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Pioneer El Paso Preacher In Sixtieth Year of Ministry

REV. L. R. MILICAN OBSERVING 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARRIAGE

Rev. L. R. Millican, pioneer preacher of El Paso, is observing two anniversaries this month—the sixtieth year of his ordination as a minister and the fifty-seventh anniversary of his marriage. A great part of the ministry has been in that great section "West of the Pecos," where he has carried the banner of the cross in that great cow-country.

Rev. Millican, who was born 81 years ago in Brazos county, and his wife, now 80 and also a native Texan, were married February 14, 1878, in Blanco county. He had been ordained by the Methodist church February 20, 1875, and on the same month three years later, only 10 days before his wedding, he was ordained a Baptist minister. He has followed that faith since and has assisted in organizing more than 25 Baptist churches. The aged cleric has served in many West Texas pastorates, and during his services at El Paso received many open threats on his life because of his fight on gambling and prize fighting.

Rev. Millican's father was one of the first white settlers in Texas coming in 1821. The elder Millican was the first sheriff of Brazos county and served as member of the Texas congress and later in its legislature. The El Pasosan's youth was in constant fear of Indian raids, and while he was still in his teens carried the mail from Lampasas to Austin, then a hazardous journey.

OKLAHOMA PASTOR DOES FINE WORK ON RURAL FIELD

In a recent issue of the Oklahoma Messenger was an interesting story of rural mission work being done by Rev. I. W. Archer, pastor of the church at Hastings, Okla. Much has been said recently about rural church work. The Hastings pastor has performed the doing of it. The Messenger story in part follows:

"Seven years ago next June, the Hastings Baptist Church, in southern Oklahoma, with only sixty resident members, called Rev. I. W. Archer as pastor. Only the clear conviction that God wanted him in that field led to the acceptance of that call. The Sunday school had an attendance of only thirty-five; there was no W. M. U., no B. Y. P. U., no Brotherhood, no prayer meeting. There was no interest in the spiritual welfare of the near-by rural communities. It was one of the many churches with "peculiar conditions," of which we frequently hear. There was only one fact to commend the church to the new pastor and his wife—there were many people. And there is always opportunity where people live.

At the first visit to a school-house at a community singing, a Baptist preacher said, "They will not allow you to preach but you may say a few words when I introduce you." The Hastings pastor said "a few words," and he was invited to come again, and again. Within three years, the attendance and interest at this point, Mission No. 1, equalled the attendance and interest at the town church. More than fifty additions to the Hastings Church have come from that same rural community, and a score of others, who did not join the Hastings Church, confessed Christ in meetings held in that school-house.

Then the pastor visited another community which had been divided by sectarian bickerings. As a result of the faithful, positive proclamation of the Gospel, ninety per cent of the large number baptized in the four meetings held there, have come from other faiths.

These two communities near Hastings are typical of others that have been reached. During these years, eight evangelistic meetings have been held in the town, and twelve meetings in the school houses, resulting altogether in some three hundred professions of faith. All of these services, except evangelistic meetings, are held Sunday afternoons and week nights. Work is being carried on in ten mission stations altogether.

Rev. W. I. Taylor is leading in a revival meeting this week with the Riverside Church in Jones County.

DISTRICT CONVENTION MEETS AT HASKELL ON MARCH 14-15

District 17 Sunday School and B. T. U. convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Haskell on March 14 and 15. Max Lanford of Abilene is president of the District Sunday School convention and Rev. J. D. Brannon, district missionary is president of the B. T. U. convention. The next issue of the West Texas Baptist will feature this meeting.

GIRARD CHURCH COMMENDS W. T. B. SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

It has been quite a long time since you have heard anything from our church, but we are keeping better posted on our work since we began to read our little West Texas Baptist paper, it seems to bring us nearer each other as a denomination and to feel our need and responsibility more of taking the Gospel to others and awakens us out of our slumber in regard to the Devil's works.

There has not been an issue of the paper that has not had at least one article worth more than its cost in the whole year. I wish every church would send it to every one of their members in West Texas.

Our church went to half time the first of this year and our Sunday School and church work has been better. We have had quite a shock the last week as the superintendent of our Sunday School moved to Abilene, and we do not know who can fill the vacancy; his wife was our primary teacher and we have never had a better family of church workers in our church, however, we feel that Brother Haines and family will find their places there and that they can do better for themselves. We know there is no better place to go than Abilene and we are expecting to hear great things of them and their children in later years. Brother Cliff Haines leaves more friends here than any man that has ever lived here and I hope the editor of this paper will look him up. I do not know his address but he is in the barber business just across from the Hilton hotel.

I am sending you a program of our next workers meeting and would be glad for any of the readers to be with us. Our last workers meeting which met with the Peacock Church was the best we have had and we are expecting them to grow each time. We have some new pastors in our association, Brother Bristo, Brother Williams and Brother McPherson, we love all of them and feel that our association has been strengthened by their coming to work with us.

Pray for us that God will lead us and direct our work in such a way that he will get Glory through our little efforts.

I am for everything our Baptists of the South stand for and any time I can be of any use to them I am ready.

M. A. DARDEN.

PROGRAM

Workers Meeting of the Stonewall Baptist Association to be held at Girard, Texas, March 5th, 1935:
9:45 A. M. Devotional led by Rev. R. T. Barton, Girard.
10:00 A. M. "S. S. Evangelism." Rev. H. T. Dennis, pastor of Swenson Church.
10:20 A. M. "Relation of the S. S. to the Church." Rev. Finas Williams, pastor of Peacock Church.
10:40 A. M. "Church Loyalty." Rev. Fred McPherson, pastor of the Jayton Church.
11:00 A. M. Sermon, text Matt. 3:11, Rev. J. S. Tierce, pastor of Aspermont Church.
12:00 M. Lunch.
1:15 P. M. Song and prayer service led by Rev. Lee Dowdle.
1:30 P. M. "Denominational loyalty." Rev. H. C. Bristo, Rotan.
2:00 P. M. "Baptist Hundred Thousand Club." Rev. J. D. Brannen, District Missionary, Abilene, Texas.
2:30 Women's Work," led by Mrs. J. S. Tierce, Aspermont.
3:30 P. M. Business and adjournment.
Everybody invited to come and enjoy the spiritual feast and fellowship with us.
A. P. STOKES.

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE

The world's most wonderful book was written by forty different men and over a period of almost 1600 years, without a single contradiction. The authors of this book lived in far removed times and some of them under adverse circumstances, they were learned men, sages, philosophers, wise men trained up at the feet of the Rabbis in Jerusalem, and ignorant fishermen. The Bible was written on the desert, in the sea, in Jerusalem, the seat of religious government, in green pastures and beside still waters. It was finally completed in A. D. 96. No sooner had the Bible gained a foothold in the hearts of men and women than the enemy began to assail it, yet within 350 years the Roman Eagle was replaced by the cross, thus causing the Bible to meet with bitter opposition along the line of march. No fragments of an army ever survived so many battles, no citadel ever withstood so many sieges, no rock was ever swept by so many storms, or battered by so many hurricanes as the Bible, and still it stands. It has seen Daniel's four universal empires rise and fall. In the city of Washington one may see a few mutilated figures that adorn our National Museum, all that remains of Assyria, once the golden headed universal empire. Media and Persia have long since been weighed in the balance and found wanting. Greece only survived her historic period; it is a living Greece no more, and the iron Rome of the Caesars is held by a very feeble hand.

