. Mexican ministers, especially young men, and consecrated laymen should be encouraged to attend this school. Local American churches could do no greater service than assist ministers of nearby churches to attend this school. Bro. Cotten is a close student of the Bible, and no safer nor more orthodox expounder of Bible doctrines could be found in the country.

The Mexican Baptist church has property in its own name that is worth more than \$5,000, and though

having a membership of less than 100, stood third in the list of churches in the Big Spring association last year, in addition of members and conversions. Many of the members have a surprisingly accurate knowledge of the Scriptures, which is their main study since they do not have much other literature to read, and are regular contributors, though in all cases very poor, to our Southwide cooperative program.

Rev. E. F. Cole of Lamesa is truly a good Samaritan and elder brother to the preachers of the Lamesa Association. Since he has been so gracious in sharing his sermon outlines with his preacher brethren five of the preachers gratefully accepted his generosity by going with him to the Pastors Retreat at Abilene this week. Rev. J. W. Braswell, John Cundiff, Robert Lee Smith, W. M. Whatley and Willie B. Waldrop made up the car load.

The missionary preached at Mungler Saturday night, Wilson Sunday morning and Klondike, Sunday night. Rev. W. M. Whatley is pastoring these three churches and is doing a good work. Bro. Whatley is an able preacher and is loved by his people. It was a joy to worship with these churches.

The Lamesa Association is well organized, to do a constructive work this year. The churches are divided into groups and each phase of our work is promoted by a committee-man with each group. Rev. E. F. Cole is the associational organizer

and promoter of, the Co-operative work. Mr. Earl Esmond, Sunday School superintendent, Rev. Robert Lee Smith, B. T. U. leader, Mrs. Fred Sanders, Laymen's leader, Mrs. A. B. Heffanan, W. M. U. president, Rev. Will B. Waldrop, rural church, and Rev. John Cundiff, chairman of evangelism. Each of these leaders will be assisted by five active associates.

The Mitchell-Scurry Workers Conference for January is to meet at Snyder next Tuesday, the 21st, W. S. Garnett of Big Spring and C. A. Powell of Abilene are guest speakers appearing on the program. Pastor Lawrence, Hays is doing a mighty work at Snyder.

The Big Spring Workers Conference meets next Wednesday, January 22, at Courtney, near Stanton. Rev. H. C. Reddoch, pastor, is in his third year with the church. The program is centered around our Baptist work. The district minutes will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

Rev. H. C. Reddoch of Big Spring is entering the Seminary February 1. He will continue to pastor his churches in the Big Spring Association, and make Big Spring his home.

Rev. W. A. Connally, pastor at Garden City, has been called at Chalk. Bro. Connally lives at Fort Worth and receives his Seminary degree this spring.

Fifty-nine of our churches have expressed themselves as ready to cooperate with Bro. G. S. Hopkins in our district-wide revival Feb. 16-23.

Tye	2.00
Merkel	3.50
University	8.25
Total	51.44

Disbursed	
Assn'l. President (expense to exec. board meeting)	3.26
Abilene Printing (prog.)	4.00
Assn'l. President (expense state conv. and past)	8.00
L. P. Cook (assn'l. mis.)	7.50
Dist. Treasurer	18.00
Maint. chg. for Dec.	.50
Total	41.26
Jan. 1 Balance	10.18

Recapitulation	
Jan. 1 Balance:	
Expense Fund	10.18
Miscellaneous	8.00
Library Fund	.05
South. Tr. School	1.00
Mary Hardin-Baylor	.25
Lueders Encampment	.70
Total	\$ 20.18

QUARTERLY MEETING OF STONEWALL W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of Stonewall Association held its quarterly meeting at Peacock, January 8. The theme of the program was "Even so send I you."

The morning devotional was led by Mrs. Grover Little of Jayton, closing with special music by Mrs. Little and Mrs. W. H. Porter. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Finis Williams and response was made by Mrs. W. B. Rogers, Clairmont.

"Even so send I you" in the local organizations was reported by the following: Mrs. Ellis Scoggins, Peacock; Mrs. Ed Hahn, Swenson; Mrs. Earl Mayfield, Girard; Mrs. W. B. Rogers, Clairmont; Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton.

Visitors from Abilene were recognized and welcomed: Mrs. H. J. Hanks, Mrs. J. E. Buckley, and Mrs. E. M. Francis.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Finis Williams, pastor of the church at Peacock, who brought a most inspiring and helpful message.

The afternoon service was opened with a piano solo played by Mrs. W. B. Rogers of Clairmont.

Devotional was led by Mrs. Fred McPherson. Young People's Work was reported on by Mrs. Rash of Aspermont.

Mrs. J. B. Buckley of Abilene also made a beautiful talk on our "Young People's Work."

Recommendations were read and approved. Report of corresponding secretary-treasurer was read by Mrs. G. Little. Mrs. Hanks of Abilene gave an excellent discussion of this report. An inspiring talk was given by Mrs. E. M. Francis of Abilene.

