

ANNUAL MISSIONARY TRAINING CAMP IS CALLED OFF

M. W. Lanier, Secy. State Missionaries

In a special call meeting of Associational Missionaries in connection with our State Board meeting last week at Dallas, Missionaries from all sections of the state, after due consideration and counsel in view of our "Conquest campaign," now upon us, and because so many of our Missionaries stated that it would be impossible for them to attend our Training camp, even if it should be moved up a month, it was decided to call our 1927 Training camp, which was scheduled to meet at the Southwestern Seminary, February 7-12, next.

Not to have this training and fellowship meeting for the missionaries will no doubt be a distinct loss to us personally, and to our distinctive work, but out of our loyalty to our leaders and interest in our debt paying campaign, we were perfectly willing to call off our meeting, though many hours of careful work and considerable time and expense, that the writer happens to know about, has been spent in working up a most helpful program for the meeting. We feel that this matter constitutes one of the sacrifices that must be made in the debt paying campaign.

Every Missionary, to the last man among us, so far as could be seen at the Dallas meeting, pledges most loyal, constant, sustained, prayerful, devoted co-operation to the limit of our ability, in this great undertaking now upon all the Baptists of our great state. We pledge our best to God and our leaders in our "Conquest Campaign."

EVANGELIST STARNES COMING TO ABILENE

Evangelist Starnes and his party, who have held a number of successful revivals in West Texas, have accepted an invitation to hold a meeting in Abilene, beginning the first Sunday in March. They will bring their large tent and locate it in the center of the northside. Stoves will be provided and the comfort of the attendants is assured.

Brother Starnes is dramatic, has wonderful powers of description, and his success in evangelistic work among Texas Baptists is phenomenal. He comes at the invitation of the Walnut Street church and pastor but desires the co-operation of all who want to see Abilene moved by an old-fashioned revival.

Brother Scott W. Hickey and his church at Walnut Street came out to Turners Chapel church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, and rendered a fine program; also the twelve year old boy preached. There was one conversion.—D. B. DeGuire, Pastor.

The W. M. U. of the Goree Church will elect officers on the First Monday in January.

WALNUT ST. REVIVAL CLOSES; 72 ADDITIONS

The Walnut Street revival closed last Wednesday with a baptizing at the First Baptist church. Continuing for thirty-nine nights, it resulted in graciously reviving the church, the reconsecration of many backsliders, many surrenders for the ministry and for mission work, about fifty professions and 72 additions to the church.

The revival spirit is still manifest. In Sunday's services, there were two professions, five additions and two surrenders. This brings the membership up to 317, including 29 preachers and 22 volunteers.

The church set up its organization for the conquest campaign Sunday, as follows: General Director, Scott W. Hickey; Organizers, for the men, S. L. Philley; for the women, Mrs. L. H. Barley; B. Y. P. U., R. J. Bishop; Sunday School, W. M. Cunningham; preachers, Earl Cunningham; and Volunteers, Marshall Richardson. A committee, consisting of W. P. Kirk, Mrs. Jno. W. Newsom, Miss Florence Locke and Everett Milam, was appointed to furnish four-minute speakers for every service of the church up to the close of the campaign, and speeches were made at each of the evening services Sunday.

HASKELL CHURCH HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The First Baptist Church, Haskell observed the season's holiday, beginning Sunday morning in the beginner and primary departments with the cradle roll, beginner and primary pupils under the leadership of Mrs. Vaughn Bailey, Mrs. John Fauts and Mrs. Bob Glenn in charge and there was the Christmas tree loaded with toys and candy, fruit and nuts and dear old Santa Claus to give out the gifts and there were quite a number of visitors but as usual Santa proved equal to the occasion and there was an abundance of all. In the Junior Department also the ever appealing green and red Christmas bags of fruit candy and nuts were given to all pupils and teachers. In the evening a beautiful pageant was directed by Mesdames I. N. Simmons, M. B. Lebo and W. E. Kirkpatrick who have in charge the three divisions of children's work under the auspices of The Woman's Missionary Society, with Mrs. Harry Stalcup presiding at the piano. The Christmas story as told by St. Luke in the 2 chapter was ideally depicted in pageant form, after little Frances Walling had read this chapter. There were five foreign countries represented besides scores of others and all of the names not obtained. It was a real depiction of the birth of the Christ child in the manger and those who were present will always remember it.

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AS REVEALED IN THE PUBLIC PRESS

By Robert T. Lore, in Moody's Monthly

What are the events which prophecy foretells as coming to pass during this age, and leading up to its end? Jesus Christ Himself has summed them up for us as recorded in Matthew 24:1-14 and Luke 21:7-36. They are itemized as follows:

False Christs, deceiving many. Wars and rumors of wars; nations rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom.

