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RAMBLING REMARKS



By DICK O'BRIEN

I could not overlook the fact in last week's paper that Elmer Dunham, new missionary in District 8, reads this column, so I am using the same method of informing him that I read his. His remark about what a brother of mine told him about me, and then asking me if I remember being offered $10 to hoe one hundred yards of a cotton row without saying a word, and never earning a cent. Yes, I admit that I cannot forget that and a good many other things that happened back in the days of my ignorance, but I never thought a brother of mine would be bold enough to talk, especially the brother he evidently had in mind. I did talk a lot in those days but I never tied a string to the leg of a desk across the aisle at school and then, holding the other end loosely in my hand, place a mirror behind my geography and watch for some innocent victim who would come down the aisle with his or her finger on a word and eyes on the teacher intent on getting the word pronounced and defined, and just at the right (or wrong, depending on your viewpoint) time, tighten up on the string and send that pupil stumbling all the way down to the teacher's table. Then turning loose the string, letting it fly to rest under the opposite desk and look up in sympathetic surprise as the boy or girl victim slowly arose gathering books, pencils and hairpins, minus a goodly patch of epidermis, buring up with embarrassment and flaming with anger. Fred (O! I didn't mean to use his name) would be the first to offer assistance and express wrath that anybody could be so rude as to do such a thing. . . . He had the toughest feet in school. Under parental insistance he put on shoes sometime in December each year and wore them until about mid-February. He could almost knock fire out of rocks with his bare feet. One of his tricks was to take a long, sharp mesquite thorn and run it through the tough part of his great toe with the sharp end forward. Again using his geography (the largest book in his desk) as a shield, when all was quiet except the buzz of whispering voices busily engaged in studying the spelling lesson, and the teacher with a far off look in her eye sat day dreaming, gazing far away out the window, he would quietly lift the armed toe until he had established contact with his victim on the seat immediately in front of him. . . . Bedlam would break loose, yelling and scrambling, the victim would catapault from his seat, eyes dilated hands clutching, books and pencils and slates and ink bottles tumbling every direction. Immediately the whole room would be in an uproar

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EVENTS TO COME

September 28—Brown County Association, Friendship Church.

October 3-4—Concho Valley Assn., Sterling City.

October 4-5 — Haskell Association, Munday.

October 4-5—Wilbarger-Foard Association, Crowell.

October 5-6—Cisco Assn., Gorman.

October 12—El Paso Association, Grandview Church, El Paso.

October 15—Southwide Laymen's Day.

October 28—Tierra Blancha Association, Happy.

October 29—Training Union contests, in individual unions.

November 3-5—State B. S. U. Convention, Hardin-Simmons U.

November 5—Training Union contests, in churches.

November 12—Training Union contests, in associations.

November 14-17—Baptist General Convention of Texas, San Antonio.

November 20—Training Union contests, in districts.

November 30—State Training Union contests, Austin.

November 30-December 2—Texas B. T. U. Convention, Austin.

CAMP LUEDERS ACQUIRES CITY PARK PROPERTY

By Camp Manager
J. HENRY LITTLETON

I take this means to say a word to the friends of the encampment. For many years, in fact since the beginning of the encampment, everyone has felt the need of owning what is known as the Lueders City Park. This is a five-acre piece of land joining the encampment on the south. We have tried many times to work out some way by which this park would become a part of our park. For years we failed to do this.

This piece of property has always given us concern. Many of you remember that there was a similar proposition at Christoval, and some of us feel that one of the reasons for the closing of Christoval encampment was that the encampment could not control the river on account of this adjoining property. Two or three years ago we spent several hundred dollars in order to close the liquor joints, one of which was located on this five acres of land. We have always had trouble keeping undesirables out of the encampment ground because of the nearness of this five acres to our own property.

There is no need for me to go into details to give the many reasons and advantages of controlling this city park. The hour came this year when control of this property was going to pass into other hands. Other interests were doing their best to get it. The chamber of commerce of Lueders, who hold the title to the property, voluntarily offered to Lueders Encampment a 20-year lease on the city park with the understanding that it would be controlled wholly by the Encampment and in the same manner of the Encampment. We talked to a number of pastors and friends, and without exception, they all agreed that we needed this property. There are certain improvements on the five acres of ground that they asked us to buy from the individuals owning them, the improvements to cost the Encampment $900. There was one building worth much more than this.

In order to make this deal, we offered as management of the camp to sell this building to any church for a church camp for the sum of $500. After other churches had decided they could not purchase the building, the First Baptist Church, Hamlin, agreed to buy it. This deal has been consummated and the Lueders Baptist Encampment now owns and operates the city park as part of the Lueders Baptist Encampment grounds. The fence has been torn down from between these properties and a new fence built around the park ground, closing the entrance gate to the park and making all cars come through the Encampment gate in order to get in to what was the city park. This will cost for the 20 years $400. We do not pay any lease whatsoever, only agreeing to take care of the park and pay the taxes on said property. You will understand that this $400 which we are to pay for the improvements is the balance of the $900.

In taking over this property, it gives us control of the swimming hole which all know is the best on this part of the river. It gives several hundred yards of river frontage, which will

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VETERAN CLYDE PREACHER OBSERVES 99TH BIRTHDAY

"The best birthday of all," declared Rev. George B. Ely of Clyde Monday as he entered his hundredth year. The pioneer Baptist minister, who was born in the days when Mirabeau B. Lamar was president of the Republic of Texas, observed the occasion by walking twice to the postoffice for his daily mail. He takes great pleasure in his correspondence, using a typewriter himself for his writing.

The veteran of the Gospel makes his home in Clyde with his daughter, Mrs. Belle Baten, widow of Rev. A. E. Baten, long president of Howard Payne College and the originator of training work among Baptist young people.

Other living children are Mrs. E. E. Kuykendall of Abilene, Mrs. M. L. Nix of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. M. Boxley of Jacksonville, and J. B. Ely of Cisco. Three sons and two daughters have died. There are five living generations in the family which now numbers around a hundred. A list of his grandchildren would read like a roll call of prominent workers in their various churches.

BAPTIST STUDENTS PLAN ANNUAL MEET AT H-SU

A big round-up and chicken barbecue Friday evening, November 3, will usher in the 1939 convention of the Baptist Student Union of Texas which is expected to draw 1,500 visiting students to the Hardin-Simmons campus for the three-day convention.

A March of Baptist Youth through the streets of Abilene will be an impressive spectacle for Saturday afternoon, announces State Student Secretary Bill Marshall.

Speakers for the convention include Charles A. Wells, internationally famous traveler, cartoonist and youth leader who will illustrate his lectures with chalk drawings on the stage; Dr. Frank Leavell of Nashville, leader of Baptist students on two continents; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist convention and Dr. Marshall Craig, pastor at Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas.

Sessions will conclude with services for students at the H-SU chapel Sunday morning.

In 1938 the state convention was co-ordinated with the southwide B. S. U. conclave in Memphis. Texas Tech at Lubbock played host to the convention two years ago.

Convention committees, named last week-end, will be headed by J. D. Riddle, who will officiate as convention chairman. Geraldine Hill, Dallas, heads the finance group.

Other committees are: Home securing, Verna. Lee Carson, Mrs. O. J. Cotton, Bryon Fletcher, Jewell Patton, Wayne Evans, Fernetta Foley, H. C. Burrus, Mrs. Martin. Registration, Loyce Adams, A. M. Carpenter, and the H-SU commercial students. Home assignment, Mrs. Martin Hetzger and Mrs. Cotton, co-chairman. Transportation, Rupert Richardson, Jr., W. A. Stephenson, Arthur Gray Arrant, Julian Olsen, John Fielder. Publicity, R. E. Dudley, Robert Murdoch, Herschel Schooley. Barbecue and Round-up, Mrs. Mary McComb, Mrs. R. M. White, Mae Kelly, Mary Nisbett, G. B. Sandefer, and Johnny Regan.

