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## THOUSANDS EXPECTED AT B. T. S. CONVENTION

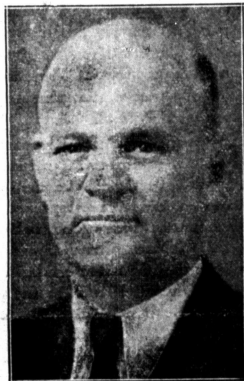
### DR. T. C. GARDNER SENDS GREETINGS TO B. T. S. WORKERS

My Dear B. T. S. Friends:  
The 44th annual session of the B. T. S. Convention of Texas will convene in Lubbock November 29-30 and December 1, 1934. Every Baptist church in the state should be represented at this great state convention.

There are 7,758 unions in Texas. Each union is entitled to five messengers. All messengers who plan to attend the convention should write either Mr. J. D. Riddle, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, or the hotel or boarding house that they desire to stay in relative to a room while attending the convention.

The program that is being planned for the convention will be one of the greatest that has ever been rendered in Texas. I sincerely hope that automobile caravans may be organized in each county to make the trip to Lubbock. Now is the time to make plans to attend that great convention.

Hoping to see you in Lubbock Thanksgiving Day, I am,  
Your friend,  
T. C. GARDNER.



T. H. Farmer, Oklahoma City  
Mr. T. H. Farmer is the State B. Y. P. U. Secretary of Oklahoma. He was associated with the State B. T. S. Department of Texas for a number of years. We are delighted to have him on our State B. T. S. Convention program in Lubbock.

### WE ARE COMING TO LUBBOCK

Milton Fore, Jr.

In order that a large group from Southwest Texas may go to the B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock, we have decided to make San Antonio the concentration point—all of us leave from here. We have secured a very low rate which is only a fraction more than one cent per mile round trip. The maximum cost from San Antonio including transportation, registration, hotel room, and nine meals is \$17.10. We will leave San Antonio at 10:00 P. M. Wednesday night, November 28. It is necessary that all reservations be made in writing to Milton Fore, Jr., First Baptist Church, San Antonio, not later than Monday morning, November 26.

Lubbock is planning to provide an old-fashioned West Texas chuck wagon feed for convention messengers and visitors. This social event will take place Friday afternoon between convention sessions. In connection with the chuck wagon feed a redeo is being planned. The committee in Lubbock appointed to make arrangements for this event is as follows: F. B. Malone, Joe Smyth, and Elmo Wall.

### INTERMEDIATE SWORD DRILL CONTEST

Young people 13 to 16 years of age, members of a B. T. S., shall be eligible to compete in the Intermediate Sword Drill contest. There shall be a separate contest for each age and a winner and alternate chosen for each age. Standard Bibles will be used in the final elimination contest at Lubbock. The Bibles should be bought by each district convention and should be given to the district contestants after they have taken their places on the platform for the state contest. The standard Bible is leather bound, minion type, size 4 1-2 by 6. The number is P 46 and the price post-paid from the Baptist Book Store, Slaughter Building, Dallas, is \$1.35.



Dr. T. C. Gardner

### COLLEGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Baptist students should make a special effort to attend the B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock. The program has been planned with student life in mind. Mr. J. D. Riddle and his co-workers in Lubbock are planning special programs for the Baptist students in Texas. We sincerely hope that every school in Texas will be represented at Lubbock.



Dr. W. C. McClung, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, will be one of the inspirational speakers at the Lubbock Convention.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET

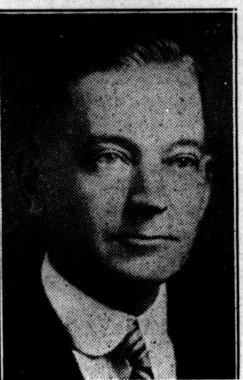
The Executive Board of the B. T. S. Convention of Texas will meet in Lubbock Wednesday night, November 28, at 7:30. Dr. W. M. Wright, Paris, is president of the Executive Board and Miss Betty Hazelwood, Dallas, is recording secretary.



Dr. W. R. White, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, will deliver the closing message of the State B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock Saturday morning, December 1, on "The Challenge of the Cross."

### DR. HILL COMING

Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, will deliver inspirational addresses at the Lubbock Convention. All Texas Baptists should hear him.



George J. Mason, of Dallas, treasurer of the Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, will be one of the speakers at the B. T. S. Convention at Lubbock next week.

### DR. MADDRY COMING

Dr. C. E. Maddry, Richmond, Virginia, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, will deliver two or more inspirational addresses on missions during the Lubbock convention. Dr. Maddry has recently made a tour of the mission fields around the world. All B. T. S. members should hear him.

### CITY OF LUBBOCK PREPARED TO CARE FOR GREAT CROWD

The Baptist Training Service Convention of Texas will meet in Lubbock Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1, 1934. There are 3,153 Baptist churches, and each church is being urged to send one or more representatives to the state meeting. Each church is entitled to five bonified messengers for each union in the church. Churches that have five unions may send 25 messengers. Churches with 20 unions may send 100 messengers. Every union in every church in Texas should be represented at the State B. T. S. Convention.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, says: "Lubbock is prepared to take care of all the Baptists who attend the great State B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock. We are expecting 5,000 people at the opening session Thanksgiving morning."

The program that has been planned for the Lubbock Convention is, in our estimation, one of the greatest programs that has ever been planned for a Texas convention. Speakers on the convention program beyond the borders of Texas are: Dr. C. E. Maddry, Richmond, Virginia; Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Will C. McClung, Wichita, Kansas; Dr. C. W. Culp, Shreveport, Louisiana; Rev. W. B. Pierce, Lawton, Oklahoma. Conference leaders coming to us from other states are: Mr. W. A. Harrell, Nashville, Tennessee; T. H. Farmer, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Carey B. Gardiner, Texarkana, Arkansas; Miss Helen Gardner, Jackson, Tennessee.

## THE SPURGEON CENTENNIAL

Editor's Note: The following is the conclusion of the address delivered at the annual meeting of the Sweetwater Association by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. This is the third installment of a remarkable story of the life of C. H. Spurgeon, whose 100th anniversary is being celebrated this year.

### 6. Faith—A Lesson To The Fearful and Unbelieving.

Faith was his shield in time of peril. When the "black death" was raging in London and people were falling like grain before the cythe, and it was as much as signing one's death warrant to be found in its presence, he sought the guidance of God. His eyes fell upon the words (Psa. 91:4-7) "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust. . . Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flyeth by day, nor the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall by thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." Forthwith he went among the stricken people ministering to the dying, and burying the dead.

In all his labors the note of faith was dominant. He was fond of saying, "Where God guides he provides," and "Both humanity and God are fond

of faith projects." When some doubted the great undertaking of the Tabernacle, he said, "We will see what faith can do here." And men saw and wondered, and believed, and rejoiced. From the first he declared, "It shall be faith, not debt." He hated debt. When a child he had gone in debt for a slate pencil. His father so rebuked him for it, that he had carried a heavy heart for days, and so deep was his sorrow he declared that ever after he shunned debt, and "hated it like Luther hated the Pope."

