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The Message

Jacob had only a stone, a hilltop and the night sky; but when he dreamed a ladder connecting with heaven, the place became Beth-el—the house of God—and a landmark in his life. (Gen. 28:10-22.)

Within this booklet, friend, you will find a building or two, some faces of your fellowmen, and a line of words about them. But if you would get the message you must see a ladder reaching up to God.

Abide awhile within.. See, first, the Master as “He saw the multitudes and was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep having no shepherd,” and said, “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest.” See, then, the troubled old earth today. How well His words described it then. Hear now, the martial command, “Go preach the Gospel,” God’s power to save men.

Think of these within this book as answering that prayer—obeying that command. This is the message, and there is no other. Unless you sense this ladder reaching between the crying children of earth and the yearning Father above, this book will be to you a barren hilltop and a bleak, unmeaning sky.

So this isn’t our family album. There would be a lot more faces if it were. Just these pictures chanced to be at hand and they can help you glimpse the spirit of this “school of the prophets,” the Brite College of the Bible—if you can see the ladder.

“Your young men shall see visions.”—Joel 2:28.



**A Believer
in the Gospel,
A Practicer
in Christian Stewardship**

LUKE C. BRITE,
Christian Statesman



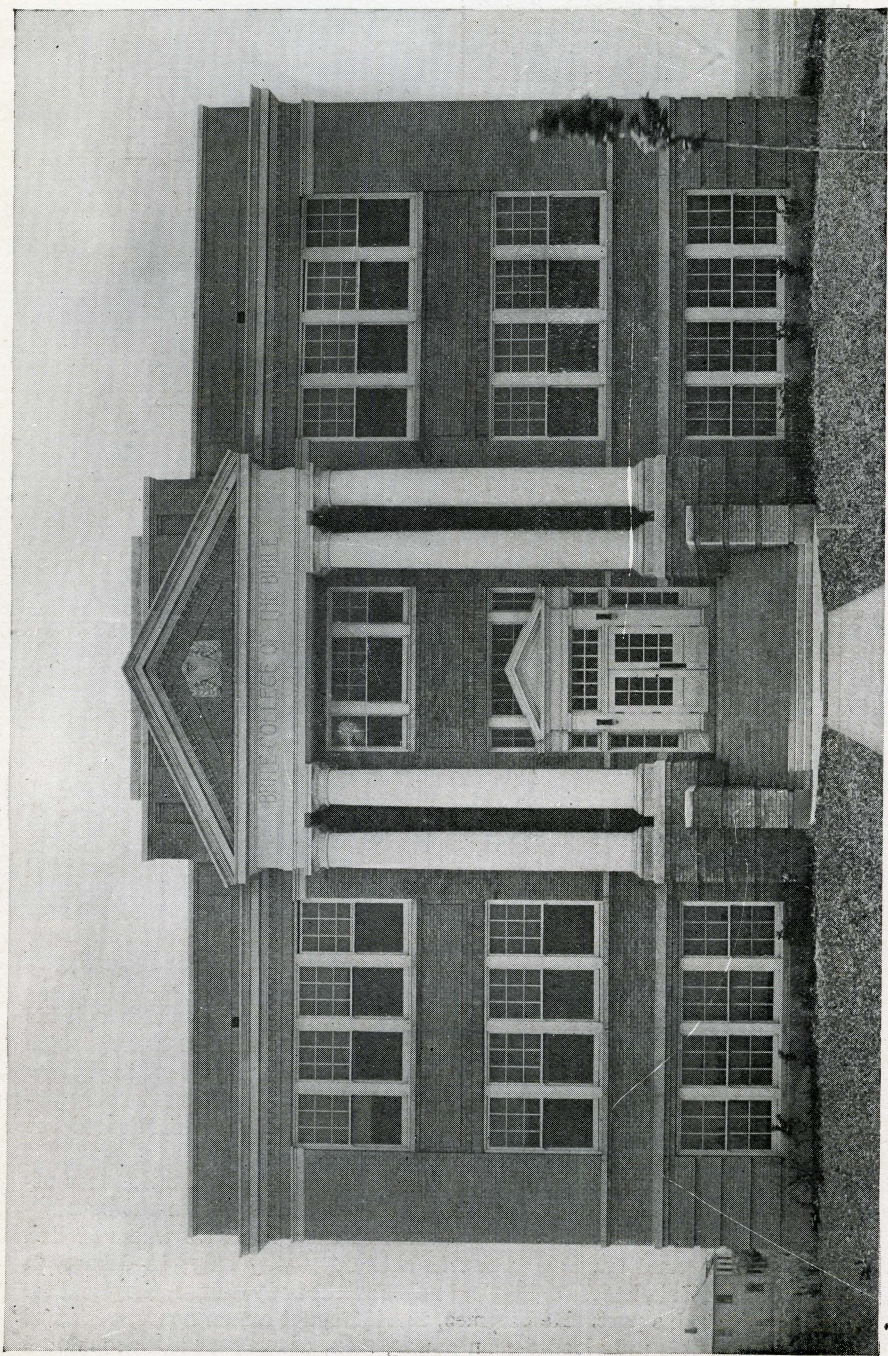
HE IS putting his wealth to work at the fundamental task of nation building—the development of men to plant the Gospel in the hearts of people.