CHINESE STUDENT SPEAKS TO HAMLIN AUDIENCES

Dora Tsing Chen, of Shanghai, A. B., Mary Hardin-Baylor, 1938, and graduate student in business administration at the University of Texas, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Russell and Rev. and Mrs. J. Henry Littleton of Hamlin this week, speaking for the pastor Sunday morning and appearing at other public gatherings during the week.

Miss Chen resigned a position in the bank of China in 1935 to study in America. She has had no word from her family in 21 months but believes they are somewhere in Interior China, having last heard from ankow. She is anxious for an opportunity to return and assist in administering to the war refugees.

ATTENTION, LEADERS!

All district and associational leaders of whatever office in all Baptist activities in West Texas are invited to use the West Texas Baptist as a medium of publicity for their work.

We welcome programs, announcements of meetings, of training courses, of visiting leaders and all other matters of general interest in connection with the work.

The West Texas Baptist is always ready to make space for such material if it reaches us while it is still news. Items should be sent in as early as possible in order that they may reach the office on Monday or not later than Tuesday. News items get the right of way unless they arrive too late for use that week.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN TRAINING UNIONS. OCT 1

Junior: A man who laid down his life for his friends. Younger Juniors: Jesus crowned King.

Intermediate: My Union — what kind is it?

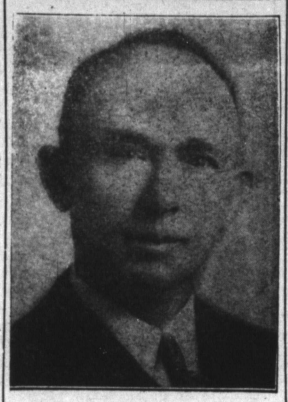
Senior: Integrity of character.

Adult: What it means to "walk in newness of life."

ZONE MEETING DATE CHANGED

The date of the west zone Sunday School meeting in Sweetwater Association has been changed from October 15 to October 22, announces Rev. Thomas J. Young, associational superintendent. Rev. Dean Elkins and the Nolan Church will be hosts at this meeting on the fourth Sunday afternoon.

SS. CLINICS AROUSING INTEREST IN IMPROVEMENT



W. J. LITES
Sunday School Field Secretary

The seven Sunday School clinics for pastors and superintendents in District 17 are arousing more than ordinary interest in the work. Associational officers and members of the team who are now touring the district express the belief that the week's work will result in far more efficient and closely coordinated Sunday School work in the churches touched in the campaign.

Engaged in the tour are W. J. Lites, Dallas, Sunday School field secretary, who discussed Standard Sunday Schools, and Rev. C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, who opens each discussion with an address on "The Pastor and His Sunday School." District Superintendent J. M. Cook discusses the duties and qualifications of a superintendent and Missionary B. N. Shepherd explains the plan and purposes of the associational organization.

The series of clinics opened Sunday afternoon, September 24, with Fisher Association at Roby. It is continuing through the week with evening meetings beginning with a supper at 6:30 furnished to the pastors and superintendents by the host church. The Stonewall Association meeting was held Monday at Peacock; Sweetwater, Tuesday at First Church, Sweetwater; Wednesday at Baird for Callahan; Thursday, Cisco Association meets at Cisco, First; Friday, Jones at Anson. The concluding service will be for Haskell Association at Rule at 2:30 Sunday afternoon and everyone interested is invited.

Several other sections, including District 10, are having similar campaigns at the same time.

INTEREST GROWING IN H. APPELMAN REVIVAL

"Will World Conditions Destroy the Church?" is the subject which Evangelist Hyman Appelman will discuss at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in his next to the last service in the current revival at First Church, Abilene.

There have been 125 additions to First Church since Evangelist Appelman began services Monday, September 18. This is in addition to 55 who joined on Sunday, September 17.

The evangelist is speaking four times daily: a morning devotional over Station KRBC at 7:15, through the courtesy of Dr. T. S. Knox of First Presbyterian Church, who volunteered his time on the air this week; at the Queen Theater at noon; and at the church both morning and evening. Evening attendance is taxing the capacity of the large church.

HEBRON TO ENTERTAIN SS ZONE MEET ON OCT. 1

Sunday Schools of Southwestern Jones County will hold their monthly zone meeting Hebron Church, Sunday, October 1, at 3 p.m. Churches represented in this zone include Amity, Boyd's Chapel, Compere, Golon, Hebron, Hodges, Noodle, Prairie View, Riverside, Stith and Truby.

The program will be rendered by Shiloh Sunday School on the theme, Life's Railway, as follows: Special song, "Life's Railway to Heaven." Devotional, Life as a Railroad. Discussion, the Head of the Railroad. Song by congregation, "Send the Light." Reading, "Will the Lights Be White?" Discussion, the Head of the Train. Discussion, the Conductor. Discussion, the Joy of Having the Right Ticket. Song by congregation, "Nothing But the Blood." Discussion, the Joy of Reaching the Terminal. Solo, "Stand By Me."

HARDIN-SIMMONS EXTENDS PROGRAM OF EXTENSION

Classes in extension are now being conducted in four points by faculty members of Hardin-Simmons University with a fifth to be organized probably next week and possibly others later. Enrollment will probably exceed that of last year in this division by as much as 25 per cent, states Dean R. A. Collins.

Although the greater portion of those enrolling are teachers, others seeking credit toward degrees or interested in the cultural value are also enlisted. Both graduate students and undergraduates of junior and senior classification are accepted in the extension classes. Two courses are usually offered at each extension center and students completing the full work receive credit equivalent to two-fifths the standard load for students in residence, or six semester-hours one each of the two subjects during the scholastic year.

At Coleman classes are being conducted in history by Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, author of the text used, and in education by Dr. R. A. Collins, head of the department of education. Classes meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Classes in English under Dean L. Q. Campbell and education under Dr. Collins meet Monday evenings at six at the Eastland high school.

Classes are being organized this week at Haskell in English or history and education. Instructors will probably be Dr. Richardson and Professor Gragg of the school of education.

Plans are under way for classes at Roby which will probably be organized Monday evening, October 2. It is indicated that English, elementary science and physical education will be offered, with Professors W. D. Bond, Hiram R. Arrant and O. M. Polk in charge.

Greatest interest is being manifested in extension courses in visual education designed for teachers doing graduate work in education. These classes meet at the university on Saturday mornings.

A WORTHY CHILD IN DISTRICT 10

They call the Sunray Baptist Church my child up in this section, because I went to the town July, 1937, and held a meeting and organized the church. We started with seven members the first Sunday night, and closed the meeting the next Sunday night with 52 members. We had bought a school house and moved it to Sunray.

They organized a Sunday School, and Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Society the first week of their life. They called Rev. I. J. Loyd as pastor for full time. They have 300 members now, and reported to the annual association the other day that they had had 50 additions by baptism the past year. They have raised more than $4,200 for all purposes last year.

I preached for them at both hours yesterday. The house—the second one they have bought since they began—was full at both hours. They had 177 in Sunday School, and 72 in Training Union. Their offerings for the day was $349. They are out of debt, and have a thousand dollars in the building fund. They are to build soon a good house with basement.

