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SOUTHERN BAPTIST W. M. U. HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE MEETING AT HOUSTON CONVENTION

The handsome main auditorium of the new First Baptist Church in Houston was placed at the disposal of the Woman's Missionary Union. The decorations, almost tropical in their luxuriance, the numerous and efficient committees, the enthusiastic words and deeds of welcome, all were indications of the appreciation of Houston Baptists for the Baptist women of the South. And it could truthfully be said of us that the women who publish glad tidings were a great host, for the enrollment committee reported a total attendance of 2147, including 32 missionaries and 413 delegates, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Tennessee, all had full state delegations, each being allowed forty representatives.

The first session of the convention was devoted to young people's work, and was in the nature of a pageant. This was held in the city auditorium under the direction of Miss Juliette Mather, southside leader of young people's work. Various departments of our work and the training agencies were effectively presented under titles such as: "Voices of Youth in Speech and Spectacle"; "The House of Highest Training"; "New Stars on W. M. U. Service Flag"; "The Youth of the World."

Tuesday's Session

Tuesday morning's session opened with singing the W. M. U. hymn of the past year, "Revive Us Again," and closed with the hymn suggested for the coming year, "Jesus Shall Reign," to the tune of "Duke Street." This grand old missionary hymn was used at every session, often twice, a different tune being used. At least five of the great classic hymn tunes thus used with wonderful effect and all became familiar with those majestic and prophetic words of Isaac Watts.

Mrs. C. A. Leonard of China struck the key note of the entire convention in her devotional topic, "The Stewardship of Life." Stewardship is an attitude of spirit that controls our entire life and brings us into complete captivity to Christ. It may apply to personality, joy, prayer, faith, service, money, and love.

Miss Mallory's report called attention to encouraging growth along several lines. Our magazine, Royal Service, had received 6,666 new subscriptions making a total of 70,112. An increase of 3,000 is asked for this year. Report on Standard of Excellence showed a net gain of 338 Societies reaching A-1 standard. Silver cups were awarded to Maryland and Georgia for largest numbers of standard societies in the classes of small and large states respectively. Of the total of 22,944 societies, Texas claimed the largest number of any state, 2,695.

The offer of the Sunday School Board to give \$10,000 for rural extension work on condition of a like amount being raised by the states was accepted by fourteen states with the result that \$5,963 was the amount raised, and 691 rural societies were organized and 295 were revived. At a later session Dr. Van Ness increased the offer of the S. S. Board to \$15,000 for this year. Our own district voted to participate in this work, agreeing to raise \$90 as our quota, and we are to have Miss Vivian Young on the field from July 16 to August 31.

Since the fiscal year was changed, Miss Mallory's report on all points covered eight months. The number of mission study classes for this period totalled 13,585, Texas leading the states with 2,283.

A total of \$107,058 was credited to the Union on the building fund of the Louisville Seminary. This was given in honor of the six former presidents of Woman's Missionary Union.

After reports of Miss Juliette Mather, Young People's leader and College Correspondent, of Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer, and Miss Ethel Winfield of the Literature Department, the session closed with the annual address of the president, Mrs. W. J. Cox.

Much interest centered about the new president and from the opening session it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that the Union had chosen well the successor to Mrs. W. C. James. Her gracious personality, her ready and appropriate remarks, her keen perceptions and thorough grasp of all matters involved in the progress of the program marked her at once as worthy of the love and confidence of Southern Baptist women.

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KEEPING COMPANY WITH HIS DISCIPLES

(By J. O. Heath)

Immediately following the crucifixion the disciples entered a period of intense excitement and uncertainty. The stars were dim, the sun was clouded, and out of the tumult of human passion there came no sure light for those troubled men. They were greatly disturbed over recent happenings and in thinking about them, they had become cast down in their hearts. The foundations had been shaken and in the upheavals old landmarks were removed. In the dissolving of the ancient precedents, the disciples became so confused in their goings that dismal anxieties were dominating their perplexed minds.

It was in that distressful time that two of the disciples began their mournful walk to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about three score furlongs. They walked and were sad. For those two men it was a funeral march, set to the dolorous pitch of despair. The atmosphere was heavy and the beauty of the road was enveloped in dreaminess. Not only was nature arrayed in sombre colors, but their dearest hope was lost in the gloom of the grave. They carried in their sorrowing hearts the painful memories of expectations that had failed. In tones low, hesitating and sad, they talked of the strange occurrence that had filled Jerusalem with idle tales. Being led by wild rumor into vain conjecture, their suffering souls were swept by the terrific gales of sadness and doubt. Where was the truth and upon what solid fact could their sorely tried faith rest in such a dark and stormy hour? And while they were being "afflicted, passed with tempest and not comforted, Jesus himself drew near and went with them."

We have in that statement the priceless fact that Jesus keeps company with His disciples in their sorrows and disappointments. Those two disciples were experiencing a bitter disappointment, for the captain of their salvation had been buried in Joseph's new tomb. They were in sorrow for in wondering what had become of His body, their highest confidence was shrouded in the thick shadows of a baffling mystery. It was a mystery that produced ominous horizons before which their faith halted that it might counsel with their directions and fears. All this Jesus knew. He knew their sorrows and burdens and drew near to cheer and sustain them. He shared their grief and lightened their burden, even when they did not know who He was. Jesus did not leave them bewildered and comfortless, but kept company with them in their trouble and sorrow. As He is the same yesterday and today and forever. He is with His people now, no matter what their condition may be. He is with them when life is fair and lovely Savannah spread an abounding prosperity before them. Then He is with them when adversity takes hold of the high regions of the soul and overwhelms them in disaster. Jesus is there to restore the desolate places and make them redolent with the richest flowers. If we are called to walk through dry and barren wastes, held under the domination of a pitiless devastation, Jesus draws near and goes with us. For He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Over and over, through honor and dishonor, through wealth and poverty, through sickness and health, through freedom and imprisonment, Jesus has proven that glorious promise to be true. He is with His people in the sixth trouble and in the seventh He does not forsake them.

Jesus also draws near and keeps company with His people, even when they are blind and impatient. We trusted, said those disciples, "that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel;" but Israel is still broken, despoiled and scattered. Not understanding the purposes of God, they thought that the kingdom of Israel would be speedily established in its original power and splendor. As their trusting seemed void of realization, they became impatient when they reflected that Israel's lost honors had never been restored. In their spiritual blindness they erred concerning the sufferings of Christ and the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus said those men were foolish and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Yet He did not leave them to their ignorance and impatience in reference to those things that are under the appoint-

EVANGELIST JEFFERS IN FORT WORTH REVIVAL

I have just had the joy of being with one of the greatest pastors of the country—Brother C. E. Matthews of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

The results of the revival, which was glorious, was due largely to the consecrated work of the pastor and his wonderful group of people. They are the greatest soul winners I know. There were over 300 conversions and additions. 230 united with the Travis Avenue and 30 with other churches, with scores who have promised to come in the near future.

There are a number of churches in West Texas contemplating building, and before doing so I would like to recommend their coming to look over this modern plant, which is nothing less than a miracle.

This church has grown in 3 1/2 years under the leadership of Brother Matthews and Brother J. E. Cox, musical director and assistant, with five other workers, from 200 to 1100; from 115 in Sunday School to 1200 now enrolled. Over 100 families have established family altars. This church raised over \$1,500 for our great denominational programs during the revival.

Brother Matthews is the greatest soul winner and pastor evangelist I have ever seen or been associated with. May the Lord bless you and your great paper, which I enjoy reading very much every week is my prayer.

JOE JEFFERS

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT HOMECOMING OF PINKERTON CHURCH

I will write you a few lines about our Home coming at Pinkerton Baptist church. We invited all ex-pastors and laymen to be with us Friday evening, the 23 of April and to stay with us until Sunday evening.

However, all couldn't come; but we had a great time. Friday evening at 8 o'clock Brother W. H. Albeston of Haskell brought us a great message which was enjoyed immensely by all present. Saturday Brother W. A. Foster, of Abilene spoke at the 11 o'clock hour, which was a great hour, for this church certainly loves Brother Foster, and always enjoyed his sermons while he was our pastor.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock Brother J. T. Nicholson of Hamlin, Texas, brought the message and it was some message too; you could feel the spirit while he was preaching. May God spare Brother Nicholson many more happy years with us before He calls him to his eternal home. He made many new friends while he was with us; to meet him is to love him. He also brought the message Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. He spoke on the second coming of the Lord, which was also a great message, and let me say here to all of you ex-pastors that didn't come, you don't know what you missed, for we all sure got a blessing out of these messages.

About 1 o'clock the good women spread one of the greatest dinners—not lunch—but honest to goodness dinner. There were between 700 and 1000 people with us, all had dinner and plenty left over. We could have taken up several baskets as our Saviour did of old.

About 2:30 o'clock Brother Free and daughter of Haskell, rendered several special songs, which were enjoyed very much. After which Brother J. F. Simpson gave the History of Church. Pinkerton church was first known as Prairie Dale; was organized 1891. Brother D. James was our missionary at this time. He organized this church and served the church as pastor for 18 months, after which Brother Q. T. Farmer, then Brother Cobb, then Brother J. H. Edmond, then Brother J. T. Nicholson. The church house was built July 1905. Brother I. N. Alvis was called, served three years. Brother J. S. Mayer served nearly two years, died while pastor, then the church called Brother J. F. Curry who served four years, Brother Millard Smith one year, Brother J. D. Kennedy served two years, after which the church called E. T. Miller who served two years. Brother J. W. Reed served one year, Brother B. N. Shepherd served two years, Brother S. E. Stevenson served one year, then called Brother W. A. Foster who served three years, then called Brother L. S. Jenkins; he has served us nearly two years and is our present pastor. May God ever lead him by his spirit, for we all sure love Brother Jenkins. Brother E. T. Miller was licensed and ordained to preach by this church, and called to his first pastorate by Pinkerton Missionary Baptist church. We are proud of Brother Miller. We regretted very much that he could not be with us in our Home Coming. May God bless him and his family, and may his richest blessings rest upon everyone that took part in our Home Coming.

