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RAMBLING E M A R K S



By DICK O'BRIEN

Still in search of a proper environment or atmosphere which will be conducive to writing rambling remarks, I drove 185 miles today, and am now in the Alexander Building in Brownfield, Texas, trying to write on a noiseless typewriter. Although I am in an attractive and comfortable office, and have taken several deep breaths of the atmosphere, I still do not feel the proper urge, nor any special visitation of the literary affluence. In other words I am having about as hard a time here as I have at home trying to think of something worth writing. I drove over to be with Pastor Rogers, and the other pastors of this association in a week's retreat and Bible study. Mr. I. E. Reynolds of the Seminary is here teaching church music, and Dr. W. T. Conner is teaching theology. I have been invited to preach three times each day. For me to try to preach to Dr. Conner, reminds me of the time Will Rogers gave Mr. John D. Rockefeller a dime. But he is not only a great theology teacher, and preacher, he is also a great actor. I never saw anybody who could act more like he was enjoying a sermon than he can while I am preaching. As for Professor Reynolds I am sure he has sung for all kinds, and couldn't be hit in a new spot by a preacher. It is grand to be with men like these and see how democratic and human they really are. I wish I had my seminary days over again, I am sure that I would know men like these more intimately. I hope my public will forgive me for leaving them in the dark on a matter which was mentioned in this column before Christmas, and had to do with my hopes for a certain Christmas present. I got it, or rather, them. I made so much noise about a pair of house shoes that the twins broke their bank several days before Christmas and went down and bought the best pair in town, and to my delight presented them to me on Tuesday night before Christmas on the following Sunday. Sometimes I am led to think that the fact that they took off my regular shoes and slipped these easy house shoes on my tired, overburdened feet, and began to enquire as to my comfort; and almost immediately changed the subject to a black framed bicycle they had seen down town that day, had some special significance. As I sat there relaxed, I remembered that every catalog and magazine in the home had been opened at the bicycle ads for weeks. They were placed on beds, tables, chairs, radio, telephone shelf and scattered all over the floor. But I do not believe in children having a bicycle. They are dangerous to ride, and promote a bad posture, and cost too much money for a preacher to afford. But those house shoes, as comfortable as walking barefoot on velvet. (Continued on page 4)

EVENTS TO COME

January 13 — Evangelistic Rally, District 10.
Jan. 16—20 New Mexico Baptist Pastor's Conference, Portales.
Feb. 17-18—Y. W. A. House Party, Hardin-Simmons University.
Jan. 18-19—Associational Sunday School Officers Meeting.
January 24—District 17 Evangelistic Rally, Stamford.
Jan. 30—Spring Semester Begins, H-S University.
January 31 — Evangelistic Rally, District 7.
February 2 — Evangelistic Rally, District 11.
February 7 — Evangelistic Rally, District 9.
February 14 — Evangelistic Rally, District 8.
March 6-7—District 17 Convention, Sweetwater.
March 7-8—District 9 Convention, Lubbock.
April 9—B. T. U. High Attendance Day.
April 11-13—State Sunday School Convention, Waco.

COUNTY-WIDE REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT EL PASO



DR. ROLAND Q. LEAVELL
Superintendent of Evangelism

The Baptists of El Paso are starting the Evangelistic Year with a county-wide campaign which began January 1 and will continue through next Sunday.

Leading in the meetings is Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of Atlanta, Southwide Superintendent of Evangelism assisted by all but one of the Texas State evangelists and a group of capable workers.

Three general meetings are held each day in addition to two services at each of the churches. General services include a noon meeting in the old First National Bank building downtown, and another on the plaza. Music for these services are in charge of Lee A. Stulce of First Church, El Paso, and J. D. Riddle of First Church, Abilene.

In addition to directing the entire campaign, Dr. Leavell is preaching Lee Stulce in charge of the music. At First Church with Choir Director Evangelist C. Y. Dossey is preaching at Immanuel Church with J. D. Riddle directing the music.

Rev. Wm. H. Joyner is preaching at Highland Park; Dr. W. Y. Pond at Grandview; Rev. J. F. Stanley, at First Church, Fabens; Rev. J. L. Yelvington, at First Church, Clint; Dr. Geo. W. McCall, at First Church, Ysleta; Rev. Vernon Yearby of Van Horn, at Memorial Mission and Rev. E. L. Whitaker, Abilene, at East Side.

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE OBSERVES FOUNDERS WEEK

The thirty-third annual Founder's Week Conference at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, January 20 to February 5, promises to be of an epochal character. The unusual roster of speakers includes eminent Bible teachers and preachers from England, Scotland, Belgium, and Canada; missionaries from China, India, and Africa, besides a dozen speakers of high renown of the United States. Bible Study, Prophecy, and Evangelism will be major themes. Dr. H. A. Ironside, Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, and Dr. A. C. Gaebelien dealing chiefly with Prophecy. Dr. R. R. Fritsch and Dr. H. W. Bieber will deal with Bible exposition, while Joek Troup of Glasgow will sound the evangelistic note. Space forbids a full naming of speakers and themes.

Tuesday is to be Alumni day, with addresses by Dr. William Ward Ayer, Dr. Charles W. Kohler, and other former students. Thursday will be Missionary Day, with a great conference of former and present missionaries enriching the program. Saturday will be, as usual, Laymen's Day, when Erling C. Olsen, A. J. Nesbitt, Mortimer B. Lane, and other laymen will be heard. The closing Sunday, February 5, will be celebrated as Moody Day, honoring the memory of the founder of the Institute. The usual inspirational offering of song, by different Institute and W-M-B-I radio ensembles, and notable congregational praise, will not be wanting.

Saturday will mark a most unusual event—the dedication of two Institute buildings, the new Administration Building, and the basement portion of the Torrey-Gray Auditorium. Evening sessions will again be held in the Moody Memorial Church, and day sessions in the old Institute Auditorium and new basement auditorium.

Nature fits all her children with something to do.—Lowell.

Two Vital Matters Affecting the Life of The Southern Baptists

By President L. R. Scarborough
Seminary Hill, Texas

We are facing another year. The past year has registered progress in all lines but one. Hope rainbows '39 for Southern Baptists. The forces are united, all the organizations are functioning, lubricated by Divine unction, and a mighty spirit inspires our forces.

Let me say the strongest words I know to the finest disciples—Southern Baptists—I know:

I. OUR OBLIGATION OF HONESTY

We are paying our debts. We ought to finish the task worthy of our historic name. I wish to register some vital things about this debt-paying business:

1. We are greatly encouraged with the progress. Directly, we have paid quite a million dollars; indirectly, we have paid two other million, reducing our debt in these years around three million. The task is about half-done. We now owe that much and a little more. We hardly knew when we paid this enormous sum. It was in small amounts, and thousands got in on it.

2. We ought to do better, and it is up to the pastors on this debt-paying business. We can pay it without conflicts and embarrassments anywhere. If we can and ought, God help us to do it.

3. I think our success already in the following directions encourages us to finish it; We have succeeded:

Some Achievements

(1) In money raised—an encouraging sum.

(2) In the Baptist credit we have saved. We are known as honest Baptists.

(3) We have saved our Baptist name—and it is worth saving. It is good to hear big business say that Baptists feel the sense of their obligations and pay them.

(4) The spirit of our people has been saved in themselves, in their ability to pay their debts, in their organization to that end. There is a better spirit Southwide.

(5) We have saved our institutions and causes—their very lives. Where would foreign missions have been without the reduction of their debt to

less than \$300,000. Where would our seminaries have been? Probably their doors would have been closed. We have saved them, thank God!