We took a collection for our cooperative work the night we organized the church, and they have been giving ever since. They voted to observe October as Dr. Campbell suggests. More than 20 agreed to give a day's salary, and the church agreed to give one Sunday's offering.

The district is in fine condition, and we propose to do our part for missions this fall.

J. C. McKenzie, Missionary.

H-SU STUDENT ORDAINED

Jack Badley, former student of Hardin-Simmons, was recently ordained by the First Baptist Church of Lorenzo, Texas; where he had served as supply pastor during the summer months. The pastor, Rev. Earl R. Landtroop, questioned the candidate, Rev. O. D. Welsh of Acuff gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. P. D. Fullingim of Brownwood charged the church, and Sam E. Brian of Wilmeth preached the ordination sermon. Brother Badley has been called by the Goodland Baptist Church and is entering Wayland College.

DISTRICT 8 GOINGS



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What the Spirit is Saying to the Churches

In the second and third chapters of Revelation we have, "Let all who have ears hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches" (Weymouth). The King James says, "Let him that hath an ear hear." All the messages to the seven churches are addressed to the "angel" or pastor, or ministering spirit of the churches. It seems to me the Spirit is saying some things to the churches today, or is seeking to say them through the pastors. Some pastors may not be hearing with one ear or both ears what the Spirit wants said through them to the churches, but many are hearing and are passing the message on. The burden of all these messages to the churches concerned their obedience to God in the matters of living and giving. Every message concerning going with the Gospel is also a message on giving that the Gospel may go. Are we listening to what the Spirit is saying now about our Mission Round-Up offering during October?

To the Church at Ephesus

The message was the acknowledgement of their local labors, patience and church discipline, for which they were commended. But censure was upon them for, "leaving their first love." Certainly the first love of every saved soul is to see someone else saved, or the missionary spirit. That's what churches are for, to go with the Gospel. Failure to do that cannot be excused by any other endeavors, no matter how fine. God declares emphatically that He will remove the candlestick from a church that is guilty of departing from their first love. "Let him that hath an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

To the Church at Smyrna

Was a message of commendation without censure of any kind. God knew then and knows now of the works, tribulation and POVERTY they faced. Does He say, "Therefore you should not make sacrifices on my behalf?" No. He challenges them with their opportunity to do a heroic, sacrificial thing for God. "Fear none of the things which thou shalt suffer . . . be thou faithful unto death

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS BANQUET AT IMMANUEL

Great enthusiasm was aroused at Immanuel Church, Abilene, September 8, by a banquet for Sunday School officers and teachers with Pastor D. G. Reid and the deacons of the church. Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Stamford discussed "Building a Standard Sunday School" to 92 guests.

Superintendent J. M. Martin is enthusiastic over the prospects for growth in the Sunday School at Immanuel during the fall and winter.

CONCHO VALLEY BEGINS TRAINING WEEK OCT. 8

Association Superintendent C. T. Aly and associates in Sunday School work in the Concho Valley Association are making great plans for a simultaneous enlargement campaign and training week from October 8 to 15.

Every church in the association has voted to cooperate in the campaign. Plans were outlined at the associational Sunday School rally Sunday evening September 17 for four zone meetings to be held in the association on week-day afternoons. W. J. Lites, field secretary in Sunday School work, will address each of the four meetings. He will also have charge of the campaign at Park Heights Church, San Angelo, and will teach a course in the adult department.

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THY KINGDOM COME

In these dark days of history, it is a providence of God that our Sunday School lessons have brought us to a study of the prophecies of a Messiah to come and the historical account of the birth of the Christ-child.

We find no lack of modern Cassandras who predict the early ruin of civilization with a reversion to the depths of ignorance and barbarism—gloomy bodings not unjustified in the light of current events. In all ages there has perhaps never been a time when mankind was so threatened with self destruction as it appears today.

Only in the promised return of our Savior to conquer and to reign is there any hope for a tomorrow of gladness. We can bless God for scores of bright promises from the vision of Micah of a warless world where want and fear are banished, to the revelation of the aged John of a Holy City with all things made new and a tender God who shall wipe all tears from our eyes.

These are messages which encourage us to carry on and to urge others to prepare to join us in welcoming that day of release and that hour of glory.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

WATERING THE ROOTS

Southern Baptists were once largely a people of the country and small towns. Denominational leaders had strong rural connections and denominational life was largely geared to a rural tempo. Our leadership is still chiefly country-bred but denominational activity is largely planned for city conditions.

One of the early home mission efforts was to assist struggling Baptist churches to exist and meet the challenging opportunities in the cities. That work has paid enormous dividends for the Lord. We have come to a day when in every city and in every large town there are strong, generous, missionary, Baptist churches. Yet these same cities have grown so rapidly that there has continued a need for expansion instead of a pause for retrenchment in the vital work of reaching out to the unsaved and unchurched in these expanding centers.

If we may think of our urban work as the branches and leaves of a great, spreading tree, then the rural churches are our very roots, deep in the soil from which we sprang. While many of these branches need protection and support that they may bear fruit beyond the power of their own strength, and while each of these is of the greatest importance, yet we must give more attention than we have been doing to the culture of our root system.

Through long, painful years another tree could grow out from the roots though the top were cut away; but if the roots are neglected, the top itself will perish.

It has been estimated that three-fourths of our Baptist leadership today sprang from rural churches. It is true that with the changing trend of population this percentage is decreasing, yet some who have considered the matter do not believe that city churches, competing with myriads of distracting influences, are likely to supply the numbers necessary to carry on the causes of the denomination.

In far too many rural communities, young people who are trained in modern, consolidated schools; who touch the current world through the printed page, the radio and the automobile, come to look upon the time-hallowed little church which served the needs of other generations as a relic of dark ages whose ministry and message is, to their thinking, outmoded and meaningless.

There are numbers of churches in Texas which if given capable, full-time leadership for a year or so could become self-supporting, cooperating in world missions, and maintaining a program which will develop leaders for tomorrow. Those places do not need assistance as a crutch to help them limp along the rest of the way, but as a challenge to develop their full possibilities.

There are many such churches which are now meeting such a challenge with visible results which, man for man, woman for woman, put to shame the achievements of their neighbors in the big, city congregations. Some of them have new and attractive buildings, others do not. But all have leadership with vision and zeal and have a spirit of evangelistic conquest.

Other faiths which have neglected or grown away from the country are now shrinking in membership and some of them have no longer a vital message to offer the world. Some timely watering of our roots will result in added and healthy growth in the branches.

NO POETRY, PLEASE

It is the settled policy of the West Texas Baptist to refrain from publishing verse, not from any dislike for poetry, but just because we haven't the heart to print the efforts of some and to reject the work of others of our fine, consecrated friends, either from lack of room or for lack of merit.

In recent weeks we have received an unusual offering of metrical efforts, several of which are worthy of being called poetry, so many that we could not have the space for all if we would.

This would perhaps be a more interesting paper if each issue were brightened with a bit of verse, but we even refrain from printing jingles of our own composition and, right or wrong, sternly post the sign, "No poetry aloud."

NEWS NOTES

Evangelist Chester Swor of Mississippi is leading in a revival at South Main Church, Houston.

First Church, Amarillo, will hold a Sunday School Clinic on October 16, the date formerly had been announced as October 9.

Rev. Lawrence Hays of Park Heights Church, San Angelo, is conducting a meeting at the West Side mission in that city.

Rev. Luther J. Holcomb of Nashville led in a Youth revival at Shreveport. The Keys Quadruplets featured the music services. A large number of additions resulted.

Dr. F. B. Thorn of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, is preaching in a revival in Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, where he was formerly pastor.