"Dirt, debt and the devil" were enemies of mankind, and his voice was ever lifted against them. In six years at a cost of over \$150,000, the Tabernacle was completed—without debt. His church was run without debt, as so were all the institutions it fostered. There were no secular plans to induce Christ's people to support his cause; a valuable and much needed lesson for Christ's churches and people to-day, and one I am constrained to believe we are learning. May the day soon come when his worthy example shall be followed by us all. He had but one policy, "Our faith shall precede our sight." To him, getting subscribers and sending around collectors left little room for believing, and would result in little coming in. God would not leave a work He put upon His people, without seeing them through with it. It was a faith

that God honored throughout his abundantly useful life. He is the same faith-honoring God today. O that His people believed it, and would put him to the test! Intelligent, obedient faith never fails.

The charming words of an unknown poet appropriately apply to him if we but change the "I" to "he."

He stood and watched his ships go out,  
Each one by one unmooring free;  
And time the quiet harbor filled,  
With floodtide from the sea.

The first that sailed, her name was Joy,  
She spread a smooth white ample sail;  
And heaving went with bending spars,  
Against the sighing gale.

The next that sailed, her name was Love;  
She showed a red flag at the mast;  
A flag as red as blood she showed,  
And towards the South sped fast.

The next that sailed her name was Hope;  
No cargo in her hold she bore,  
Thinking to find in distant lands  
Of merchandise at store.

The last that sailed, her name was

Faith;  
Slowly she took her passage forth,  
Tacked, lay to, and then made  
A straight course for the North.

His gallant ships, they sailed away,  
Over the shimmering summer sea;  
He stood and watched for many a day,  
But only one came back to him.

Joy was caught by pirate Pain,  
Hope ran upon a hidden reef;  
Love caught fire and foundered  
In seas of whirling grief.

At last Faith came storm-tossed and torn,  
But recompensed him all his loss;  
For as a rargo safe she brought  
A crown, linked to a cross.

Let the note of faith among God's people be dominant, and ring out joyfully and triumphantly around the world. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

### 7. Victory—A Lesson For the Discouraged.

The great preacher was subject to many discouragements. He was often heard to say, "The chariot wheels drag heavily, yet they are not taken off." Often, depressed, and weary in body, I have turned to this man of God who knew as few have known the burden of depression. Depression (Continued on page four)



Mr. W. L. Howse, Fort Worth, will give direction to all Senior B. Y. P. U. Conferences at the State B. T. S. Convention at Lubbock next week.

### CONVENTION MUSIC

A great feature of the State B. T. S. Convention is the soul-stirring musical programs. Mr. Ira Prosser, educational director of the Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, will direct the music at the Lubbock convention. He is planning to have a great convention choir. He is also planning to use college and university quartets from various schools over the state. Everyone should make an effort to be in Lubbock Thursday morning, November 29 at 10:00 to listen in to the great musical program that Mr. Prosser is planning for us.

Ira C. Prosser  
Mr. Ira C. Prosser, one of the professors of the School of Music of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, will direct the convention music. In addition to being a good music director, Mr. Prosser is also a splendid B. T. S. worker. He has served as president of the Tarrant County B. T. S. Convention for the past two years.

### JUNIOR MEMORY CONTEST

Boys and girls 9 to 12 years of age, members of a B. T. S., shall be eligible to compete in the Junior Memory Contest. There shall be a separate contest for each age. Boys and girls will compete with only those of the same age. All those who make perfect records will be recognized as state winners. State winners will be chosen from the nine-year-old group, also for the ten-year-old group, eleven-year-old group, and the twelve-year-old group.

## SETTING OUR HOUSE IN ORDER

By J. O. Heath

Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live. II Kings 20:1.

Captain Hezekiah was sick unto death. From the Lord came the word that he was to prepare for his final earthly event. I do not know what irregularity or disorder existed in his house. But his reaction to the startling command was immediate, tearful and sincere. He did not presume that his official position would excuse any neglect or palliate any sin found in his house. Nor did he rely on previous cleanliness and harmony to atone for a present disarrangement that was offensive to God. He sought earnestly the Lord and He dealt graciously with him. I am leaving Hezekiah for a more modern era.

There are many illy regulated homes in this country. With their discords and the dire results that follow, they form a familiar and tragic story. From its deeply stained pages haunting statistics emerge to stand in gloomy significance over broken vows and departed felicities. Will not children inheriting the fearful memories of collapsed homes, carry those

bitter and burdensome recollections down to their latest hours? Will they not be socially and morally crippled because of an unhappiness visited on them by unwise and disagreeable parents? In tedious hours they will not be able to enliven dullness by singing, "there is no place like home." Its refuge; its sacredness; its hallowed scenes of love; pleasant days spent where gentle winds played over its consecrated ground, will be unknown to those unfortunate children. Unless checked by sense and religion, divorces have reached the point where we may pensively prophecy the passing of the American home. With separations increasing and their entailed sorrows augmenting, surely it is time to so condition our homes that society may be maintained in accordance with God's plans.

Sadly do we all know that the source of all our troubles is in our hearts. The nets that entangle us and the snares that entrap us, are hidden in the deceitfulness of our hearts. I want then to substitute the word heart for that of "house" in

the text. Assuredly, God is calling you and me to set our hearts in order. In the heart is where we really live. To permit this earthly dwelling to be cluttered with paltry things or filled with strife, contention, and dark surmisings is to live in a place of vanity and confusion. Every one appreciates a neatly arranged home. It possesses an elegance that soothes the harassed spirit and an atmosphere that heals the inmates deep bruises. It is carefully guarded from unworthy and dangerous intrusion. But it is mundane and temporary. The real home is the soul. And we sometimes allow the things that disorganize and pollute to have undirected control of that priceless abode. But supposing our hearts are in a disordered state, what steps then are necessary to set them in order?

If heeded, there are in the scriptures admonitions that will instruct and encourage us. In the fourth chapter of Ephesians, Paul discusses heart renovation with a directness and force that will edify all who will listen to him. Let us hear him. Well,

he fervently insists that the "old man," in conversation and deeds, is to be repudiated. The carnal nature "which is corrupt according to the lusts of deceit," is to be "put off." There is to be a laying aside of worldly weights and a casting away of that which is superfluous and degrading. To retain the things that we are commanded to renounce is sufficient to keep any heart in disfavor with God. I am aware that Paul's exhortations are regarded as obsolete by this crooked and strabismic generation. But evidently we will come to a spiritual awakening if we exercise ourselves in them.

The next step is that in the awakening we will put on the "new man," which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." It is then, in the putting on of the new man that order and purity are realized in the heart. In the act the spirit of the mind is renewed. And to our renewed minds the things that pertain to the Christian life will become exquisite to us in a time of spiritual obtuseness and moral apathy. Garden City, Texas.

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### THE B. T. S. CONVENTION

On Thanksgiving day, the eyes of Texas Baptists will be turned toward Lubbock, Texas, where several thousand young people B. T. S. Workers will be in session for their annual meeting. Unless bad weather should interfere there will be a large attendance at this meeting. The B. T. S. leaders in Texas, headed by Dr. T. C. Gardner, as well as the local Baptists and citizens of Lubbock, have put forth their best efforts to get everything in readiness to entertain the visitors. We are sure Lubbock will do her part in the characteristic western fashion.