But the book that foretells all has still survived while poets and orators statesmen and philosophers, kingdoms and empires have all gone, vanishing the things that were and remain only to point a moral or adorn a tale. The Bible is still read, believed, obeyed, debated and sifted, by the wisest men living. It occupies the highest niche in the temple of fame; it is more vehemently assailed, more devotedly loved, more traduced, more honored and revered, more printed and freely given to the world than any book the world has ever known. It remains unchanged in the midst of change. While all other things decay it remains incorruptible. It has seen myriads of books engulfed in the stream of time while it floats triumphantly on, and will continue thus to float until the mystic angel with one foot on the land and the other on the sea shall declare by Him that liveth forever and ever that time shall be no more. It is the only bridge that spans the river that flows between time and eternity, between temporal and eternal life. It is the only guide that safely conducts those that have obeyed the Lord to the heaven of unending bliss, where we will sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and talk time without end of the wonderful love of the Son of God; and in the full enjoyment of the society of all redeemed spirits that gather around the throne of the majesty in the heavens.—G. Earl Woods, in Texas Spur.

The Blessing of Not Knowing

By J. O. Heath

Recently I had in the West Texas Baptist, a brief article on this subject. But I desire to proceed a little further in the study of the blessings of not knowing. I am confident that the scriptures warrant the belief that, in the matter, our gains far exceed our losses.

It is, then, a gracious arrangement that God has made for us. If the tomorrow lay as an open book and we could know about its dull happenings or its lively occurrences; its sadness or its joys; its serious reverses or its palpable advancements, then much of the zest of life would depart from us. Expectancy would be useless and our aspirations would wither and pass away. To know the future would deprive us of surprises and cause us to settle down to listlessly or stoically await the arrival of what we knew was going to come to pass, at a definite time we would cease to watch and pray. Life would become monotonous and the heavy sameness would weary our spirits and fatigue our devisions.

In very truth, the thing that makes life interesting is the veiled road that we must travel. Its uncertainty provokes alertness and its mists admonish us to be careful of our step. To be aroused to vigilance is helpful and to be induced to walk soberly is profitable "to all things that pertain to life and godliness." Life will not be tedious or insipid where these graces are allowed to garnish its pathway. That we can not know the tomorrow has its valuable compensations. There are places where we come unexpectedly into the richness and beauty of the way. There are, for us, what some one has called "unexpected finds." When we are least expecting it we find cool waters in life's hot deserts and delicious fruits in its storm-infested valleys. There are blessings which are especially wonderful in the movements which lead up to their appearing. They may come in the quietness of their silent splendor or be vocal as their spiritual significance becomes articulate in the ecstasies which thrill the soul of the trusting pilgrim.

I can think that Abraham derived rare pleasure from not knowing where he was going. His journey would have been devoid of the sensations of nov-

ely had he known all about it. But "he went out, not knowing whither he went." His adventure carried him through strange scenes and into deep and marvelous experiences. It was a journey sublime in its obedience and opulent in the blessings which would be generously distributed for the spiritual enrichment of all the nations. For in Abraham, "All the families of the earth were to be blessed." In his going we have the luminous example of his unshaken faith in the wisdom and power of God. We can witness his momentous trials, in which his unhalting and unwearied faith raised him up to where he dwelt in the grandeur of God's crimsoned and redeeming purposes. In Abraham's faith, we have an abiding heritage; rich in its virtues and un fading in its light.

I am now where we can clearly see that faith is one of the great blessings that we would lose, if the tomorrow was unfolded to us. To walk by sight would be our undoing. We would be helpless before wild impulses and hopeless in a world whose vision is distorted by its own frenzy. Could we see into the tomorrow, some of us would have an anxiety that would prevent us performing the ordinary duties of the day. Now, would we willingly exchange the strength and assurance which faith imparts, for a knowledge that would reveal the future in all its varied and tangled relations? How lovingly God deals with us in this respect. He hides from our view the things to come, that our characters may be developed in meeting conditions as they arise. What a blessing that we are required to walk by faith. It subjects us to a discipline that instructs our reason and renders hope a consoling and sustaining principle. In divers trials it tests our moral endurance, that the potency of faith may be signalized in our triumphs. It is best that "we know not what shall be on the morrow." For we can believe that God will so control the events that touch us, that adversities, sorrows and felicities will work together for our good.

Rev. W. P. Kirk of Abilene is in a meeting this week with the church at Hanna, in Jones county.

Association Workers Will Meet at Caps March Sixth

LAYMEN WILL MEET AT DALLAS ON MARCH 7-8

Texas Baptist Laymen, 2,500 strong are expected to meet at the First Baptist Church, Dallas on March 7 and 8, for their annual Convention. The program, which appeared in last week's issue of the West Texas Baptist, calls for some of the outstanding laymen of Texas and the South to deliver addresses. It is expected that hundreds of West Texas laymen will go to Dallas for the two days' meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAHAM CHURCH WIN ASS'N. HONORS

The three contestants who carried off first place in the Stewardship Elimination Contest held recently at the First Baptist Church, Graham, repeated at Olney in the contest to win Associational honors.

The winners were Miss Audra Knight in the YWA division, Miss Margaret Lee Easter in Intermediate G. A., and Miss Betty Washburn in the Sunbeam class. All three took first places in their divisions and will represent the Throckmorton-Young Association at the district contest February 28 in Wichita Falls.

The two other winners to go to Wichita Falls are Miss Helen Keller of Olney, representing the Associational Junior G. A. and Junior Sonnemaker of Woodson, representing the R. A.

The Graham winners were accompanied to Olney by fifteen members of the Baptist Church, many of whom joined in the basket dinner held at the Olney Church before the contests.

Rambling Remarks

Dick O'Brien

I move that a law be passed requiring every Baptist pastor in West Texas to send in, or cause to be sent in, frequent reports of the progress of their work to the West Texas Baptist, the writer alone excepted. . . . I admit that the above is a poorly constructed sentence, but it would be a good law. One of the most valuable features, and certainly the most interesting, of a religious paper is the news from the field. What a loss it would be if the Baptist Standard should discontinue "Folks and Facts" . . . I was up at Munday a few hours last week and found pastor Albertson optimistic, and the church folks busy and happy. Brother Albertson has done, and is doing, a fine work at Munday. . . . The East Fourth Street church at Big Spring has called Rev. W. S. Garnett, of Stanton, and he has accepted and is already on the field. You may look for things to happen on that fruitful field. . . . We can say officially this time that Pastor R. E. Day and the First church Big Spring have made a very satisfactory arrangement concerning their heavy church indebtedness in which the load was lightened by almost two thirds. Of course they are happy as they face a new and bright future. . . . The Workers' meeting of Mitchell-Scurry Association for this month was well attended in spite of the fact that a steady downpour of rain fell throughout the day. It was one of the best programs we have had and the subjects were exceptionally well handled. We had a doctrinal theme, and every message rang true to the great Baptist fundamentals. The meeting was held with the Union church near Snyder. We meet next with pastor H. B. Naylor and his church at Spade, 12 miles south of Colorado. This meeting will be on Tuesday after the second Sunday in March. . . . Rev. G. W. Parks, of Roscoe, delivered a week's Bible lectures at Westbrook, closing last Sunday night. Brother Parks is kept busy almost constantly in work like this, in addition to his pastoral work at Hermleigh. He has not enjoyed more than ten idle days since the State Convention. . . . Our district missionary, Willis J. Ray, appeared on the Bible Conference program at Wayland college early in February. He is now busy arranging for the (Continued on page four)