Rev. J. M. Sibley of Sweetwater will assist Pastor S. R. McClung in the church dedication services at Perryton Sunday, October 1. Missionary B. N. Shepherd will supply at Sweetwater on that date.

Pastor E. E. Mason of West Side, Big Spring, last week had the sorrow of separation from a beloved daughter who has suffered greatly in recent months. Our hearts reach out in sympathy to this sacrificing pastor.

Rev. Manuel Gonzales has been secured as Mexican missionary in Brownfield Association to do evangelistic work among migratory cotton pickers for three months.

First Church, Sweetwater, has added 252 members during the ten months which Pastor J. M. Sibley has been on the field. They expect to call an assistant pastor in the near future.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, Southwide W. M. U. secretary, will attend the Arizona convention October 12 and 13.

Rev. James E. Carroll, senior in Southwestern Seminary, led in a young peoples' revival at First Southern Church, Phoenix, Arizona, recently.

Rev. E. D. Dunlap of Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, is visiting his parents in Abilene.

A large delegation from Coleman, led by Pastor Floyd Chaffin, attended the Hyman Appelman meeting at Abilene September 25.

Harlan Baptist Church is in a spiritual revival with Evangelist W. D. Green assisting Pastor Halbert.—Gulf Coast Baptist.

Baptists of Estancia Valley, New Mexico, have organized a new association with ten churches.

Rev. Dallas Lee of Edinburg has accepted the call of First Church, Quanah, succeeding Rev. A. Hope Owen.

Dr. Robert E. Beddoe, superintendent of Stout Memorial hospital, Wuchow, China, spoke last week at Albuquerque, N. M.

Dr. I. L. Yearby of First Church, El Paso, is leading in a revival at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Rev. J. W. King of Menlo, Georgia, is visiting his sons, Gus and Scott King, of Abilene. Brother King was a West Texas pastor for many years, returning 11 years ago to become pastor at Menlo, where he was baptized and ordained. He continued this work until ill health forced retirement.

Runnels Association will hold the first Training Union meeting of the associational year at Ballinger, Sunday afternoon, October 8.

The women of Seminole Church have organized a mission society with Mrs. Sam Malone as president.

At Baird the prayer meeting was changed from Wednesday evening to Tuesday in order to cooperate in entertaining the Callahan Association meeting of the District 17 Sunday School clinic.

Pledger Church in Fisher Association is preparing to replace a thousand dollar wood structure erected in 1924 with a modern house of worship.

Rev. Clebert N. Jones of H-SU supplied Sunday at Cross Roads in Fisher Association.

There are now 342 standard Sunday Schools in Texas, reports the state Sunday School department. This compares with 284 reported at the 1938 general convention. Leaders are hopeful of reaching 400 by the end of the year.

Following a revival at Sabinal in which there were more than 40 professions, additions and reclamations, Evangelist Wm. H. Joyner is assisting Pastor J. R. Hickerson in a meeting in First Church, Commerce.

Dr. McKinley Norman of Roswell has concluded his first year with that church during which 303 members have been received, 152 for baptism. They will have another revival in October with Herbert Findley of Oklahoma in charge of the music.

Rev. E. P. Crocker, who came to West Texas from Missouri last year, preached in the summer revivals at Bethel and Corinth, Jones County, where he is pastor. There were 43 additions, 41 for baptism at the former place and 20 additions at the other.

Pastor C. D. Owen reports a great day at Temple Church, Abilene, September 17. There were five conversions and seven additions, all for baptism.

Rev. Charles T. Talley, who recently resigned at Ranger to accept a call to Childress, has reconsidered and will remain as pastor at Ranger. He is also Training Union director for District 17.

Rev. J. Pat Horton, who recently resigned as pastor at Plainview is now located at Dallas.

The plan to use the proceeds of the fifty-third Sunday in this year for the Cooperative program has spread to New Mexico and Oklahoma where it is receiving an enthusiastic reception.

W. J. Lites, field secretary for the state Sunday School department, assisted Pastor E. E. Burks and the Throckmorton Church in an enlargement campaign last week, resulting in a great forward movement in the Sunday School.

First Church, Sweetwater, is planning for a formal opening of the new West Side mission on Sunday, October 15.

Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, had an attendance of 125 last Sunday from a neighborhood in the country where the pastor held a revival in the summer and to which the church extended an arm. These people drove into town for the morning service in the church.

PROGRAM—

Workers' Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, with the Ovalo Baptist Church, Rev. W. I. Taylor, Pastor, October 5, 1939.

10:00—Song Service, J. D. Riddle.

10:10—Devotional, Bert Low.

10:25—Analyzing Our Task, B. N. Shepherd.

10:50—Looking on the Field, W. T. Hamor.

11:15—Special Music.

11:20—Dividing the Work, C. A. Powell.

Lunch.

1:30—Meeting of the Executive Board and the W. M. U.

2:00—Song and Praise.

2:15—Business.

2:20—Utilizing Our Organization: Brotherhood, E. M. Collier; W. M. U., Mrs. J. B. Buckley; Training Union, C. N. Gilbert; Sunday School, Thos. Young. (15 minutes allowed each speaker).

SEMINARY PROFS. HONORED

Several members of the faculty of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary received new honors and responsibilities in the past few months. Among these were Dr. T. B. Maston, who received his degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Yale University this summer. Dr. Maston achieved this distinction through much difficulty, having persisted through a period of severe illness several years ago. Dr. S. A. Newman, who received his degree of Master of Theology from the Seminary last May, was appointed on the committee on negro seminaries of the Southern Baptist convention. Professor I. E. Reynolds has recently been asked to serve on the Church Music Committee of the National Educators Conference of America. This conference, which meets every two years, will hold its session this year in Los Angeles, California.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 1, 1939

By Hight C Moore

THE INFANCY OF JESUS

Read Matthew 1 and 2—Study Matthew 2:13-23

Presenting Jesus as the Messiah and writing primarily for Jewish readers, Matthew devotes six paragraphs to his story of "The Silent Years."

(1) **The Genealogy** (1:1-17) proves that Jesus, as foretold, was a descendant of David, the king, and of Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people. Outstanding names, bad as well as good, are taken from the genealogical register and set in three groups of 14 generations each. Some names have a history of their own, but many are no more than fingerboards pointing onward to the Messiah.

(2) **The Birth** (1:18-25) was a supernatural event. The mother of Jesus was a virgin. He was begotton of the Holy Spirit. The angel convinced Joseph of Mary's innocence and commanded him to consummate the marriage, announcing the birth and the name of Jesus. The virgin birth of the Messiah had been predicted by Isaiah. The upright Joseph obeyed the angel and gave to the babe at Bethlehem the name of Jesus.

(3) **The Visit of the Wise Men** (2:1-2) was first a matter of international concern: it showed the general expectation that a world ruler was to arise among the Jews; and it mightily stirred Herod the king and his capital. But its spiritual aspects supersede all else; prophecy was fulfilled; the star guided; the Magi worshiped and sacrificed; and the divine dream led them directly home.

(4) **The Flight into Egypt** (2:13-15) took the holy infant beyond the dominions of Herod. The warning came in a dream. Joseph obeyed immediately, setting out on the journey by night. And they remained in Egypt until Herod was dead.

(5) **The Slaughter of the Innocents** (2:16-18) was in keeping with Herod's wicked career. Seeing that the wise men had not played to his hypocritical purpose, he raved out the order that every mother's son in Bethlehem under two years of age should be slain. He meant to put out of the way any possible rival to the throne.