Every church in Texas with B. T. S. organizations should encourage their young people to attend this meeting. The inspiration they will receive in the three-day meeting will mean much to their individual lives as well as the entire B. T. S. and church life.

### GRAPEFRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS

We call our readers attention to the statement by Dr. L. R. Scarborough in regard to the grapefruit and orange crop on the Southwestern Seminary's fruit farm in the Rio Grande Valley. The Seminary faculty have stood by their posts of duty at the Seminary during these years of depression at a tremendous sacrifice. Their salaries have been pitifully small. By buying a basket of this fruit, one will not only be receiving choice fruit grown in the magic valley, but they will be rendering a distinct service to the Seminary and its noble faculty. Sit down right now and send your order for a box of this fruit. Dr. Scarborough tells you in this issue of the paper just how to do it.

### REJECTS UNIFICATION

The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas, in their annual meeting in Dallas last week voted overwhelmingly to reject the unification plan as suggested by the Committee of Fifty, twenty-five from each of the State bodies. At the closing session of the meeting, according to press dispatches, the B. M. A. body put a ban on the discussion of unification by voting to expel from their association any church or any individual who discusses the matter of unification during the next year.

Of course the Association had a right to pass whatever resolutions it chooses, but it seems to us unfortunate that such a drastic step should have been taken. Certainly it is not exemplifying the spirit of Christ in refusing ways and means of healing the breach of an offending brother. Our B. M. A. brethren are a great people, and we feel sure that after the heat of the discussion of the matter of unification in their annual meeting, has cooled off somewhat, they will regret that they took such drastic action in the matter.

### A NEW WAY TO HELP THE SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

L. R. SCARBOROUGH

Five years ago by the gift of a friend of the Southwestern Seminary, we started a citrus fruit orchard in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. Two hundred acres of trees are now bearing. They constitute a part of the Seminary endowment and all returns from this fruit go to the operating expenses of the seminary.

Between December 5 and 20 we will send out on order a bushel basket of juicy, delicious, mainly Marsh Seedless grapefruit, or oranges, for \$1.50 per basket, plus the express. The friends of the Seminary can help themselves and their families to delicious citrus fruit, and help the Seminary to pay its operating expenses, by ordering one or more of these baskets. It will make a delightful Christmas gift.

I have fifty letters from leading Baptists who enjoyed a box of this fruit last year, saying they never ate finer or more delicious fruit in their lives.

It is understood that those who order will pay the express, and the baskets will be sent C. O. D. as to the express charges, and if desired as to the cost of \$1.30 per box. The express charge is from 50 cents to \$1.00, owing to distance from Edinburg, Texas. We can fill around 8,000 orders.

Send your order and the number of bushel baskets desired and whether you desire oranges or grapefruit, or a mixed basket, to the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas. Send check or money order for \$1.50 per basket. Tell your friends about it and get them to order. Some pastors are already taking it up with their members and getting orders from their church people. This will greatly help the Seminary. Order at once.

### "WATCH TOWER" CITY OF THE DAYS OF SAMUEL, IDENTIFIED

At last, the pick and spade of the explorer and archeologist have brought to light the old city of Mizpah so prominently identified with the history of Israel in the days of Samuel, the Prophet-Judge. Today, it is known to the natives of Palestine by its Arabic name, Neby Samwil, the burial place of the prophet Samuel. It is located about six miles northwest of the City of Jerusalem. It was the strategic point in connection with Allenby's capture of Jerusalem in December, 1917. Three times the Turks drove the British Forces from its top after the first occupation, but at last the Turks had to yield this historic spot to the invading army.

In the days of the division of the land among the tribes of Israel, Mizpah was located on the boundary line between the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. It was in the territory of Benjamin. It was called "The Mizpah," and was strongly fortified because of its border position. It was a great center for Israel on special occasions, and the Moslems claimed Samuel was buried on the mountain-top. In spite of this fact, they shelled the Mosque over his grave, and shattered it to pieces, rather than surrender it to Allenby's army.

In its recent excavation, it has yielded many important Old Testament souvenirs, among which is a beautiful agate seal bearing a legend which identifies it with one Jaazaniah, an officer in the army of Zedekiah, the last pre-exile King of Judah, and who is mentioned in 2 Kings 25:23 as "coming to Mizpah." The discovery of this seal in his tomb makes the identification of Mizpah a certainty beyond all question, and final. This is in line with the account in the first book of Kings; "Then King Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempt; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, . . . and King Asa built therewith Geha of Benjamin, and Mizpah" (1 Kings 15:22).

—Col. E. A. Watkins in The Bible Today.

## When the Doctor Was Wrong With His Diagnosis

Dr. J. B. Cranfill, Dallas, Texas, in Western Recorder

Two Sundays ago, while Dr. George W. Truett was in the high altitudes of one of his great sermonic climaxes, a woman in the audience arose, began clapping her hands and then shouted aloud the praises of God. Like the bad weather in California, according to the Californians themselves, "this was very unusual," and a fine doctor ran to the woman's side to quiet her. The beloved pastor quietly said:

"Dear Doctor, please let the good woman alone. She is well known as one of our devout Christian mothers here, and it is all right for her to shout."

Now and again similar scenes are witnessed in our hours of worship. I recall one when I was a member of B. H. Carroll's great church in Waco, Texas, when he was preaching on the translation of Elijah. In many respects, he was unmatched as a Gospel preacher, and, as he was pointing upward and in his impressive eloquence was following Elijah from the toils, turbulences and tears of our poor world into the land of life and light and love on High, one of the members, the wife of a Waco doctor, shouted aloud.

A similar scene occurred among the Primitive Baptists when I was a lad. I was reared among these good people, and knew them intimately. They are not emotional, and traditionally frown upon any pretense in religion. That day, Rev. Abe Baker was preaching. I was so small that my legs were not long enough to reach the floor. In the audience was Sister Bennett, the poorest poor woman in all the countryside. For years she had been an object of charity, but, withal, was loved and respected by all who knew her. I was watching Sister Bennett as she placed her handkerchief to her eyes and began weeping. She was bending forward and backward, exhibiting very deep emotion. Brother Baker looked down at her and, in that quaint way common to these peculiar people, he exclaimed: "Sister Bennett, if the cup runs over, let it run-ah."

The cup ran over. Sister Bennett shouted aloud the praises of God. Many others joined in the hallelujahs that spread throughout the congregation. Brother Baker hesitated a few moments, and then swept on in his impressive sermon.

I recall another incident that occurred when I was a boy slightly older than when this other scene was witnessed. In those pioneer times, many of the religious meetings were held in Christian homes. One autumn evening the neighbors gathered at the home of Deacon Jack Bellamy for such a religious service. There was singing, two or three prayers and then the preacher began the simple message.