(6) Millions of valuable property have been recovered from the danger zone. If we go on like we ought, soon there will be no mortgages on these great institutions. How glorious that day will be!

(7) We have saved our opportunity for larger and more honorable service. There are thousands of open doors to us, made so by our success in reducing our debts. The machinery of our denomination works lubricantly because of our demonstration of honesty.

(8) We have helped the conditions, vibrant and vital, for our revival. It is easier to get the ear of lost souls because we have kept our name in honor. Let's clear the debt and help the revival.

4. A closing brother's word I speak to the pastors. Multitudes of pastors have done nobly. Multitudes have done nothing. Every one that has done nothing ought to be ashamed of himself, repent of his sins, confess it to the people, establish in his church a great Hundred Thousand Club, bring forth "fruits meet for repentance"—and in this case it is every club member you can get and every group unit you can get. Oh, pastors—heavenly-ordained leaders—lead your people to help take care of your denominational name and the causes for which our forefathers sacrificed and Christ died. Don't be a shirker, a slacker.

I know there are some states that haven't seen fit to get in, and I am not talking about the pastors in these states. I am talking about the brethren who should go along with their brethren in the states that have approved it.

The fact is, all of us ought to get in some way or another and do this magnificent job. It is worthy the mettle of every heroic leader within the South. Give your people a chance, a good chance, a worthy chance, and do it in January and February, and (Continued on page 4)

The Pastor's Personal Soul Winning Group

By JOHN DANIEL BROWN

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Every church ought to be a soul-winning church!

Who should win souls? Certainly, not the pastor alone!

Laymen must have a part in this revival. Church members cannot pay the preacher to win souls for them any more than they can pay the preacher to get their own souls into heaven. A preacher cannot be expected to win all the souls in his vicinity any more than a captain is expected to do all the fighting in a battle.

Few souls are won from the pulpit. Lost men and women are won as they are faced with a personal, living testimony.

How may we go about this Herculean task? In the field of labor, we have learned that ten cotton pickers can pick twice as much as five cotton pickers. The same principle works in soul-winning. One hundred soul-winners can win one hundred times more than one soul-winner. Every preacher ought to have as many assistants as he has members in his church.

Every pastor needs a small select group for personal soul-winners. He ought to meet with them, plan with them, and pray with them. This group ought to understand each other and be so close that the heart-beats will be one beat. Christ had such a group gathered about him.

"How many should be in this Pastor's Personal Soul-Winners Group?" someone will ask. It all depends on the size of the church. The minister wants as many as he can get, but it is always a relative matter. Get all you can; that'll not be many.

In my own case, I have twenty-five These will die by their pastor. They know his method; they are trained in approaching a lost soul at the opportune moment.

In a growing, evangelistic church there are always many unaffiliated

SOUTHWIDE LEADER HEADS ABILENE STUDY FACULTY



W. A. HARRELL
Memphis, Tennessee

W. A. Harrell, Nashville, associate secretary of the Southwide B. T. U. in charge of associational training union work, will direct a Training Union enlargement campaign in First Church, Abilene, January 22 to 27. Mr. Harrell is well known to B. T. U. workers throughout the South through the monthly page which he conducts in the Training Union Magazine.

Miss Verna Lee Carson, young people's leader and B. T. U. director in First Church announces that all B. T. U. workers of other churches who are interested in hearing Mr. Harrell and his co-workers are invited to join in the courses which they will conduct each evening during the campaign.

EAST ABILENE MISSION ATTRACTS WIDE INTEREST

Much interest has been attracted to the Community Center Mission in Southeast Abilene through the constructive program there which is sponsored by the Brotherhood organization of First Church, Abilene. Rev.

recting the work at the mission, assisted by members of First and other Abilene churches.

Thirty four conversions at the mission were reported in December which brought the total since work began in May up near one hundred. Two hundred are enrolled in the Sunday School with an attendance of 116 for December. Very few of these people ever attended any Sunday School prior to the opening of the mission.

In addition to religious services the mission maintains a sewing room where mothers who have no sewing machine may come to mend and make garments for their families. This is a twice a week event and the meeting always opens with a devotional. Plans include the teaching of "What Baptists Believe" to a sewing group in the near future.

Once weekly, in cooperation with Hendrick Memorial Hospital and some doctors of the staff, a free clinic is held at the mission. Seventy-three patients received treatment there in December.

University Church, Abilene, in addition to giving two boxes of shoes and clothing to be distributed in the community, has given material for several quilts. Another friend has donated cotton and the quilts will be made in the sewing room. A total of 620 garments were given out during the last month.

Social life has not been neglected. Four socials have been held at the mission since it was built, with attendance varying from 100 to 300.

DR. ATWOOD SPEAKER AT N. M. CONFERENCE

Dr. L. R. Scarborough will deliver three evangelistic addresses at the New Mexico Baptist Pastor's Conference which meets at Portales, Jan. 16 to 20. Dr. E. B. Atwood, of the Bible department of Hardin-Simmons will appear on the same program, delivering eight lectures on "Jesus and His New Testament Interpreters." Other speakers will be State Secretary Harry P. Stagg and New Mexico pastors.

Dr. Atwood's subjects will be: Jesus, His Life and Work; Jesus, His Teachings; James, the Law of Christ; Peter, the New Israel; Paul, the Gospel of Christ; Hebrews, the Priesthood of Christ; John, the Deity of Christ; and The Revelation of Christ.

Conduct is three fourths of life.—Matthew Arnold.

MISSIONARY E S S A Y S



By B. N. Shepherd
Missionary, District 17

In this issue of the West Texas Baptist you will find the program of the One-Day Evangelistic rally, meeting in the First Baptist Church, Stamford.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough will be there and speak. It is a special honor for our District to have the President of the Southern Baptist Convention to speak to it.

The District Board will meet for a noon luncheon on that day. All board members are expected to attend.

Of course every one will take advantage of this special day. Dr. R. C. Campbell, our own gifted, consecrated and loved leader will speak at the eleven o'clock hour.

JOIN US IN MAKING THIS THE REAL BEGINNING OF SOUL-WINNING FOR 1939.

The good rains brought hope and encouragement. Our services were not so well attended on account of the Sunday rain, but we will all be there next Sunday with all we need to show our appreciation for the material blessings.

The Callahan Workers Meeting at Denton Valley on Tuesday was a great occasion and splendidly entertained. The missionary brought the closing address in the place of Pastor Tidwell of Potosi who could not attend.

The missionary is happy to be with Pastor Hardesty this week in a study course in the McCauley Church. Friday we will have a part in the all day Sunday School workers meeting for Fisher association. Everybody will bring his own lunch and will spread it together.

DISTRICT TEN PREACHERS HOLD BIBLE CONFERENCE

Dr. W. T. Conner of Seminary Hill lectured on the Book of Hebrews and Rev. J. P. McBeth of Dumas on Genesis during a five-day Bible Conference sponsored by the executive board of District Ten. Sessions were held January 2 to 6 at First Church, Amarillo.

About fifty preachers, who were entertained by the Baptists of Amarillo, and some 150 others were in attendance at the conference sessions.

The meeting closed Friday with high emphasis on evangelism. Dr. C. E. Matthews of Fort Worth and Dr. J. Howard Williams of Amarillo spoke on the evangelistic campaign for 1939, and the conference closed with a sermon on evangelism by Dr. R. C. Campbell.