The March meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will be held with the Caps Church on Wednesday, March 6. The regular time for the meeting is Thursday, March 7, but the change was made to Wednesday on account of the Laymen's meeting at Dallas. Following is the program prepared for the meeting:

- General Subject: "Parables of the Kingdom."—Matt. 13.
- 10:00 — Devotional. — Rev. Fred Moreland.
- 10:30 — "Parable of the Sower," Matt. 13:1-9.—Rev. E. D. Dunlap.
- 11:00 — "Parable of the Tares," Matt. 13:24-30. — Rev. Geo. Q. Fulgham.
- 11:30—Business.
- 11:40 — "Parable of the Mustard Seed," Matt. 13:31-33.—Rev. W. R. Derr.
- Dinner
- 1:30—Board Meetings — Associational and W. M. S.
- 2:00 — "Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price," Matt. 13:44-46.—Rev. Virgil Reynolds.
- 2:30—"Parable of the Net," Matt. 13:47-50.—Rev. W. C. Ashford.
- Adjourn.

ODESSA CHURCH IS FINISHING IMPROVEMENT ON ITS CHURCH PLANT

We had the meeting of the Workers' Conference of the Big Springs Association to meet with us February 7. This was the first meeting of its kind since we joined this Association in October. The program was on Denominational work with special emphasis on the Hundred Thousand Club.

Odessa Church received the Efficiency Banner in the Associational-wide S. S. Training Course January 10-17. We are headed in that direction in the B. T. U. Training Course to be held March 10-17.

In January the Odessa Church, represented by R. W. Smith, and the Midland Church shipped a car of calves to Buckner Orphan's Home. In the last two years R. W. Smith, a prominent ranchman and active layman has gathered and shipped forty-seven calves to the Home.

Our Educational Building, housing five complete departments is practically completed and has been in use for three months. Quite a bit of equipment has been bought, including three pianos. All the work is progressing nicely. We are planning for a Daily Vacation Bible School in June.

W. C. Harrison, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS WILL MEET AT ANSON

The third monthly meeting of the Missionary Baptist Association Sunday School rally for Jones County, will be held in the First Baptist Church, Anson, at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, March 3.

The theme of the meeting will be "The Teacher and the Enrollment Problem." The program is outlined as follows:

- 2:30—Song Service.
 - 2:40—Devotional.
 - 2:50—Recognition of Churches and Report Study.
 - 3:00 — Six Departmental Conferences Meeting Simultaneously.
 - 3:25—Inspirational Address.—Rev. Roy Clayton, Luaders.
 - 3:45—Adjourn.
- Conferences will include the Adult, Young People, Intermediate, Junior, and Primary Departments. Conferences for Superintendents and Secretaries will also be held.

The progress and conferences have been very helpful to Sunday School workers of Jones County. The Associational S. S. Superintendent, N. J. Westmoreland, requests that every pastor and superintendent of the county urge the attendance of as many workers as possible from his church to this meeting.

Dr. T. C. Gardner, state B. T. U. director, is with the First Baptist church are in the midst of a mission week. Preceding the revival the church arranged for a transportation committee to provide way for those to attend who could not otherwise come.

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OPPORTUNITIES SUGGESTED

As the editor edited the copy for this issue of the West Texas Baptist, three thoughts were developed by various writers that should be of vital concern to our Baptist people. Dr. J. B. Cranfill in his article suggests that our churches, which stand idle most of the week might be used for free picture shows. Now do not jump at a conclusion and say it can't be done. We believe the idea is practical and we propose to give our readers some suggestions along that line. Maybe you have some ideas to suggest. If so, let us hear from you.

Then, Pastor J. W. Ware of Rule tells of conducting, in his church this week, a mission study course for the negroes of his city. The plain fact of the business is we are neglecting the negroes in our midst. The Catholics, Holy Rollers and other denominations are going after our colored friends. Does this thought not suggest to you some ways you can help the colored people in your midst?

Again, a story from Oklahoma tells of the work of a pastor in a village in that state. He went on the field as pastor of a practically dead church, revived the church, and evangelized the surrounding rural communities. There are worlds of suggestions here as to how we can grasp the opportunities surrounding us on our fields. Maybe we, as pastors are not doing what we ought to do with the country surrounding our pastorate. Maybe, instead of preaching a couple of sermons on Sunday we should be going out into the neglected country places and doing some constructive Kingdom building there.

Perhaps these suggestions have started a chain of thought in your mind that should be passed on to our readers. Let's have it; only do not make your article too long.

THE PROHIBITION LAW

It looks now that August 24th will be the date Texas voters will be called upon to cast their ballots upon the question of repealing constitutional prohibition in the state.

We older voters who believe in prohibition forget that since we amended the state constitution and wrote prohibition in, hundreds of thousands of young boys and girls have become voters. A boy or girl six years old at that time is now a full fledged voter.

A constant campaign has been carried on by the wet forces since that time to create sentiment favorable to repeal. Every known and conceivable suggestion to "liberalize" thought on the question has been employed. And the sad part of it is while the anti forces were working prohibitionists were resting, thinking that it would require a century to repeal the law.

The plain facts are that if the election should be held now Texas would repeal State Constitutional prohibition. No use to fool ourselves. If the good people of Texas want to continue state prohibition there is a lot of hard work ahead.

Many of the older people who know, from experience, the awful curse of open saloons have died and the question is now in the hands of young men and women who know very little of the evils of licensed whiskey; young people, many of whom have been brought under the influence of the liquor traffic in the most deceitful ways.

Satan is never happier than when he can get young people to listen to his voice when he gently tells them how grand it is to be "modern and liberal." He handles whiskey, cards, cigarettes and night automobile rides to great advantage once he gets a man or woman "modern and liberal."

There never was a time when preachers needed more to speak out in love and tell the people in plain language what is going on.

IRREVERENCE

There are those who go to Sunday School and church through a force of habit, and at the same time congratulate themselves on their piety and righteousness. They do not stop to consider that their actions, reactions, and their irreverence defeat the primary purpose of church attendance.

It is disgraceful, even a display of vulgarity and lack of learning, to attend church with the attitude that not a few of churchgoers have. Many go just to go, others go for social purposes, and others go purely for business gain. Using the clothing of a sheep to disguise the qualities of the goat is as evil in the eyes of the Lord as outright robbery, burglary, fraud, or any above-board crime.

It is surprising to see the lightness with which college and university students, supposedly the most cultured, attend worship of the truly reverent. Nothing can explain such irreverence for that thing which is highest in the life of man, his religion, except a sad lacking in culture. If there is unbelief, the least that can be done is to respect the opinions, the beliefs, and the doctrines of those who do believe.