Layman.

LAWN CHURCH OBSERVES MOTHER'S DAY

Lawn Baptist Church last Sunday was a big day for the people of Lawn. The Baptist Church observed Mothers day with a beautifully planned program that was given immediately after the Sunday school hour. Then at eleven o'clock, our dear pastor, Brother Perry King brought a very inspiring message on "Mother," to a large audience.

On the following Sunday evening a "daddy" service was held.

FROM NEWCASTLE

Editor West Texas Baptist: I have read with interest the article in last issue on "What is Killing the Prophet?"

This is the greatest article I have ever read on the subject. It strikes at the very heart of all our church troubles today. Wish we had more men like Brother Roy Mason.

I enjoy reading the West Texas Baptist and am glad it is going to be a weekly.

W. L. MASSEGE, Newcastle, Texas.

Priscilla: "I prayed for you last night." Mike: "Next time telephone."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HOLD 71ST ANNUAL CONVENTION AT HOUSTON, TEX., MAY 12-16

The 71st Annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention convened in the City Auditorium at Houston on Wednesday morning May 12. The attendance was unusually large, perhaps ten thousand visitors in all. The large auditorium was comfortably filled at the day services and at night hundreds were unable to find even standing room. Dr. George W. McDaniel of Virginia was elected president for the third time. The vice presidents are, O. S. Lattimore of Texas, John D. Mell of Georgia, A. M. Bennett of Florida, L. J. Bristol of Louisiana, H. C. Moore and J. Henry Burnett were re-elected recording secretaries. George W. Norton of Kentucky was elected treasurer and W. P. Harvey was re-elected auditor.

Adopts Statement on Evolution

Following the election of officers, President McDaniel made a brief address, at the close of which he made the following statement on evolution: "I am happy to believe that this convention accepts Genesis as teaching that man was the special creation of God and rejects every theory, evolution or otherwise, which teaches that man originated in, or came by way of, a lower animal ancestry."

Following this statement M. E. Dodd of Louisiana made the following motion which was adopted without a dissenting vote: "That the statement of the president on the subject of evolution and the origin of man be adopted as the sentiment of this convention and that from this point on no further consideration be given to this subject and that the convention go forward with the consideration of the main Kingdom causes to which God has set our hearts and hands."

The convention sermon was preached by Dr. Fred F. Brown of Tennessee. The theme of the sermon was "Material vs Spiritual Prosperity." Committee on Business Efficiency Reports.

Austin Crouch of Tennessee presented the report of the Committee on Business Efficiency, which report is summarized as follows: The report showed that while the boards and institutions of the Convention on February 1 of this year had outstanding debts in the sum of \$6,887,960.93, these debts were offset by assets in the sum of \$22,725,138.70. A considerable portion of these debts are in the form of loans and bonds, and therefore, are not due immediately.

The committee, while recognizing that these obligations are amply secured by the resources of the various agencies, recommends that the debts be not enlarged and that early provision be made for their payment. One means of bringing those ends about, as proposed by the committee, is that a unified budget control whereby the Convention will authorize the creation of some central agency to supervise the budget of each board and institution and see to it that no interest be permitted to expend more money than this budget provides for. The committee believes in this way it will be possible to determine exactly how much money is needed to carry on the several departments of the Convention's work each year and that when this is known it will be easier to raise that amount. To operate such a budget control the committee recommends the appointment of a central agency to make out annually the suggested combined budget for the Convention, fix percentages which each object fostered by the Convention should receive from this general budget, deal directly with the state, boards with a view to making definite agreements with them and co-operating with them in the co-operative work of the denomination as a whole. Some possibilities of such an agency suggested by the committee are those of taking over the functions of the executive committee and the Co-operative Program Commission.

Program Commission Report The report of the Program Commission suggested that the financial object for 1927 be set at \$9,000,000, to be distributed as follows: Foreign Missions 50% Home Missions 22 1/2% Relief and Annuity Board 9% Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 5% Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary 4 1/2% Baptist Bible Institute 3 1/2% Education Board 2%

New Orleans Hospital 2% W. M. U. Training School 1% American Baptist Theological Seminary 1 1/2%

The Commission also suggested that a campaign be started to enlist 500,000 titheers in the South during the year, and that an effort be made to enlist all the churches in the co-operative program. An every member canvass in every church was suggested as the best means of accomplishing this end.

Collections on the Co-operative Program for the past Convention year amounted to \$6,752,361.64, according to the report of the Commission. Of this amount only \$4,604,174.23 was in distributable funds, shared by all the co-operating causes upon the established percentages; the Christmas love offering for foreign missions as sent through the State offices amounting to \$744,736.24, while other designated gifts amounted to \$1,403,401.17.

Special campaigns in behalf of individual interests were discouraged and the churches appealed to to give their whole-hearted support to the whole program to the end that every cause represented therein may be assured of an adequate support.

Resolution on Prohibition The following resolution by A. J. Barton of Missouri was adopted by the Convention Wednesday afternoon with a rising vote:

"Resolved by the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session assembled:

"First. That we assert and declaim again, loyalty and devotion to the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and to the Volstead law.

"Second. Pledge our faithful support to all officers and branches of government, municipal, state and federal, in all efforts for the enforcement of the law.

"Third. Protest against every effort to weaken the law and urge Congress speedily to enact all legislation now pending whose purpose is to strengthen the law.

"Fourth. We brand as false the insinuation in the Houston Press that there is a sentiment in this Convention in favor of beer and wines.

"Fifth. We are unanimously and unalterably opposed to beer and wine as the inveterate enemies of the human race, since they bring blight and curse whenever and wherever used."

Amendment to Section 4 of Committee Report.

That Article III of the Constitution shall be amended so as to read as follows:

The Convention shall consist (1) of messengers who contribute funds or are elected by bodies contributing funds for the regular work of the Convention on the basis of one messenger to every \$250.00 actually paid into the treasuries of the Boards during the fiscal year ending the 30th day of April next preceding the meeting of the Convention, provided that no person shall be seated as a messenger who is not a member in good standing in some regular missionary Baptist church, and provided further that such messenger is a member of a church in co-operation with its local association, State convention, and is thus eligible to membership in both such bodies; (2) of the representative from each of the district associations which co-operate with this Convention and with its State Convention, provided that such representative be formally elected at the annual meeting of his district association and the election certified to the secretaries of the Convention, either in writing or by printed copy of minutes.

This amendment if passed next year will likely result in putting Dr. Norris and his church out of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the morning session Dr. George Ragland of Kentucky presented a memorial which he said had been adopted by the Blue Grass Baptist Ministers' Association of Kentucky. The memorial was an attack on Dr. Sampey, Mullins and Robertson of the Louisville Seminary and their purported views on the question of evolution. L. E. Barton of Alabama objected to the consideration of the memorial and the objection was sustained by the convention, although the vote to consider further the mat-

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TWO ENCAMPMENTS SIMULTANEOUS

West Texas is to enjoy its prerogative of independence in the matter of encampments. Leading, thinking, progressive leaders of the Christoval and Lueders encampments are presenting the spectacle to Texas of running their encampments simultaneously. East Texas is saying already, "There is great cooperation among the Baptists of West Texas." It is a mighty sorry policy to say the least, and does not reflect a great deal of credit upon the leaders of the encampments. For one set of leaders to claim they knew nothing of the plans of the others is acting unneighborly. If ever a great section of the State needed to stand together in Christian activity as one man, this certainly is the section.

THE PREACHER AND POLITICS

"From the days of the prophets of Israel till now the preacher of religion has found himself in important and delicate relations with the civil government. It was here that the Pharisees laid their choicest snare for our Lord (Matthew 22:17) and here finally they founded the charge on which his condemnation was secured (John 19:12). It is not enough to say, 'We must have no political preaching.' None, certainly, in behalf of political parties, and none in support of political measures. But what application of moral law shall the preacher make to civil law—to that stupendous social organization under which all others, even ecclesiastical societies, exist? The question requires more than a negative answer.

"Government is universal. Every man is born into some tribe or nation. Its power in all earthly relations is supreme. The state is SOVEREIGN; every man's property, liberty, life, is in its hands. Is government, then of God? Most assuredly; and not only so, but its highest end is moral (Romans 13:1-8). The government deserves from its citizens a cheerful and loyal obedience; disloyalty, anarchy, lynching, are assaults on the very foundations of society. Forms of government—from the unlimited monarchy up to the pure democracy—are indeed of human wisdom and appointment. With them the preacher, as such, has nothing to do. But he cannot follow the example of our Lord and of His prophets and apostles without proclaiming the divine origin and authority of civil government, he better the Christian, the truer the citizen and the nobler the patriot.