Other sermons were delivered by Rev. E. T. Smith, Shamrock, Rev. Kenneth Marshall, Dalhart, and Rev. C. G. Bayless, Pampa. Daily devotional leaders included Rev. Wm. Mason, Memphis, John Scott, Pampa, Rev. J. N. Hunt, Borger, and Rev. Perry King, Clarendon. John Josey and John Sisemore conducted the song services.

District Missionary J. C. McKenzie writes that it was the best Bible Conference that he ever attended, and reports that it was voted to make it an annual affair.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF MISSIONARY BRANNON

Fire on the afternoon of December 31 completely destroyed the home and furniture of Rev. J. D. Brannon, missionary of District 4 and formerly of District Seventeen. At the time of the fire the missionary was away from home and Mrs. Brannon had gone to market. Their small son was confined to the home with a hurt foot and in making his escape re-injured the wound and was confined to the hospital for a few days on account of loss of blood.

Houston pastors have plans under way to make a practical demonstration of their sympathy.

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THE LOYAL MINORITY

One of the highest attributes of any people is the trait of loyalty. Christ demanded it of His followers, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Only denominational loyalty plus loyalty to Christ will clear the Baptist name of debts, will fully vindicate Baptist honor and clear Baptist credit—which, God grant, may never again have to be used.

The burden of paying these debts has fallen upon the shoulders of a loyal minority who compose the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. This agency has fired the imagination of discouraged Baptists and revived the faith of disappointed creditors.

Since it was inaugurated in 1933 it has brought in over one million dollars, every penny of which has gone into the principal of Southern Baptist debts. All expenses connected with the Club are borne by the Sunday School Board so that every dollar contributed means one dollar less of debt.

Seventy new missionaries can now be supported on the money which formerly went to meeting current interest payments. About eighty more could be sent out with the interest money which we still have to pay. Or, to put it another way, interest saved will reduce the remaining debt by one-third as much as was contributed last year by the Hundred Thousand Club.

If one-hundred thousand members had contributed their dollar each month "over and above" for any one year, the total receipts for that one year would have exceeded the total income of the Club since 1933.

But we have fallen far short of the challenging goal. The fact is that 1935 was the peak year with less than \$200,000. Last year saw a slump from the peak of around twenty per cent.

Baptists generally are expanding their program. Texans have set a higher goal for this year which should be reached without burden to anyone. But as we expand in other lines we should increase our payments on debts which were created to keep our mission work and our institutions alive.

Let it gradually die. We should make, in this Revival Year, a new peak of payments on our debts. Paying honorable obligations is a worthy expression of a revival spiritual life.

By no means everyone can give a dollar a month to this necessary cause. Still everyone can have a share in the understanding. Loved ones may join together and make it a twosome or a foursome. Members of a Sunday School class may unite, or a Training Union, or a Circle, or a Brotherhood. Small churches, which have never had the joy of sharing in lifting this load, may underwrite one or two or ten memberships.

The battle cry has been flung out, "A debtless Denomination by 1945." We will gladly work and pay and pray that, by the time the Southern Baptists celebrate in their centennial year, not a single agency of institution bearing the Southern Baptist name shall owe any man aught save love.

Are you one of that loyal minority who are making these gains possible? Well, then, we are not yet to the halfway mark. We are like Wellington at Waterloo, praying for the coming of Blucher. It is your privilege to be one of those dashing Hussars, coming-thundering down the field to victory.

HOUSE CLEANING

"Are we cleaning house so that the new-born babes in Christ shall have sanitary surroundings, spiritually, in which to grow in grace and stature?" challenges Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of First Church, Tulsa, in a first page contribution to the Baptist Messenger.

The point is well taken, Dr. Storer. Should we not make this the subject of much heart-searching examination and prayer? No doubt we need to do a serious job of house-cleaning, beginning first in our own lives and dealing scripturally with many whose names are on the church rolls but whose lives are pawned to Satan.

It is an arresting idea—that kind of Christian lives may we expect of converts who, upon coming into the church, associate with the rest of us?

We will not be able to wait till the churches are all in order before we begin to go out for the lost, for then we would never get around to the unsaved world. But hand in hand with prayer for those who do not know Christ must go prayer that our lives and the lives of our fellow members should be Christ-honoring lives. Hand in hand with evangelistic efforts to reach the unreached should go an effort to reclaim for Christ the lives of the worldly-minded indifferent members of our Baptist churches.

At best we cannot have prophylactic surroundings for the babes in the Kingdom of God. But neither do we rear robust children of the flesh by keeping them under hot-house conditions. There is a difference between wholesome cleanliness, which the churches should strive for, and a surgically antiseptic condition which is impractical for living. Christ left his children in the world, giving them grace to meet world conditions as they find them.

If we give these new converts training in scriptural teachings in the Sunday School and training in the practical application of these teachings in the Training Unions, we will have a new life in our congregations which will revitalize the churches and put to shame those of us who have grown careless, indifferent and soiled with sin.

News Notes

Ewell Bone who has done a fine job as educational and music director of East Fourth Street, Big Spring, has accepted a similar position with the First Church, Graham.

Dr. Earl V. Pierce of Minneapolis, outstanding speaker at the Richmond Convention and the Texas Brotherhood conference, will lead in a revival at Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, January 15 to 18.

Dr. Frank H. Leavell, Southwide B. S. U. secretary, will go to South America in the spring, at the request of missionaries on that continent, to lead in introducing the Student Union work into the colleges of these countries.

There is one Baptist church with about 600 members and two small missions in Mexico City which has a population of more than a million, writes Missionary Orville Reid of Oklahoma in a letter to the Baptist Messenger.

Mr. W. A. Harrell and Mr. A. C. Hearne of Nashville, Mrs. T. C. Gardner of Dallas, and Mrs. Merle McCracken of Amarillo will be in the faculty of a B. T. U. Training school at First Church, Abilene, January 22 to 27.

Dr. E. Godbold, editor of the Word and Way, Missouri Baptist paper, has declined a call to become secretary of the State Mission Board of his native state, Mississippi.

Miss Eva Louise Hickerson of Commerce and Mr. Truman Aldredge were married at the First Church, Commerce on Christmas day. Mr. Aldredge has many friends in the West.

Zone 6, Sweetwater association, held the monthly Sunday School meeting Sunday afternoon at Ovalo.

The Workers Conference of Fisher association will meet at Rotan on Monday, January 16.

Rev. J. W. Ware, 3212 Marion Court, Louisville, Ky., sends New Year greetings to the West Texas Baptist and friends in the West. He is doing 20 to 40 hours work per week on his Doctor's degree at the Southern Seminary.

Rev. O. C. Curtis, pastor at Andrews, has been called to the Seminole Church.

DISTRICT NINE NEWS

By Roy Shahan

Pastor H. E. Dickerson is leading his church at Sudan in a week of special services on Stewardship and Prayer. Pastors of the association are bringing messages each evening, beginning Sunday, January 8 and continuing through January 15.

Brotherhood Leader R. A. Springer will speak at special service for men at the Littlefield Church on Sunday evening, January 15. A Brotherhood organization was perfected in this church on December 12. At the first regular meeting, January 2, there were 16 present to hear an inspiring program.

Rev. J. B. Hamilton, pastor of the Muleshoe Church, is leading in a constructive program. He is a new pastor in this section, having been here only a few months.

Rev. J. Frank Steele has resigned his work with the Lums Chapel Church. This is one of our best half-time churches.

Dr. E. S. James of Vernon will help in a revival at Littlefield for two weeks in August.