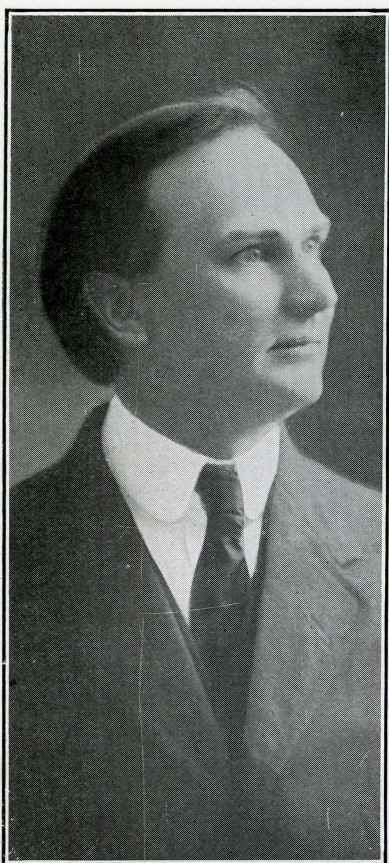
Brother Brite is a Texan by birth, spirit and character—a ranchman and a successful one; with a heart as big as his broad acres in the Big Bend country. He is a Moses who pleads “I am not eloquent,” but he is providing many Aarons to be mouthpieces for the Lord.

With the enthusiastic support of his accomplished wife, he has made possible a Bible COLLEGE in Texas Christian University, building on the foundation laid by Addison Clark, J. B. Sweeney and others, in the Bible Department of the School. First, he endowed with \$25,000 the L. C. Brite Chair of English Bible; then gave \$34,000 for the erection of the Brite Building, the present home of the Brite College of the Bible, as shown on the opposite page.

This building is more than a shelter for offices and classes. Its classic design and tasty interior invite neatness and cultivate refinement in the students. Its growing Library, aiming to become a depository for all the literature of the Restoration Movement, and much more besides, develops a love for books that promises rich sermons by the growing preachers.

The Chapel, on the top floor, commanding a view of wonderful, far-spreading Texas prairie, has already been sanctified by rich experiences so that it has just named itself “The Upper Room.”





**A Preacher,
planting the Gospel
thru Education;
An Educator,
believing in Vision
and People
as well as Books.**

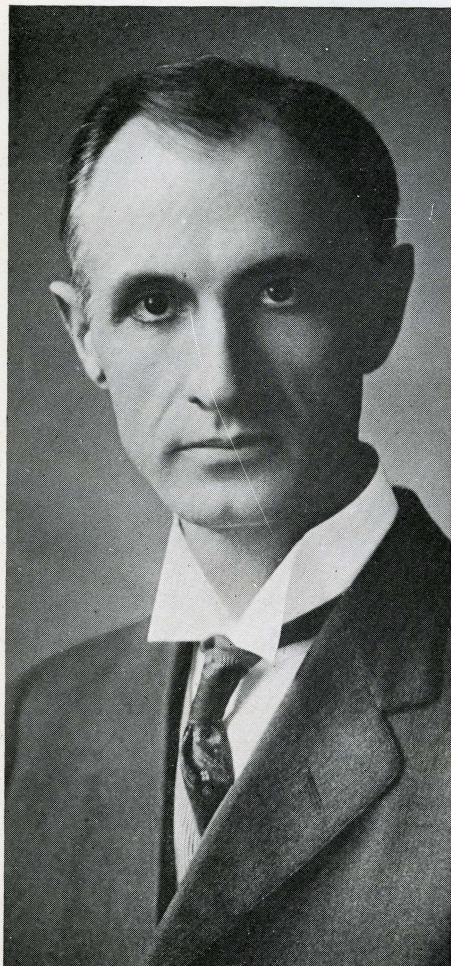
EDWARD McSHANE WAITS
President of the University and of the College



He is an executive who talks with the poets familiarly, walks among men naturally, feels with mankind sincerely and leads youth gloriously.