Famines, pestilences. Earthquakes in divers places. Many betraying and hating one another.

False prophets arising. Iniquity abounding, love of many becoming cold.

Preaching of the gospel to all nations for a witness.

Then shall the end come.

I

False Christs
What reports in the public press have heralded to the world fulfillment of this prophecy? Chiefly, three: the coming forth of Abdul Baha, Agag Khan and J. Krishnamurti, a trio arising in the East.

In a periodical we read: "Three Persians, of successive generations,—the Bab, the Door; Baha Ullah, the Glory of God; and Abdul Baha, the Branch—all appropriating titles exclusively our Lord's, have founded a sect now exceeding six millions."

"So Abdul Baha's claims logically soar into the fullest Messianism. 'I am all these (earlier Messiahs) together. I surpassed all previous teachers. Christ was the highest until I came, and now it is the duty of mankind to listen to me, instead of listening to the teachings of those who preceded me.'"

In a daily newspaper: "Monks and leaders of the militant Hindu reformers are aroused by the attempt of the school of Islam, headed by the famous Agag Khan, to convince the low classes that Agag Khan is the tenth reincarnation of Vishnu, the second god of the Hindu triad, literally, 'The Perverse.'"

Speaking of the arrival of Krishnamurti, another newspaper article begins with:

"Jeddu Krishnamurti, hailed by the theosophists as the 'modern Messiah.'"

"Theosophists claim that when the divine spirit has fully manifested itself in Krishnamurti he will bring a new era of 'peace and good-will' to the world."

One other report reads:

"That the Chicago gathering is bringing theosophy to the 'threshold of important events, notably the expected coming of the Great Teacher,' was cited in the report of * * * president of the American Society."

Here we may note that the Jews, various cults and Christian students of prophecy are simultaneously announcing that the coming of the Messiah is near at hand. Many Bible students agree that the signs of that times point to the imminent return of Jesus Christ to take His Church away from the earth, previous to His bodily return to the earth.

"The Messiah is coming," the prophetess (Mrs. Besant) declared with shining eyes. "No one can tell just when he will appear, but it will not be long. There are unmistakable signs."

II

Wars and Rumors of Wars, Nations Rising Against Nations

During the World War it was generally believed and preached that it was a "war to end war." At last, democracy was to be saved. Our boys were to return with a greater spiritual outlook. But the world was deluded; spiritual life is at a lower ebb today than it was before the war. The word "peace" has constantly appeared in public print, while news of wars and rumors has kept pace with it. The world talks peace—and practices war.

Newspaper reports of wars in various parts of the earth—and of rumors—are so numerous that they would fill a book. At this moment we are glancing over clippings from newspapers covering about two years. The statements that fill these news items by the Associated Press, and otherwise, tell of bloodshed and sound warnings concerning the future preparations for war. Those who lean upon the League of Nations as the

DR. F. S. GRONER DELIVERS SPEECH AT BOARD MEETING

SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

The subscription contest which has been running for the past three months will close Friday, December 31st. All subscriptions that are in the mail on the last day will be counted in the contest. The exact results of the contest will not be known for a few days, due to the fact that minutes of some of the associations have not been received at our office. Subscriptions are coming in fast from three associations, the Brownfield, Fisher and Jones County. Missionaries, Markham, Parks and Pope have been doing some fine work. Most of the subscriptions coming in from these three associations are for both the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard. The standing of the Associations according to our latest check-up, which was made today, (Thursday) is as follows:

Brownfield Association	269,000
Fisher County Association	192,000
Jones County	130,000
Cisco Association	76,000
Haskell Association	73,000
Big Spring	68,000
Callahan Asso.	39,000
Runnells County	39,000
Lamesa Association	36,000
Mitchell-Scurry Asso.	16,000

WINTERS PASTOR TO HOLD REVIVAL AT DE LEON

Wednesday of this week was monthly visitation day for the Sunday school; prayer-meeting and teachers' meeting; on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock; Christmas tree at 7 p. m. Friday; all regular services Sunday; Sunday school workers council next Tuesday at 7 p. m.; and Gorman Senior B. Y. P. U. has been invited to come over on next Wednesday at 7 p. m. and render their play, "Farmer Brown's Conversion to Stewardship." Superintendent E. R. Harvey announced last Sunday that the Sunday school had attained all the points required by the Standard of Excellence of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention except one—diplomas! Study class the first of the year will remedy this. Twenty five "Sunday School Manuals" are being sold now in preparation for it.