Then there are those who go truly for worship, whose ideas are wholesome, and whose attitudes are of reverence and awe. These should not be retarded in their worship by those who go for the sole purpose of entertainment or individual gain. They should be allowed to worship without the trivial talk and the needless chatter of those who take their religion, if it may be called such, lightly. They should be allowed to study, concentrate, pray, and worship in perfect quiet.

The above thought provoking editorial is from the Hardin-Simmons Brand, weekly university newspaper. Dan Tarpley is the editor.

White House entertained the Supreme Court Justices last week. The question is whether the gold clause decision will entertain the White House.

A month ago, Mussolini made himself Minister for the Colonies. Apparently he decided that he did not have enough colonies to minister to.

A pessimist is a fellow who went to Congress as an optimist.

The Evolutionist's Living Death

The following poem was written by Rev. Silas A. Hugh, a ministerial student in Hardin-Simmons. He is an experienced minister of the gospel, and is a poet of considerable ability.

There's no coffin with its pillow,
There's no grave where grows the willow;
Yet he's robed in Death's own shrouds,
Made of Satan's darkest clouds.

Few there be for him are weeping,
Though he's dead—not simply sleeping—
Dead, while haunting chairs in college—
Dead because he hates true knowledge!

Dead, though he can take an oath
To a non-creative growth
From the atom unto sun
As the way all was begun!

Dead from trusting in a theory
That is fatal, black, and dreary;
Dead because he cannot see
A risen Lord to set him free!

Dead, for by this earthly sod
Is hid from him the face of God;
Alas! he makes the rocks to talk
That in the Dark he's doomed to walk!

Dead because his western race,
Whose ancient footprints he could trace—
A beastly race with ape-like brow—
Proved but one tooth of fossil sow!

Dead, while Mr. Bryan's name
Hangs in the Eternal Hall of Fame
Dead because God's truth he spurned—
Holding truth to be unlearned!

Dead, for only in the strata
He can find disiderata;
He's estranged to God Imperial—
He can't rise above Material!

Dead, though he may postulate
In a language that sounds great,
How the upward climb began
From amoeba unto man!

Dead, while sure he knows the hours
In which there roamed great dinosaurs!
And can also tell the place
From whence the horse began his race!

Dead, though he may know perchance
Where the fishes held their dance
On the new-made desert sand
Ere they grew a foot or hand!

Dead while he affirms his tape
Can measure just how man left ape,
Or read through human embryos
When the reptiles first grew toes!

Dead, yet sure he knows the mind
Which the slime-speck first designed,
And knows exactly how it made it
Without a single brain to aid it!

Dead from vain and bitter strife
Against the truth that Christ is Life;
Dead, because of his conclusions
God permits him strong delusions!

—SILAS A. HUGH.

Sad, but true.

Carrying the Gospel Message To the Lost

J. B. Cranfill, D. D., Dallas, Texas

The best thing Elbert Hubbard ever wrote was "Carrying the Message to Garcia." It was a classic, and millions of copies were distributed. I was never an admirer of Elbert Hubbard, H. G. Wells, Robert B. Ingersoll, G. Bernard Shaw, W. C. Bram, H. L. Mencken, Sinclair Lewis, or any of the other atheists and near-atheists who, like meteors, have flashed through our world, but the story "Carrying the Message to Garcia," carried with it a suggestion to Christian teachers that never should be lost.

Doc Pegues, a Texas Baptist layman and Sunday-school worker, carried more messages to Garcia than any tract distributor I ever knew. I do remember a story W. D. Powell once told in our Texas Baptist Convention. As a missionary to Mexico, he did great work at Guadalajara and Toluca, and other points, one of his perennial activities being the distribution of religious literature printed in the Spanish language. He told that once he mounted a rather wild Mexican broncho, loaded with his saddle-bags chuk full of religious tracts, and started on his missionary rounds.

Before he had gone many miles this cayuse became air-minded, and began "pitching," as we cowboys used to call it. Powell sat on the broncho till the entertainment ended, but fortune did not so happily favor the saddlebags. They were jarred open, and Powell said he never had witnessed such a distribution of religious literature as he saw that day, for his Mexican tracts were scattered all over the countryside.

Sowing the Seed

Doc Pegues, as a missionary of the Texas Baptist Sunday-school work, traveled over Texas until he died. It was before the days of automobiles, so he rode the trains, and whenever he entered a train he would march to the front of the foremost smoking car and then

traverse the entire length of the train, Pullmans included, leaving in the hands of every passenger a religious tract. I never knew another Christian worker who did just this, but it was a monumental service, and he did more in his quiet, modest way than perhaps any missionary who ever lived in Texas.

When Jesus, before He ascended to His Father, gave the Great Commission, he left the words hot upon our hearts, "Preach the Gospel to every creature," but did not prescribe the method. It was in the Divine plan to leave the ways and means of carrying the Gospel, to the sanctified intelligence of Christian workers, as, life by life and generation, they sought through prayer and service to incarnate in their lives the Divine will.

Both W. D. Powell and Doc Pegues have gone on Home. The Mexican broncho and the railroad train are no longer the most potential means of carrying the Gospel message to the lost. Within the last few years the map of the world and the whole structure of civilization have been revolutionized. It is said that German resistance in the World War crumbled when airplanes of the allied forces dropped inside the German lines President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, done in German.

We are no longer functioning exclusively after the similitude of pioneer times: How well do I remember the old-time modest meeting-houses in which our forebears gathered for worship. The voice of the preacher would reach from 100 to 300 at each service, and that was all. Now the wise Christian preacher, with the radio available, sends out the Gospel appeal to tens of thousands every Lord's Day. The other night we heard the voices of men in Anarctice. We have listened to King George, Ramsey MacDonald, and other men who, speaking in Europe, are heard as we sit quietly at our fireside here in America.

For more than a dozen years I have been teaching a Sunday-school class of many thousands. The radio over which I broadcast, KRLD, may reach 400,000 radio sets. George W. Truett, President of the Baptist World Alliance, is now also broadcasting over this station. I finish my Sunday-school message at 10:30, and he gets on the air at 11:15.

Carry the Message

This word of mine may be read by many Gospel preachers and Sunday-school teachers. It is sent out as an appeal to each and everyone to carry the message that Christ has placed on our hearts and in our hands to a dying, waiting world by every means known to the ingenuity of man and which we may have at our command in the greatest of all human tasks. In every city of consequence in America there are broadcasting stations and these broadcasting stations doubtless may be used by our preachers if the right means are employed of bringing this transcendent power into requisition. It will take a little money, but what is money when weighed in the balances against eternal destiny.

Unhappily, Christians have been slow to take advantage of the human means ready to hand for the service of God. We have let the devil capture the movies and use them for the oft-times vicious education of our growing children. I may be "all wet" about it, but I believe that our church houses, many of which are closed all week long except for little sad-eyed prayer-meeting crowds on Wednesday nights, and a handful or so on Sunday nights, should be held open every night in the week, with wholesome moving pictures, given free—this for the salvation of our children from the grip of the quality of movies that are in evidence on every hand, and many of which are as vicious as hell itself.