We are enjoying our work in Littlefield and the Lord is blessing our efforts. Hardly a Sunday passes without additions. We are having conversions along at our regular services. We have had three baptisms since our meeting in September, and over eighty additions since June. Our offerings have steadily increased through December and we will do some repair work on our church building, beginning next week.

A man who knows the world will not only make the most of everything he does know, but of many things he does not know; and will gain more credit by his adroit mode of hiding his ignorance, than the pedant by his awkward attempt to exhibit his erudition.—Colton.

Address makes opportunities; the want of it gives them.—Bovee.

JUST TALK

By Elliott Dudley

Sales Meeting

With the opening of the Congress, there is in Washington a sales meeting of major importance. We have gathered there in Washington our ambassadors from many of the key positions of the world, including London, Paris and Berlin.

The consensus of these informed men appears to be that a definite drive is under way to change the rich Ukraine area from Russian authority to German. It is a choice plum and one on which Hitler has long had his eye. That is plainly set out in his program which he published in his book long before his rise to power.

There lies a domain which is about equal to Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, with about five times the population. It is twice the size of Germany with about half the population. Most of the Ukrainians, or Ruthenians, which is the same thing, live under the Soviet rule. However, there is a large block of them across the line in Poland, another province in Czechoslovakia and some in Rumania.

Puppet State

Hitler's idea is to unite all these areas into a puppet state. To secure the cooperation of Poland the new province will nominally be under Polish rule. But the catch is that he intends to put Warsaw in the position of taking orders from Berlin or whatever other point where the Hitlerian hat may hang.

This coveted country in one of the richest lands on earth. It includes the black wheat-lands of Russia. There is much stock farming with surplus meat and wool for the scantily supplied Germans. It includes land with oil, coal, iron, electric power and many other valuable resources which German ingenuity is anxious to exploit.

Nobody on this side of the world knows how much discontent exists against the Communist rule in this fertile land. But it is a fact of history that much of the strength of the anti-Bolshevik army, which fought in the early twenties, was recruited among these people. Here was some of the strongest resistance from the free-holding peasants who objected to collective farming. Hitler has probably ascertained—that a cry of anti-communism is all he needs to rally a powerful local support.

Resistance?

As to what resistance Stalin may offer remains to be seen. With Japan drawing her veteran shock troops toward the Siberian frontier, with the whole Soviet empire seething in dissonance, it is questionable as to what resistance Stalin may be able to muster.

Certainly no help may be expected from Britain. Chamberlain's hope of escape from a conflict with Germany is for Russia to do the job for them. France showed at Munich that no help may be expected there without the assistance of England. Hitler like all highjackers, hopes, of course, that his luck will hold and that the robbery can be done without shooting.

By a quirk of fate, German rule over all the Ruthenian lands will increase the Jewish problem ten-fold. That is to say, there are ten times as many Jews in the threatened area as there are now in Germany. If Soviet authority permits, we will witness a mid-winter stampede of Jews into the interior of Russia with accompanying horrors.

Don Quixote

Sir Neville Chamberlain is now in Rome, a Don Quixote sparring with dictators instead of windmills. He is said to have received a deluge of shirts as Christmas gifts. Judging from his experience at Munich it would be wise for him to leave a change at home when he goes to see Mussolini.

The outcome of this venture is awaited with great interest. Hitler could be appeased for a time with a great slice of the property of the helpless Czechs and sent stalking other prey toward the East.

But the areas most coveted by the New Caesar are under the rule of Britain and France. Moreover, to allow any more of these lands to fall into the hands of Italy would threaten the seaways to England's empire in India and all possessions washed by the Indian Ocean.

A Way Out?

If we may judge from Munich, there is one other way out for Sir Neville. Italy's coveting of the coasts and islands of the Mediterranean extends also to the Adriatic and the Aegean.

The Chamberlain, who betrayed a friendly democracy which looked to him for defence, would have no scruples in adding Yugoslavia, Albania and what-have-you to the Roman empire; for that might be the sowing of seeds of future conflict between Hitler and Mussolini who would then have an extended common frontier.

PETER SEES CHRIST'S GLORY

Read Matthew 17:1-18; 2 Peter 1:16-18. Study Matthew 17:1-9; 14-18.

In the autumn of A. D. 29 Jesus and the apostles were in the region of Caesarea Philippi. One evening, attended by Peter, James and John, he ascended a mountain (probably a spur of Mount Hermon) where he prayed and was transfigured. When they came down the mountain and rejoined their companions, Jesus healed the demoniac boy whom the nine apostles through defective faith and impotent prayer were unable to cure.

1. The Glory of Prayer

In the transfigured Christ Peter saw the glory of prayer. We note:

(1) The Glory Summit was scaled. The party consisted of Jesus and that inner trio of disciples who alone witnessed the resurrection of the ruler's daughter and the agony in Gethsemane. They began the ascent late one afternoon and it must have been far in the night when they reached the top. The trip was tiresome though the air was invigorating. But the journey was more than an interesting side-trip on their northward tour. The object of the climb was worship. The ascent carried them up to the place of prayer. (2) The Glory Scene was sublime. As Jesus was praying he was transfigured. His facial glory outshone that of Moses at Sinai, or Stephen at his martyrdom. His raiment was illuminated with the intense splendor of his person. His recognized heavenly visitants were Moses and Elijah, two outstanding men of the old dispensation, representing the law and the prophets, respectively. The one theme of conversation with the celestial callers was his approaching death at Jerusalem; and doubtless his spirit was thereby strengthened for the ordeal. The tired and drowsy disciples, aroused to complete alertness, saw their irradiated Lord and his shining companions. Could not the vanishing visitants be detained. Why not tabernacle on the mountain top? But Peter knew not the meaning of his words and hence there was no answer. Then came the overshadowing cloud filling them with awe, and out of the radiant cloud-bank rang the Father's voice, heard before at the baptism, and heard later on the eve of the crucifixion, identifying Christ as the Son of God. Then the glory disappeared and the reassured disciples, arising from their prostrate position, found Jesus alone with themselves. (3) The Glory Silence was singular. And yet there was good reason for it. Of course the elated witnesses intended immediately to inform their comrades and the multitude of the glorious event of the night. But Jesus forbade them because they could not report the transfiguration with proper accuracy and emphasis until after the resurrection; and before that time the public would brand it as false and treat it with cavil.

2. The Glory of Power

In the transforming Christ Peter saw the glory of power. We note:

(1) The Boy was in a deplorable condition. He was afflicted with a dumb spirit. It was more than an aggravated case of epilepsy, for an evil spirit had much to do with the physical malady. So there was added terror to the convulsion which threw him on the ground or cast him into the fire or the water, foaming at the mouth, grinding his teeth and pinning away. (2) The Father had come in an agony of hope that these renowned miracle-workers could cure his son.

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Sacrifice

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 15, 1939

By Hight C Moore

But Jesus was away at the moment of his arrival, being on the Mount of Transfiguration. (2) The Disciples (that is, nine apostles), anxious as they were to relieve the demoniac boy and his distressed father, were unable to cast out the dumb spirit. Perhaps they sought to do so in their own name, or for their own fame. At any rate, the requisite power was lacking at the critical moment. (4) Jesus upon his return just then was confronted with the pitiable case. The father appealed directly to him. He told of the condition of his boy. He declared that the affliction had lasted from childhood. He sought the Great Healer's help if indeed he could reach such a case. Instantly Jesus put the responsibility back upon the father whose faith was necessary to effect the cure. Under this new responsibility the father cried out confessing his faith, but afraid of his unbelief and desiring to be saved from it. Then Jesus rebuked and cast out the evil spirit, lifted up the lad, and restored him sound and well to his father. Who else but Christ can make a sick world well?