(6) **The Return to Nazareth** (2:19-23) followed the death of Herod the Great. Since the scepter passed to Herod's son who shared his spirit, Joseph was led to return to their former home in Galilee. Here Jesus lived from his boyhood to his baptism at 30 years of age.

1. Refuge in Egypt

The Angel of the Lord provided for the infant Christ a refuge in Egypt. The antagonism against Jesus was completely frustrated. God took a hand in the removal of the young child from the dominions of Herod to a zone of safety on the banks of the Nile. The warning given Joseph in a dream was instantly heeded. He left by night—that very night, perhaps—for Egypt, where the family remained for several weeks or months, or possibly for two years, till the death of Herod. Then Jesus, like Israel of old, came out of Egypt to Canaan, as Hosea foretold.

2. Rescue from Bethlehem

Herod the Great sought to kill the child Christ after his rescue from Bethlehem. When the Wise Men returned home, not by Jerusalem as Herod demanded, but another way, the outwitted and angered king raved out the order for a wholesale execution of the male children under two years of age in Bethlehem. He inferred that Jesus was born about the time the star appeared to the Wise Men in the East. The murderous decree was probably carried out at once, although perhaps secretly and gradually and in various ways, but more likely in one dreadful hour of infantile slaughter. Some have thought that as few as fifteen or twenty children were butchered, while others place the estimate as high as fifty, and one even suggests ninety. At any rate, the city of David was horrified and bereft by the heartless massacre of the innocents. But the terrible blow did not reach Jesus as designed, for he was at the moment a refugee in Egypt 70 miles away to the southwest.

3. Residence at Nazareth

Joseph and Mary brought up the boy Christ to youthhood during his residence at Nazareth. How long the family remained in Egypt before the death of Herod we do not know; certainly several weeks and some say several years. During their stay they were supported in part, no doubt, by the rich gifts of the Wise Men and in part by the labors of Joseph at his chosen trade. At last, when the tyrant who ordered the massacre of the innocents had passed away, Joseph was directed to return to the land of Israel. Immediately he obeyed, but finding that Herod was succeeded by his son, Archelaus, and fearing on that account to locate again at Bethlehem, he returned to their former home at Nazareth, which was beautifully situated among the Galilean hills, a thousand feet above the Plain of Esdraelon, ten miles from the Sea of Galilee, and 18 from the Mediterranean. It may have been a priestly town, is said to have been on the caravan route from Acre to Damascus, and had a population estimated at from five to fifteen thousand. The home here was fit for the upbringing of Immanuel, being hedged in by constant industry, sweetened by unfailing love, and illumined daily by the study of the Scriptures. The local synagogue afforded instruction supplemental to that received in the home. Thus surrounded by the plain comforts of a carpenter's home, receptive of the godly instructions of a pious mother, mingling with the children of the village and observant of all that came and went, Jesus grew from infancy to manhood.

The Lesson of the Lesson

(1) **Descended from David.** The genealogies show that Christ was a descendant of David as the prophets had predicted. They give Jesus a unique distinction in New Testament writings, his genealogy being the only one there given. They accord to him an authentic ancestry extending through four thousand years, the longest ancestral line on record.

(2) **Begotten by the Holy Spirit.** That is expressly stated once and again. He was according to the record the Son of God. His name is thus set down in the divine register.

(3) **Foretold by the Prophets.** Isaiah predicted his virgin birth and that he would be a Nazarene. Micah located Bethlehem as his birthplace. Hosea saw that he would come out of Egypt. Jeremiah foresaw the massacre of the innocents.

(4) **Announced and Guarded by the Angels.** There was the annunciation to Joseph the upright carpenter. There was the warning against the intrigues of Herod. There was the guidance back to the home in the Gallilean hills.

(5) **Worshiped by the Wise Men.** The priestly princes from Persia or Babylon had been guided better by the stars than the Jews had been by the Scriptures and when they appeared at the house of Joseph and Mary they fell down at the feet of the child pouring out their offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—a tribute that they had not paid to the royal Edomite on the throne at Jerusalem.

(6) **Hated and Hunted by the King.** Herod the Great was great mainly in cruelty and murder. He could brook no rival. When he was troubled at the inquiry of the Wise Men everybody in the capital was troubled with him, for they feared his rage. Hypocritically, he hunted the infant Messiah. Chagrined at last he thrust his sword into the nest, but the bird had flown!

(7) **Ignored by the Priests and Scribes.** They burrowed in their Bibles without the seeing eye. They were not looking for the Messiah when he came. To the inquiry about his appearance they gave perhaps sneering notice. Yet the Child-King had been living within six miles of them!

Gold in the Golden Text

And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23.

God with us: The fairest forecast in prophecy at its peak. Nothing else could so soothe a troubled world or satisfy the inmost heart of distressed man. No higher hope could rainbow earth than that of the coming of the virgin-born Son of God.

God with us: The faithfulest fulfilment in history at its highest and holiest. He "was made flesh, and dwelt among us"—sinless in life, saving in death, sovereign today and for aye.

Daily Bible Readings

Sept. 25—The Infant King. Matthew 2:1-12.

Sept. 26—The Flight into Egypt. Matthew 2:13-18.

Sept. 27—The Return to Nazareth. Matthew 2:19-23.

Sept. 28—The King of Peace. Isaiah 11:1-9.

Sept. 29—How the King Was Received. John 1:11-18.

Sept. 30—Blessings Promised with the King. Jeremiah 31:15-20.

Oct. 1—The Reign of the King. Isaiah 9:1-7.

MEWSHAWS BRAVE DANGERS TO REENTER WAR ZONE IN CHINA

Excerpts from a personal letter from Mrs. R. E. L. Mewshaw, written from Hongkong in mid-August to her daughter, Nell, a teacher in Abilene high school. Dr. and Mrs. Mewshaw are returning to their post at Kweilin, in the interior of South China where they have already endured air raids. They are leaving their two younger daughters in school at Hongkong and have two children in the States.

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Dear Nell:

A letter came from you a few days ago, written at Ridgecrest. I was so glad to get it. I do hope you enjoyed the trip. We had two or three good Chinese friends who were very likely at the Alliance—Mr. and Mrs. Chang and Mr. Wu. The Tipton children were at Ridgecrest for they have bought a house there. And Mrs. Wilson Fielder has two children at Ridgecrest for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Fielder have left here to try to return to their work in Chengchow, Honan. They took their seven-year old daughter, Florence Ann, with them but left Gerald, the thirteen-year old boy to go to school here. I do hope they have a good and safe trip.

Dad plans to leave the 30th of August for Haiphong, Indo-China—if I get through with the girls' school things I expect to go with him. I'll move them over to Mrs. Rankin's to stay until school starts. I wanted to stay her until school started and see the girls all settled but perhaps it is better that I go. The trip from Indo-China to Kweilin is very dangerous now. The Japanese are bombing the road and machine-gunning the cars and trucks and most of the travel must be done at night over a badly cut-up road with many rivers and streams to be crossed. A letter from Mr. Bausum says that a bomb fell just outside our compound and the concussion burst the doors and windows out of our house and Mr. Herring's huse was about shaken to pieces.

I hate to leave the girls and I hate to go into the war area again, but I think I'll have to go for it is too hard on Dad to be there alone during times like these.