But he didn't finish it. Before he had advanced far in his sermon, the Spirit of God came down upon that audience and all were moved to tears. Then the shouting began. Men were clasped in each other's arms; women threw their arms around each other's necks and wept aloud for joy. I was not a Christian then, but as I rode my pony home after the meeting ended, I looked up at the shimmering stars and prayed God for help. Many eventful years have come and gone since then, but now as these words are penned, I look back upon that scene as one of the most eventful of my life.

This leads me to say that unless I am far out at sea we need throughout all our land a soul-searching, heart-sweeping revival of religion. It

is not simply that the church members need it, for all the preachers need it as well. We have become too stilted, too formal, too starched, too self-satisfied, too prone to trust in our organizations and different plans of ecclesiastical procedure. We have too much harness and not enough horse. We have too many preachers clinging too closely to their firstlies, secondlies, thirdlies and fourthlies, and not getting close enough to the vitalities of the faith they preach.

After the day of Pentecost, the revival of religion that followed in Jerusalem continued three and a half years. The church at Jerusalem attained a membership of 100,000. There was deep emotion everywhere. This great revival was the incitation to Saul of Tarsus to intensify his persecution to that degree that the saints were scattered abroad to tramp the world for Christ.

We are too mechanical, too proper, too offish, too afraid that we will brush up against and get soiled by contact with some sinner.

And, God save the mark, we are too wicked. I have always thought the Prodigal Son was a Christian. There are millions of Christians who are prodigals. Their names are on the church rolls; they love God and His cause, but follow afar off. In the language of the motorner, "their trolleys are off." There is a Divine spark that in former times motivated them in high living and high thinking, but they have lost contact with God. Well they may be singing,

"Where is the blessedness I knew  
When first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
Of Jesus and His Word?"

And well may they pray,

"Return, O holy dove, return  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sin that made Thee mourn  
And drove Thee from my breast."

Much of our dry-as-dust religion is caused by sin. No man living in sin ever shouts. He shrinks, shirks, and shuns the high things of God. He knows that God knows he is not living right, and somehow he mistakenly fears that everybody else also knows how hypocritical he is.

Beloved children of God, we ought to come back. We need again to be on our knees. My brother, who was a doctor, attended a Salvation Army captain in his last illness. My brother laid him out and dressed him. He told me that when he knelt at his knees, they had on them great callouses made by his having spent so much time in prayer. There are Christians who will read these words who haven't been on their knees in years. We stand up now and pray—that is, if we pray at all.

As I close these words, I am wondering if the thousands of readers of the Western Recorder will not join me in an earnest prayer and purpose to do our bit in bringing to pass a great revival of religion. Let the revival begin in our own hearts, in our own homes, in our own meeting-houses. Re-establish the family altar, re-dedicate the heart and soul to God, re-live the life we lived when first we saw the Lord. Get back to the old paths, sing in your hearts and in your homes and churches the old-time religion. Let's seek God's face, and if we seek Him as we should He will be found of us.

joined to the Lord by a mere external bond only the believer might well live in fear of being rent from Him by the strain of fierce temptation. But so transcendently intimate is the relation that the Holy Spirit even uses Christ and the church as interchangeable terms in the Scriptures.

—A. J. Gordon.

## Devotional Thoughts

### AN APPRECIATION

Much of the material in this department comes from a similar department—Devotional and Religious Thoughts—in the Western Recorder. The Recorder is one of the most readable papers that comes to our desk, and we appreciate the contributions Editor Masters is making toward good denominational literature.—Editor.

### THE PROVISION OF GOD

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in Glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

The skeptic and the doubter have raised again the old question, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" And those who implicitly believe His Word and have laid hold upon His promises have demonstrated once more that He can. They have dared to trust Him when all human sources of help and hope have seemed to fail. God has heard and answered to their cry of faith, and has wonderfully provided, sometimes in wholly unexpected ways.

"What a dull thing it must be," writes a worker of the China Inland Mission, "to be a millionaire, and thus to miss the thrill that comes from seeing God step in and meet needs and emergencies!"—Robert H. Glover.

### SUBMITTING TO THE PHYSICIAN

Great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all.—Matt. 12:5. My soul, whatever thy disease may be this great Physician can heal thee. If He be God there can be no limit to His power . . . None shall restrain the healing virtue which proceeds from Jesus our Lord. Legions of devils have been made to own the power of the beloved Physician, and never once has He been baffled. All His patients have been cured in the past, and shall be in the future, and thou shalt be one among them, my friend, if thou wilt but rest thyself in Him.—C. H. Spurgeon.

### WORK

I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is called today.  
—John 9:4.

Work humbly; take the lowest place; all blessing is from above. In your own strength you can do nothing. Work prayerfully. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Work diligently. Toll on each day, and be ever busy in sowing the good seed. Speak to old and young, rich and poor. Speak a word in season to a passer-by. Work perseveringly. Faint not, grow not weary, be not discouraged. Hold on your way, and great shall be the reward. Work hopefully. Great shall be thy reward, blessed the harvest sheaves. All work done in faith and prayer shall have its measure of success.—George Edward.

### WE ARE IN HIM

And we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ.—1 John 5:20. Can anything be so blessed for the believer to realize as this gracious interchange of life, and character, and works, between himself and his Lord? Oh, wondrous mystery! Christ became the "Son of Man" that we might become the "sons of God." He took upon Himself our human nature that we might be made "partakers of the divine nature." And not less obviously do the terms of this union suggest its indissolubleness. If

### KNOWING HIM

That I may know Him, and power of His resurrection.—Phil. 3:10.

We are to remember that the resurrection is not merely a historical fact and transcendent miracle and mystery of the apostolic age. Certainly it is all that. But it is more. It is a moral event, a principle of spiritual energy, as well as a fact of human history. While to those therefore who see Christ only from the outer court of knowledge, and whose faith ends in the bare belief that "He died and rose again according to the Scripture," the mystery may remain. To those who press into the inner sanctuary of fellowship, praying that they may "know Him, and the power of His resurrection," it will be more and more laid open to them as they advance.—A. J. Gordon.

### TRIFLING THINGS

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father.—Mat. 5:16.

How small are the things which mar our influence! Let me suggest some of them. Trifling insincerities of speech, trifling deviations from the high and iron standards of honor and honesty; devotion to the world, whether in its gross or in its more refined forms; settling matters by mere profession of piety. These things mar our influence and make us to those who know us as insincere men. The habit which grows upon some Christians of perpetual gossip with the importance of the business of other people, is quite enough to destroy their influence as serious men of God.—J. Stuart Holden.

Seventy-five per cent of the crime which occurs in the United States is found in communities which are without the influence of a Sunday school.

### SURRENDER

Margaret Halt Keller

I am weary and worn, and the day seems so long;  
I am tired of the toil and the strife,  
I long for sweet peace in that beautiful land,  
In the City where cometh no night.

The burdens of life so heavy have grown,  
A friendless old age is so drear,  
My Master seems calling to me, to come home,  
And His call so sweetly I hear.

How sweet it shall be in that far away home,  
Prepared for you and for me;  
I shall bask in the smile of my Saviour I know,  
Through Eternity with Him I shall be.