Glorify the Christ of Glory

(1) Glorify the Pilgrim Christ. "Taketh—and bringeth them." It was a lonely journey up a steep mountain. Suppose the favored three disciples had declined to go. What a blessing they would have missed! "Where he leads me I will follow."

(2) Glorify the Praying Christ. "Up into an high mountain apart." He went up into the mountain to pray. And none ever prayed like the Son of man. Nearly all the great events of his career on record were marked by prayer.

(3) Glorify the Prophetic Christ. "There appeared unto them Moses and Elias." The greatest of the past stepped into his presence from the spirit world. Higher stood he than Moses and Elias who saw in his death the fulfillment of the law and the Prophets.

(4) Glorify the Priestly Christ. "Taking with him." The topic of their talk (as Luke tells us) was the atoning death of Jesus on the Cross. Suffering attracts. Vicarious suffering is the mightiest of magnets. Jesus was getting ready to make the supreme sacrifice which draws unto him all men. From Mount Hermon he saw Mount Calvary.

(5) Glorify the Approved Christ. "This is my beloved Son." Hear the Father's voice from out of the light-cloud identifying and commending Jesus as his Son. Again and again the Father approved and authenticated Jesus as his Son. If we heed the Father we must hear the Son.

(6) Glorify the Accepted Christ. "When the disciples heard it, they fell on their face." See the three disciples prostrate before their radiant Lord there on the mountain-top. And let all the world fall at his feet in like reverential awe and worship!

(7) Glorify the Abiding Christ. "Lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only." The glory passes with the passing cloud. But Jesus abides with us in the darkness and among the mountain fastness.

Gold in the Golden Text

We behold his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. John 1:14.

The glory of Jesus was the glory of deity. He was the only begotten of the Father. He was in the beginning with God. He was God. No wonder the flesh of his body and the darkness of the night could not conceal him on the mount!

The glory of Jesus was the glory of grace and truth. There is no grace like the grace of God. There is no truth like the truth as it is in Jesus.

The glory of Jesus was the glory of the Word made flesh. He dwelt among us in the person of the God-man. So it was that John beheld his glory. And so it is that we, too, may behold his glory.

Home Daily Bible Readings

Jan. 9.—On the Mount with Christ, Luke 9:28-36.
Jan. 10.—Eye-Witnesses of His Majesty, 2 Peter 1:16-18.
Jan. 11.—The Father's Witness, John 8:12-20.
Jan. 12.—The Vision of the Glorified, Revelation 1:9-18.
Jan. 13.—Vision and Task, Luke 9:33, 37-43.
Jan. 14.—The Power of Prayer, Matt. 14:22-32.
Jan. 15.—The Prayer Perfect, Luke 11:1-4.

DOCTRINAL

AT JERUSALEM

By C. D. Owen

Last week we discussed the origin of the church, showing that Christ established his church on the mountain during his personal ministry and commanded it to go to Jerusalem to begin its work. We shall now notice, some of the doctrines of this church. First, it observed the baptism of John the Baptist who prepared the people, making them ready for Christ to establish this church. In selecting one to take the place of Judas, this church was careful to select one who was sound in the doctrine of John's baptism. See Acts 1:20-26.

Paul received his idea of baptism from this church, and we find him condemning certain baptism done by Apollos because it was not the kind administered by John the Baptist. Acts 19:1-5. Philip was a member of this church (Acts 8:1-5) he administered the same kind of baptism as that of John the Baptist. Acts 8:35-38. Both Philip and John the Baptist, demanded evidences of salvation before they would baptize. Philip said "If thou believest with all thy heart thou mayest," Paul said, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." John the Baptist said, "Bring therefore fruits meet for repentance."

Some claim that John's Baptism was not Christian baptism. They say it was not authorized by Christ. But John said, "He sent me to baptize," John 1:33. There is no higher authority than that. It had the approval and presence of the Holy Trinity, Matt. 3:16-17. It has every element of Christian baptism. It has repentance, Mark 1:4; has faith, Acts 19:4; has confession, Mark 1:5; then baptism. It is claimed that the baptism of John the Baptist was to induct Christ into the priesthood. Such statement is purely gratuitous. Jesus was never a Jewish priest, he was not of the priestly tribe of Levi; he belonged to the priestly tribe of Judah, was a "Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec."

Christ authorized John's baptism. He accepted it himself and his church practised it.

This church held to close fellow-

ship in doctrine and practice of the Lord's Supper. Read Acts 2:41-44. There had to be a continuing "in the apostles doctrine and fellowship," before "breaking of bread," or Lord Supper had to be fellowship in doctrine and practice. Some call this "Close Communion." I call it close fellowship. Paul taught the same doctrine to the church at Corinth. I Cor. 11:2 and 18-20. Note: a church cannot observe the Lord's Supper when there is a division. Verse 20. In "Open Communion" there is a division, this makes a social feast of it, as we would in our "houses." This brings "shame on the church of God," see verse 22.

This church was congregational in its form of government, that is, the governing power was in the hands of the church. It elected one to take the place of Judas. Acts 1:20. It selected its own deacons. Acts 6:16. Paul recognized the governing power of the church in his admonition to the church at Thessalonica, when he said, "Withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly." 2 Thess. 3:6.

This church taught that the hearts of sinners must be purified by faith, and saved by the grace of Jesus Christ. (See Acts 15:9-11; read context). Paul taught the same doctrine, Eph. 2:8.

Christ gave this church his commission to witness for him "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

John the Baptist by preaching and putting in practice the doctrines as given above, prepared the people with which Christ organized his church. He said: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Paul said: "Unto Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ THROUGHOUT ALL AGES, world without end." Baptists have held to this doctrine from time of John the Baptist till now.

Next week we will see what historians; not Baptists, say about us.

PROGRAM

Panhandle Baptist Pastors' and Yawmen's Conference, Feb. 6-8, 1939, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas. Theme: "Christian Co-operation." Scripture: "We are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:9.

Monday Morning

10:00, Song Service—Rev. Taft Holway, Wheeler.

10:15, Welcome Address—Rev. W. N. Clark, Plainview.

10:25, Response—Rev. F. B. Hamilton, Muleshoe.

10:35, Keynote Address: "Without Me Ye Can Do Nothing"—Rev. C. G. Bayless, Pampa.

11:05, Cooperation in Prayer—Rev. E. T. Smith, Shamrock.

11:30, Special Music.

11:35, Inspirational Address—Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Seminary Hill.

12:15, Noon Recess.

Monday Afternoon

1:45, Song Service—Rev. Taft Holway.

1:55, Cooperation in the Teaching Service—Mr. A. O. Thompson, Hereford.

2:20, Cooperation in Visitation—Rev. Boyd P. Milburn, Lubbock.

2:45, Cooperation in the Training Service—Mr. Leo Waite, Lubbock.

3:10, Special Music.

3:15, Bible Exposition—Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Waco.

4:00, Recess.

Monday Evening

7:15, Song Service—Rev. Taft Holway.

7:30, Bible Exposition—Dr. J. B. Tidwell.

8:15, Special Music.

8:20, Inspirational Address—Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

Tuesday Morning

9:30, Song Service—Mr. Harry Miner, Amarillo.

9:45, Cooperation in Evangelism—Rev. W. F. Ferguson, Slaton.

10:10, Cooperation in District Missions—Rev. J. C. McKenzie, Amarillo.

10:35, Special Music.

10:40, Cooperation in State Missions—Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dallas.