He has spent most of his career as a pastor; so, although his duties for the University claim much of his time, his heart is with the preacher boy. His chapel talks have stirred many a student to "follow the gleam instead of the glitter of life." Some lecture courses being arranged will bring his wealth of pastoral experience to the service of the ministerial students.

With President Waits at its head, the College of Arts and Sciences affords the ministers a full standard A. B. course, sending them out broadly-educated men, fit to cope with the leaders of thought in all walks of life. And this all-around training is not in a literary way only; in debate, in oratory, in football, baseball, tennis, in all student body affairs, the preacher is made to take his part. He becomes, therefore, not a man apart, a kind of a third sex, but a red-blooded man among men, as well as one acquainted with God.



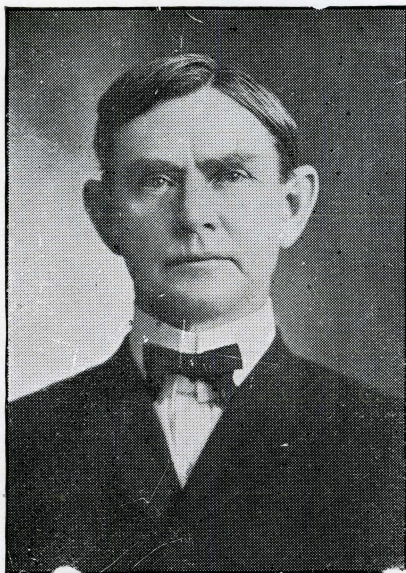
COLBY D. HALL, Dean
Teacher of English Bible and Social Service

**He studies
Men and Society
most carefully;
Only that
he may lead them
to GOD.**

IT was once said of him, by G. A. Faris, then editor of the Christian Courier, "He has the knack of seeing the thing that needs to be done, and doing it." Full opportunity has he had to see what needs to be done for putting preacher boys through College, for he worked his way through Add-Ran under Addison Clark, and through Transylvania under J. W. McGarvey, C. L. Loos and the others; and has been working out the business problems of the Bible College and many of its members for several years. Tell him your troubles; he can usually find a way out.

He used to dream of the day when the College could announce: "Any boy who is anxious to preach and is willing to work, can make expenses through Brite College." That day was reached some time ago; and that challenge is sent out to ambitious boys everywhere. Through the Boarding Club, Employment Fund, and other plans, this is made possible. Ask him. He can tell.

As a teacher, Brother Hall has two specialties. One is that every ministerial student shall know the Bible. Other things, too, lots of them, but most of all, the Book. Not just about the Book, but the Book itself. And after a student goes through "O. T. H. 13" and "Gospels 23", he will not be unfamiliar with the Book. The other is that they shall know the world to which they must apply the Gospel, and which they must serve. Hence, he is developing the department usually known as Applied Christianity or Social Service. He presents it, not as a new-fangled substitute, but as the Original Gospel in action. This work puts the College in the lead with the most wide-awake timely progress without lessening the allegiance to the Gospel of the Bible.



**Defender
of the Faith;
Pastor beloved
in many Texas Homes;
Friend of the
Preacher boy.**

CHALMERS McPHERSON
Teacher of New Testament Christianity

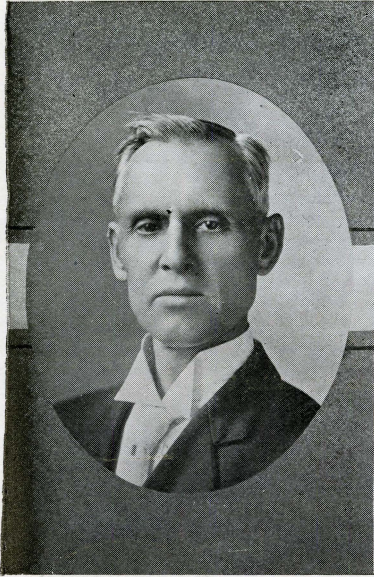


If he had a middle name it, too, would doubtless be Scotch, to correspond with his predilection for theology, his Highland height and his habit of getting things thoroughly done.

To be sure, he does not make his every pupil a Scotchman, or even a theologian, but no one who listens will doubt that he does make him acquainted familiarly with those "first principles" which have rendered the preaching of the Restoration Movement powerful in evangelism. He knows these principles, and knows how to use them, for he has learned them, not theoretically, but by preaching them throughout Texas for many years.

Beginning students are put into "Bro. Mc's" class in "Acts 11," where they fill up with good material for preaching, and get the evangelistic fervor from the first. Then, after wrestling a while in "Sermon Building" class they put the material together and begin to learn to preach by preaching. By the time they have tussled with "Doctrine and Practice" also, they are surely ready to preach sermons that would have a familiar ring even to Ben Franklin or any one who has ever read his sermons, or heard them preached by others. The Brite College of the Bible does not lead its students through the long and tortuous meanderings of the old school "Systematic Theology," for the day of human creed making is past; but it does require of them a working knowledge of the teachings of the Bible.