The following chairmen of standing committees made reports:

Education, Mrs. W. J. Hembree; Publicity, Mrs. Harvey Dennis; Benevolence, Mrs. Guy Southern; Mission Study, Mrs. Finis Williams; Missions, Mrs. Reese Ward; Young People's Work, Mrs. Pruitt Rash; Periodicals, Mrs. Earnest Freeman; Stewardship, Mrs. Tom Cooper; Historian, Mrs. B. J. Kellett; Margaret Fund, Mrs. Alf Parks.

After reading of minutes the meeting adjourned to hold its next session with the Girard W. M. U. The program was helpful and inspiring. The visit of the Abilene ladies was much appreciated.

(The report of this good meeting was sent in by two ladies, Mrs. William H. Porter and Mrs. Grover Little. We thank both of them.—Editor.)

DISTRICT SEVENTEEN

(Continued from Page One) organizers from the state office to be given out to the different churches. It is hoped that every church will put its chart on the wall and keep the information there intact.

The Borrowing Christ
He borrowed a body to become a man,
He borrowed a stall to be born,
He borrowed the greatest name in the land,
He borrowed a father for His own.

He borrowed the cloak that covered His back,
A pillow for his weary head,
He borrowed a cross that was made for thieves,
A tomb, to be laid, when dead.

He borrows the minds of His own to-day,
He borrows their hands and feet.
He borrows their lips to speak His truth,
Their hearts, His love to greet.

But he did not borrow the throne where He sits,
Nor the Father, in heaven above,
Nor the crown He wears, with glory all lit,
Nor His compassionate heart of love.
—J. D. Brannon.

Annual Report of Treasurer of Sweetwater Assn', Auxiliary Oct. 4—Dec. 31

Mrs. Boyd King, Treasurer	
First Baptist Loan Fund	
Received	
First Church, Abilene	\$ 47.80
Disbursed	
District Treasurer	\$ 47.80
Library Fund	
Received	
Jan. 1 Balance	.05
Lueders Encampment	
Received	
Sunset	.50
1st Ch. Abilene (WMU) dist. pledge	33.35
1st Ch. Sweetwater	2.50
Elmdale	.70
Tye	.70
Caps	.70
Total	38.45

Disbursed	
Dist. Treasurer	37.75
Jan. 1 Balance	.70

Mary Hardin-Baylor Fund

Received	
Tye	.25
Jan. 1 Balance	.25
Miscellaneous	
Received	
Oct. 4 Balance	.50
Off. at annual meet. B. O. H.	13.82
University (Mrs. Copass)	.50
Caps, (Mrs. Copass)	.40
Tye, (Mrs. Copass)	.25
Calvary, (Mrs. Copass)	.25
University (Mar. Fd. Stud.)	2.00
First Ch., Abilene Margt Fund	5.50
Total	23.22

Disbursed	
Dist. Treasurer	15.22
Jan. 1 Balance	8.00

Relief and Annuity

Received	
University	2.50
Disbursed	
Rev. & Mrs. R. A. Lee	2.50
Jan. 1 Balance	.00

Silver Anniversary Fund

Received	
Sunset	1.10
Sweetwater, First	6.25
Merkel	5.00
University	3.00
Total	15.35

Disbursed	
Dist. Treasurer	15.35

Southwestern Training School

Jan. 1 Balance	
1.00	
Expense Fund	
Received	
Oct. 4 Balance	3.74
Off. annual meeting	5.74
1st Ch., Abilene	12.50
Elmdale	.20
Immanuel	2.50
Sunset	1.66
Caps	1.85
Sweetwater, 1st Ch.	9.50

year. Rev. J. H. Dean of Calvary Church, Abilene, in a clear and illustrative manner, showed that in order for us to follow the Master, He must be within and direct our thoughts and our acts.

The lovely luncheon served by the hostess church was followed with executive board meetings by both groups.

The program for the afternoon was under the direction of Mrs. Compere. Following an inspiring song service under the direction of Mr. Lee with Mrs. Gentry Holmes at the piano, Brother Brannon gave a short talk on the Hundred Thousand Club, urging each church to emphasize it and get more signers. The Ministerial quartet gave more special music.

Reports from the standing committee chairmen and talks on each subject made each of us want to follow the Master through the coming year in the paths that were so plainly set before us. Mrs. Bert Low, recording secretary, read the report on missions for the chairman, Mrs. W. C. Ashford. Rev. Powell spoke and the key scripture for the year: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you," John 20:21, was made to apply to each one and to show that we must choose between following Jesus and following self and that following Jesus implies missions.