"Suppose, now, the laws of the land or their administration, either through omission or commission, should be immoral. Suppose, for example, the authors of obscene literature should be permitted to publish their filthy imaginations and send them through the mails, to defile the youth of the country; suppose lotteries should be in operation under legal sanction; suppose the government should license the drinking saloon, and thus help to perpetuate the crimes and woes of intemperance; suppose a municipal administration, through bribery and corruption, should wink at the violation of the law enacted for the moral protection of the community—must the pulpit be silent? The men who are filling their pockets out of the vices and miseries of their fellows, fattening off their ruin, will hasten to say, 'Yes; preach the Gospel, sing and pray, and let politics alone.' Some timid, trouble-hating Christians will join in the request. But the Word of God to His prophet-preachers has always been, 'To whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak.' Be sure of your ground, be sure of your spirit, have no hobbies, do not fight as one that beareth the air, speak the truth in love—but SPEAK IT. How can you preach the Gospel—if by this great word is meant the revelation of God in Christ—and let immorality alone? If some men have misnamed either morality or immorality, POLITICS, it is not for the teacher of religion to fall into such a confusion of ideas. Christianity is not narrower in its sphere than the whole moral life of man. It has to do with the state no less truly than with the family. It must be applied not only to individuals but to the organized life of society in all its forms. Doubtless there is danger of political preaching; but the danger of a time-serving, or a fastidious, or a churchy, or an ethically feeble ministrations of the Gospel is considerably greater."

From the pen of Rev. John A. Kern, D. D., in his book, "The Ministry to the Congregation."

In the above Dr. Kern leaves no

ground for one to stand upon who would criticize the preacher for attacking immorality in civil affairs. No church can be classed as successful if it is turning out men and women who fail to measure up to a high standard of Christian citizenship. Such a church may maintain its beautiful and solemn services from Sunday to Sunday, but these count for nothing if its membership is lacking in practical righteousness. Jehovah says: "I hate, I despise your feasts, and will take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Your meat offerings I will not accept. Take thou away from me the voices of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of the viola. But let justice roll down the waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." Every citizen has weighty civil duties to perform. When church members in large numbers feel no responsibility to go to the polls and vote for men who will enforce the laws enacted for the moral protection of society, or who go to the polls and vote for men who will wink at the violation of these laws, something is radically wrong with the churches in which this condition obtains. And the preacher who has the moral courage to take off his coat and "wade into" such a situation and speak the plain truth about this condition of affairs, is deserving of the highest praise. Not to do so is to discount his ministry.

The preacher who discusses without prejudice or frenzy the vital difference between Protestantism and Romanism is also deserving of praise. It is not a violation of tolerance to do this. Tolerance, the most abused word in the English language, is not the suppression of discussion. Christ preached tolerance, but He did not tolerate the facilities and the injustices of the Pharisees, nor the money-changers in the Temple of God, nor the oily tongue of Satan. There is an alarming amount of ignorance amongst the Protestant masses on the question of Romanism, and the preacher who throws the searchlight of truth on this question is rendering a distinct service to his people.

The kind of preaching above mentioned is a work very much akin to the surgeon's work—a pain-maker in its immediate efforts but a health-maker in the long run—but he is no true prophet who studiously avoids mention of these matters in his ministrations of the Gospel. Jesus Christ, Martin Luther, John Wesley and many minor prophets had to run counter to the currents of their day, and the need of such courageous preaching is just as needful today as it was in those times. Honor to whom honor is due, and it is certainly due to our modern prophets who are not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God. May their number grow.

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." "Cured be he that doeth the work of Jehovah negligently."

ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT THE DUTIES OF CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SHOULD BE STRESSED FROM THE PULPIT AS MUCH SO AS THE DUTIES IN OTHER RELATIONS OF LIFE.

The First Church, at Snyder has called Rev. W. B. Ferguson of Arkansas. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. The editor had the pleasure of three years association in the Seminary with this young preacher, and we are anxious to see men of his type in the West. We are hoping he is led to come this way.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

WALTER H. JACKSON, Editor

WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM

Every line of human activity is showing progress. Business, public education, farming and even religious methods. The telephone, the automobile, the radio and good roads have brought about a community life far different from a generation ago. New Sunday School problems, B. Y. P. U. problems, W. M. S. problems and general church problems are confronting us as never before. An alert Christian world is endeavoring to solve them.

THE GLAD HAND

The glad hand in the Sunday School costs nothing but it adds everything to the spirit of the Sunday School. These columns are open to inquiries of whatsoever nature about Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. lines. If it is worth while to maintain this department, let our religious workers help to make it of vital interest.

Can the rural Sunday School effectively use the six point record system? Can it successfully departmentalize?

Can a teachers meeting be maintained?

Red tape versus spirituality. Should the pastor know complete organization work?

The readers of these columns are to feel free to write along any line that might be constructive to church life. Only destructive criticisms will be barred.

HELPFULNESS OF TRAINING

Training is one of the greatest needs of modern Sunday School life. One community may be able to furnish building and equipment above another community, but not so in the matter of training. It is like democracy that may exist anywhere. A great Sunday School may flourish in the smallest community, but vision and training are necessary.

Many of our rural churches are conducting training classes Sunday afternoons. Something along this line might be done in connection with the mid-week prayer service. When a community sets its heart on the achievement along training lines the kingdom of God is just bound to increase.

ATTENDANCE VS STUDY

WORK IN OUR ENCAMPMENT

Preparations are being made all over Texas to put on the most successful encampment possible. There are yet two contending opinions as to what constitutes success. One is the attendance record and the other the variety of study work put on.

The first is attended with many dangers. It requires a strong preaching and speaking program throughout. It is more on the order of the old fashion camp meeting. It is a very difficult matter to keep the required tension up year after year. Therefore some of our encampments that hold to this view will in a few years become waste places with their glory entirely in the past. Those holding to the first point of view must exist largely upon enthusiasm. There is plenty of inspiration, but do the thousands attending carry back to their respective churches helpful suggestions to make their churches better?

Those thinking more along study lines and along the lines of improving church methods are doubtless on more solid ground. For an encampment not to put on a study course in the Sunday School work comprising every departmental book taught by the very best talent on the subject, is a great error. There are hundreds of Sunday Schools that need trained teachers. The pastors of these churches can teach books on Bible and doctrine, but few of them can teach the technical books. Then in a small church perhaps only two or three would be interested in the different departmental books. Likely as not, if the encampments do not fill this need they will not be filled.

Great stress should be placed on the time the books are taught. The Sunday School should be given the very choice of time. And this is by no means to the detriment of the B. Y. P. U., the W. M. U. and the Laymen's movement. The Sunday School is all inclusive in its sphere of activities. It is the most vital ongoing institution in the church. Were it not for the Sunday School the B. Y. P. U. would vanish and in its wake the W. M. U. would follow shortly. As to the Laymen's movement that organization soon settles down on the "lay" and becomes a dead issue. The organized class movement is doing more for our churches as a whole than all other agencies of the church combined.

We believe, however, in going after numbers, but we do not believe in making the study work secondary.

CHOOSE YOUR ENCAMPMENT STUDY BOOK

Hundreds of people wait until they get to an encampment to choose their study book. Why the book one likes ought to be the deciding factor in attending the encampment. If one encampment does not put on the book one needs then by all means go to another encampment.

The same advice is given to the B. Y. P. U. students as well. An encampment should be patronized on the merits of its programs.

A WORD TO YOUNG PREACHERS

Every Christian who feels the call of the Lord to preach should be filled with a worthy ambition to occupy the greatest position of which his ability is capable. He is willing to spend years in colleges, universities and seminaries. He leaves nothing out of his plans to gain knowledge.

But we wonder if he is not discarding the very thing that will spell success. Knowledge, personality and spirituality will not necessarily bring a full measure of success. Many an ecclesiastic, having all these, are preaching to empty pews with a breaking heart.

In your study work are you paying close attention to every phase of organization methods in the Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. S.? Do you make it a habit to attend the very best Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. available. Do you attend their meeting in the church or churches you pastor? If you do not then you are bidding for failure. The greatest preachers in the land are the preachers with the greatest local organized working force behind them.

Then a preacher is nearly the business manager of the church. Are you capable of this responsibility? Many of our leading preachers are proving their unfitness along this line as shown by the unrest in the state today.

What about your student pastorate? It has been said that about our institutions of learning is the greatest need of evangelism. We have known many young preachers who have labored faithfully in their student pastorate and who have gone out into work of great responsibility from the first. But in every instance they used their organizations so well that literally dozens of people were glad to do the work that kept the church training even in the absence of the pastor.

Mary had a little cat,
It ate some old tin cans,
And now Tom is in the taxi
Business driving Ford sedans.

SWEETWATER CHURCH GIVES ENTERTAINMENT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Our church is still climbing the hill in "high". Both young and old are taking great interest.

Last Friday evening we loaded four trucks and about ten cars with our young people and carried them to Sweetwater creek for a picnic. There were one hundred and twenty five of our young people there. We built a big bonfire and lined them up in playing games. After they had played games a while they were engaged in roasting weiners and drinking pop and eating ice cream.

All who attended reported one of the greatest times of their lives. We are going to furnish amusements for our young people.

Last Sunday morning our pastor preached on "The Old Fashioned Home." All families came and sat together as they did in years gone by. The house was crowded. There were two additions to the church, one of whom was a fine young man who came for baptism.

We will not have preaching at night on Sunday while the co-operative meeting lasts. This meeting is

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(W. H. Wright)

In the stress and ongoing of matters religious there come times in the valley when the weight of the birth of the morning is heavy and distant. Faith sees through. Faith is the channel out and in. Prayer works and fructifies through faith. The answer to prayer anticipates that the Lord wills to do the thing, and to ask aught is but to submit to that WILL.

Great movements initiated of the Power above, fostered by those in touch and approved by the people from year to year—bringing them in close relation thereto fully speaks the deep concern of the people and responsibility for carrying such Heaven born movements to God in prayer.