Through his long acquaintance in Texas Brother McPherson has been able to help greatly in building up the Employment Fund, which is making possible the record that no boy is ever turned away from the College for lack of work to make his expenses.



**A Reverent Scholar,
A Courtly Gentleman,
A Patient Teacher.**

CLINTON LOCKHART, Ph. D.
Teacher of Hebrew and Greek

IF anything has been left undone to make Dr. Lockhart a scholar indeed, his friends have never discovered that thing. Trained under the old group of great teachers at Lexington, Ky., then pursuing his studies at Yale, specializing in the languages, and receiving his degree of Doctor of Philosophy, he has secured what the schools have to offer in technical training for his department. This scholarship has now been ripened by the experience of teaching so long—well, never mind, he has pupils all over the States who are old enough to be famous men, and a credit to their teacher. With a naturally analytical mind and such training, you will not be able to find a better master of the Biblical tongues in the Brotherhood.

Not every preacher needs to be a technical scholar, but every College needs to be capable of making some of them at least, and of giving to every pupil a foundation knowledge of the Bible in its original. The Brite College of the Bible is so equipped. It is an interesting fact that several Jewish Rabbis, skilled, of course, in Hebrew, have taken work under Dr. Lockhart, to much profit.

Dr. Lockhart is the author of several books, two of which are used as texts in the College: Hermeneutics, taught by Brother McPherson, and in his own class, Messianic Prophecy. He also, like the other teachers, keeps in vital practice in the art of preaching by regular appointments to preach on Sundays.

THRU SCHOOL AND IN THE FIELD



John Watson Shockley, A. B., A. M., B. D.

He is a good sample of persistence, perspiration and pluck. After trying two other Colleges, he chose T. C. U. for his own. By his own hands alone, he made his way, for eight years of college, helping a brother and two sisters also, and quitting practically out of debt. He says any boy can do it who will hustle and trust God.

Many fields are open to him, but he will be found for a while in Uncle Sam's uniform, ministering to the soldier boys.

William Jones, A. B., A. M.

T. C. U. became an international school when Bro. Jones arrived. No, you wouldn't guess from his name that he is a foreigner—and indeed he is not, though he hails from England, for he likes America well enough to stay here. Nor is that all, he has joined the colors and is now wearing the uniform of a U. S. A. Chaplain.

His record shows what diligent application can do. Almost his first year in school he began to preach, and despite his unfamiliar accent and un-Texan ways, pleased his churches and kept the same ones nearly his whole five years.



Ben M. Edwards, A. B.

He "came back." Not that he ever lost out, but he dropped out of T. C. U. several years ago, lured by an inviting pastorate. But while pastor at Vernon, leaving his family there, spending the week here, he toiled to finish his A.B. degree—and did it.

And that's not all he did. He found time to capture several prizes in oratorical contests, about three hundred dollars worth at last count.

He can testify that although a preacher can do good when half trained, he can never reach his maximum efficiency without complete college training—and it pays to pay the price.

He is now pastor of the fine new church at Paris.



IN THE A. B. '18 CLASS AND STILL GOING

B. S. Smiser, A. B.

If any boy lack faith to break loose and start his college career, let him look into the record of this man. He quit a high-class business position, without funds, and with no certainty of a job in school and felt the pinch of sacrifice a while. He had to share it, too, with his good wife. But, because he stayed on, he soon fell into a splendid position, then began to preach, and has made his way easily.

By his leadership in College affairs he has proven that a preacher may be the best business man of them all.

Having taken his A. B. degree, he will continue in the Bible College for his B. D.



Miss Bernice Holmes, A. B.

She is a preacher's daughter, and may some day be a preacher's wife for all we know, but her preparation has been for the mission field. She graduated with the A. B. degree this year, and ran a close race with another preacher's daughter for the honors of the class. She will probably complete her missionary course later, but is to recuperate next year by teaching in the Fort Worth public schools. She was also prize essayist in the Stewardship Contest.

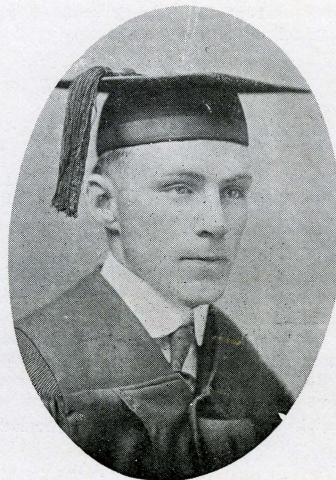
Girls studying for the mission field are given the same advantages in the college as the boys preparing for the ministry.