As I stand on the brink of that beautiful sea,  
The Master the waves shall control;  
I think of the joys that are mine to be,  
And I'll praise Him in that Home of the Soul.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRISTIAN GROWTH  
BEULAH K. HICKS

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

Math. 25:14-30

Jesus with the shadow of the cross dark across his path, death being only three days away, sat upon the Mount of Olives and talked with his disciples of many things.

In olden times the steward of the family was a well loved and trusted slave who was deeply attached to his master and loyal to all of his interests. He superintended the family financing and investments.

Christ took this well known office and made of it a parable to teach his disciples a great lesson of the use of their talents.

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability."

It makes an interesting story of the investments of their talents while the master was away.

The talent was not a coin but a certain weight of gold or silver reckoned as maybe \$1000.00.

The servant with five talents and the servant with two talents doubled their value by wise investment. But the servant with one talent "dugged in the earth and hid his Lord's money."

"After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them."

How happy were those servants who could bring an increase in their money to their lord and receive his praise.

How small was the man who had hid his talent and had nothing more to show to his master. He was most zealous in vindicating himself, speaking of his fear. It was a cowardly excuse. He was not afraid but only lazy and indifferent.

His master condemned him—"Thou wicked and slothful servant." It was not because he made no more money but because of his wicked and sullen disposition. The master took the talent and gave to the man with the ten talents.

"For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not even that which he hath shall be taken away."

Conversion is the starting point of the Christian life. But if the spiritual life is not nourished it does not grow and expand into that wisdom that comes from above.

As we make use of the opportunities before us in study, prayer and service, our ability to serve will increase in God's work. Diligent and faithful cultivation of power makes them more effective and the Christian finds himself growing in capacity to know and understand the way God would have him use his talent.

Every person has some talent. It may be preaching, singing, writing, teaching, and many other things. But one of the greatest is to so live that a person can partake of the life of Christ until all who contact that life will see and realize the good influence radiating from every act.

Rev. Hugh Price Hughes has summed up our reckoning with a very strict plan that should cause all Christians to stop and think. God's grace overshadows us. No one can be perfect but in some way we are stewards of all we have, both time and money.

He makes it very emphatic that we will stand before the judgment seat and be reckoned with. First, our physical abilities, mental abilities, whether it was literary, artistic, scientific, commercial or political, will be taken into account. Our spiritual ability will be considered. Whether we possessed any natural amiability or any special disposition to the more spiritual side of life. Our stewardship of time and money and all of

the opportunities of life will be reckoned with.

So it behooves the Christian to study his heart and life and by meditation and prayer find his place in God's plan. It may be humble and it may be great but whatever it is it should be used for the glory of God through Christ our saviour.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice:

"And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:31-32.

Then when the judgment seat is confronted we will not be as cringing cowards giving vain and foolish excuses but happy and proud to hear the welcome plaudit—

"Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Math. 25:21, Golden Text.

BRYAN DUCKWORTH

Brother Bryan Duckworth of Longview, aged 38, died in Fort Worth, October 14, 1934, and was buried in Caldwell where he was born and grew to manhood. What the Scriptures said of Barnabas can be truly said of him—"He was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." He loved God and his church and literally lived his religion. He was well born. He was the grandson of a Texas pioneer preacher—Brother W. S. Lackey. His grandmother and his father and mother were outstanding Christians. With such ancestry and a wife who joined him in religious activity you would reasonably expect him to be the good man and the devoted Christian that he was. To his six young children he left no great estate measured by the dollar mark, but in the matter of noble Christian character he left them a heritage worth more than "gold, yea than much fine gold." May these fatherless children find the heavenly Father early in life and learn to love him and serve him even as their father did, and may He raise up friends for them as they face life's problems without the maintenance of their earthly father.

NEWS NOTES

Brother James Easterwood reports good attendance and very good meetings at Champion this week. There was one addition to the church by letter. The church presented Brother Easterwood and his wife with a friendship quilt bearing the names of those who worked on it, the pastor and his wife express their thanks for this gift.

Our readers will regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. S. J. T. Williams. Brother Williams became ill several weeks ago. He was carried to Dallas where he underwent an operation for tumor of the brain. He has been brought back to his home in Abilene but at this time is still in a critical condition. Friends all over the country will remember to pray for him and for his good companion and the family.

The Sunday School is the grand army of the world.

C. A. Powells Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Powell was celebrated Thursday, November 8, at a reception for which members of the University Baptist church were hosts. Rev. Mr. Powell is pastor of the church.

Assembling at the Powell home, 2142 Beech street, guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Arrant, and presented to the honored guests, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ribble, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Webb and Charles Powell made up a receiving group.

Mrs. Leslie Cranfill and Mrs. L. P. Cook presided at the refreshments table to ladle frosted punch, which was served with cookies by Marie Randerson, Myrtabel Merrick, Lois Arrant, Mary Catherine Cummings, Virginia Powell and Laura Nell Price directed the registry.

Adieus were said by Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. York and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bailey.

Twenty guests joined in presenting a chest of silver to Mr. and Mrs. Powell, while a number of individual gifts of silver were presented them.

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NEWS

(From The Brand)

BSU Representative Talks to H-SU Group Thursday Evening

Brame Addresses Student Body and Ministerial Council

"I believe that this has been the greatest year ever, in the history of B. S. U. work in the South," stated Miss Sibyl Brame, Associate Secretary of the Southwide B. S. U. work to the members of the local organization in its meeting Thursday night.

Miss Brame has charge of the organization and the maintenance of B. S. U.'s in the colleges and universities of 18 southern states. At present, she is on her way to Nashville from the New Mexico State B. S. U. Convention. During the trip she visited five other campuses studying the B. S. U. work on each campus.

In her speech Thursday night, Miss Brame pointed out that she had four main objectives in her work with students. These were "Pioneering With Students," "Planning With Students," "Praying With Students," and "Plusing With Students."

Miss Brame also mentioned the many advantages offered by the young people of this generation. "They are an opportunity, and not a responsibility," she stated. "There are untold advantages to be gained through our youth, if they can be brought together in Christ." The B. S. U. Councils of the South have, as one of their greatest purposes and opportunities, the task of bringing 100,000 Baptist students of the Southland into closer relationship with their churches, were among the statements made by Miss Brame in her address.

The many great opportunities for B. S. U. work in the professional schools and the hospitals of the South were also mentioned. After her address, Miss Brame discussed and explained the B. S. U. covenant to members of the Council present.

In an interview, Thursday night, Miss Brame stated the Hardin-Simmons B. S. U. had the most complete and the most efficient system of records and files that she had found in any of the schools she has visited in her two years work in her present position.

During her stay here Miss Brame appeared before the student body Thursday morning at the regular hour, at the Mary Frances Hall prayer meeting, and before the Ministerial Council Friday night.

Special accordion music by Gordon Suits, student, completed Thursday night's program.

Powell Addresses Ministerial Group

Rev. C. A. Powell, pastor of the University Baptist church, spoke at the Ministerial council meeting last Friday night.

Rev. Powell's subject was "Loosing the Word of God." The possibilities of what the word of God would do in the hearts of men and women, if it were released by the preachers, were pointed out by the speaker.

