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DOES IT WORK?

The big question about any new idea or approach at a problem is, does it work? This is what many ask us about the Seminary Extension Centers. No, it doesn't work; for like any plan, it must be "worked." There are many objections that may be raised about the extension center. It requires a lot of time for its projection. Preparation, study, and meeting require time. Administration and publicity require the time of someone and enlistment takes time. We are already too busy. This is all very true; but any worth while program demands the efforts of someone for the desired results. We do not publicize this work as easy or light.

Is it getting the job done? It is, wherever it is given a chance. A half-hearted program will not do it. This work is not being done for selfish purposes. It is being offered to help others. Those who give time to it find it rewarding. Those who take pride in preparing each lesson grow into more useful servants of Christ.

Students say it helps. "I had been out of active service until this came along. Now I have two half-time churches." "Nothing in my former studies has exceeded the course in Preparation of Sermons. I am trying to be an artist in building sermons. My ministry is being blessed through the Seminary Extension Department. I plan to finish all these courses." (L. H., Kansas).

"...Like so many others I didn't receive the education that I now wish I had. The Seminary Extension Center has been an open door to me.... Our teachers are wonderful men of God and have been sympathetic and understanding." (O. L. D., North Carolina.)

"I will soon begin our third term of seminary extension work. To put it mildly, these extension

courses are a joy and a delight to me. Many of our people who take these courses feel that at least Southern Baptists have given our churches a break, in as much as from the layman's viewpoint, this is something more solid than study course books; and from the pastors viewpoint, who may have been providentially hindered from attending a seminary, it is giving them exactly what they need." (C. I., Springfield, Missouri.)

So there you are! The teachers, the leaders, and the students are conscious of the assistance this work offers. It is not a glamorous work. Neither is dissecting a cat, but it is an important step in education.

Yes it works! When it is worked.

OBSERVATION WEST

Albert was right. It is big. It is bigger and bigger - the west, that is. I've seen it, in part. We drove 5,430 miles from Jackson to California and back. It is a long way from Tulsa to San Francisco. From San Francisco to San Diego, it is nearly 600 miles. From the Golden Gate to the Canadian border, it is nearly 900 miles and to drive it is 1000 miles. Within such an area in the east, we have four seminaries. In this area there is one seminary and two Southern Baptist Colleges. Of course, the population is smaller - except in California. The whole future in the west depends upon some program of education which is adequate for their needs. We cannot become full grown overnight, but our sights must be high. Almost any observation made after such a hurried trip is bound to be faulty, yet the impressions are deep that our work in the west surrounded by all kinds of isms, nurtured by non-denominational schools, and challenged by an intelligent culture, stands in a precarious

position. We must have a great educational system to keep step with evangelism.

The Seminary Extension Department has enrolled 3,247 persons. Below are listed the extension centers that have operated. Those with asterick (*) are now inactive.

Correspondence 1,358

Extension

Arkansas	
Helena (for Negroes)	21
California	
Anaheim	11
Modesto	23
Tulare	20
Colorado	
Denver	23
Florida	
* Chipley	12
Jacksonville	57
* Panama City	18
Pensacola	49
* Tampa	8
Illinois	
Champaign	20
Flora	37
Vandalia (new)	
Harrisburg (new)	
Japan	12
Louisiana	
Coushatta	21
Natchitoches	7
* Winnfield	13
Malaya	
Singapore (new)	
Mississippi	
Batesville	24
* Corinth	6
* Forest	54
Leaksville	9
Jackson	81
Lucedale	36
Mathiston	13
Philadelphia	12
* Pontotoc	12
Richton	21
Tupelo	25
* Winona	11
Michigan	
Detroit	32
Missouri	
Cape Girardeau	31
* Hayti	7
Poplar Bluff	18
Springfield	52
* Warrensburg	15
West Plains (new)	

New Mexico	
* Hobbs	119
* Roswell	18

North Carolina	
Asheville	52
Burnsville (new)	4
Charlotte	120
Concord	46
Elizabethtown (new)	
Greensboro	63
* Mt. Airy	10
Murphy	68
North Wilkesboro	34
Wilmington	21
* Winston-Salem	25

Oklahoma	
Ardmore	10
Bartlesville	18
McAlester	15
Poteau	18
Ponca City	12
Tulsa	50

South Carolina	
* Abbeville (for Negroes)	9
Charleston	61
Conway	22
Greenville	14
Greenwood	18

Texas	
Dallas	37
Houston	91
* Huntsville	28
* Laird Hill	12
Lufkin	32
* Nacogdoches	7
* San Antonio	30
Victoria	6

Total enrollment (extension) 1,889

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BOOK REVIEW

Christ's Preachers, Dr. P. H. Anderson. The Christopher Publishing House, Boston, 1951.

This is a work which all will appreciate. Dr. Anderson, former missionary to China and also former Professor of Missions in New Orleans Theological Seminary, has made a study of the preacher and his qualifications. The work is divided into two parts - Part I, In The Teachings Of Jesus and Part II, In The Teachings Of The Apostles. There are numerous helps for preaching. In general this book helps to interpret the call and experiences of the preacher as he fulfills the work to which he is called. It may be purchased for \$2.50 from the book stores or from the publisher.