I've almost decided to go back with nothing but the barest necessities for myself as the chances are that we will lose whatever we take, even if we escape. A friend of ours, the mother of two girls in the Kikung school, come in yesterday. She lives in Hunan, north of Kweilin, but had to come out that way. She stayed on our compound while waiting for a bus to Indo-China. She was there during one of the air raids. On the way out, four planes machine-gunned the car in which she was traveling. Someone saw the planes in time for the passengers to get out of the car and hide in a ditch, but the car was ruined, the driver killed and her shoes and clothes are full of holes from the bullets. Dorothy doesn't want me to go back in the face of such danger and I somehow feel that one of us should stay where we would be spared to raise the girls, but the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear; and His power is just the same so I know we are safe in His care.

Things are getting worse and worse in China, not only in the Japanese controlled territory, but in other places as well. Now we are forbidden to take many groceries into China, no canned goods or dried fruit, no sugar, no tea, and all such things. I don't see how we can live and keep well. Pray for us and ask others to pray—daily—we will need your prayers.

With much love,
MOTHER.

PROGRAM. . . .

Workers' Conference Meeting With First Baptist Church, Hawley, Texas, Oct. 3, 1939

Theme—"The Great Commission."

10:00 — Devotional, Rev. E. P. Crocker.

10:20—"Go Ye Therefore," Dick O'Brien.

10:50—"Baptizing Them," L. A. Doyle.

11:20—"Teaching and Training," E. B. Atwood.

Lunch.

1:30—Board meeting.

2:30—Sermon, C. A. Powell.

Adjourn.

This is the first Workers' Conference of our associational year, and we urge the attendance of representatives from every church.

Committee.

President Sandefer Gives Students Word of Counsel

Since I have not been able to meet you and greet you in chapel, and give you a little counsel that I have often passed on to students, because I love them, I am making these observations with the hope that you may each take a few moments and read what I am saying.

I have no desire to say or do anything save to offer some suggestions, occasionally, based on half a century's experiences in dealing with the 35 or 40 thousand young men and women who have come under my supervision during that time.

If our more than a million college men and women in the United States were sufficiently stabilized and balanced in their thinking as not to need the counsel of parents, teachers, and friends of larger contacts with the world, then there would be no excuse for their being in college at all. They would already be prepared to meet the challenge of the world and would be helping to direct the affairs of state from precinct to the capitol.

Hardin-Simmons has sought for nearly half a century to place the major emphasis in the training of its students in the field of spiritual values and adjustment, which in the last analysis will be more worth while than all other formative processes through which youth must ultimately pass to become outstanding as leaders and servants. I make no apology for putting this emphasis where, in my judgment, it belongs.

Christian scholars, with physical plants adequate to serve students generously in a Christian atmosphere, cannot but provoke an environment that all fathers and mothers covet for their sons and daughters. To this end, we have chosen a staff of Christian men and women, scholarly, cultured, and committed to the highest standards and ideals in the field of Christian training and Christian living.

In order that there be no misunderstanding between the administration of Hardin-Simmons and its students, it is but fair both to the founders of the institution and to the students now entering that there be a perfect understanding of the agreement upon which the school was founded, that there be a minimum of waste energy and a maximum of academic and Christian efficiency.

It is currently known to our students and friends, in the main, that in our judgment, these high standards founded on the verities of God's Word call for a social atmosphere on the campus that can best be understood and appreciated by those who understand our program and enter generously into its execution. It is not generally known to students that many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been given by friends to build, equip, and endow this institution because of the standards set by the University. If these benefactors had thought that such ideals would ever be departed from in order to meet the whims of a modern social order, it is my judgment that but little, if any, of these contributions would have been made us.

These words are to ask for the closest and most constructive cooperation on the part of students to carry out these objectives and thus fulfill the dreams and purposes of the founders of the school and of those who have sacrificially made it possible for us to have the assets which justify our being classed as an institution of the first rank.

Faculty and administration are of one mind touching the creation of an atmosphere on our campus wherein these spiritual values are tantamount to all others, and where it is easy for young men and women to do right, and difficult for them to go astray.

We ask, therefore, that all students given to drinking in any form, to the habitual use of tobacco, especially the cigarette, or to gambling and dancing, and any dissipation of time on the campus or off, take an inventory of themselves from this point of view, and of their own ultimate objectives in future citizenship.

If there are such students, who cannot find themselves in harmony with these ideals and standards, then we modestly suggest that they transfer to other institutions where, in the main, little effort is made to provide the values we denominate as spiritual. However, we earnestly hope and pray that students addicted to any or all of these habits may refrain from indulging in them, to save their bodies, their intellects, and their souls from contamination and wasteful indulgence.

I trust that you will hold in mind that my experience of more than 50 years warrants the statement that the students whose lives I have touched and who have made good, as we say, have uniformly been those diligent in class and chapel attendance, regular in Sunday School and church attendance, and innocent of wasting time on or off the campus.

My daily prayer is that this may be our greatest year. It can be so, and with your help and sympathetic cooperation, it will be so. When the future has unfolded to you, as to some of us who have already made the journey, you will look with grateful hearts to those who sought to counsel and aid your young, pulsating, potential, and dynamic lives at that crucial period where a misstep would break the heart of a father or mother by spoiling the life of son or daughter for whom those parents would gladly give their own lives, if necessary, to insure the happiness and welfare of their children.

It is your opportunity to reflect credit upon yourselves and your parents in those high and holy things for which Christ died, and toward which He expressed Himself so tersely when He said, "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

LAYMAN'S DAY OCTOBER 15TH

By Lawson H. Cooke

The Southern Baptist Convention, in Oklahoma City, designated Sunday, October 15, as Layman's Day.

In observing Layman's Day heretofore, it has been a somewhat general practice for our pastors to invite prominent and capable laymen to occupy our pulpits. Personally, I am always reluctant to suggest to my pastor that he vacate his pulpit on Sunday morning in favor of a layman, even on such an occasion as Layman's Day.

This year, as last, with the cooperation of all of our church organizations, we shall put forth our best efforts to have our laymen fill the pews rather than the pulpits, and we request our pastors to challenge these men with some great and definite task for the Master.

Earnest, persistent, and systematic efforts will be necessary. Appropriate committees should be appointed to contact, as far as is possible, every man whose name is on the church roll.

A masculine program should be arranged for the worship services; a male quartette or chorus will help greatly; several three-minute talks, by laymen, on some phase of the church or denominational program will add to the interest of the service.

Many of our churches do not have preaching every Sunday, and for these it is suggested that the most convenient Sunday nearest October 15 be observed as Layman's Day.

There is unquestionably a rising tide of interest among the men of our churches, and in order that this enthusiasm be not misdirected, we laymen need the counsel and sympathetic cooperating of our pastors as we move out into this great adventure for our Master.

We shall welcome, at the Southwide offices of the Brotherhood in the Commerce Title Building, Memphis, Tennessee, all inquiries regarding the observance of Layman's Day this year, and shall be happy to render every possible service to the end that Sunday, October 15, shall be an outstanding event in the life of thousands of churches, and in the lives of Baptist men throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

By Howard McLaughlin

Today there is much interest in bank stock, and other stock, but little interest in human stock. At any rate our concern is usually for those things in which we invest our time and money. How important it is that we consider lives (and especially young lives) more important than material possessions.

To young people we give you the challenge which only the Training Union can offer. An investment in this work is an opportunity which should not be neglected.

Every member of our church can gain a blessing by the contacts made in our training service.

To parents of children attending our Training Union, we sincerely submit the following thought:

We are particularly interested in the social and spiritual development of your child. We covet not only your support and cooperation but likewise your actual service in the Training Union. Help make the organization better equal to the task of training Christians for service.

—First Church Chimes, Sweetwater

DOCTRINAL. . . .