11:10, Cooperation in Home and Foreign Missions—Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo.

11:40, Special Music.

11:45, Inspirational Address—Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

12:20, Noon Recess.

Tuesday Afternoon

1:45, Song Service—Mr. Harry Miner.

2:00, Cooperation in Christian Education—Dr. R. C. Campbell.

2:30, Wayland College from a Student's Viewpoint—Miss Florrie Conway.

2:40, Special Music—Wayland College.

2:50, The Contribution of Wayland College to Christian Education—Rev. G. W. McDonald.

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Wednesday Morning

9:30, Song Service—Mr. D. Clyde Hamilton, Plainview.

9:40, Cooperation in Caring for the Sick—Rev. Avery Rogers, Brownfield.

10:00, Cooperation in Caring for the Orphans—Rev. Roy Shahan, Littlefield.

10:25, Cooperation in the Women's Work—Dr. J. N. Campbell, Dimmitt.

10:45, Cooperation in Brotherhood Work—Rev. A. C. Huff, Plainview.

11:05, Special Music.

11:10, Cooperation with the Baptist Standard—Dr. F. M. McConnell, Dallas.

11:35, Inspirational Address—Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

12:10, Noon Recess.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:15, Song Service—Mr. D. Clyde Hamilton.

1:25, Cooperation in Civic Righteousness—Mr. John Heck, Wilson.

1:50, Business.

1:55, "Doing All for His Glory"—Dr. W. H. Clark, Tulsa.

2:40, Special Music.

2:45, Bible Exposition—Dr. J. B. Tidwell.

3:30, Adjournment.

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Something to Think About

By A. W. BLAINE

In literature we find mention of such things as "The Lost Chord," "The Lost Key," and "Lost Art." There seems to be, in some circles today, something lost which is of far greater importance. It might be called a "loss of consecration" or a "loss of the sense of obligation" or even the substitution of will. In fact it includes every one of those in a measure and more.

This loss is largely the explanation of the small numbers attending the evening services of the average church. Other writers have called this loss, "The Pleasure Philosophy of Life." That is, if it gives me pleasure and adds to my personal comfort, then I will take part. This is the attitude which causes many, who otherwise would be very useful in the Lord's service, to put social obligations before spiritual obligations. This, before God, is a sin and should not be practiced.

A pastor's wife in one of our larger city churches stated some time ago that they were having trouble with their B. T. U. because of the prevalence of Sunday evening bridge parties. A domino party or a Hop Ching party or any other Sunday evening party would be just as bad for those who attend. Such things do not sound much like heeding Paul's admonition, "Do all to the glory of God."

In helping to straighten up an old neglected church building several years ago, I found a chart with these words written across the front, "If all the people go to hell, who cares?"

As tragic as that statement sounds, it is expressive of the "Pleasure Philosophy of Life."

Many of our people need to come back to a new consecration that will put Christ above self and service above sinful pleasure.

PROGRAM

Jones County Workers' Conference Meeting With Tuxedo Baptist Church, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1939.

Subject: Evangelism—See Nehemiah 8:1-12.

10:00, Devotional—Charles Torrence.

10:20, A Revival of Bible Preaching—Verses 1, 3, 5, and 8—J. B. Bradford.

10:50, A Revival of Attention, Reverence, and Worship—Verses 3, 5, and 6—Orvil Richardson.

11:20, Special Music—L. B. Harden.

11:30, A Revival of Repentance and Sabbath Observance—Verse 9—Clyde Campbell.

12:00—Lunch.

1:30—Business meetings.

2:30, The Results of a True Revival—Verses 10-12—Avery Lee.

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B. T. U's. In District 17 Go Forward

The Training Union members in District Seventeen received 2,443 diplomas and seals last year. If the goal suggested by District President, Rev. J. I. Cartledge of Eastland, is reached in 1939, training union members will receive 3,250 diplomas and seals. It is interesting to observe that the Cisco Association, led by Rev. Charles T. Talley of Ranger, has set a study course goal of 1,200. We give the goals suggested for each association within the district.

Association	B. T. U. Director	Con. Att. New	Stand. Unions	Study C. New	Awd. G. Tith.
Callahan	Miss Mildred Yeager, Put.	25	15	5	200
Cisco	Rev. Chas. T. Talley, Ranger	50	15	15	1200
Fisher	Edwin Johnson, McCaulley	25	15	10	250
Haskell	Rev. H. E. East, Knox City	25	10	10	250
Jones Co.	Rev. J. B. Bradford, Abilene	25	12	10	200
Stonewall	Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton	20	10	5	150
Sweetwater	J. D. Riddle, Abilene	75	20	20	1000
DISTRICT GOAL OR TOTAL				245	97
				75	3250
				750	

1939 DATES

February—In preparation for State-wide revival, Sunday school and Training Union members are urged to read and study soul-winning books.

March—Study Course Month for the Baptist Training Union.

April 9—B. T. U. High Attendance Day.

June 11-16—Training Union Study Course Week with soul-winning books being taught.

June 27-July 7—Texas Baptist Encampment at Palacios.

October—Study Course Month for the Baptist Training Union.

November 5—Church Elimination for all State Training Union Contests.

November 12—Associational Elimination for all State Training Union Contests.

November 20—District Elimination for all State Training Union Contests.

November 30 and December 1, 2—State B. T. U. Convention at Austin.

PROGRAM

Fisher County Workers Conference Meeting With Rotan Baptist

Church, Monday, January 16

Subject: Evangelism.

10:00, Devotional—Ed Mitchell.

10:25, The Birth of Jesus as Related to Evangelism—Jim Fields.

10:50, The Teaching and Training of the Disciples as a Preparation for Evangelism—T. H. Alcorn.

11:15, Sermon—J. M. Sibley.

12:00 Noon—Lunch.

1:30, Board Meeting.

2:00, Song and Praise Service—D. G. Dandignac.

2:25, Business.

2:35, The Coming of the Holy Spirit and His Place in Evangelism—B. N. Shepherd.

Politeness has been compared to an air cushion, which, although there is apparently nothing in it, eases our jolts wonderfully.—George L. Carey.

As a general thing an individual who is neat in his person is neat in his morals.—H. W. Shaw.

Birth's guide, but breedin's better.—Scotch Proverb.

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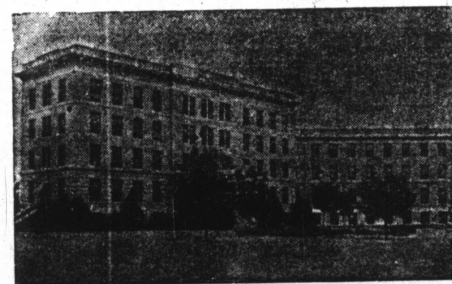
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THE JOURNEY AHEAD

By John P. Hardesty

(A Guest Editorial in the Swedonia Public School Paper.)

Life is thought of as a journey from the cradle to the grave; from Time to Eternity.

Each January first is reckoned as a milestone marking the stages of this journey.

It is an old custom observed by many to make new year resolutions. To stop and take an inventory of our stock in trade; to give an introspective view of our resource sin order to ascertain whether we have gained or lost during the past twelve months, and to determine whether or not we may undertake to do better during the new year ahead.

We may undertake to do better during the new year ahead.

In every journey we make there are certain things we should take along with us. Some things we accumulate in the course of our journey. And there are some things we should leave behind, things to be discarded, if we are to make the best progress during the journey. Briefly we mention some of the things to be left behind, and then some things essential to be taken along.