In a recent issue of the Sunday School Times, the Editor answered a query from a preacher who wanted to know what could be done to utilize moving pictures in his work. The Editor's answer was quite unsatisfactory. He said that this acting business was performed by those dramatically trained and that the very process of training actors and actresses was a wicked process. I wouldn't count that schools of dramatic expression are shot-through with piety, but I remember well the tremendous effect in the old days when we were interested in temperance work, when "Ten Nights in a Bar-room" was presented. It was acted wonderfully well and thousands were re-claimed from drink by its presentation.

With all my heart, I believe we should utilize every possible means for the spread of the Gospel. It may be that we will find ourselves like the dear sister, who, kneeling at her hearthstone, was praying God to send her bread. Some mischievous boys passing by heard her prayer, hurried and bought two loaves of bread and, climbing up to the top of the house, tumbled them down her chimney at her feet. She raised her hands in gratitude to God, for his speedy answer to her prayer. The boys, bubbling with laughter, appeared at the door and said, "God had nothing to do with it. We threw those loaves of bread down the chimney ourselves." To which the Christian woman replied, "God sent it, even if the devil brought it!"

Awake! Awake!

Dear Christian preachers, laymen, teachers, workers, we are asleep at the switch. A Georgia brother, having read my article in the Western Recorder on "The Christian Church, the Great Sleeping Beauty," asked me in a postcard why I hadn't awakened. I can't claim that I am yet awake, but I have been troubled in my sleep. It is heart-breaking to witness the recklessness, the carelessness, the thoughtlessness, of our hell-bound world, on the one hand, and the self-satisfied inactivities of our Christian brotherhood on the other hand. We are not "carrying the message to Garcia." We are not really carrying it to anybody as we should. We are hugging our hearts, making our way languidly to church on Sunday morning and leaving the balance of that week and the great waiting world to the devil to do as he wills with it.

We are neglecting our religious papers. The Western Recorder should enter 100,000 homes, which would give it a clientele of 500,000 readers. The same is true of our other Baptist papers. There's not a reader of this story that couldn't add one subscriber to the Recorder's list with a turn of the hand. If he can't get the subscriber to cough up his own money to buy the paper, let the reader give the money himself and send it on.

We have abundant facilities for sarrying the message to earth's remotest bounds. But, instead of availing ourselves of the ways and means God has laid at our feet, we stand idle and inert, like the gaping crowd that witnessed the ascension of Jesus. I wish that the words of the angel could penetrate to the depths of every life, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" We call ourselves "Missionary Baptists," but most generally it's a lie. With our minds and hearts glued to the things of time and sense, we whittle sticks while the world plunges headlong into Hell.—Western Recorder.

AMONG THE FISHERMEN AT HARDIN-SIMMONS

Ray Mathis brings a report of a good study course at Plasterco with twenty-seven taking the examinations. Plasterco is in Fisher county.

Murray Fuquay went with the BSU last Sunday to Hatchel, Barnett, and Mann for a series of programs on missions. Good services were reported for all three services.

Roy Young was back with his people at Truby last Sunday. He states that he and his people are planning on entertaining a large crowd for the fifth Sunday services at his church in March. A list of the principal speakers will appear in this column at a later date.

Paul Wright went with Brother Alexander to Grassburr last Sunday and did the preaching in the morning. Clyde Jackson filled the pulpit in the afternoon and the pastor, Brother Alexander did the evening preaching. Good services were reported.

J. W. Arnette, one of the new boys, went back to his church in Big Spring Association last Sunday. He reports good services here at Valley View. The District Missionary, Willis Ray was with this church in the morning.

We had a general get-together at our church at Fluvanna last Sunday. Lunch was served at the church and Brother Lyman Wrenn spoke to the Deacons in the afternoon. Forrest Huffman, pastor.

Orval Hendon led the song services at Hanna last Sunday for Dr. Moore. Brother Brannon, District Missionary, and Brother Kirk, Simmons student, are in a meeting here at Hanna.

N. J. Westmoreland and his church at Hatchel were the hosts of the BSU in a good service on Missions last Sunday. N. J. preached the morning and evening services.

Vernon Yearby reports good services at Van Horn and several reconsecrations. Vernon has just accepted this work.

Frank Burress was at Mann last Sunday. He reports a good program rendered by the BSU.

Clyde Jackson reports good services at Moro last Sunday. Moro is in Sweetwater Association.

N. W. Pitts reports the organization of a W. M. S. in his church at Nolan in Sweetwater Association. He also says that his church is about to go on the budget.

Marvin Leech went before a pastoral church last Sunday at Hamby.

H. N. Balderree says his church at Bethel in Mitchell-Scurry Association decided last Sunday to take part in the study courses to be taught in that Association in March. He also reports a gain of five in Sunday School. Special offering was taken also he says.

Kelly Barnett reports much sand in Jones County last Sunday. Bethel did not have evening services on account of the weather.

R. L. Shannon says that his people at Fair View are taking a religious census with the idea in mind of forming a Standard Sunday School.

T. L. Young went to his church at Tuscola last Sunday. He reports a good time.

Jimmy Easterwood brings a good report from Roscoe. A special offering was taken out there last Sunday for the purpose of buying a piano for the basement. He says that the goal was attained and the piano is already bought. They had 148 in Sunday School last Sunday. Jimmy reports eleven that have signed up for the 100,000 Club. May the good work go on.

W. I. Young is getting ready for a three day service and meeting at Riverside in Jones County the last of the week.

Mark Reeves, Frank Burress, James Alexander, Murrey Fuquay and Freddy Cole attended the pastor's conference at Brownwood last Thursday and Friday.

Fred Moreland reports good services at Buffalo Gap. Large crowds and a spirit of good fellowship was in evidence everywhere. They had

one conversion in the morning service. The WMU gave a program on Home Missions just before the evening preaching hour.

Brother T. L. Nipp was at Elmdale last Sunday and says he had a good service there.

The writer taught a study course at Union Hill in Stevens county last week. This is the first time that anything like this has ever been done in this church. We have twelve to take the examinations. Good spirit was in evidence there, too.

A real Christian is like unto a rubber ball. The harder you hit him the higher he will bounce.

The Ministerial Council regrets very much the loss of Chester McClelland, who has accepted the work at Lawn and moved on the field.

News Notes

District Missionary J. D. Brannon is in a revival meeting this week with Pastor S. E. Stephenson and the church at O'Brien. The meeting will run through Tuesday of next week.

On a recent Sunday Pastor P. D. O'Brien of the First Church, Colorado, while commenting on "showers" said: "If you women of this church ever shower me, I would appreciate pencils." The next day the women of the church brought him thirty-six pencils. Say, Dick: If you get more pencils on hand than you know what to do with, send a few of them down this way; only this morning the editor was "fussing around" because there was not a pencil in the office.

On Wednesday evening of last week, Pastor F. A. Hollis and the Putnam church borrowed the baptistry of the First Baptist Church, Cisco and baptized six candidates.

State Evangelist George W. McCall is to be with Pastor T. J. Furniss and the Throckmorton Church in a revival meeting beginning March 30.

Pastr J. W. Ware and the Rule Church are in the midst of a mission school this week. An endeavor is being made to reach all ages and classes of the church. Seven classes are being taught. One class is being taught for the negroes of the city. This is a fine idea. Perhaps we are too neglectful of the colored people in our midst.