QUESTIONS FOR DEACONS ELECT PREPARED BY REV. A. A. DAVIS

1. Are you saved or lost? How were you saved? When?
2. Are you married? How many wives have you?
3. Is your wife a Christian? Is she cooperative in your religious work? Is she a member of this church? Is she a bearer of rumors and hear-say gossip among the members?
4. Do you use intoxicating liquors? Do you drink beer ? Do you strive to provide things honest in the sight of all men? Do you strive to meet your honest obligations?
5. What is your motive in life—to make money or serve the Lord?
6. Do you believe the Sabbath is a day of rest and worship?

On Doctrine

1. What is a Gospel church?
2. What are the ordinances of the church?
3. What is baptism according to the Scriptures?
4. Does baptism save, help save or keep the soul saved?
5. Who has Bible authority to observe the Lord's Supper?
6. How many kinds of officers in the New Testament Church?
7. Do you believe in a God-called ministry?
8. Who selects the deacons of a church?
9. How are they set aside for the office of deacon?
10. Who is head of the church? What is the government of the church?
11. Is there any ecclestical authority above the local church, according to the Bible?
12. Do you believe the Bible is verbally inspired? Do you believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ? His vicarious death? His bodily resurrection? His blood atonement for sin? His personal return to this earth?
13. Do you believe sinners are saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, separate and apart from any works of righteousness?
14. How many times does the Lord save a sinner?
15. Do you believe that all believers are saved forever? Are all unbelievers lost?
16. Do you believe in missions? In sending the Gospel around the world?
17. Will you strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, and seek to sustain its worship, its discipline and doctrines?
18. How many members must there be to compose a church?
19. Do you believe in prayer? Do you pray in public?
20. Will you give of your best, in the light of an open Bible and a good conscience, to discharge the duties of the office to which your church has called you? Will you discourage all efforts that may come to gender strife and ill will in the church—and seek the things that make for peace and good fellowship?

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SENTENCE SERMONS

By O. D. Henley

What breaks the heart ought to break the heart of Christians.

Christians ought to be church members: church members ought to be Christians.

The judgment will be general enough to include everybody; it will be particular enough to investigate everyone.

We have more pleasure-lovers than soul-lovers.

Advertising is more prevalent than agonizing.

Actions bespeak attitudes.

Child love is more effective than child psychology.

The soul has countless unused powers.

A life that isn't lived for God will not likely be lived for good.

You can serve self, but you cannot satisfy self.

A hot head often bespeaks a cold heart.

Loud claims must not end in low conduct.

It is the return that makes the prodigal known.

If we don't overcome temptations, they will overcome us.

PROGRAM. . . .

Workers Conference, Stonewall Association, Meeting with First Church, Aspermont, Monday, October 2

10:00—Devotional, J. D. Tarrance.

10:20—The Fall Round-up for State Missions, B. N. Shepherd.

10:50—Special Music.

11:00—Preparing and Presenting the Church Budget, G. W. Thomas.

11:30—Song and Prayer.

11:40—What the Bible Teaches about Giving, H. R. Whatley.

12:10—Dinner.

1:15—Devotional, Mrs. G. W. Thomas.

1:30—Board meeting.

2:30—Inspirational address: Missions the Mission of Baptists, Rev. Ray Hinton.

3:00—Adjourn.

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TRAINING UNION TERMINOLOGY

By T. C. Gardner

When one thinks of the Training Union, he should immediately think of unions and departments that are seeking to train and develop all ages from the youngest child in the nursery to the oldest man or woman in the adult union.

We should refrain from using the initials as B. T. U. It is the Training Union. It is not necessary to say Baptist Training Union any more than it is to say Baptist Sunday School.

Do not refer to individual unions as classes. They are not classes. They are unions. All of them are unions from the nursery up through the adult.

Do not refer to the senior union as a B. Y. P. U. Do not refer to the adult union as B. A. U. (Baugh). Let's dignify the whole Training Union roganization by referring to each unit organization as a union and the entire organization as the Training Union.

Do not refer to leaders and sponsors as teachers. To be sure, there is an element of teaching in all good speaking, talking and program rendering, but the Training Union is not a teaching service. It is a Training service. The leading officer for the nursery, beginner, primary, junior and intermediate unions is called a leader.

The departmental organization and meetings should be referred to as the senior department of the Training Union; the beginner department of the Training Union; the adult department of the Training Union.

Do not refer to the nursery, beginner or primary union as "the story hour." The beginner and primary unions are more than "the story hour." To be sure, stories are told, but so many other things are done that to call these organizations "the story hour" is misleading. When Texas began to grade the Training Union in 1918, we suggested that the organization for little children under eight years of age be known as the story hour organization. We soon learned, however, that this organization was poorly named. All Texas Baptists seemed to be proud of their new Training Union baby that was composed of little children eight years of age and under, but none of us were satisfied with the name; therefore, we changed the name of each unit organization in the elementary department to union. You will find in all literature produced by your State Training Union Department that we refer to all these organizations composed of little children under eight years of age as unions.

The fully graded Training Union is designed to train all ages. The names of the various unit organizations are as follows:

Nursery Union, birth through 2.
Beginner Union, 3-4-5.
Primary Union, 6-7-8.
Junior Union, 9-12.
Intermediate Union, 13-16.
Senior Union, 17-30.
Adult Union, 31 and above.

In a large church, another union known as the young people's union is set up. Where this is done, the senior union ages are from 17 to 24 and the young people's from 25 to 30.

NO PRAYER, NO REVIVAL

William H. Joyner, State Evangelist

A revival never breaks out among a prayerless people.

A prayerless people are a powerless people. And a powerless people are godless. The average congregation carries no burden of prayer at all. If we have a real God-sent, heaven-born, revival in this land, Zion must travail. Abraham prayed for Sodom; Moses prayed for Israel; Elijah prayed on Carmel; Daniel prayed in Babylon; Jesus prayed on the mountain; Paul and Silas prayed in Jail; John Knox and John Welch prayed for Scotland; Roberts prayed for Wales. And we must pray for America or NO REVIVAL. But if we pray, God will answer with fire.

DR. SCARBOROUGH HONORED

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of Southwestern Baptist Seminary and of the Southern Baptist Convention, was signally honored by Baptists of the world in the recent Congress at Atlanta. Dr. Scarborough delivered two feature addresses. At the election of officers he was elected one of the vice-presidents to serve with Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, new president of the Alliance. Dr. Scarborough is also a member of the executive committee and of the committee on evangelism of the Baptist World Alliance. With the fires of evangelism spreading throughout the world it is quite fitting that Dr. Scarborough should take this place of prominent leadership among world Baptists.

District 8 Doings

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and I will give thee a crown of life."

Last week I talked with a pastor who had passed through the waters of tribulation and sorrow. Death had followed long illness to a loved member of his family. His church is one of poor membership, many of them in actual need. His salary is meager but he said, "You can count on me for my extra offering on October 29, and to lead my church to do the same. I never have lost anything by giving to the Lord. He always rewards me many times over." As I drove away from that home of sorrow, I found myself humming a tune and on checking up on what it was I noticed he had put me to singing, "I'm a child of a King, a child of a King, with Jesus my Saviro, I'm a child of a King." That was his spirit. He was testifying about how good God had been through all his trials and how thankful he was for the conscious presence of God.

Pastors, are you ready to hear, regardless of the difficulties, "What the Spirit is saying (thru you) to the churches" in this high hour? Unless we as leaders hear and pass on the word, the churches may not, probably will not hear what God wants them to hear in this glorious opportunity for sacrificial giving.