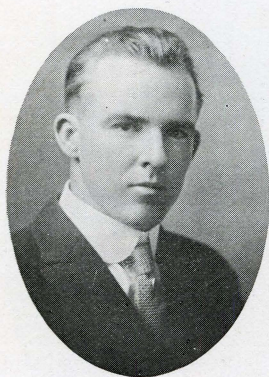
J. Claude Grady, A. B.

He has specialized in library work to make a living, and in the languages to make a scholar. It has been no trouble to furnish work for him for he is always discovering a better job for himself. He early qualified as a good librarian, then was promoted to the City Library, and now is an assistant in the City Y. M. C. A.

He took his A. B. degree this year, and hasn't begun his preaching yet; but in the next two years while he is working for his B. D., he will get the swing, and be ready as a most dependable and diligent pastor.



GOODE HALL BOARDING CLUB



MARRION HARDISON

"We may live without friends,
We may live without books;
But civilized man
Cannot live without cooks."

And preachers must be civilized, hence the cooking department.

In our plan for making an education possible for moneyless boys, this Club plays an essential part. For board is the largest item of expense and must be reduced to a minimum. To accomplish this good purpose the College has carefully fostered the Club until it has become a permanent success.

The Club surely does succeed in reducing the "high cost of living" for many householders have been heard to remark that \$3.50 per week is cheaper than they can live at home. It isn't supposed to bother so much about the "cost of high living," yet you seldom hear anything but compliments for the fare.

The Club is managed by its members, who elect their officers, choose their employees and determine their bill of fare. The president recently has been Mr. Marrion Hardison, a sophomore, the son of a preacher, and a student who is working his way. The treasurer for some time has been Mr. B. S. Smiser, whom you see on a previous page.

This is a good place to show you our Pastor, for he has been an active officer in the Boarding Club this year. Unable to find a home for his family in the vicinity of the school, he shared the dormitory life with the students, and together with his lovely wife and children, proved a great blessing to the home life of Goode Hall.

Brother Jennings has been pastor of some of the best Texas churches. Because of his noble life, his thoughtful preaching and most of all his spiritual fervor and warm-hearted devotional life, he was chosen as the pastor of the University Church. He is the very man to lead the ministerial students in maintaining the devotional, spiritual element in their personal lives during their days of much studying.