GIRARD CHURCH COMMENDS SUPERINTEN'T. CLIFF HAINES

The First Baptist Church of Girard passed the following resolutions concerning Mr. Cliff Haines, superintendent of the Girard Church, who moved recently to Abilene. Our city is glad to welcome families such as this one:

Whereas, our beloved superintendent, Mr. Cliff Haines, and his splendid family have moved from our community, and whereas his administration of our Sunday School has been so efficient and so inspiring, and the example of himself and his family so worth emulating, therefore, be it Resolved, That we place on record our sincere appreciation of Mr. Haines and his family.

Resolved, That we tender to Mr. Haines and his family this expression of our gratitude for their work among us and extend to them our best wishes for their future lives.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Mr. Haines and family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to The West Texas Baptist, Abilene, Texas.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. B. KELLETT, MRS. T. J. COOPER, MRS. CHECK JAY.

HERESY OF DISOBEDIENCE

Since the salvation of men is Christ's supreme thought, it should be ours. How is it possible for one who professes to follow Christ not to believe in missions, when missions are simply the organized effort to carry out the will of the Master?

When a man accepts all disagreeable changes and takes the chances as they come, and all with a smile—when a fellow faces the rough and the smooth alike with that smile—when he is cheerful in disappointment and hopeful in distress—when such a man starts out for success—he finds it.—Fred D. Van Amburge.

For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Samuel 16:7.

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

Mrs. Burkett Gives Volumes To H-S.U.

She Also Donates Collection Of Rocks Gathered By Son and Father

Mrs. J. C. Burkett, widow of the late Dr. J. C. Burkett, has recently donated a number of new volumes to the Hardin-Simmons library. This is the second contribution of Mrs. Burkett from the large collection her husband accumulated before his death.

Dr. Burkett was for many years pastor of the South Side Baptist church of Abilene. Three of his sons have attended Hardin-Simmons university.

Mrs. Burkett also presented a large collection of rocks and stones gathered by her husband in the Holy Land, and by her son, Eugene Field Burkett in Alaska.

Debating Teams To Enter Tournament At Oklahoma School

Brumbelow, Polk, Gayer, and Featherston Make Up Boys' Teams

Hardin-Simmons university debate teams, both boys' and girls, and one orator will leave next Thursday to compete in a tournament to be held in Durant, Oklahoma, at Southwestern Teachers college, March 1 and 2. The teams will return to Abilene Sunday, March 3.

The first team for the boys will consist of Moxley Featherston and James K. Polk. The second team will be composed of Don Gayer and J. B. Brumbelow.

Kelley Barnett will represent the university in the division of oratory and extemporaneous speaking, according to Prof. W. A. Stephenson, sponsor of the men's and women's debating organizations.

The girls' team has not been chosen definitely, but it will be chosen from the following who will try out Monday afternoon in Prof. Stephenson's room at 2 o'clock: Mildred Burnett, Rose Ross, Hazel Fulton, Myrtle Eugenia Haggard, Sybil Glass, Bobbie Craighead, and Mrs. T. U. Burroughs. Finals for the try-outs for the girls debate will be held Tuesday night.

Orchestra Presents Program To Masons

The Hardin-Simmons orchestra under the direction of Herbert M. Preston presented a program Friday night at 7:30 at the Masonic meeting in the Masonic Hall in Abilene.

The program was as follows: "Coppelia" by Delibes; "War March," by Mendelssohn; "Celebrated Menuet" by Valensin; "Elegie" by Aletter; "Les Adieux" by Sarasate.

Gibson-Deaton To Sing To Dallas Club

Male Quartet Will Present "Sermon in Song" At Albany Sunday

Mrs. Lola Gibson-Deaton, head of the Hardin-Simmons voice department will present a recital in Dallas, Tuesday, February 28, for the combined departments of Dallas Woman's Forum, at the Woman's Forum auditorium.

Mrs. Deaton also announces the Hardin-Simmons male quartet is scheduled to appear at the First Baptist Church of Albany tomorrow night. The quartet will have charge of the church services and will offer their "Sermon in Song."

A girls sextet has recently been organized in the voice department. It is composed of Ruth Scheibe, Tobitha Adkinson, Peggy Byers, Edith Currie, Naomi Davis, and Mildred Jenkins. This organization will be known as the "Cecelians."

Graduating class of 1935 celebrated Washington's birthday in observing annual senior day with a special program in the university auditorium, a luncheon in the Wooten hotel, as guests of the Round Table, and other customary ceremonies of the class in observance of the holiday yesterday.

Sarg Company Will Offer Opera Faust Thursday, March 7

Two Shows To Be Presented In Hardin-Simmons Auditorium

"Uncle Remus" Slated

Students To Be Admitted To One Performance On Activity Cards

Tony Sarg will bring his marionette show to Abilene and present two programs in the Hardin-Simmons university auditorium Thursday, March 7. The first program, "Uncle Remus," will be presented in the afternoon, and the night performance will be "Faust."

Students of Hardin-Simmons will be allowed to see either one of the two performances on their activity tickets, according to G. B. Sandefer, manager of the artist course.

This is the second artist attraction for the spring semester.

The marionette show is a product of the Tony Sarg Company of Times Square, New York. Mr. Sarg is popularly considered as the "father of the marionette show."

The prices of admission for the presentation have not been definitely fixed, but will be reasonable. The afternoon performance will be especially adapted to children.

The night show will be of the opera "Faust," produced entirely by the marionettes.

In the first act of the opera the Dr. Faust, by mixing his chemicals, produces ghosts amid a setting of gloom and smoke. There appears the skeleton that throws off his head and

The second act is taken in Venice. The Devil has taken Faust to show him Marguerite. The villain demands money and riches. Instantly he is covered with gold and precious jewels. The comedy of this act is produced by the cat. It also ends dramatically with a duel between Faust and Valentine.

The last act is of old witches and Lelah, the enchantress. There is also a sad scene with Marguerite in prison. Faust finally meets his death by the witches and imps throwing him into the flaming crater.

limbs and by magic brings them back together again. The first act is brought to a close with a vivid picture of Faust turning himself into a young man.

Herbert Preston Gives Program At Aspermont

Herbert M. Preston, violin instructor of Hardin-Simmons university, presented a program at the weekly meeting of the Stonewall county teachers Friday night, February 22, at 7:30 o'clock in Aspermont. Mr. Preston played a group of selections, accompanied by Mary Louise Ford, university student, and discussed public school music trends in Chicago and Texas.

Ozell Murdock, Wylie teacher, is conducting the Aspermont school, which is in its ninth week. He is presenting the state program of public school music.

Dr. Hedrick Addresses Pre-Med Organization

Dr. T. Wade Hedrick addressed the Pre-Med club at a special meeting Monday night in Dr. Watt's lecture room.

The lecture concerned modern day blood transfusions, and was demonstrated by an actual transfusion. Two cats were used for the experiment. The demonstration was witnessed by the greatest attendance of the year.

With the half-way mark already behind them, the Hardin-Simmons Ranchers are still pacing the Texas Conference with a perfect record. They increased their lead Monday night with a 52-37 victory over the Austin college Kangaroos in Sherman.

The "S" club and association held its annual banquet in the Wooten Hotel Saturday night featuring a prison theme in decorations, program, and menu. One hundred and twenty guests attended the affair at which J. B. Neely, president of the organization, acted as toastmaster.