Rev. W. T. Howell, Trent, and Rev. A. C. Hardin, Loraine, were visitors at the meeting last week. Rev. Howell reported on the highlights of the Southern Baptist convention, which convened at San Antonio last week, and from which he was just returning.

Hardin-Simmons university orchestra, choral club, representatives from the department of piano, and the Cowboy band jointly gave a program in the university auditorium Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. This was the first appearance for the orchestra and the chorus.

Class favorites were elected Tuesday morning during the chapel period, in special meetings of the four classes called by Dr. D. M. Wiggins, dean of students. The favorites chosen were Mary Alice Short, senior; Jane Guinn, junior; Inez Morris, sophomore; and Ruth Butler, freshman.

Carpenter's "Miniature Campus" Shown In San Antonio Convention

President J. D. Sandefer, Miss A. M. Carpenter, Prof. Sam Malone, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Webb attended the Texas General Baptist Convention at San Antonio, Texas, which was in session from November 6 to 9.

Miss Carpenter presented the Hardin-Simmons "Miniature Campus" at the convention. The displayed campus consisted of the twelve buildings and includes every detail of the campus grounds. It was constructed by students in the Hardin-Simmons art department under the direction of Miss Carpenter.

Built on a base of eleven sections, the miniature work of art, which is seven by eight feet, is built of permanent material of wood, cement, and steel, and will last indefinitely, according to Miss Carpenter. The sections have been so divided that it can



George Mahon

Hardin-Simmons university will be represented in the United States Congress for the first time when George Mahon, graduate of 1923, takes office on January 3, 1935.

Mr. Mahon who is now serving his fourth term as district attorney of the 32nd judicial district was selected over seven other candidates in the recent election to represent the newly created 19th congressional district.

Mr. Mahon is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons and of the Law School of the University of Texas. With the exception of his first year in college, he worked his way through by acting as a clerk in a dry goods store, by working in the library, and by managing a boarding house. He was an honor graduate of Hardin-Simmons and last year returned to make the commencement address in June. Mr. Mahon took a great deal of interest in college activities. He was a debater on the Hardin-Simmons and Texas university teams. He was considered one of the finest speakers that ever attended Hardin-Simmons, and was a member of a winning debate team.

H-S.U. Ex-Students Mark Achievement

Two Hardin-Simmons ex-students have received prominent mention in the school which they are attending this year.

Miss Doris Garrett, junior journalism major, was recently added to the editorial staff of the C. I. A. "Lass-o" to serve as associate editor. Miss Garrett, while attending H-S. U. served as managing editor and desk editor of the Brand. She also was selected as a beauty in a contest sponsored by the Brand.

Frank Junell who is attending the school of journalism at Missouri university was appointed to serve on the staff of "The Missourian" and was recently given a rating of "superior" in three of his five courses and "good" in the other two.

Junell while attending H-S. U. was editor of the Brand and played center on the football team.

Dr. O. O. Watts and Dr. Julius Olsen left yesterday for the Texas Academy of Science meeting at Austin, where Dr. Watts will speak this morning. The first session of the meeting was to have been held last night, with the main sessions today. Dr. Watts will speak on "Structural Properties of Liquid Crystals" at the meeting of the physical science group, which is to be held this morning.

Hardin-Simmons university Cowboy band left Thursday morning at 6 o'clock for a four-day tour through West Texas giving several concerts Thursday and Friday and to play for the H-S. U. College of Mines football game this afternoon in El Paso.

The first concert was given Thursday afternoon in Odessa, and that night they presented a program in Monahans.

The organization plans to return to the campus either Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.

be packed and shipped to any point without damage.

All minor details have been shown including every step that leads from the buildings, each window, door and column, every bench on the campus, trees, and hedges. Even miniature couples have been placed on the benches, and a cowboy and a cowgirl in full uniform have been stationed on the campus. The stadium in Parramore field contains exactly the same number of seats as the real one. The graves of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Simmons are shown in the triangle. Every light post is placed in its correct place in the work, and they are so connected that each will burn.

The work is of much value to the school, and has been exhibited in many art exhibits in Texas and the entire South, always receiving favorable comment from the art critics.

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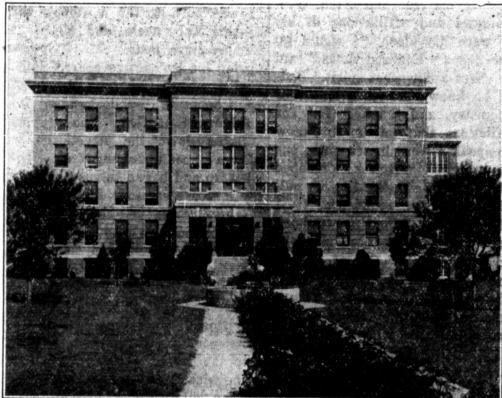
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## DISTRICT MISSIONS

J. D. Brannon, Missionary

### MUNDAY HAS SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING SCHOOL

Last week the Missionary taught "Building a Standard Sunday School," in the First Baptist Church, Munday. There were about 65 average attendance. There were 330 present in Sunday School last Sunday. During the week the School made application for the Standard of Excellence. The week was closed with three evangelistic services, by the Missionary, in which there were four additions.

The Rev. W. H. Albertson has been the pastor of this good church for about six years. The people love him very dearly. He is an ardent student of God's Word, and a never-tiring, constructive pastor.

The church invited the Missionary to hold their revival next summer.

### BRUSHY CHURCH PLANS TO CALL PASTOR

Brushy Baptist Church, in Haskell Association has set next Sunday to call a pastor. They have invited the missionary to preach and moderate

at their conference. He preached there last Sunday afternoon, a week ago, at which time there were three conversions and additions to the church.

### HAWLEY CHURCH HAS B. T. U. TRAINING SCHOOL

The Hawley church is having their B. T. U. Training School this week. The pastor, Rev. Fred Moreland, is being assisted by the Rev. L. A. Doyle, of Anson, who will speak each night at the intermission period on some phase of Missions.

### THE B. T. U. CONVENTION

Several of the churches of District 17 are arranging for cars, and paying gasoline expenses for their B. Y. P. U. sponsors to go to the State B. Y. P. U. Convention at Lubbock. It is hoped that every church will have representatives there.

The Convention will begin on the morning of Thanksgiving day, and continue the two days following. This is expected to be one of the greatest conventions of the year. You will miss a great deal if you fail to go.

## The Spurgeon Centennial

(Continued from page one)

was an enemy he had always to fight. He found victory in bringing cheer to others who walked the same sorrowful way his feet had often trod. The sorrows and afflictions of his people were his also. "I would go into the deeps a hundred times," said he, "to cheer a downcast spirit." Bodily ills he knew throughout most of life's journey, and thanked God for his afflictions that he "might know how to speak a word in season to one that is weary." Often he preached when he had to be assisted by his pulpit. In hours of despondency, trust in God triumphed. "The time is short, the work is great, the Lord must be trusted more simply." Out of depression of spirit, great bodily suffering, and financial anxiety, came always God-honoring victory. Secular pursuits he would have none. When offered \$100,000 for 100 lectures in America, he promptly refused. He would live on the gifts of his people, and funds for financing his church and its enterprises should "have their origin in the grace of God." Hundreds of thousands of dollars for Christ's sake and the gospel's, he saved it unto the enrichment of the cause to which he dedicated his all, and unto the riches of grace in Christ Jesus which are his eternally.