First, Let us discard selfishness. Selfishness is one of the greatest of our handicaps. "Not for self but for others" is a fine motto.

Second, Let us discard hate. Even though we may have enemies we should not hate them. Hate is embryonic murder. Cain hated his brother, Abel, and this led him to murder him. "Love your enemies; do good to those who despitefully use you."

Third, Let us discard laziness. The world's work is done by wide-awake, energetic people. "Not the 'get-up-early and the sit-up-late, but the get-up-and-get that makes a man great."

Fourth, Let us discard waste. This involves time as well as money. "Waste not, want not." We are thinking of a paragraph in our English book we used as a lad in the old country school. "Lost: somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered because they are gone forever."

And now some things to take with us into the New Year.

First, Love. This should include our work, our neighbors, our school, our enemies, our homes and our Heavenly Father. Our first and great-

est love is for God. It is in Him that we live, move, and have our being.

Second, Kindness. "A little word in kindness spoken; A motion or a tear, Has often healed a heart that's broken, And made a friend sincere."

Third, Ambition. We should aspire to be and to do our best. Our best is poor enough. The Bible injunction "Earnestly covet the best gifts" is a timely one. We are not likely to gain a greater success than we desire. Success is not an accident. "Hitch your wagon to a star" is a good slogan for the old as well as the young.

Fourth and last. Let us take our Saviour along. "And they went a day's journey without Jesus" is a sad chapter in the lives of Christ's parents. It was not the fault of Jesus that He was left behind. His parents forgot Him. Like we often are they were in too great a hurry. After three days they found Him. You and I will save time, headache, sorrow, if we will take Christ with us on our journey throughout the new year of 1939, and on to the end of our earthly sojourn here.

PROGRAM

District Rally on Soul Winning For 1939. Stamford, Jan. 24, 1939

9:45 a. m. Song Service—J. D. Riddle.

10:00 a. m. Scripture Reading: Book of Jonah—P. D. O'Brien.

10:15 a. m. The Revival Needed Today—Judson Prince.

10:40 a. m. The Essentials in a Revival—J. M. Sibley.

11:05 a. m. The Organization, Preparation and Operation of the Evangelistic Movement—P. C. McGahey.

11:30 a. m. Announcements and Special Music—J. D. Riddle.

11:45 a. m. The Essentials of Pentecost—Dr. R. C. Campbell.

12:20 p. m. Dist. Brd. & Lunch

1:45 p. m. Song and Devl.—J. D. Riddle.

1:55 p. m. What a Revival Will Do For Us Today—C. A. Powell.

2:20 p. m. Round Table Discussion on the Evangelistic Movement—What We Will Do; W. M. U.,

'MAKING THE YEAR COUNT FOR CHRIST'

(By ROY SHAHAN, Pastor First Baptist Church, Littlefield)

Life is divided into periods of time. A recognized period of time is a year. We are now beginning a New Year, a new period of time. Regardless of our walk or position in life, we have our plans or outlook for this New Year. It is the HOPE that lives in our hearts that causes us to face this New Year with new determination. Anticipation for better times urges us on. Those who are sick hope for better health. Those who are in sorrow look for joy and happiness to come again. Those who have been denied even many of the necessities of life are hoping this New Year will see the turn for better things in a material way.

My heart beats with yours about these things, but naturally my mind turns more to the spiritual along with these physical and material things.

I set forth a few "WAYS TO MAKE THE YEAR COUNT," and count for "THE ONE IN WHOM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING."

A WORTHY AIM: "Wherefore also we make it our AIM, whether at home or absent, to be with pleasing Him." 2 Cor. 5:9. A. V. Why have an AIM in this New Year? That we may reach our highest possibilities. There is too much drifting today.

A FITTING MOTTO: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. Most every great industry or concern has a MOTTO by which it is known and its products are recognized. So why not the Christian? It is possible for earth's pilgrims to LIVE GLORIOUSLY and to DIE VICTORIOUSLY.

A SAFE RULE: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. Here is a general principle that applies to every phase of life. This Scripture deals with MOTIVE. Motive is the important thing in life. MOTIVE GRACES or DISGRACES everything that we do.

A HELPFUL RESOLUTION: "Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the MARK for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14. Some things we should forget: Our MISTAKES and FAILURES. We should profit by them, but not let them become a weight to drag us down this year. Our mistakes and failures of the past will either be STUMBLING BLOCKS or STEPPING STONES for us as we journey through this New Year. Another thing with equal importance is "Forget the mistakes of our fellowman." Enmity, jealousy, or hatred, in our hearts will hinder us and harm others.

Last, but not least, AN INSPIRING PROMISE: "My presence will go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Exodus 33:14. Seeing we face an UNKNOWN future, what most do we need? We need competent leadership. The ship must have a PILOT to bring it safely into harbor.

Our desire and wish for you is that this New Year may bring to each of you, my fellow pilgrims, your portion of health and material possessions that you will use for your good, and good of your fellowman, and to the GLORY OF GOD.

DISTRICT BOARD MEETS

Rev. C. A. Powell, chairman of the Board of District 17, is requesting the members of the Board to meet in regular quarterly meeting at the First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas, January 24, 1939. The meeting to be called to order at 12:00 o'clock noon. These Board meetings are very important to the District work.

A special meeting of workers is to be held with the Samford church on the above date, some of the State likely want to attend that meeting workers are to be present. You will also.

Yours for the best of work,
C. A. POWELL.
J. G. TIERCE.

DID YOU KNOW THIS?

A fact not generally known is that most of the Bibles sold in this country are printed in Belgium. Partly on this account, printing is to be displayed in historic fashion in the Belgian Building at the New York World's Fair 1939. Art binding, particularly in leather, is high craft in Belgium, so many examples of it are to be shown. One section of the exhibit is to be devoted to rare old manuscripts now in the Antwerp Museum.

With hat in hand, one gets on in the world.—German Proverb.

Hardin-Simmons News

Smith Represents H-SU At Youth Meet

Hardin-Simmons was represented by S. E. Smith at the National Inter-Church Student Conference at Naperville, Ill. This conference was called by the Council of Church Boards of Education. The meeting was composed of students of all denominations from various campuses of the country from Princeton to Univ. of California. Smith was one of the four Southern Baptist representatives.

The conference, in session Dec. 27-31, consisted principally in discussions by students themselves on the different religious problems of the campus today.

From all campuses everywhere came a note of increased interest in religion on the part of college students as a group.

HARDIN-SIMMONS NEWS

The Cowgirl Band will play their first of a series of out-of-town concerts at Cisco Friday evening, January 13. They will appear at Anson on January 19, and at Hamlin at an early date.

Dean and Mrs. E. Edwin Young attended the National Association of Schools of Music in Washington, D. C. during the holidays.

Four debate teams, under the guidance of Professor W. A. Stephenson will represent Hardin-Simmons at the Baylor annual speech tournament, January 13 and 14.

Beginning Friday evening, January 13, the famous H-SU Cowboy band will be heard weekly from 8 to 8:30 on the Texas State network.