Members of the Art Unit, Abilene Women's Forum, named Miss A. M. Carpenter, head of the art department in Hardin-Simmons university, as president at its annual business sessions, Friday afternoon, February 15, at the woman's clubhouse. Miss Carpenter succeeds Mrs. L. E. Brock, taking up her duties next fall. Mrs. Brock will assume the post of chairman of exhibitions.

Prof. W. A. Stephenson, head of the department of government of Hardin-Simmons university, has accepted an invitation to address the meeting

of the American Legion to be held at Ranger today and Sunday.

Miss Thelma Andrews, head librarian at Hardin-Simmons university, addressed the Abilene Art League members Friday with a subject of "Roman Art."

Hardin-Simmons Cowboys kept their record clean Tuesday night when they handed a 42-32 trouncing to the Trinity Tigers in their own lair.

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring the text "DRINK— Coca-Cola IN BOTTLES" and an illustration of a bottle.

Advertisement for West Texas Baptist Sanitarium featuring the text "West Texas Baptist Sanitarium" and a photograph of the building. Text below describes services and rates.

Advertisement for Hardin-Simmons University featuring the text "Hardin-Simmons University" and "Fostering the highest ideals of Christian culture and maintaining the highest standards of academic excellency." Includes contact information for the Secretary.

Woman's Missionary Union of Texas, Dist. 17

W. M. U. WATCHWORD—"LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD." I COR. 3:9.
1935 WATCHWORD—"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS." PSA. 20:5.

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"If none were sick and none were sad,
What service could we render?
I think if we were always glad,
We scarcely could be tender.
If sorrow never claimed our heart,
And every wish were granted,
Patience would die and hope depart—
Life would be disenchanting."
—A Missionary.

A pilgrim, bound for Mecca, quite
away his sandals wore,
And on the desert's blistering sand
his feet grew very sore.
"To let me suffer thus, great Allah,
is not kind nor just,
While in thy service I confront the
painful heat and dust."
He murmured in complaining tone;
and in this temper came
To where, around the Kaaba, pilgrims
knelt of every name;
And there he saw, while pity and re-
morse his bosom beat,
A pilgrim who not only wanted shoes,
but feet.

—From the Persian, translated by
William Rounseville Alger.

A NEW HOME MISSION BOOK

A new home mission book, "Winning the Border," is now available from the Baptist book store, Dallas. It is recommended as a mission study book, being written by our Southwest chairman, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, who spent considerable time

on the border making a thorough study of conditions, and becoming personally acquainted with many of the workers. Our own Mrs. Leigh accompanied her on much of the tour. Because of our close connection with this work the book should be of special interest to our people and many classes should be started at once. Since it is not at present possible for our missionaries to engage in many forms of active service in Mexico, the work along the border assumes added importance and southern Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona constitute a strategic mission field. If the Home Mission Board were able to utilize the services of the fine missionaries unable to work in Mexico, it would greatly aid in meeting the situation adequately.

JOIN THE HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

The Boethian class of women of the First Church, Abilene, has pledged two memberships to the 100,000 Club, an example that should be followed by many organizations before the close of the campaign. Many individuals who would like to help but are unable to do so might influence others to join with them in forming groups. There is no magic way to pay our denominational debts. It can be done by small, though sacrificial, gifts of the many over a period of time. The attitude of our missionaries toward the plan should convince us that we are working along

right lines and should call forth hearty cooperation even in the face of other pressing needs.

BAIRD W. M. U. WILL HOLD MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE

The Callahan County W. M. U. will hold a Mission Study Institute at the Baird Baptist Church, Tuesday, March 5, beginning at ten o'clock. Ladies will come from Abilene to teach these courses. We extend to everyone an invitation to attend and take advantage of these studies. Where?—Baird! When?—March 5th!! Be on hand!!!

FIRST THINGS FIRST

We are in the heartiest agreement in the deep desire to wipe out our debt as speedily as possible. It is the simplest thing in the world to tell you how we have been able to join the hundred thousand club. First we heard about it and decided it was the most sensible plan advanced up to that time for the steady reduction of the debt. The matter of whether we should join was brought up in our annual mission meeting and discussed briefly with the result that almost one, if not every missionary, of every mission privately gave his or her name to the local treasurer asking that the dollar per month be discounted and returned to Richmond. We live quite simply, and we have plenty of good wholesome food. Although

we "follow afar off" the styles, we manage to dress respectably and at the same time get all the wear out of a garment that there is in it before we pass it to the poorest in our midst. We do not have an automobile, nor an electric refrigerator, nor a radio, not because we have any special aversion to such conveniences, but simply because our budget does not admit either of the initial cost or the upkeep.—Missionary in Brazil.

Y. W. A. ORGANIZED AT PUTNAM

The young people of Putnam organized a Young Woman's Auxiliary which will meet each Thursday afternoon at 4:30, with Mrs. Loren Everett as leader. Miss Ardelia Gaskin was elected president, Miss Lera Fleming vice-president, and Miss Artie Cook secretary-treasurer. The watchword is "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Colors adopted were green and white and the hymn adopted was "O Zion Thy Mission High Fulfilling." The program committee consists of Ardelia Gaskin, Lera Fleming, Edna Brazil. The membership committee is composed of Kathleen Green and Roberta Pruet, the social committee of Elsie Kelley, Lillian Cook, Hazel McMillan, and the finance committee of Artie Cook, Frances Spraws and Preble Stuart.

DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

TO THE CHURCHES OF DISTRICT 17:

I am giving below a comparative report of the monthly gifts to the Cooperative Program, in the eleven Districts in Texas that have District Missionaries. You will note that our District is lower than some others. I am very anxious that our District be the best in the state, and I appeal to you to help make it so. Please see that your church turns in an offering to World Wide Missions during February.

District	No. Churches	No. churches giving in January	Percentage of churches giving in January	Percentage of churches giving in December
No. 1	167	34	20.4	29.9
No. 3	115	57	49.6	33.6
No. 6	155	76	49.	53.
No. 7	38	19	50.	60.5
No. 8	75	26	34.7	36.6
No. 9	194	57	29.5	28.5
No. 10	98	51	52.	55.
No. 14	224	83	37.	30.9
No. 15	239	63	26.4	31.4
No. 16	225	51	22.7	25.6
No. 17	185	49	26.5	32.8
Totals	1715	566	33.	34.7

Here is a comparative report of the Associations in District 17 for the last quarter:

Association	No. churches	No. giving November	No. giving December	No. giving January	Percentage giving last quarter
Callahan	17	2	5	5	23.5
Cisco	39	10	14	8	27.3
Fisher	22	9	10	8	40.9
Haskell	25	4	8	6	24.0
Sweetwater	36	11	15	13	36.1
Jones	31	10	5	8	24.7
Stonewall	15	2	6	1	20.0

This is the amount given by each Association during the last quarter:

Association	Organizer	Amount given
Callahan—Rev. V. W. Tatum		\$ 114.25
Cisco—Rev. H. D. Blair		897.86
Fisher—Rev. D. G. Reid		380.50
Haskell—Rev. J. Lowell Ponder		558.17
Sweetwater—Dr. N. A. Moore		2241.49
Jones—Rev. L. A. Doyle		468.33
Stonewall—Rev. J. S. Tierce		91.73
Total		\$4752.33

During January and February the churches have been presenting the Hundred Thousand Club. Please do not fail to see that your church has a part in this work. Send a list of the names and addresses of each member to the organizer of your association, by March 11th. That week we hope to print them in the West Texas Baptist.