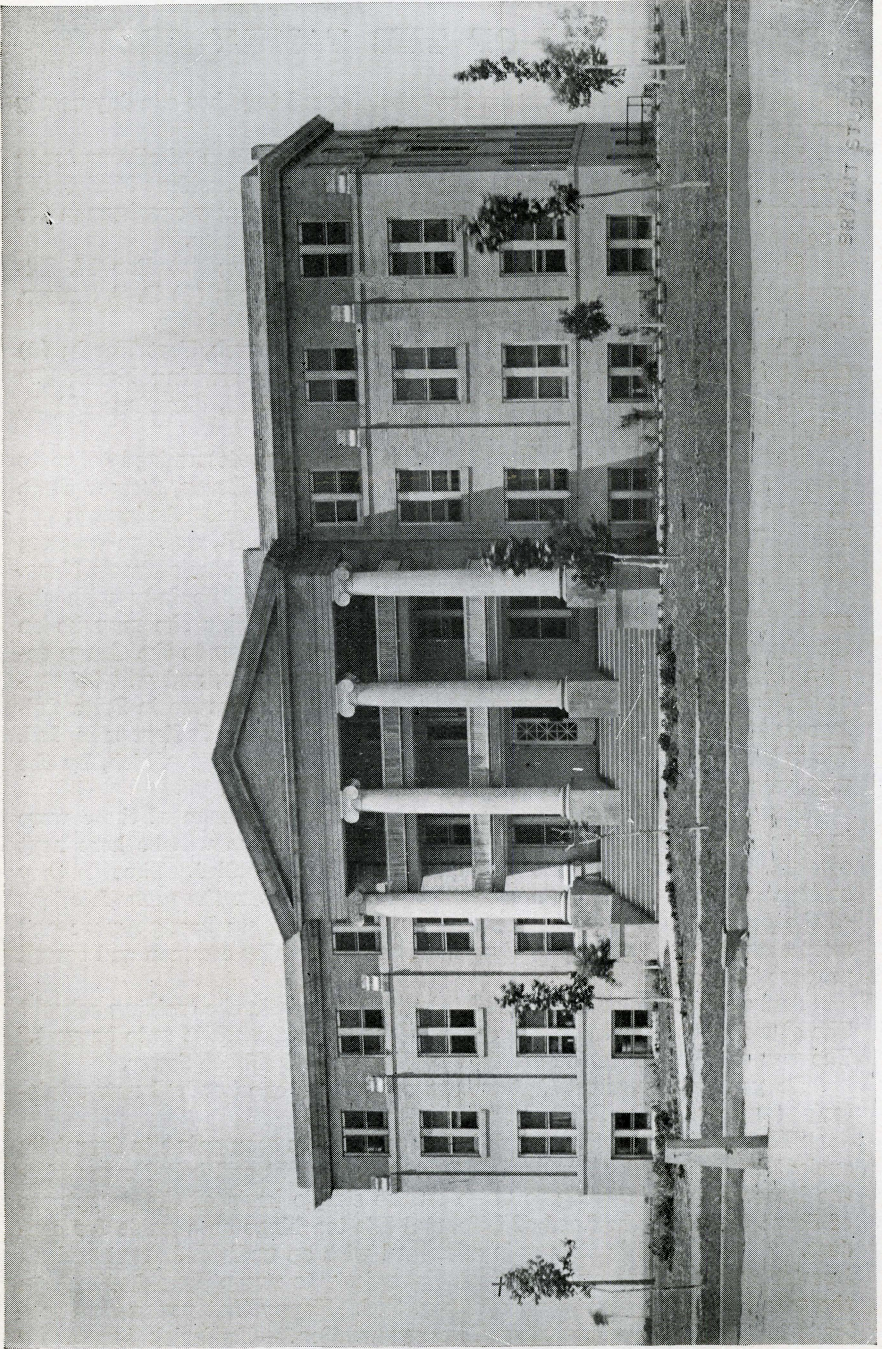


W. P. JENNINGS
University Pastor

GOODE HALL

The building on the opposite page is the home of the students of the Bible College. And it is very home-like. Indeed, some few of the boys take such a pride in their rooms that our only fear is that they will become such housekeepers they will want to remain old bachelors.

The building is modern, fireproof, well-furnished. Just last summer it was given a thorough overhauling and much new furniture. Provided especially as a home for preacher students, it is forming another essential part of the plan for reducing the cost of living. Just enough room rent is charged to pay for the upkeep of the building, the cost to a single boy being from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per month.



SOME OTHERS OF THE FAMILY GROUP

Just a brief introduction to a few who chanced together one day nearly two years ago:

Lower row, beginning on your left: (1) Glenn Hutton of silvery tenor voice; (2) Miss Bernice Holmes, p. 9; (3) Ben Hearn, President Ministerial Association; (4) Claude Grady, p. 9; (5) E. M. Reeder, now cavalryman for Uncle Sam; (6) M. A. Buhler, whose wife is a student also.

Second row: (1) Miss Ruth Musgraves, see below; (2) Ben M. Edwards, p. 8; Geo. Dickinson, now probably in U. S. Army; (3) B. S. Smiser, p. 9; (4) John Luck, another preacher's son and a good singer.

Third row: (1) V. L. Hughes, pastor East Side Church, Fort Worth; (2) Sam Fitzgerald, always smiling—and working—now wearing khaki; (3) Martin Green, out of school for a while; (4) Ben Hill, librarian; (5) D. McCarroll, now pastor at Apache, Okla.

Fourth row: (1) A. B. Newland, a railroad man, determined to go to school and preach; (2) Dean Hall, p. 5; (3) Patrick Henry, former State C. E. president and member of Legislature, now pastor at Arlington; (4) Ernest Ligon, State Superintendent, Intermediate C. E., now an aviator; (5) Willie Yelderman, who has applied for a place in Uncle Sam's Navy.