Mrs. W. F. Joiner gave the report on benevolence and Rev. W. R. Derr, who spoke showed that following Jesus meant giving physical help and care because the body is the dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The vital spot in carrying on the work of the Master is truly in training our young people and was so brought out in the report by Mrs. D. C. Fulkerson of Sweetwater, and followed with a talk by Mrs. J. B. Buckley, district young people's leader, who showed that a value could not be placed on a child and that the value of young people in the future progress of our work for Christ will be measured by the training given, thus appealing to older ones to study and volunteer in leading young people.

Both entertaining and spiritually inspiring was the piano solo given by Rep. Virgil Reynolds.

A registration report showed attendance as follows: Sweetwater, First, 4; Sweetwater, Lamar, 2; First, Abilene, 23; University, Abilene, 16; South Side, Abilene, 7; Trinity, Abilene, 6; Immanuel, Abilene, 1; North Park, Abilene, 2; Sunset, Abilene, 4; Calvary, Abilene, 9; Salt Branch, 1; Hodges, 4; Neal, 2; Ovalo, 1; Tuscola, 1; Tye, 2; View, 4; Caps, 6; Trent, 1; H. S. U. quartet, 4; White Flat, 1; Merkel, 52; making a total of 161.

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT

Mrs. E. B. Atwood, 2110 Grape Street, Abilene, Texas, Editor

Joint Meeting of Workers Conference and Quarterly Associational W. M. A. Meeting

of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, with the First Baptist Church, Merkel, January 9, 1936.

Mrs. Theiss S. Jones

Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Merkel, conducted the opening song, "Near the Cross," for the joint meeting of the Workers Conference and the Associational W. M. U. of the Sweetwater Association at Merkel Thursday, January 9, 1936. Opening prayer was led by Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene.

Mr. G. Avery Lee conducted a song service and Rev. Joyner brought the devotional, "Following Christ Through 1936," from Acts 19:27, in which these facts were brought out: That it must be a life of surrender; that it must be one of meekness; and that it must be lived in an effort to do much for Christ. Dr. M. A. Jenkins offered the prayer at the close of the devotional.

Mrs. C. C. Compere, president of the Associational Auxiliary, presided over the meeting to hear the reports of the local presidents. These were as follows: Calvary, Abilene, read by Mrs. McGuire; First, Abilene, read by Mrs. C. Stewart; Immanuel, Abilene, read by Mrs. S. J. T. Williams; South Side, Abilene, Mrs. S. J. T. Williams; Sunset, Abilene, read by the corresponding secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Boyd King; University, Abilene, Mrs. W. D. Arnette; Blackwell, read by Mrs. King; Caps, Mrs. Dillard; Merkel, Mrs. J. L. Winter; and Tye, Mrs. R. T. England.

Much good work was reported by the local societies—such gifts as clothing and food to Buckner Orphans Home, needy in the churches and to the beneficiaries. Practically all goals were reached and some gave more.

Mrs. Boyd King, corresponding secretary-treasurer, gave her report, which was accepted, following the reading of the auditor's report.

Mrs. Compere released the chair to the moderator, Rev. T. T. Trott of Sweetwater, who conducted the rest of the program for the morning. Rev. Virgil Reynolds of Trinity Church, Abilene, extended an invitation to the conference for the February meeting. By request, the Hardin-Simmons Ministerial quartet gave a short sermon in song.

The theme of the day's program, "Following the Master Through 1936," was emphasized, by the different speakers of the day on various subjects in such a manner that much effective work is expected during the

WHAT DR. GAMBRELL SAID.

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confidence of our creditors slowly coming back. We have the consciousness of doing right. Now we must finish the job.

Dr. Tripp, our leader, has done a manful job. We have not given him the co-operation we should. Let us do it in January and February without fail. Somebody has said "When God appoints his agents, he always give them the keys." If this be true, God has given the pastors of the churches the keys to the doors, and this job is up to the pastors. If the pastors of Southern Baptist churches will the completion of this job in January and February, there are not devils enough in hell to prevent it. I was a pastor. I have helped in the training of pastors. I love pastors. With every ounce of my blood I urge the pastors this time to lead, lead in the 100,000 Club, lead in praying for it, in planning for it, in giving to it, in getting others to give to it. In Christ's name, let us have more than 100,000 subscribers who are paying their monthly dollar by March 1.

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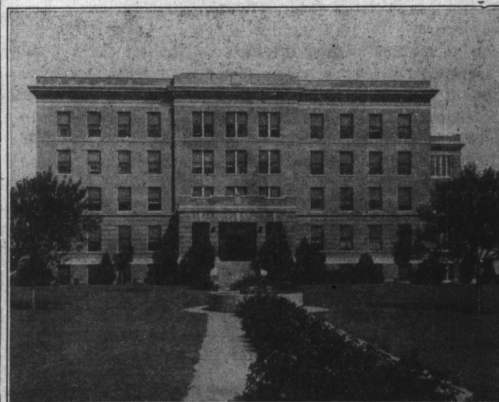
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The following announcements are subject to the Democratic Primary election to be held in July:

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