District Convention

The District B. T. U. and S. S. Convention will meet at Haskell March 14-15. Each church is asked to send messengers to consider the organization of a District Convention.

The Laymen's Rally will meet at First Baptist Church, Dallas, March 7-8.

Be sure to get your offering in to World Wide Missions this month. It must be in by March 4, if counted for February.

CISCO ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Albany	\$ 36.79
Bluff Ranch	
Greckneridge	165.00
Caddo	
Carbon	
Center	
Cisco, East	5.00
Cisco, First	71.16
Desdemona	
Eastland	9.90
Eolian	
Gorman	7.75
Harmony	
Hodnut Grove	
Ivan	
Leon	
Long Branch	
Mangum	
Merriman	
Midway	
Moran	
Necessity	
New Hope No. 1	
New Hope No. 2	
New Hope No. 3	
Nimrod	
Olden	
Okra	
Parks	
Pioneer	2.00
Pleasant Hill	
Pueblo	
Ranger, Central	
Ranger, First	
Rising Star	
Sebana	1.00
Staff	
Union	
Wayland	
TOTAL	\$298.60

CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Admiral	
Antioch	
Atwell	
Baird	5.18

BELLE PLAINS ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Belle Plains	
Clyde	4.00
Cottonwood	4.45
Cross Plains	
Denton Valley	
Dressy	
Eagle Cove at Dudley	
Eula	
Oplin	
Putnam	13.44
Potosi	2.00
Rowden	
Scranton	
TOTAL	\$29.07

FISHER ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Barren View	
Bethel	
County Line	
Cross Roads	
Gannon	
El Paso	
Highland Home	10.00
Hitson	
Liberty	
Longworth	
McCauley	5.65
Newman	
North Roby	
Plasterico	10.00
Pleasant Valley	
Pledger	
Roby	50.29
Rotan	80.28
Royston	1.00
Sardis	
Spring Creek	2.86
Silvester	17.33
TOTAL	\$177.41

HASKELL ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Bethlehem	
Brushy	
Cottonwood	

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Curry's Chapel	
Gauntt	
Gillespie	
Goree	
Haskell, First	90.52
Howard	
Knox City	18.01
Munday	
New Hope	
O'Brian	6.73
Pinkerton	6.63
Post	
Rockdale	
Rochester	
Rule	73.30
Smith Chapel	
Sweet Home	
Tanner Paint	
Weaver	
Weinert	
Weston	4.00
TOTAL	\$199.19

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Abilene, Calvary	
Abilene, First	\$632.66
Abilene, Immanuel	
Abilene, South Side	25.00
Abilene, Sunset	
Abilene, Trinity	
Abilene, University	70.68
Blair	
Blackwell	
Buffalo Gap	
Caps	6.00
Calvary	
Cedar Gap	16.00
Colony Hill	
Dora	
Elm Dale	146.30
High Point	
Lawn	
Mary Neill	
Merkel	18.30
Mt. Olive	
Mt. Pleasant	
Moro	
Neill	6.35
Nolan	6.00
Ovalo	
Salt Branch	4.52
Shep	
Sweetwater, First	150.00
Sweetwater, Lamar	10.30
Stamper	
Trent	5.00
Tuscola	
Tye	
View	
Total	\$1,097.11

JONES ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Amity	
Anson	28.06
Avoca	
Bethel	
Boyd's Chapel	2.00
Comper	
Corinth	5.68
Delk	
Dovie	
Fairview	5.90
Flat Top	
Friendship	
Golan	
Hamlin	25.00
Hannah	
Hawley	
Hebron	
Hodges	
Lueders	8.50
Mt. Pleasant	
New Hope	
Noodle	
Nugent	
Oak Grove	
Prairie View	4.19
Riverside	
Shiloh	
Stith	
Truby	
Taxedo	
Stamford, Coop. Mem.	1.00
TOTAL	\$ 80.33

STONEWALL ASSOCIATION JANUARY

Churches	Amount Given To C. P.
Aspermont	7.95
Bulah	
Centerview	
Clairmont	
Girard	
Jayton	
Johnson Chapel	
Mt. Olive	
Mt. View	
Old Glory	
Peacock	
Salt Flat	
Swenson	
Orianna	
Valley View	
TOTAL	\$7.95

RAMBLING REMARKS

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District-wide B. T. U. revival which will be held from March 9 to 17. Mr. T. C. Gardner will personally direct this campaign. Nearly every church in the Mitchell-Scurry Association is enlisted in this campaign. . . . A very successful laymen's meeting was held last Thursday night at Dunn. Some of the main speakers on the program did not appear, but the meeting was very helpful in every way. Brother Lyman Wrenn, of Snyder, is the efficient district leader, and Brother T. D. Wiman, of Wastella, is the Association leader. Two better men could not be found for these places. . . . Brother Clyde Wilson was ordained to the deaconship by the church at Horn's Chapel last Sunday afternoon. Brother G. W. Parks preached the sermon, the writer conducted the examination, Rev. A. C. Hardin delivered the charge to the church and Rev. Claud Scott delivered the charge to the deacon. Brother Charlie Mathis, of Roscoe, is the pastor. . . . On a sad mission to Lamesa last week to attend the funeral of a brother's wife, we found Pastor E. F. Cole confined to his bed with influenza. . . . To those who have known Brother G. C. Farris, aged, retired preacher of Colorado, we wish you would write him a word of condolence. He is so depressed by the tragic death of his youngest son in a car accident recently. He and mother Farris are able to leave their rooms only rarely and they are heart-broken because of this great loss. When we think of these old pioneer preachers and their wives, as Paul said to the Romans, we should remember that, "their debtor we are," and the least we can do is to make their last days as pleasant as possible. . . . We are to be with Pastor E. S. James and the First church, Cisco, in a revival from March 24 to April 7. The District Sunday School and B. T. U. convention will be held with our church in Colorado, March 28-29. Then we are to have the District convention of the W. M. U. here on April 17-18. Visitors from other districts will be welcome. . . . I have heard a preacher of another denomination several times in a revival meeting lately. His sermons were interesting, but he preached from 45 minutes to an hour or more each time night and day. I am more thoroughly convinced than ever that it is better to quit when folk want you to go on, than it is to go on when they want you to quit. Maybe that applies to Rambling Remarks also, so!

HAWLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, will preach Sunday morning on "A Garden Scene," and Sunday evening on "Christ's Mission To Earth." Sunday School meets at 10:00 a. m. under the direction of our faithful Superintendent, W. W. Wood. Our superintendent has asked us to help him bring our Sunday school attendance up to the 100 mark. Let us do our best to help him to have the 100 attendance before March is gone. Make his heart glad by greeting him with a smile Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock sharp. A program will be given Sunday evening just preceding the preaching service. It is hoped that many of our people will find it convenient to go to Elmdale Sunday afternoon for the program to be given by a group from our church at 2:30. You are invited to all our services.

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