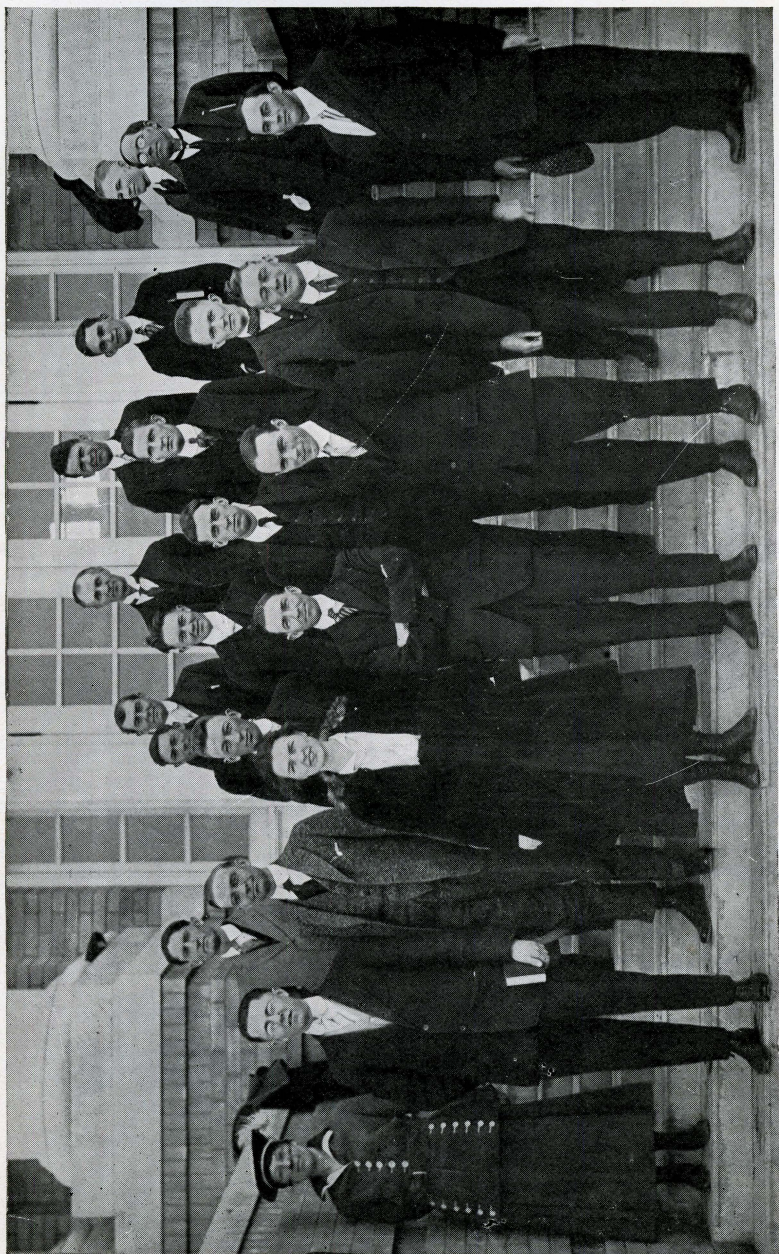
One girl here deserves special mention. She is the lady with the many buttons, to your left. By the time you read this she may be on the big ocean, for she sails this summer as a missionary to the Congo region in Africa. She is Ruth Musgraves of Waxahachie, and will be supported by that church. She completed the Missionary Course in Brite College in 1917 and spent a year at the College of Missions, Indianapolis, Ind. We rejoice to have her represent us in this far-away field, which, by the way, was opened up by a T. C. U. graduate, E. E. Faris, '95.

There are twenty students in the picture. Only eleven of these were in school last session, and probably only eight of them will be here next session. Four are in the army and two more have applied. Thus do they scatter. And as the commonplace experiences and even the petty frictions of the days mellow into the memories of the years, we become more and more conscious of the kinship that binds us together by common and sacred purpose into a family circle.

And as these go out, who shall take their places in the training school? The churches call for more and more. "The fields are white unto harvest." The war call has made the laborers in this harvest all the fewer.

Do you wonder, then, that we are calling for one hundred new ministerial students in the Brite College of the Bible?

"The great day of the church is before it. It is soon going to forget its ancient quarrels and, allowing full liberty of thought and belief concerning the lesser things, is going to unite on the simple basis of the acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Lord of Life, and His teachings as a guide for conduct. * * * and is then going forward with an undivided front and an irresistible appeal and an unconquerable majesty to sweep the old evils from the world and build here a new City of God. Happy that young man who leads in this divine and not far-off consummation."—Frederick Lynch.





THE influence of kings or statesmen or great warriors has been little, compared with the transformation wrought in the world's history by these preachers of the Gospel and teachers of Christian ethics. Practically all the great movements and reforms now coming to fulfillment in the world had their origin in this preaching * * *

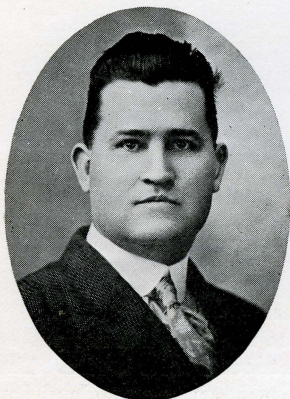
"It has not been emperor nor warrior that has freed men from slavery, but preachers—men like Luther, Knox and Beecher. When again and again the darkness of paganism seemed about to be sweeping Christianity out of Europe, it was the preacher who saved men from its withering blasts—such men as Augustine, Chrysostom, Peter the Hermit, Bernard, St. Francis, Savonarola and Wesley. So it has always been.