What the Churches are Saying to the Spirit

Turning aside for this week from what the Spirit is saying to the churches, let me tell you what the churches thru their pastors are saying to the Spirit. Last week we carried the names of a number who have committed themselves to do their best under God to make this offering a success. This week the messages keep pouring in. Rev. M. F. Richardson and the Pleasant Valley Church; Rev. E. E. Mason and West Side Church; Rev. R. E. Bratton and the Bison and Vincent Churches; Rev. George H. Lloyd and Dermott Church; Rev. William Arnett and the Woody and Five Mile Churches; Rev. Ira Harrison and the Snyder First Church; and Rev. W. C. Harrison and the Odessa First Church, all these are additional pastors and churches we have heard from since last week. What a heartening, soul-inspiring word they send in! Brother Pastor, what are you going to say to the Spirit as He speaks to your heart for a great October offering for missions? We'll have more letters next week.

Last Week

We had the opportunity for the first time of working with the First Baptist Church of Big Spring in a Training Union revival. Although the report is not yet complete, we know several Unions were organized, some re-organized, under the efficient direction of Miss Nella Casement. This young lady is making a real name for herself as the newest assistant in Dr. Gardner's department. She is this week at Colorado First Church. We were sorry to receive word that Mr. Leslie Kelly has such heavy duties in his local Sunday School that he felt he would not accept the Sunday School Associational presidency to which he was recently elected. This vacancy will be filled at the next Workers Conference of the Mitchell-Scurry Association. In the Brotherhood activities, Brother Greene and Dr. Lancaster and the missionary had a program planning session Friday. This was followed by an officers' conference Sunday afternoon between President Greene, Mr. T. Paul Barron and Mr. Taylor White at Midland. They worked out definite plans which will be announced later for their first associational Brotherhood meeting.

Last Sunday

We began the day by assisting in the organization of the Sunday School at Robinson Chapel where 25 were present. Nine classes were provided for and two days set apart for study and visitation. In the afternoon we attended the Lamesa Associational Sunday School meeting and enjoyed the way their new president, Miss Eunice McReynolds of Klondike is starting out. Attendance is on the increase at their meetings and programs are well planned. In the early part of the evening we were with the Adult Department of the Training Union at First, Big Spring, in the latter part, preached at the Prairie View Church. They had had Brother A. B. Lightfoot to preach at the morning hour. He preached at Salem at the evening service. These two churches will call a patsor next Sunday.

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"SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT"

By A. W. Blaine

God's Word contains many precious promises, but they are all in the direction of victory. He has promised to be with us always even unto the end of the world on the condition that we obey his marching orders by carrying out the great commission. We are well able to do so because God has never assigned his people a task which they could not do in his strength and power.

When the Children of Israel came to Kadesh-Barnea and had received the report of the false spies they began to murmur and rebell. Caleb stilled them before Moses and said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Numbers 13:30. God had made provision for them to take the land having promised to go before them, but he had not promised to go before them in their rebellion and retreat.

In the system of Christian armor mentioned in the New Testament, ample provision is made for the protection of the Christian Soldier as long as he faces the enemy—the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, etc., but no provision is made for him while in retreat.

In the view of our present economical and spiritual conditions, many churches and individuals are on the verge of retrenchment and retreat. Churches which have been full time are talking half time and some have even voted to that effect. Before voting for such a move each member should pray until he has a definite impression from God otherwise he will sin in such a move. Unless earnest prayer is engaged in retrenchment and retreat will be sought as an easy way out.

This may be the world's way, but I am sure that it is not God's way. God's way is the way of love, loyalty and sacrifice if necessary. There are ample resources withi nthe reach of most every church if God's people would only be loyal enough to reach them for the Master. Let us go up at once, and possess the land for God.

Camp Lueders—

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give many beautiful building sites if one cares to build. It also gives us a public road around three sides of our property. We feel that this is and will prove to be the best step for a larger Encampment that we have ever made. In some manner we are going to have to raise this $400 in the next few weeks. This is a very small matter for the churches of the 17th and adjoining districts. We are writing each church, asking for a small contribution to help take care of this and some other improvements on the grounds. We believe that every church will want to have a small part in this, which means so much to the growing of a better encampment.

We have had the best year that the Encampment has ever known. Many have been saved, many have been led to a higher standard of living and deeper spirit of consecration, and several have surrendered their lives to special service in kingdom work. The finances have been the best for several years. We thank God and take courage.

BELIEVING, YET PRACTICING UNBELIEF

William H. Joyner, State Evangelist

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Here is a man who declares in loud terms that he believes the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. He hears it preached now and then. He won't do one thing to promote it. He believes in prayer meeting, but he only gets out about once a quarter; he believes in family prayer; but you can't prove it by his wife and children; he believes in missions, but it is like pulling eye teeth to get him to come across for this cause. He goes on the principle that he that believeth not shall be damned and he believes everything. BUT DOES NOTHING. This practicing of unbelief is demoralizing our churches and paralyzing vital Godliness today.

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GIRARD

Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 1:00 and at night.

Rev. J. C. Parks of Rotan will preach at both hours Sunday. Everybody is urged to hear him, especially every Baptist who is interested in the ongoing of Christianity.

Pray for us that God will lead us in selecting a pastor for our church.

A few of our people went to Peacock Monday night and enjoyed a meeting of the district Sunday School leaders.

M. A. DARDEN.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m., Oscar Jenkins, superintendent.

Training Union, 7:30 p.m., Bertie Agnew, director.

Conference, 10 a.m. Saturday.

Prayer service, 8:00 Wednesday.

We have an important conference Saturday. Be there if possible. How would you like to have a church homecoming? Be thinking about it.

Charles Tarrance, Pastor.

Rambling Remarks

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the teacher electrified into action, the victim and his friends frantically searching for the wasp or bumble bee or whatever it was that caused the commotion, during which time Fred would quickly withdraw the thorn and drop it through a convenient crack in the floor and join in the search for the culprit with a face as void of guilt as a new born babe. . . . As I remember it Fred made one record in that school that has never been equalled much less broken, he got five "lickings" in one day. He himself will not try to estimate how many he deserved and missed. . . . Just to think, a person as vulnerable as that, bringing up my past record with a view to embarrassing me. If you knew him as I do you would know that I have dealt lightly with him in this column. We, one time, had a teacher who came to school on horse-back and one of my mother's sons put cockleburrs under his saddle blanket just to test reactions. He got more than he expected and we got a week's holiday from school until the teacher was able to walk again. . . . And something else, as a child of six years I never walked in my sleep at a country picnic at night and in seeking a place to rest parked between two fat women who were sleeping on a pallet.

"Every person is presumed to possess some major passion. With some it is politics, with others it is business, with others it is sports, with others it is social activities, with others it is civic work, with a few it is religion."—Dr. M. E. Dodd.

"Faith is a kind of climbing instinct which draws us upwards and onward."

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The Training Union work in Texas continues to go forward. There were 2,532 diplomas and seals issued to Training Union members during the month of August. This is a gain of 592 over the same month in 1938.

Training Union members everywhere are showing marked interest in the state contests. All Training Union members really should participate in one of the contests. The dates suggested for these contests are as follows:

Individual union contest, Oct. 29.
Church contest, Nov. 5.
Association contest, Nov. 12.
District contest, Nov. 20.
State contest, Nov. 30 at Austin.

The Junior-Intermediate massed chorus was so interesting and so successful that Training Union convention leaders have decided to have it again. In addition to the Junior-Intermediate massed chorus, there will be a Senior massed chorus. We want all Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors to participate in this great song service at the convention in Austin November 30 and December 1-2.

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