Just now we are covered and almost overwhelmed, it seems to me, with the matter of the responsibility of assembling so large a host of people in one assembly as shall gather at the Lueders Baptist Encampment next July. A lubricant is needed for the machinery to smooth function; for the maximum of good to be done, the people—you who read and that name Jesus as your Saviour—need to undergird the great Encampment with intercessory prayer, even.

This big movement is set in the West for the uplift of human footers of Christ to an effectual footing on the table lands. It is intended to help people to want to surrender in toto and to thus fully surrender, and to give Jesus possession of that which he bought with the shedding of his last drop of heart blood. Not that he wants you to preach, to teach, to become a missionary but that he wants full possession of your life to use in whatever manner he, the word directs and the Holy Spirit leads. YOU will know the bane of the average Christian is that he is merely a christian and not a servant of God; a saved person and not a real disciple of Jesus.

Many christians lament the fact that the modern man of the church trods along unappointed for service as were the members of the Jerusalem Church powerfully anointed for service. Just the complete lack of full surrender for service is the only obstacle in the way of the child of God. This mighty movement of the Encampment doubtless comprehends in the way of its operation the full surrender of the people for service.

It is not too sanguine to anticipate that it means the accomplishment of the anointing of God's Central West Texas host for real service, anointing with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Too, this institution means to accomplish the task of religious education for the young and the older alike so far as it may actually so do within ten days of work and to do all far as inspiration may be given to all. It will, as of all time, seek to inspire the latent and stimulate to activity and to Evangelize. It will through the main inspirational speaker, even hope to call out the called to special church tasks of whatever nature they may be.

Every Baptist in the counties all around the Encampment center have now a wonderful opportunity to pray this meeting into the accomplishment of the foregoing mentioned purposes. On you have named the name of Jesus as Saviour lies this heavy delightful soul stirring privilege. Daily in the mornings before starting out for the days work, pray earnestly, importuning the Leadership of the Holy Spirit. Pray that training and inspirational agencies of the Encampment may find favor with the young people, the older people and the children, as well, to the end that many more than in the past may surrender and line up for real training, pray for the speakers and for the teachers. Mothers and fathers unused to exercising publicly in church work, here is your field—PRAY.

"If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it."

I challenge you preachers, you teachers, you B. Y. P. U. folks, you superintendents, you deacons, you women workers, you W. Y. A. folks, you shut ins, you laymen, you christians to ask God to bless this encampment. I double dare you to pray and to ask and to test out that promise. WILL you take the dare? Many of you will not. I challenge the county missionaries to test out that promise for the encampment, you religious editor, any of you, all of you. The moment you ask ANYTHING for the encampment in His name He will set about to accomplish that thing. O, horrors of horrors to know that promise and not plead it! Down on your knees and my knees, O, you souls and my soul. If my people will humble themselves * * * * and pray." In the past so little harm has come to the thousands making up the encampment. It will be so this year if you will pray for GOD to protect and to not allow any to be physically injured or otherwise as to that. "If ye shall ASK * * * I will do it."

Hear His voice and accede to its call.
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The scarcity of news notes in this issue of the West Texas Baptist is due to the fact that the editor has been out of the city for several days, and the space is given over to an account of the Baptist Convention. The next issue of the paper will be on June 3rd, at which time the publication will become a weekly paper.

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JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Although we have not reported from our association for some time, we have neither been off on vacation nor idle. We have read a little, talked a little, sung a little, taught a little, preached a little, prayed a little, and visited a little. But when we put all of the little things together we wonder if we have done our best. We wonder if like our Savior and Lord, we should not have gone "a little farther."

We are just about, eso so, over here. Nothing out of the ordinary is taking place. Nothing exciting is going on. Our churches are all operating but in a very modest way. Since the world has become one big neighborhood, we are afraid to make much fuss, for fear we might disturb our neighbors. Then too we have programmed and campaigned until there is such a strain of sameness, or tameness about our campaign programs that they have become very soothing.

Oh! we have had a number of good meetings in our churches. In fact all meetings are good for some things or for somebody. The churches at Anson, Hamlin, Mt. Pleasant, Noodle, Nugent, first and second church, Stamford, and Truby have each had from one to two weeks meeting, with varying results.

We had our last Workers Meeting with the Nugent church. The spirit and fellowship of the meeting were beautiful. The addresses and sermons were good and the lunch was a real banquet.

The officers in our associational Sunday School department are more alert than are the officers in some other departments of our work. They are having monthly meetings in the four precincts of the county. They are pluming or priming for a great day in the meeting of our association in September.

The missionary is teaching in his twelfth Training Course in the churches. There is a growing interest in our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School training course work in the churches of the association. We are to have three workers in our association during the summer, the missionary who will hold meetings under the associations tent, a Mexican, student preacher, who will work among the Mexicans, and a young lady from the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School departments, who will teach B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Courses in the churches.

We are happy to say to the brethren and sister that our dear brother Gentry of Lueders, who has been confined to his bed two months, and very seriously ill for weeks, is improving slowly.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST W. M. U. HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE MEET AT HOUSTON CONVENTION

(Continued from page 1)

One could not look upon her rather delicate physique, however, without the fear that the varied responsibilities of the office might prove too heavy.

Our ever alert Mrs. Davis voiced the feelings of us all in the presentation to Mrs. Cox of a beautiful framed "Blue Bonnet" picture as a souvenir of her first official visit to Texas. Mrs. E. F. Lyon sang the "Blue Bonnet" song with fine effect.

We would, if we could, give you the entire address. It was based on Isaiah's beautiful words, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." The most fertile fields of eternal service, the greatest harvest yields come from the fields through which the Living Water runs. Across these fields of service runs the calm, placid stream of prayer, which challenges us to sow beside its waters. Mission Study is our stream of knowledge. They that sow by the stream of soul winning and Personal Service are wise and shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

Tuesday Afternoon

The plan of work adopted suggests very few changes. The week of prayer for world wide missions is to be held Nov. 29-Dec. 3 instead of the first week in January. We were fortunate enough to secure several copies of the plan of work and one will be sent at once to each associational president.

Reports were heard from advisory boards of the Bible Institute, New Orleans, and Southwestern Training School, Fort Worth. Dr. Scarborough spoke pointedly to the latter report, asking for more scholarships, wider use of the young women trained, and more prayer.

The discussion of W. M. U. specials was of particular interest. At this time announcement was made that the James Memorial School is to be located at Bucharest, Hungary, and Dr. Van Ness offered to pay the remaining \$3,000 necessary to make this training school possible.

Apportionments for W. M. U. Specials are to be \$36,099 for the coming year.

Mrs. Frank S. Burney, Georgia, presented the Margaret Fund report in an unusual and interesting form. She entered bearing a large birthday cake and accompanied by a group of women each carrying a card which set forth ten years' growth of Margaret Fund from eight scholarships to 139.

The report provided that Margaret Fund be given a place on all state and associational programs and that every society have a special program and offering for this object. Miss Nelson of the Amazon Valley and Bentley Glass of China were presented and spoke briefly.

Mrs. J. C. Bose addressed the body on the work of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, and made a fervent plea for the funds to send out the five workers who have been trained but who must wait.

Your representative regrets that she missed the evening with the missionaries on Tuesday, but as it conflicted with the Simmons-Wake Forest debate, there was no choice. We hope to be able to get a report of this service later.

Wednesday Morning

Without question the most constructive program of the convention was the "Tithing Session." Thorough preparation has been made in order that this subject might be presented in a vital and effective manner. Lev. 27:32, "The tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah," was adopted as a sort of watch word and was set forth by Miss Addie Cox, China, in the devotional service. She presented the Union with a banner of rich red and gold, bearing the Chinese characters, "Glory to God on High," the gift of one hundred Chinese women. The speaker made the plea that Southern Baptists bring all the tithes into the store house that Christian centers be multiplied over China.

Mrs. J. F. Vines, Virginia, offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to report next year plans for a great enlistment campaign to culminate in the 1928 meeting, the fortieth anniversary of women's missionary union.

In preparation for the program on tithing, Mrs. C. D. Creaman, Tennessee, had prepared three special tithing songs to familiar tunes, which were used with good effect, and which it is hoped will be generally used to

stimulate a real tithing campaign. When we understand that after all our stewardship teaching only one member in ten of our organizations practices tithing, in the face of the tremendous needs of all our boards, our duty is very clear. A beautiful little tithing pin has been designed and is now offered for sale at 25 cents, and tithing literature and record cards are now ready for distribution. We are sending advance packages of this to each associational president.

No other address made had quite the effect of the one by Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama, on "The Tithing: God's Law, Our Test and Opportunity."

A committee on tithing made some practical suggestions for stimulating interest: (1) The use of posters. Interesting posters prepared by the states were shown.

(2) Strong Contests for our young people, with awards offered by States; the writer of the best tithing story is to be given a trip to convention next year.

(3) Tithing literature.

(4) Tithing record cards.

(5) Tithing pins. The first pin exhibited was presented to the president, Mrs. Cox, with officers standing.

Wednesday Afternoon

A notable address for the closing session was delivered by Dr. J. W. Cammack, secretary of the Education Board. He said in part: "This year closes a century of work by Southern Baptists in the field of Christian education. Adoniram Judson said that if he had a thousand dollars to invest for God he would put it into a Christian school because it produced the seed corn of the Kingdom. Southern Baptists have men and money but have lost morale. Our educational institutions must train leaders to re-establish morale. We now stand far from the top of the list in trained leaders."

After various committee reports the previous year were re-elected without change.