His ministry, all too short in years, became centuries long; though located in one great city, it touched all cities, and brought its blessing of salvation to men on the high seas; to those in haunts of sin; to the homes of the great and the small; and to those in the faraway places of the earth.

The following instances that might be multiplied a thousand times, only serve to illustrate how far the beacon of his gospel light shone. A paper carrying a printed sermon was used for packing in a shipment to the United States. The same found its way in like manner to Australia. Back to England came a part of this same sermon as wrapping for a package. It found its way into the "public house" where lay a poor girl dying of a wasting disease. She sent for Mr. Spurgeon. Surprised to find one with so bright a faith in such a sinful place, he inquired to know how it had come about. "She took from under her pillow the piece of paper, and said, 'It was those words that led me to trust the Saviour.'" He read, and lo they were his own words, which had pointed the way to life to this sinful girl.

A Scotch woman, who had lost her way in the darkness of doubt, had decided to turn away from religion forever. She burned her Bible and put all the sermons of Spurgeon she had saved into the fire. As she punched them with the poker, one fell back. "I will read that one," she said and picked it up. It brought her into the full assurance of faith.

A sailor stopped him on the street, and said, "Mr. Spurgeon, you led me to Christ." "Never saw you before my lad as I know of," was his reply. "I was with my ship on the high sea," said he, "and one day I picked up a paper and read one of your sermons. I was saved. I thought, 'If I were on land I would know where I was converted,' so I went and looked at the chart, and found it was altitude 25, longitude 54.

It was my good fortune to attend one of the anniversaries of the Pastors' College which he founded. His

son Thomas Spurgeon, pastor of the Tabernacle, presided. Archibald Brown, associate pastor and first graduate of the college, spoke to the edification and uplift of all who composed the vast audience. A young man, an Appollo in appearance, and an Apollon in eloquence, the last graduate up to that time, closed the occasion with wit and throbbed with pathos. "I was born within a stone's throw of this Tabernacle, and might any Sunday have heard Mr. Spurgeon during his last active years," said he, "but I never saw him. My Sundays were spent in 'public houses.' I had no thought of God. One day while walking down the street the wind blew a paper under my feet. I picked it up and began to read one of the great man's sermons. The text was, 'Wherefore He is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by him.' As I walked on and read, I walked into the Kingdom of God." June 30, 1892, at Mentone, France, the great Christian warrior laid aside his armor, heard the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord," and went to be with the Saviour whom he loved with a holy passion. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him; and like righteous Abel. "He being dead yet speaketh."

### STATE CONTESTS

Some of the most attractive features of the State B. T. S. Convention each year are the Beginner and Primary Story-telling Contests, the Junior Memory Contest, the Intermediate Sword Drill Contest, and the Senior Oratorical Contest. We take it for granted that the church and associational elimination contests have already been held. The 17 district elimination contests were held on or about November 2. The time and place of the district convention contests have been announced in the Baptist Standard. The state elimination contests for all groups will be held in Lubbock during the State B. T. S. Convention November 29-30 and December 1, 1934.

### BETTER PROGRAM CONTEST

The purpose of the Better Programs Contest is to inspire men and women who are working with the boys and girls in the beginning and primary unions to write programs to be given by these departments. The programs submitted should be ones that have actually been rendered. Most anyone can write a program that looks pretty on paper, but it may not be practical. The ones entering the Better Programs Contest should send in only programs that have been rendered exactly as they are written. Rules for this contest may be secured from the State B. T. S. Department, 708 Burt Building, Dallas.

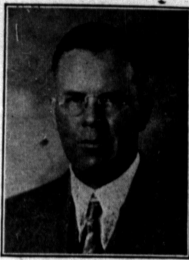
### PRACTICAL B.T.S. CONFERENCES

The Program Committee of the State B. T. S. Convention assures us that more time will be given to practical conferences at the Lubbock convention than ever before. The men and women who have been chosen to give direction to the several B. T. S. departments during the convention in Lubbock are as follows:

Beginner Mrs. W. L. Howse  
Primary Mrs. T. C. Gardner  
Junior Miss Betty Hazelwood  
Intermediate

Miss Helen Gardner, Jackson, Tenn.  
Senior W. L. Howse  
B. T. S. Administration  
J. Earl Mead and T. C. Gardner

### CONVENTION SPEAKER



Dr. R. C. Campbell

Pastor R. C. Campbell is expecting 5,000 Texas Baptists to attend the State B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock November 29-30 and Dec. 1, 1934.

### WELCOME TO LUBBOCK

By R. C. Campbell

Pastor of First Baptist Church Welcome! Thrice welcome! to the vast throngs who are to attend the B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock. Five thousand Baptists of Lubbock, multiplied thousands in the great empire of the West welcome you. Lubbock with her 24,000 population, two daily and one weekly newspapers, Chamber of Commerce, college with more than 2,400 students, city schools with 5,500 students, mayor, institutions, hotels, homes, all welcome you.

We are preparing, looking, longing, listening for your coming.

We bid you hurry, hurry, hurry on to the Plains "where the handclasp's a little bit stronger, and the welcome's a whole lot warmer."

### CONVENTION MOTTOES

The Bible and the church will receive the greatest possible emphasis at the B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock. Baptists believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. Some of the outstanding preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention will discuss such subjects as:

"Old Time Religion."  
"Our Baptist Heritage."  
"The Faith of Our Fathers."  
"What Baptists Believe."  
"The Challenge of the Church."  
"The Challenge of the Cross."  
"The Authenticity of the Scriptures."

The general theme for the convention will be "Relationships for the New Day." The theme Thursday morning will be "Vision for the New Day."

Thursday Night—"The New Testament Meets the Need of the New Day."

Friday Morning—"Relationships for the New Day."

Friday Afternoon—"New Grading for the New Day."

Friday Night—"Old Time Religion for the New Day."

Saturday Morning—"Challenges for the New Day."

All conferences, demonstration programs, addresses, and sermons will be built around the theme for each day.

### REGISTRATION FEE

The State B. T. S. Convention has always paid its own way. The expenses of the convention are cared for by a small registration fee. All persons attending the convention should register. The registration fees are as follows:

Adults	\$1.00
Seniors	1.00
Intermediates	.50
Juniors	.25
Primaries	.25
Beginners	.25

### COLLEGE QUARTETS

Music is always a special feature the B. T. S. Convention. The colleges of Texas are sending their quartets and sextets to the State B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock November 29-30 and December 1. The college representatives will sing in the departmental meetings as well as before the convention as a whole.

A great musical program is being planned for the opening of the convention Thanksgiving morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. W. A. Harrell is associated with the B. T. U. Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee. He was for a number of years associated with the State Sunday School Department of Texas. He resigned his position with the State Sunday School Department of Texas to accept a position with one of the Sunday School departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Harrell was on the State B. T. S. convention program in Mineral Wells last year. We shall be delighted to have him on the program in Lubbock Thanksgiving Day and the two days following.