J. T. Haney, university secretary-treasurer, is the newly-elected president of the Abilene Kiwanis club.

Rudolph Ganz, president of the Chicago Musical college, was guest artist in a piano recital at the University auditorium Monday, January 9.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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vet, and to think the boys thought of them and bought them for me just because I hinted for them. . . . But parents must be firm. If you do not think it best for your children to have certain things then just refuse to get them. Also the boys strained their limited financial resources and one bought me a pair of socks and the other a necktie. They even went so far as to say they had never heard a sermon as good as the one I preached a week before Christmas. But parents must be firm, and not even turn aside from a plain duty by flattery or anything else. . . . You know I am due to have a sore neck after this typing exercise. These noiseless machines are so quiet that every time I strike a key I look up to see if anything happened, then I have to look down to see which key to hit next. . . . This is not an Underwood machine but it does remind me of the story of the fellow who said to his friend, "every time I look at the back of your neck, it reminds me of a well known brand of typewriter." It makes me nervous to see some of my friends scratch their heads. How they avoid getting splinters under their finger nails is more than I can understand. Well I hope I don't get a sore neck, because my shin is already sore, I ran over that bicycle in our front room this morning trying to get to the morning paper. I want their mother to teach the twins not to leave their black framed bicycle in the parlor, even if it is their new Christmas present, and the apple of their eyes. . . . I said there were eighty thousand eyes on that flag down at Dallas last week, but Dave Prewitt who sat by me at the game said it was only seventy-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine, because a one-eyed fellow sat just back of us. I am glad to make this correction, for above all things this column must be accurate in its statements, more than seven people are depending on it. Unless more subscriptions expired since the last audit.

No man struggles perpetually and victoriously against his own character; and one of the first principles of success in life is so to regulate our career as rather to turn our physical constitution and natural inclinations to good account than to endeavor to counteract the one or oppose the other.—Bulwer.

Revival Week To Be March 20-26

Dr. R. N. Richardson announced this week complete details for the University Spring revival. The date has been set for the week of March 20, to 26.

Dr. Joseph P. Boone, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waxahachie, has been selected to do the preaching. Dr. Boone is a speaker of unusual ability.

At one time he was secretary to the Baptist Student Union of Texas. He has served pastorates out of Texas, but Texas has been fortunate in getting him back, and H-SU is fortunate in securing him for the University revival. Dr. Richardson said.

TWO VITAL MATTERS AFFECTING THE LIFE OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

(Continued from page 1)

may God bless you in the doing of it. II. THAT OTHER VIBRANT MATTER—THE REVIVAL

As I look over the South, excepting a few, neglectful spots, it looks good to my heart. Nearly all the associations—all nine hundred of them—are organized. In many places there is fever heat, multitudes are raring to go, the fires are burning, the tide is rising, the heavenly spirit is coming, the people are expectant, God is waiting, Christ is lovingly longing, the Holy Spirit is ready to give the power, the lost by millions are just around the corner, the state secretaries are doing nobly, our great editors are co-operant to the hundredth per cent, our evangelists, missionaries, Sunday school workers, W. M. U., B. T. U., B. S. U., all the estates of Zion, are praying. More and more they are burdened; many have reached the agony point. Tears are falling in thousands of studies, homes, churches. The lost are expectant; they need us. They need us now. "Hell from beneath is moved to meet them at their coming."

If we are neglectful about anything, let's not be in this revival movement. If we are unconcerned, may the passion of the cross thrill every drop of blood in our veins. Let's do our best to heighten expectancy, inspire vision, develop burdens. God help us to weep, sow, go, and prayerfully reap the most marvelous Baptist harvest any group of Baptists ever reached in one year.

Let's be sure to conserve our conquests: let's crib our corn, let's brand our yearlings, let's enlist, enlighten, enliven, endue, establish more family altars, train more soul-winners, seek more power, do more personal work, preach better, teach better. May God grant that a spiritual conflagration may sweep the South and the world.—The Baptist Program.

"Who is stronger than thou?" asked Braham; and Force replied "Address."—Victor Hugo.

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FORMER BRECK PASTOR SERVING GREAT CHURCH

Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, where Dr. C. R. Shirar is now pastor, is making plans for a homecoming at which Dr. A. J. Barton, the first pastor of the church, has been invited to speak.

Calvary Church is one of the outstanding churches of the state. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1800. There are at present, 1585 resident members with an average B. T. U. attendance of 350.

Dr. Shirar was formerly pastor at Breckenridge, Texas, going from there to Temple where he remained till last year when he accepted the call to Alexandria.

MISSIONARY MOORE

By Alvin Hatton, member Walton Moore Royal Ambassador Chapter, University Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, December 12, 1938.

The name Walton Moore, as we say in the man, Challenges our best to live by God's plan.

Missionary Moore has reaped his reward For living his life in serving the Lord. He showed men the light, especially Chinese,

Meeting with hardships, suffering, disease.

And yet a sweet smile e'er on his face, As with gentle words he spoke of God's grace.

He told how Jesus is needed over there,

The need of teaching and preaching and prayer.

Now, Missionary Moore has gone to glory,

After a life spent telling the story. Ambassadors for Christ, it is my prayer

That we tell of Jesus to men everywhere.

Lives lived for Christ have great things in store;

Let us follow the Christ of J. Walton Moore.

(Because of the sincerity of this spontaneous tribute the West Texas Baptist is making an exception to its policy of printing no verse.—Ed.)

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DERR BEGINS FOURTH YEAR IN RALLS PASTORATE

Sunday, January 1, marked the beginning of the fourth year of Pastor W. R. Derr at Ralls. During that time there have been 323 additions to the church, 134 of whom were baptized. The Sunday School has grown from around 80 to an average of about 250. A B. T. U. has been organized and now has an attendance between 80 and 90.

Nearly \$15,000 in cash has been raised and one-third the church debt has been retired.

"RELIGION—A DIGEST"

Recently Volume I, Number 1 of RELIGION, a digest of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish thought made its appearance. One who believed all that it contains would believe nothing, but the publication is valuable as a source book of information on the current trend of religious thought in America.

In form the magazine is in the popular pocket size, in content it carries brief articles and digests of articles from a wide scope of religious journals of all faiths. The trend of thought appears to be largely along lines of religious freedom and racial justice.

Later issues will be awaited with interest.

Sweetwater Workers At Caps

Four splendid sermons with a fine devotional was the meaty fare at the January meeting of the workers of Sweetwater association. Rev. D. D. Gilmore brought the devotional and the four preachers were Rev. Dean Elkins of Nolan, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene, Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater, and Rev. Jones Weathers of Merkel.

Rev. J. H. Dean of Blackwell was moderator for the day. Rev. Dean Elkins was elected associational Sunday School superintendent, succeeding Geo. W. McBeth who is leaving the association. The February meeting will be with the Elmdale Church.

He'll suit his bearing to the hour, Laugh, listen, learn, or teach.
Eliza Cook.

POINTED SERMONS

By William H. Joyner

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, then many people certainly do love the church.

Why don't people who do not like the churches move where there are none?

People who advertise that they walk with the devil now will be mighty anxious to prove an alibi some day.

A reputation of trying to run the church is better than a reputation of trying to block the runners.

Some people swear off on New Years and after that they swear off and on.

The mud-slinger has dirty hands. Examine them. Look at his heart too.

Many church people are like salt—they won't come out when it is damp.

Life surrendered to Christ at blood heat is man's supreme gift.

In life's storm Jesus enters the life boat with us. All is well.

If you truly trust Christ the world will give you up. You won't have to give it up.

Whatever you are by nature, keep to it; never desert your line of talent. Be what nature intended you for, and you will succeed; be anything else, you will be ten thousand times worse than nothing.—Sydney Smith.

The crowning fortune of a man is to be born to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness, whether it be to make baskets, or broadswords, or canals, or statues, or songs.—Emerson.

I hold that gentleman to be the best dressed whose dress no one observes.—Anthony Trollope.

What thou wilt, Thou must rather enforce it with thy smile, Than hew to it with thy sword.
Shakespeare.

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