Miss Kathleen Mallory enters upon her sixteenth year of service as corresponding secretary. During the years Miss Mallory has grown not only in efficiency and vision for the work, but in the hearts of thousands of Baptist women and young people who have been inspired by her delightful personality and helpful addresses.

The closing hour was given to Mrs. J. M. Dawson for an address on "The Co-operative Program." She voiced a telling call for the enlistment of the last woman in the last little church for co-operation with God in carrying out the great program of home and foreign missions, hospitals, orphanages and schools. She closed with an appeal for the same spirit of sacrifice that led Annie Jenkins Salles back to China.

"Jesus Shall Reign" was sung and the session was closed with prayer by Miss Mallory.

It was a privilege to attend the convention in company with Mrs. Caldwell, our retiring district president. This contributed a great part to my enjoyment of the trip and I was enabled to get a great deal more help than would have been otherwise possible.

I learned to appreciate Mrs. Caldwell for her beautiful spirit of devotion to the work and her thorough knowledge of the plan of work. Her kindly sympathetic attitude toward all explains her ability to win co-operation and shall be a model to our new president. I rejoice in the privilege of representing our district at this meeting and I trust I may be able to bring to the work some bit of inspiration that will set forward all our efforts.

MRS. E. B. ATWOOD

JONES COUNTY W. M. U. HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING AT TRUBY

The Jones County W. M. U. quarterly meeting was held at the Truby church, April 6, 1928.

Representatives were present from several societies of the county and several communities asked that societies be organized in their churches.

After repeating the 1926 Watchword and singing "Revive Us Again", Mrs. R. C. Campbell of Abilene brought the morning devotional reading Philippians 3:10, giving instructive and assuring thoughts on how we may know Jesus and the work he wishes us to do.

An unusually gracious welcome

was extended by Mrs. Parks, Brother Campbell adding a personal word of greeting, to which, in absence of Mrs. Fielder of Funston, Mrs. P. P. Shepard of Stamford responding in her easy, happy manner.

Reports from the various W. M. U. of the county were given also prospects for organizing W. M. U. in other churches.

Our president, Mrs. Wright of Stamford, quoted Dr. Groner saying: "America is the greatest mission field in the world because every nationality is represented."

An earnest prayer for Divine Leadership to greater accomplishments was offered by Mrs. F. A. Pope of Anson.

After singing "Stepping in the Light" we could more forcibly see the beauty of Christian life as Miss Verna Smith, in a chalk talk, illustrated early morning prayer, while Brother Campbell read a poem accompanied by Mrs. Gabe Gentry at the piano.

Miss Blanche Rose Walker, missionary, now home from China, gave an address showing the enthronement of Jesus in our lives by telling some of her experiences and those of others in China.

After singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," visitors were recognized and we were dismissed with a prayer by Miss Blanche Rose Walker.

At the noon hour a bounteous feast was served by the Marthas assisted by the Marys.

At 1:40 after singing "Bringing in the Sheaves" we were led in prayer by Mrs. Hamar of Anson and Mrs. Gentry gave special music, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Mrs. McCargo asked for money to help buy a hundred Spanish Bibles to be used by our Mexican missionary, Bro. Ruiz, and received \$24.45.

Our president, Mrs. Wright, stated that six new W. M. U. are wanted in this county.

Miss Smith gave another chalk talk inviting all to walk the beautiful "Upper Road."

Both pictures were bought by the Truby W. M. U.

Mrs. Burnham, president of Taylor county association, spoke interestingly on "Enlistment" comparing enlistment for service in the last war with our enlistment in God's service, mentioning many ways in which to enlist women in this work. We hope her address will appear in "West Texas Baptist" so that all our women may read it.

After singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" our district president, Mrs. Caldwell, for whom we always have a warm welcome, spoke on the "Responsibility of the Lord's Work" quoting Samuel 13:5. She stated that there are no talentless Christians and each woman is a shirker, jerker, (quitter) or worker.

She gave an interesting story of Christ of Gabriel in which Gabriel asked Christ what he would do if His people failed to carry out "The Great Commission."

She mentioned all the district specials.

Mrs. Wright asked for a silver shower for Miss Hawkins, our scholarship girl, securing \$5.10.

The minutes were read and approved and it was decided to have the next meeting at Stamford in June.

The meeting was closed with a talk and prayer by the pastor, Brother Campbell. He invited us to a baptizing at the bridge immediately after the meeting.

Altogether the meeting was one of profit and inspiration.

W. M. U. QUARTERLY MEETING

By Mrs. Burnham Parks
 The Truby W. M. U. is small in size and young in years but it is dear to us because of what it has meant to us in our lives, in our homes and in our community.

Each time all the W. M. U. of the county have bet together we've had real feasts, both spiritually and physically and we have thought of what it would mean to have one of these meetings right here in our own church; so, we talked and prayed about it and finally asked the W. M. U. to meet with us. But for several reasons the meeting did not come then; still, we wished for the meeting without much hope. But at our last meeting in Anson, when our president said, "What about coming to Truby next time," a happy little song started in our hearts and we remembered some of the promises which seem to be fulfilled—"If two of you shall agree on earth as touch-

ing anything, and they shall ask in my name, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven." Also, "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him."

We wonder why we're waiting so long and are reminded that Mary and Martha sent for Christ when Lazarus died. Jesus loved Lazarus but waited two days before starting to the sisters in order that many more would believe and that the Father would be glorified.

Now, after months of waiting, you are with us and we want you to know that we are just so happy to have you. We've tried to arrange so that each of us could hear the program but, if it becomes necessary for us to be Marthas, each of you remember that we are really glad that you came and you make another happy by extending a friendly welcome, one to another.

We welcome you first because you are our sisters by the strongest of ties, the golden cord of Jesus' precious blood. And then your mission makes you all the more welcome and we expect much from your coming; much of strength, much of courage, much of knowledge and much of inspiration.

To our much appreciated missionary, Miss Walker, and perhaps other missionaries present, we wish to say that the very thought of you stirs our hearts. And as you tell of God's abounding Grace in your fields of service among those of other lands, may we read between the lines so that your noble sacrificial lives will arouse us to greater effort in meeting the Vision Divine. May His blessings be upon you.

Other sisters of our county and district, we rejoice in your presence for your coming shows that you are holding out the water of everlasting life, that whosoever will may drink. Indeed we welcome you and may this meeting remind us of another meeting, some where out in the future, when the redeemed of all ends of the earth shall gather around the great white throne to hear the welcoming voice of our Savior in tender tones say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy reward."

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Feb. 1, Balance on hand	\$203.21
Feb. 23, Haskell Association	18.00
Mar. 7, Sweetwater Ass'n.	23.12
Mar. 10, Dallas Office	50.00
Mar. 25, Big Spring Ass'n.	10.00
Mar. 25, Sweetwater Ass'n.	4.75
April 7, Sweetwater Ass'n.	7.00
April 7, College Hts. Love gift to S. Girl	4.85
April 10, First Church Abilene Love Gift to B. S. Girl	16.00
April 16, Jones Ass'n.	34.50
April 16, Free Will Offering District Meeting	80.25
April 21, Refund from State Corr. Secy.	16.00
April 21, Refund from State Mission Study	4.05
May 9, Sweetwater Ass'n.	3.85
June 3, Dallas Office	50.00
July 26, Big Spring Ass'n.	4.00
Sept. 6, Fisher Ass'n.	6.00
Oct. 14, Refund from Bible Scholarship Fund	3.00
Oct. 31, Jones Ass'n.	2.50
Nov. 3, Dallas Office	50.00
Nov. 13, Haskell Ass'n.	21.75
Nov. 18, Sweetwater Ass'n.	3.25
Nov. 18, Big Spring Ass'n.	8.90
Dec. 5, Haskell Ass'n., Rochester	5.50
Dec. 11, Stonewall Ass'n.	7.50
Dec. 30, Mitchell-Scurry Ass'n.	12.00
Jan. 5, Sweetwater Ass'n.	7.50
Jan. 11, Sweetwater Ass'n. F. Ch. A.	29.25
Jan. 14, Jones Ass'n., Stamford	12.25
Jan. 15, Fisher Ass'n., Rotan	10.25
Jan. 20, Haskell Ass'n.	.75
Jan. 28, Mitchell-Scurry Ass'n.	7.00
Feb. 23, Jones Ass'n.	1.00
Feb. 28, Lamesa Ass'n.	19.75
Mar. 7, Dallas Office	30.00
Mar. 31, Haskell Ass'n.	2.40
TOTAL	\$ 814.84

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, this week is in a revival meeting in North Carolina, which is scheduled to run to the first of June.

MAKES STRONG APPEAL FOR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Notes concerning The West Texas Sanitarium and its immediate needs. First—We must have \$25,000 by June 1st to meet an obligation maturing at that date. I trust all of us recognize the institution has no funds for that purpose only as it is furnished by its friends.

Second—We need a Chapel where our nurses can assemble every morning before going on duty for a season of prayer and worship. The cost will be \$5,000, what an opportunity for someone to build this as a memorial to some loved one giving it the name of such loved one such building would be used by the friends of those who wait anxiously about the hospital while the patient is on the operating table and even afterwards. What a blessing to the anxious mother or wife such building would be—If you would build a memorial like this how much better than marble placed in a cemetery.

Third—If the Field Secretary is to reach the field as he should he

needs a light car—As this is to be a Womens number of the West Texas Baptist, I am wondering if the Associational Presidents of our W. M. U. will not take this up and make it possible.