### CONVENTION SPEAKER



Dr. J. M. Price, Seminary Hill

The writer, as chairman of the committee on the oratorical contest for seniors, is writing these lines to urge the young people of the state from 17 to 21 years of age to prepare immediately for this contest. The preliminary contest in the local church will be held about the middle of October, the one in the association the last week in October, the one in the district the first week in November, and the state contest at Lubbock during the convention.

The oration must not have fewer than one thousand or more than twelve hundred words, must be original, and must be on one of the following subjects: "The Christian's Responsibility to His Government," "The Attributes of a Christian Citizen," any subject pertaining to Christian citizenship. One young lady and one young man will be selected as final winners at Lubbock. The subjects are very vital at this time and all young people who participate will be greatly benefited. Hundreds throughout the state should take part in these contests. Write Secretary T. C. Gardner, Burt Building, Dallas, for complete information.

### STATE B. T. S. CONVENTION November 29-30 and Dec. 1 Lubbock, Texas

Mr. W. E. Young, Wichita Falls, president of the State B. T. S. Convention, sends the following message to Texas Baptists.

"It is not too early to begin our church, association, and district plans for having a large representation of our people at the State B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock, November 29-30 and December 1. No effort is being spared in making the convention program the best in the history of the state organization. Outstanding pastors and laymen and denominational leaders will appear on the program. The musical program will be a rare treat. The three days of inspiration will revitalize the individual life, and in turn bless our churches and denominational work in Texas. Let us plan now to be among the thousands in the convention."

### TEXAS B. T. S. GOALS

The Baptist Training Service Convention of Texas adopted challenging, alluring, and uplifting goals at the convention in Mineral Wells in 1933. It looks like now that each goal adopted will be reached by the time the convention meets in Lubbock. The goals are as follows:

Standard Unions	700
New Course Awards	42,000
New Unions Organized this Year	730
Tithers	50,000

### TEXAS B. T. S. GOALS

The goals adopted by the State B. T. S. Convention in Mineral Wells last year which have served as a guide for Texas B. T. S. leaders during the year are as follows:

Standard Unions	700
Study Course Awards	42,000
New Unions Organized	730
Tithers	50,000

### LUBBOCK BAPTIST PASTORS

Dr. R. C. Campbell, First Church.  
Rev. Ira Harrison, College Ave.  
Rev. C. J. McCarty, Calvary.  
Rev. J. D. Welch, Central.

### J. Earl Mead

Mr. J. Earl Mead, Educational Director of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, will conduct conferences and deliver addresses at the B. T. S. Convention in Lubbock.

### W. E. Young

Mr. W. E. Young, Wichita Falls, is president of the State B. T. S. Convention. He will preside at all general sessions of the convention in Lubbock November 29 to December 1.

Eighty-five per cent of the church members come from the Sunday School.

### CONVENTION SPEAKER



Mrs. R. H. Rogers, Del Rio, will conduct conferences for Intermediate leaders and sponsors at the Lubbock Convention next week.

### THE B. T. S. CONVENTION'S VALUE

By J. Earl Mead, Dallas

Who would attempt to set out the value of the B. T. S. Convention to the individuals who attend its sessions? It cannot be fully measured. Its value is in the stimulus it affords. The animation, zeal, and consecration of thousands of youth is contagious and lends new courage, new ardor, and leads to redemption of life. Are you tired, listless, discouraged? You will find a cure at the convention!

Its value is in the deepening of spiritual life. One gets new infillings of the Spirit of God for new tasks. Has your path of service lost its glow? Is your work drudgery? Convention attendance will put a new song in your heart!

Its value is in the practical methods given which can be employed in B. T. S. work. Have you exhausted your store of plans and ideas? Get an inexhaustible supply at the convention!

To the work at large its value lies in giving all a common and larger vision, a conquering spirit, and a higher hope for the cause of Christ and the churches of the future. Do you think youth has lost touch with God? Get new hope at the convention!

### INVITATIONS EXTENDED INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS FOR LUBBOCK CONVENTION

The following people have been invited to deliver inspirational addresses at the Lubbock Convention: Governor-Elect James V. Allred. Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. John I. Hill, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. W. C. McClung, Wichita, Kan. Dr. I. J. Van Ness, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. J. H. Williams, Dallas. Dr. C. W. Culp, Shreveport, La. Dr. G. L. Yates, Amarillo. Dr. O. L. Powers, Wichita Falls. Dr. J. B. Tidwell, Waco. Dr. W. R. White, Fort Worth. Dr. W. B. Pierce, Lawton, Okla.

### CALLAHAN ASSOCIATION

The Callahan County Baptist Association met in Workers Conference with the Potosi Church Tuesday, November 16th.

The Potosi people together with their good pastor, Brother H. H. Summers, surely entertained in a splendid way and at the noon hour served a most bounteous "Basket Dinner" not to be exceeded by any people.

Their spirit was fine and their presence in large numbers proved their interest and support of our work and of their pastor as well. Brother Adams of Potosi had charge of the song service for the day, also two special music numbers were rendered from their membership.

Brethren M. F. Richardson, C. E. Dick, C. A. Vogles, Shannon, R. H. Williams and F. A. Hollis brought very helpful and inspiring messages, handling their subjects to the delight of all. These brethren are a fine group of pastors and are a benediction to our association.

Rev. G. W. Parks was our visitor for the day, bringing the 11 o'clock message which was useful and helpful as always to his hearers.

The old friends and old timers especially enjoyed hearing him again.

We are glad to say that the spirit in our Association was never better. It seems that each church and pastor are hopeful of the future and determined by the Grace of God to keep forward and outward in the Lord's work.

The Workers' Conference goes to Oplin Church on Tuesday after second Sunday in December.

Blessings on the West Texas Baptist and we extend to the editor a cordial invitation to meet with us in our next meeting.

V. W. TATUM,  
Box 14, Clyde, Texas.

The B. T. S. is one of the very best missionary agencies. Missionary work is being promoted by the B. T. S. in the following manner.

1. The missionaries of tomorrow are members of the B. T. S. today. Young people who are members of the B. T. S. are hearing and answering the call of God to serve as missionaries at home and abroad.

2. Missionary programs are rendered by all unions every month. Members of the B. T. S. either listen to a well planned missionary program each month or they have a part in providing one.

3. Mission books are studied in B. T. S. training schools and revivals. We urge all B. T. S. members to study a mission book every year. Many of the best mission books are included in the regular B. T. S. study course.

4. The B. T. S. trains its members in stewardship and tithing. B. T. S. members are being taught to give one-seventh of their time and one-tenth of their income to the Lord. Many of the addresses at the State B. T. S. Convention will be on missions.

## BETTER LIGHT BETTER SIGHT

We now have in stock a variety of table and floor lamps with direct and indirect lighting features. These lamps are especially adapted for people who read, study, sew or do similar work that is tiresome to the eyes.

These lamps do not cast shadows or glare—instead, they give a diffusion of soft light that is easy on the eyes.

Better light results in better sight and is naturally a requisite to good work. Protect your eyes with certified light.

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