"It has been the words of preachers, of the humble as well as of these great ones, which in every hamlet have inspired men to service and noble living, brought them to follow the Lord of all true life, freed them from doubts, fears and superstitions, sustained them in the face of discouragement and nourished them in all true manliness.

"What greater task can any man render humanity today than to tell it those things, teach it those truths, and lift it to those heights?

"And yet, this is the opportunity of the preacher today, as it has always been."—From Frederick Lynch in "The New Opportunities of the Ministry."

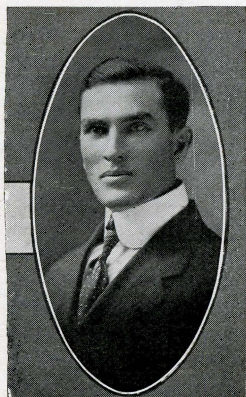
THE WORLD WAR ENTERS OUR FAMILY



In fellowship with the thousands of homes, we have our Service Flag. The University's has over 250 stars—many of these being preachers. Twenty-five per cent of the '16-'17 roll of students in Brite College went into the service. Almost as many of last session followed. Many who had planned to come here went to the army instead.

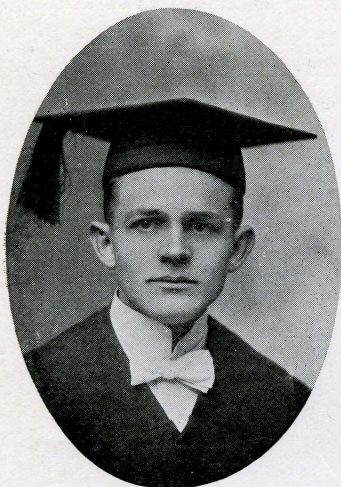
There is no regret that these have been called into spiritual leadership among the boys at the front, or even into the ranks. They will make good as messengers of the King. They represent us in the great world Crusade. But their absence calls loudly for other boys, younger boys, to take their places.

Besides the six mentioned on page 12, we have the pictures of only three more of the soldier boys. There are yet others whose pictures are not available.



W. B. HIGGINS came into College after he had preached several years, worked hard, took his English Bible diploma and lacked but little of his A. B. Being above draft age, he was accepted as an Army Y. M. C. A. secretary and is now doing Transport duty for the Triangle on the Atlantic. His wife and "Little Hig" reside in Goode Hall. "Higgins" was a football star and he has made good among the army men.

EDWIN ELLIOTT had some reputation as a worker for boys when he entered T. C. U. and his experience in the City Y. M. C. A., where he made his living while in school, made him a real expert. So the Army Y. M. C. A. got him right at the beginning of the war.



The war reached us in a different way through **HARRY RHOADS**. The Big Birds from the aviation camps near Fort Worth, sailing daily over the school, charmed and thrilled us all. One day Harry proudly got a ride in one—just around on the ground, but in getting out the propeller struck him and the whole University was in gloom many days from his untimely death. He was a clean, consecrated lad, in his senior year and already a good preacher.

Boys under 21 are needed in College more than in war. General Wood says: "It is a great mistake for partly educated young boys to rush to the colors now. We do not need them. It is very important for them to finish their education."

While these others are gone on, every boy under 21 who will preach should be in College training himself, while the opportunity is his.

“HERE AM I; SEND ME”

“Understandest what thou readest?” Some of you do.

A boy, secretly dreaming of a life of service for God, but not yet bold enough to venture or even to speak, has found kindred spirits herein. These boys, too—and Jacob—dreamed a ladder from God down to earth, and dared to think of themselves as serving on it, leading men up to Him. But they have found that the ladder must reach to men. And they must build the ladder. They are here building it substantially, making the dream come true.

There is another boy, haltingly yearning to yield his life to God’s call for the ministry, yet lured aside by the prospect of a brilliant career in a more selfish vocation. Jacob, too, you remember, forgot his dream for a while, so interested he became in multiplying his herds. But he came back. These boys, too, have had to struggle. Will there ever be real happiness for the boy who once dreams the ladder, then does not use it?

Then, some other boys and girls, older grown, with lines of life long set, too late to choose a calling—with perchance a secret chamber of the heart mellowed by the memories of a dream of youth—a dream to serve God and fellow men a dream in whole or part denied fulfillment—these have found a way to brighten up that dream and bring new joy into their lives. They can help these boys to build their ladders by which they shall serve through life to lead the bleeding souls of men up to the Gates of Healing.

How **you** may become one of these boys, or how **you** may help them, is clearly told in another Bulletin which will gladly be sent you on request. Write the Dean or any of the teachers. A hearty letter from you will be appreciated.

May the Father aid you to dream YOUR ladder, then strengthen you to build it.

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