Fourth—Last but not least, we are setting apart June 20th as the day in which every Sunday school in West Texas is being requested to give an offering to a fund for charity work so that no sick one will have to be turned away for lack of funds. A poster for this work is being sent to all the churches; if your church don't have one drop me a card at once. We need \$500 a month for such work. If some other feature of our endeavor work does not appeal to you we know this will appeal to all right thinking Baptists.

S. F. BAUCOM,
 Field Secretary.

Rev. J. O. Heath has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Megargle, and will move on that field by June 1st. Brother Heath is one of the strongest preachers in West Texas, and we feel sure the work at this fast growing little city will greatly prosper under his ministry.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST W. M. U. HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE MEET AT HOUSTON CONVENTION

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One could not look upon her rather delicate physique, however, without the fear that the varied responsibilities of the office might prove too heavy.

Our ever alert Mrs. Davis voiced the feelings of us all in the presentation to Mrs. Cox of a beautiful framed "Blue Bonnet" picture as a souvenir of her first official visit to Texas. Mrs. E. F. Lyon sang the "Blue Bonnet" song with fine effect.

We would, if we could, give you the entire address. It was based on Isaiah's beautiful words, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." The most fertile fields of eternal service, the greatest harvest fields come from the fields through which the Living Water runs. Across these fields of service runs the calm, placid stream of prayer, which challenges us to sow beside its waters. Mission Study is our stream of knowledge. They that sow by the stream of soul winning and Personal Service are wise and shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

Tuesday Afternoon

The plan of work adopted suggests very few changes. The week of prayer for world wide missions is to be held Nov. 29-Dec. 3 instead of the first week in January. We were fortunate enough to secure several copies of the plan of work and one will be sent at once to each associational president.

Reports were heard from advisory boards of the Bible Institute, New Orleans, and Southwestern Training School, Fort Worth. Dr. Scarborough spoke pointedly to the latter report, asking for more scholarships, wider use of the young women trained, and more prayer.

The discussion of W. M. U. specials was of particular interest. At this time announcement was made that the James Memorial School is to be located at Bucharest, Hungary, and Dr. Van Ness offered to pay the remaining \$3,000 necessary to make this training school possible.

Apportionments for W. M. U. Specials are to be \$36,099 for the coming year.

Mrs. Frank S. Burney, Georgia, presented the Margaret Fund report in an unusual and interesting form. She entered bearing a large birthday cake and accompanied by a group of women each carrying a card which set forth ten years' growth of Margaret Fund from eight scholarships to 139.

The report provided that Margaret Fund be given a place on all state and associational programs and that every society have a special program and offering for this object. Miss Nelson of the Amazon Valley and Bentley Glass of China were presented and spoke briefly.

Mrs. J. C. Bose addressed the body on the work of the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, and made a fervent plea for the funds to send out the five workers who have been trained but who must wait.

Your representative regrets that she missed the evening with the missionaries on Tuesday, but as it conflicted with the Simmons-Wake Forest debate, there was no choice. We hope to be able to get a report of this service later.

Wednesday Morning

Without question the most constructive program of the convention was the "Tithing Session." Thorough preparation has been made in order that this subject might be presented in a vital and effective manner. Lev. 27:32, "The tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah," was adopted as a sort of watch word and was set forth by Miss Addie Cox, China, in the devotional service. She presented the Union with a banner of rich red and gold, bearing the Chinese characters, "Glory to God on High," the gift of one hundred Chinese women. The speaker made the plea that Southern Baptists bring all the tithes into the store house that Christian centers be multiplied over China.

Mrs. J. F. Vines, Virginia, offered a resolution that a committee be appointed to report next year plans for a great enlistment campaign to culminate in the 1928 meeting, the fortieth anniversary of women's missionary union.

In preparation for the program on tithing, Mrs. C. D. Creaman, Tennessee, had prepared three special tithing songs to familiar tunes, which were used with good effect, and which it is hoped will be generally used to

stimulate a real tithing campaign. When we understand that after all our stewardship teaching only one member in ten of our organizations practices tithing, in the face of the tremendous needs of all our boards, our duty is very clear. A beautiful little tithing pin has been designed and is now offered for sale at 25 cents, and tithing literature and record cards are now ready for distribution. We are sending advance packages of this to each associational president.

No other address made had quite the effect of the one by Mrs. Carter Wright, Alabama, on "The Tithing: God's Law, Our Test and Opportunity."

A committee on tithing made some practical suggestions for stimulating interest: (1) The use of posters. Interesting posters prepared by the states were shown.

(2) Strong contests for our young people, with awards offered by States; the writer of the best tithing story is to be given a trip to convention next year.

(3) Tithing literature.

(4) Tithing record cards.

(5) Tithing pins. The first pin exhibited was presented to the president, Mrs. Cox, with officers standing.

Wednesday Afternoon

A notable address for the closing session was delivered by Dr. J. W. Cammack, secretary of the Education Board. He said in part: "This year closes a century of work by Southern Baptists in the field of Christian education. Adoniram Judson said that if he had a thousand dollars to invest for God he would put it into a Christian school because it produced the seed corn of the Kingdom. Southern Baptists have men and money—but have lost morale. Our educational institutions must train leaders to re-establish morale. We now stand far from the top of the list in trained leaders."

After various committee reports the previous year were re-elected without change.

Miss Kathleen Mallory enters upon her sixteenth year of service as corresponding secretary. During the years Miss Mallory has grown not only in efficiency and vision for the work, but in the hearts of thousands of Baptist women and young people who have been inspired by her delightful personality and helpful addresses.

The closing hour was given to Mrs. J. M. Dawson for an address on "The Co-operative Program." She voiced a telling call for the enlistment of the last woman in the last little church for co-operation with God in carrying out the great program of home and foreign missions, hospitals, orphanages and schools. She closed with an appeal for the same spirit of sacrifice that led Annie Jenkins Sallee back to China.

"Jesus Shall Reign" was sung and the session was closed with prayer by Miss Mallory.

It was a privilege to attend the convention in company with Mrs. Caldwell, our retiring district president. This contributed a great part to my enjoyment of the trip and I was enabled to get a great deal more help than would have been otherwise possible.

I learned to appreciate Mrs. Caldwell for her beautiful spirit of devotion to the work and her thorough knowledge of the plan of work. Her kindly sympathetic attitude toward all explains her ability to win co-operation and shall be a model to your new president. I rejoice in the privilege of representing our district at this meeting and I trust I may be able to bring to the work some bit of inspiration that will set forward all our efforts.

MRS. E. B. ATWOOD

JONES COUNTY W. M. U. HOLDS QUARTERLY MEETING AT TRUBY

The Jones County W. M. U. quarterly meeting was held at the Truby church, April 6, 1928.

Representatives were present from several societies of the county and several communities asked that societies be organized in their churches. After repeating the 1926 Watchword and singing "Revive Us Again," Mrs. R. C. Campbell of Abilene brought the morning devotional reading Philippians 3:10, giving instructive and assuring thoughts on how we may know Jesus and the work he wishes us to do.

An unusually gracious welcome

was extended by Mrs. Parks, Brother Campbell adding a personal word of greeting, to which, in absence of Mrs. Fielder of Funston, Mrs. P. P. Shepard of Stamford responding in her easy, happy manner.

Reports from the various W. M. S. of the county were given also prospects for organizing W. M. S. in other churches.

Our president, Mrs. Wright of Stamford, quoted Dr. Groner saying: "America is the greatest mission field in the world because every national is represented."

An earnest prayer for Divine Leadership to greater accomplishments was offered by Mrs. F. A. Pope of Anson.

After singing "Stepping in the Light" we could more forcibly see the beauty of Christian life as Miss Verna Smith, in a chalk talk, illustrated early morning prayer, while Brother Campbell read a poem accompanied by Mrs. Gabe Gentry at the piano.

Miss Blanche Rose Walker, missionary, now home from China, gave an address showing the enthronement of Jesus in our lives by telling some of her experiences and those of others in China.

After singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," visitors were recognized and we were dismissed with a prayer by Miss Blanche Rose Walker.

At the noon hour a bounteous feast was served by the Marthas assisted by the Marys.

At 1:40 after singing "Bringing in the Sheaves" we were led in prayer by Mrs. Hamar of Anson and Mrs. Gentry gave special music, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Mrs. McCargo asked for money to help buy a hundred Spanish Bibles to be used by our Mexican missionaries. Bro. Ruiz, and received \$24.45. Our president, Mrs. Wright, stated that six new W. M. S. are wanted in this county.

Miss Smith gave another chalk talk inviting all to walk the beautiful "Upper Road."

Both pictures were bought by the Truby W. M. S.

Mrs. Burnham, president of Taylor county association, spoke interestingly on "Enlistment" comparing enlistment for service in the last war with our enlistment in God's service, mentioning many ways in which to enlist women in this work. We hope her address will appear in "West Texas Baptist" so that all our women may read it.

After singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" our district president, Mrs. Caldwell, for whom we always have a warm welcome, spoke on the "Responsibility of the Lord's Work" quoting Samuel 13:5. She stated that there are no talentless Christians and each woman is a shirker, jerker, (quitter) or worker.

She gave an interesting story of Christ of Gabriel in which Gabriel asked Christ what he would do if His people failed to carry out "The Great Commission."

She mentioned all the district specials.

Mrs. Wright asked for a silver shower for Miss Hawkins, our scholarship girl, securing \$5.10.

The minutes were read and approved and it was decided to have the next meeting at Stamford in June.

The meeting was closed with a talk and prayer by the pastor, Brother Campbell. He invited us to a baptizing at the bridge immediately after the meeting.

Altogether the meeting was one of profit and inspiration.

W. M. U. QUARTERLY MEETING

By Mrs. Burnham Parks
 The Truby W. M. S. is small in size and young in years but it is dear to us because of what it has meant to us in our lives, in our homes and in our community.

Each time all the W. M. S. of the county have bet together we've had real feasts, both spiritually and physically and we have thought of what it would mean to have one of these meetings right here in our own church; so, we talked and prayed about it and finally asked the W. M. U. to meet with us. But for several reasons the meeting did not come then; still, we wished for the meeting without much hope. But at our last meeting in Anson, when our president said, "What about coming to Truby next time," a happy little song started in our hearts and we remembered some of the promises which seem to be fulfilled—"If two of you shall agree on earth as touch-

ing anything, and they shall ask in my name, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven." Also, "The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him."

We wonder why we're waiting so long and are reminded that Mary and Martha sent for Christ when Lazarus died. Jesus loved Lazarus but waited two days before starting to the sisters in order that many more would believe and that the Father would be glorified.

Now, after months of waiting, you are with us and we want you to know that we are just so happy to have you. We've tried to arrange so that each of us could hear the program but, if it becomes necessary for us to be Marthas, each of you remember that we are really glad that you came and you make another happy by extending a friendly welcome, come to another.

We welcome you first because you are our sisters by the strongest of ties, the golden cord of Jesus' precious blood. And then your mission makes you all the more welcome and we expect much from your coming; much of strength, much of courage, much of knowledge and much of inspiration.

To our much appreciated missionary, Miss Walker, and perhaps other missionaries present, we wish to say that the very thought of you stirs our hearts. And as you tell of God's abounding Grace in your fields of service among those of other lands, may we read between the lines so that your noble sacrificial lives will arouse us to greater effort in meeting the Vision Divine. May His blessings be upon you.

Other sisters of our county and district, we rejoice in your presence for your coming shows that you are holding out the water of everlasting life, that whosoever will may drink. Indeed we welcome you and may this meeting remind us of another meeting, some where out in the future, when the redeemed of all ends of the earth shall gather around the great white throne to hear the welcoming voice of our Savior in tender tones say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy reward."

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DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND RECEIPT:

Feb. 1, Balance on hand	\$203.21
Feb. 28, Haskell Ass'n.	18.00
Mar. 7, Sweetwater Ass'n.	23.12
Mar. 10, Dallas Office	50.00
Mar. 25, Big Spring Ass'n.	10.00
Mar. 25, Sweetwater Ass'n.	4.75
April 7, Sweetwater Ass'n.	7.00
April 7, College Hts. Love gift to S. Girl	4.85
April 10, First Church Abilene Love Gift to B. S. Girl	16.00
April 16, Jones Ass'n.	34.50
April 16, Free Will Offering District Meeting	80.25
April 21, Refund from State Corr. Secy.	16.69
April 21, Refund from State Mission Study	4.05
May 9, Sweetwater Ass'n.	3.85
June 8, Dallas Office	50.00
July 26, Big Spring Ass'n.	4.00
Sept. 6, Fisher Ass'n.	6.00
Oct. 14, Refund from Bible Scholarship Fund	3.00
Oct. 31, Jones Ass'n.	2.50
Nov. 3, Dallas Office	50.00
Nov. 13, Haskell Ass'n.	21.75
Nov. 18, Sweetwater Ass'n.	3.25
Nov. 18, Big Spring Ass'n.	8.90
Dec. 5, Haskell Ass'n., Rochester	5.50
Dec. 11, Stonewall Ass'n.	7.50
Dec. 30, Mitchell-Scurry Ass'n.	12.00
Jan. 5, Sweetwater Ass'n.	7.50
Jan. 11, Sweetwater Ass'n. F. Ch. A.	29.25
Jan. 14, Jones Ass'n., Stamford	12.25
Jan. 15, Fisher Ass'n., Rotan	10.25
Jan. 20, Haskell Ass'n.	.75
Jan. 28, Mitchell-Scurry Ass'n.	7.00
Feb. 23, Jones Ass'n.	1.00
Feb. 28, Lamesa Ass'n.	19.75
Mar. 7, Dallas Office	30.00
Mar. 31, Haskell Ass'n.	2.40
TOTAL	\$ 814.84

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of the First Church, Abilene, this week is in a revival meeting in North Carolina, which is scheduled to run to the first of June.

MAKES STRONG APPEAL FOR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Notes concerning The West Texas Sanitarium and its immediate needs.

First—We must have \$25,000 by June 1st to meet an obligation maturing at that date. I trust all of us recognize the institution has no funds for that purpose only as it is furnished by its friends.

Second—We need a Chapel where our nurses can assemble every morning before going on duty for a season of prayer and worship. The cost will be \$5,000, what an opportunity for someone to build this as a memorial to some loved one giving it the name of such loved one such building would be used by the friends of those who wait anxiously about the hospital while the patient is on the operating table and even afterwards.

What a blessing to the anxious mother or wife such building would be—If you would build a memorial like this how much better than marble placed in a cemetery.

Third—If the Field Secretary is to reach the field as he should he

needs a light car—As this is to be a Womens number of the West Texas Baptist, I am wondering if the Associational Presidents of our W. M. U. will not take this up and make it possible.

Fourth—Last but not least, we are setting apart June 20th as the day in which every Sunday school in West Texas is being requested to give an offering to a fund for charity work so that no sick one will have to be turned away for lack of funds. A poster for this work is being sent to all the churches; if your church don't have one drop me a card at once. We need \$500 a month for such work. If some other feature of our endeavor work does not appeal to you we know this will appeal to all right thinking Baptists.

S. F. BAUCOM,
 Field Secretary.

Rev. J. O. Heath has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Megargle, and will move on that field by June 1st. Brother Heath is one of the strongest preachers in West Texas, and we feel sure the work at this fast growing little city will greatly prosper under his ministry.

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MISSIONARY FROM WEST TEXAS WRITES DISTRESSINGLY ABOUT MISSION WORK IN CHINA

My dear friends:
Phil. 1:1-13.

I am sure if those who read these lines knew just a small per cent of our great disappointments on the field just now, you would understand why I feel it necessary to tell you of the many opportunities, the blessings already received, the wonderful outlook for our work in the face of difficulties, and finally how our plans are hindered just at this time. Not that we are utterly discouraged for "We know all things work together for good to those who love the Lord," and so long as we have the Great Commander, we cannot fight a losing battle. "Sure we must fight if we would win, increase our courage Lord, to hear the trial, endure the pain, supported by thy word."

I came to China about five years ago, you remember, and have remained on the field because the Lord called me here and because it is His will for me to stay, no matter how difficult the task, there have been many difficulties, but even as I know the past years, is his call promoted me, and I had been aware of the suffering, still, I would have cause. For it has not all been hardships, and even those have been as untold blessing. I praise God for all of them, together, with the wonderful opportunities for service and the little good He has allowed me to do. It is our privilege to sow the seed, and leave all the results with Him. But the beautiful side of the picture is that he has allowed all the difficulties to be stepping stones to better service to Him, and we feel the present one will be such.

Of course much of the time during this period of years has been spent in language study, getting adjusted in every way and in finding His place on the field, and it is the latter that we wish to tell you about, some of you perhaps already know, but in order to get our plans before you, we will review them again.

After a year's language study and six months' assistance in school and evangelistic work at Cheng Chow, it was the Lord's will for me to enter the school and evangelistic work in the country, the center of which is at Nan Kuan Changle, just outside the south city gate of Kaifeng. This work was opened by Rev. and Mrs. Harris, who now have a large field of country work and the Bible School for the mission in addition to the country work. As soon as was practical the two day schools of this one center were given to me and with the buildings and equipments already given by the mission, and a good foundation laid by Mr. and Mrs. Harris, it has been a joy to see the work grow, and see many hundreds of children brought into the chapel to hear the gospel.

Our schools have grown until our force of teachers had to be increased from four to eight, and at the same time greater opportunities have been given to reach all of these, and their houses as well with the influence of christianity. We have established small libraries with christian literature, organized the children of every age into religious organizations for religious teachings, had daily chapel, organized play, kindergarten work, schools for the poor, and for the mothers. Our hope for the places is to make it a Good Will Center, especially, since the whole center is now being placed in our care for directing, as Mr. and Mrs. Harris are to leave soon, and later give their whole time to Bible School work. In addition to these plans, we now have the work of the front building and the Sunday service which are under the leadership of a capable Chinese evangelist who must be paid. This work consists of a reading room for the men, a street chapel, night schools for poor boys and the Wednesday night and Sunday services.

In addition to this work, we now have three strong centers in the country field not far from Kaifeng. Our plans for these four places were practically the same, with the hope of making Nan Kuan the central place of meeting for workers conferences, as often as it seems practical every year and to keep interest and enthusiasm in the work. We had just placed capable leaders in each place with the hope of organizing the women and children in addition to the regular church organizations, have vacation Bible Schools in all the near by villages and literally sow the gospel thru these forces and places. And in order to keep in touch with all these places, and to assist the local teachers and evangelist we had just secured a capable Bible woman whose duty it is to hold special services in these country places, with my assistance, and to visit in all the houses connected with each center.

But just as we had placed some new workers and our work was well

under way for the new term, the belated news came from the Board that every school on our list was closed, our Nan Kuan schools, and much of the other funds taken away. Can you imagine the shock, of every plan, every hope crushed; and can you realize what it means when all these day schools for small children are closed? With conditions as they are among Chinese students now, our hopes for China if she ever knows the Savior is to train these children, and we cannot reach them for regular christian teaching and training unless we have these schools. It is almost impossible even to get them to religious services unless we have the school children as a nucleus and as a means of getting other children to come. Thus you see how we felt as I called my teachers together, and gave them Rom. 8:28, dismissed two of them and promised the others their salaries as long as I was able to meet it out of my own, then ordered every country school to be closed, and suffered the consequences in seeing my work shattered, and many plans shattered. You can realize something of the results. The man getting the largest salary had to be removed, hence a loss of pupils and great disturbance in the schools.

But we will not give up, and we will not doubt. All I have is the Lord's and as long as the Board has chosen to send me the regular salary of sixty six gold per month, I shall give half of it, and keep these two schools running, tho it has already been necessary to cut off the two higher grades with Mr. Harris's help a capable evangelist has been secured, the reading room has been opened and we hope to keep the work going right on, tho it has suffered this loss and we hope even to win more, through these disappointments, and in the country places we are retaining the evangelists, and hope to go out and hold evangelistic classes, and visit in many homes, tho our plans are thwarted for the organizations work. In one place two of our workers are taking care of the school work and evangelistic work, too, two schools with only half of the regular salary. We hope there will be many Chinese who will show the real sacrificial spirit. We know the Lord wants to teach all of us the lesson we need to learn, both foreigners and Chinese, when conditions are as we are facing now.

I failed to mention the fact that it is necessary to build an extra room, chinese style, in order to live near the work, and direct it in a more satisfactory manner. This must also come out of my own salary as there are no funds for such. I tell you these things that you may really know how the shortage of funds has affected our work in every way, and that you may pray more earnestly, not only that sufficient funds be provided for all the shortage every where, but that we who are on the field may be more worthy, more humble, and that our lives may be so filled with the love of the Master that we may be living examples to poor heathens, and win many to Christ. May his will be done in all our lives and may our courage, faith, hope and love be increased as we surmount our difficulties by the blessed power of His spirit.

With love and best wishes to all,
I am,
Yours in His service,
VIOLE HUMPHREYS

Lee, please have this printed in West Texas Baptist, read it to the church, show it to any of my friends who have money and do anything to get some immediate aid for the cause here. I shall probably not go home next year as it is the regular time, because the Board is so in debt, because I have no money, and because the work needs me so badly. God's will, not ours be done. Please pray much and do all you can to help us, and let me hear from you at once.

**MITCHELL SCURRY
ASSOCIATION**

Our next Workers Conference will meet with the Champion Church on June 8th. The association voted on the meeting at Union church May 4th to send their missionary, Geo. E. Alexander to S. B. Convention at Houston.

Training Schools—S. S., B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. will be held over this association during the months of June and July, under the direction of G. E. Alexander, missionary and field secretary.

Mrs. J. E. Leigh, state corresponding secretary of the W. M. U. of Texas will visit our association on July 9th, place to be arranged later.

First Baptist Church of Snyder has called Rev. W. F. Ferguson of Ark.

GEO. E. ALEXANDER

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HOLD 71ST CONVENTION (Continued from page 1)

ter was heavy. Louisville Selected Next Convention Louisville Kentucky, the home of the Southern Baptist Seminary was selected as the next meeting place of the Convention.

The report on the Education Board was read by J. M. Shelburne of Virginia. The report stressed the growing need of endowment for the school of the South. It was also recommended that the schools lay more stress on the teaching of religious education, church efficiency and religious leadership. Dr. George W. Russell spoke to the report and it was requested that is address be committed to writing for publication.

In the afternoon the report of the Southwestern Seminary was read by President L. R. Scarborough. The report of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans was read by President Dement. A detailed report of these institutions will be given in the next issue of the West Texas Baptist.

The Foreign Mission report was finished at the evening session and detailed information about the report of the body will appear later.

Friday's Session
Friday morning session of the Convention was devoted largely to the W. M. U. report, the Relief and Annuity Board and the Commission on Co-operative Program.

After the regular routine of business during Friday's session the audience was given treat Friday evening by the Home Board forces. Short addresses were made by a number of Home Board workers. A song in signs was sung by a group of deaf and dumb mutes. A moving picture of the mountain school work was shown, which was interesting and instructive. The evening service was closed with number of songs by a group of sixty negroes.

The convention closed its Saturday session at noon and a large number of the messengers left for home. Others took advantage of a special excursion to Galveston. The business of the convention was closed at the Saturday evening service.

Passed Evolution Memorial

At the Saturday morning session Dr. S. E. Tull of Arkansas introduced a memorial on the evolution question which was unanimously passed: In this memorial attention was called to the fact that the convention at its opening session had officially accepted the literal Genesis version of man's origin and rejected any theory that man had originated from any form of lower animal ancestry, the resolution stated that the board of trustees of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth had since incorporated this statement of faith in its tests for its teachers. The resolution called on all other agencies and institutions of the denomination to give like assurance to the convention and to the Baptist brotherhood in general of a hearty and individual acceptance of the said action of the convention to the end that the great cause for our present unrest and agitation over the evolution question be effectively and finally removed in the minds of the constituency of this convention and all others concerned. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Norris at the Convention

Dr. J. Frank Norris and a group of fundamentalists were at the Convention and furnished variety to daily program. After the Ragland memorial was voted down by the convention, circulars were distributed advertising a protest meeting to be held under the Norris tent, located several blocks from the Convention Hall. A crowd estimated at 1,500 people attended this meeting. Drs. Shields of Canada, Ragland of Kentucky and Dr. Norris of Texas spoke. On Friday evening another meeting was held under the tent, this time the meeting being a protest against the schools accepting money from the Rockefeller Foundation, or Education Board of New York.

**FIRST CHURCH, STAMFORD
OBSERVES LORD'S SUPPER**

(The following item has been delayed in publication—Editor.)

The Stamford First church observed the Lord's Supper last Sunday with a splendid good attendance of members, Pastor Moffet presiding. The morning sermon subject "The Lord's Supper", was so clearly scriptural that the erring could grasp it. The observance was solemnly impressive—surely the participants harked back in their minds to the sacrifice, the blessing, the tragedy on the cross.

Sunday school attendance recorded a gain of almost 34 per cent over the preceding Sunday.

Subject of the evening sermon, "Obstacles on the Road to Hell." The pastor offered several as taught by the book—one of the chiefest of which was the planting of the Cross on the Broad Way to Hell. A sinner to arrive in hell must rough-shod trample under foot the blood that poured from the Cross.

W. H. Wright.

SEMINARY RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM ANSON

(By L. A. Myers, Publicity Director, Seminary).

Mrs. C. C. Ferrell of Abilene, Texas has recently announced a gift of ten thousand dollars which is to be used by the Seminary, endowing the Chair of Evangelism. The announcement, through Dr. Scarborough to the student body, has touched and inspired everyone.

The gift was made in compliance with a will made by the late Judge C. C. Ferrell, to the effect that after his estate had brought an income of fifteen thousand dollars, that Mrs. Ferrell, at her discretion, might give ten thousand of this sum to the Seminary and five thousand to Simmons University. He died on July 8th, 1923. Three years have brought the income and Mrs. Ferrell, true to the benevolent wish of her Christian husband made haste to deposit the money to the Seminary's credit. Mrs. Ferrell has joined most heartily in this gift.

Judge Ferrell moved to Anson, Texas, in the early days of the development of that country. He was one of the most prominent lawyers in that section for years. President Scarborough, a long time friend and a one time pastor, said of Judge Ferrell, "He was one of the best men I ever knew."

This is not the first gift by this couple. At different times during the past year he made liberal contributions to the different causes represented by Baptists, especially to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; giving before liberal sums to the endowment of the Chair of Evangelism. These gifts will stand as a monument to the noble giver. These sums of money will bless young men and women, who are training, for the service of the Gospel. These two lives will live on in an unbroken stream of rich investment for all time to come.



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WORK GROWING AT THE MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

On Sunday morning, April 25, Brother Howell filled his appointment at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. There was good attendance at Sunday School, and a splendid sermon was preached by the pastor at the eleven o'clock service. Brother Howell is carrying on an excellent work following a week's meeting held by Brother Parrack of Merkel.

The first B. Y. P. U. program given from our church was rendered at Cross Roads at three o'clock and seemed to be enjoyed by all. The interest in this work is increasing

and fine lessons are presented every Sunday night.

At the evening service Brother Howell again preached a good sermon, at the close of which four new members presented themselves for church membership. After this service a short church conference was held.

Rev. John W. Williams, a former West Texas pastor and graduate of Simmons, was in Abilene this week, enroute to New Mexico for a visit. He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., a city of over sixty thousand people. He has a membership of over 700, and the

church is beginning a \$400,000 building campaign.

First Hunter: "I saw 'bout fifty rabbits dead in the hills awhile ago." Second Hunter: "Jimmie! Who kilt 'em?"

First Hunter: "The boll weevils run 'em to death tryin' to get the cotton out of their tails."

Freshman Girl: "By the way, did you know that vulcanizing was discovered by accident?"

Junior Girl: "By whom?"

Fr. Girl: "By accident, of course."

Jr. Girl: "Well, I never heard of that fellow before."

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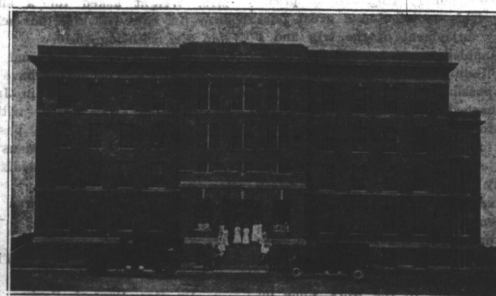
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