Pastor H. H. Stephens of Winters was formally invited by the Church last Sunday to spend the first week of 1927 in De Leon, and he has consented to come. He will preach each evening for seven services, hour to be announced later. Pastor Stephens is one of the best pastors in Texas, and pastor Campbell asserts that he has no superior as a Sunday School man anywhere. The week's services will be popular in appeal and all the people of De Leon are invited. Stereopticon slides of home mission scenes will be shown each night.

(Following paper was read by Secretary F. S. Groner before the Baptist State Board at its meeting in Dallas, Tuesday, December 14th. The Board voted to request the publication of same.)

Dear Brethren:
The eight and a half years in which I have served as secretary have been the most revolutionary in every realm of life for any equal period in our generation, and perhaps in a century. Since I became secretary, Texas has had three governors, the United States three presidents, and England three prime ministers. There are only a few pastors in Texas who are now serving the churches of which they were pastor eight years ago. Of the eighteen state secretaries of the South there is only one who was secretary at the time that I was chosen to this position in Texas. Two secretaries have died in the service, and all the others have retired from the secretarial work except Georgia and Texas secretaries. Many of the states have had two secretaries, several others as many as three, and at least one state four secretaries during this period.

Though these eight and a half years have been years of the greatest upheaval in the world political, industrial, and religious, yet they have been years of mighty progress along many lines. Whatever may be said of the Baptists of any other state or country certainly the Baptist cause in Texas has made a greater advance during the last eight and a half years than during any other equal period in our history. This advance may have been in spite of the secretary, but it has come nevertheless. We have added to our churches by baptism in Texas during this time 232,165 members, or about 30,000 more than we had church members in all our churches in 1900. The number of additions to the Baptist churches of Texas in 1925 by baptism was 25,992, or nearly twice the number in any other state. North Carolina came next with 21,197. Texas ranked higher than any other state in ratio of additions to members except the two small states of Oklahoma and New Mexico. During these eight and a half years we have more than doubled our gifts to Home Missions than for the previous eight and a half years. We have multiplied our gifts to State Missions by two, to Foreign Missions by three, to Christian Education by six, to hospitals by ten.

There is a general sentiment that this Board is heavier in debt than it was at the beginning of the administration of the present secretary. The facts show to the contrary. The total indebtedness of the Board October 31, 1918, including the \$1,000,000 worth of school debts which had been assumed by an act of the Convention the previous year and taken up in the form of a Loyalty Bond issue in February 1919, was \$1,384,873.06. The

Concerning Volunteers and Slackers

By J. O. Heath

In the one hundred and tenth Psalm the Lord's people are characterized as volunteers. They are represented as willingly offering themselves for service in an arduous and costly warfare. As patriotic soldiers they not only gave the consent of their minds, but cheerfully presented their bodies as living sacrifices for duty's altars. From this scripture we learn that in spiritual adventure, the real soldier is the volunteer. He does not wait for the passing of the conflict law, but in response to the call of the "Captain of his salvation," he gladly reports for enlistment in the army that is being recruited for world conquest.

We conclude then that to Christ's call the volunteer makes answers saying, "Here am I; send me." "send me where hearts are lonely and needy; send me where woes abound and fears disturb; send me where unbelief enthralled and sin leads captive the lives of men. Send me where conditions are adverse and where spiritual sowing moves so slowly toward maturity that the tangible results are meager. Send me where strife reigns, avarice flourishes and iniquity stalks unafraid. Send me where the social iconoclast has his habitat and where he devises those awful innovations that turn the socially inclined away from modesty's worthy standards. Into those places of contention, cruelty, debasement and sorrow, Christ's volunteer likes to enter. For where righteousness is not, there he wants to labor. He desires to prove the sincerity of his faith by the difficult labors that he may perform. So where desolation stands in sullen gloom and holds pitiless dominion over wasted regions, even there the volunteer strives for the advancement of the "glorious gospel of the blessed God."

In the true follower of Jesus, the spirit of the volunteer is manifested in different ways. Not only in strenuous marching and in serious fighting, but in helping beat the expense of the warfare he is a volunteer. He may not stand in the front of the battle, but if he freely gives his money that victories may be won, he is as truly a volunteer as though he took a leading part on the firing line. We do not

know the names of those volunteers who composed the churches in the poverty stricken communities of Macedonia, but their noble and unselfish example is worthy of emulation. They first gave themselves unto the Lord and then they willingly gave what they possessed for the support of the cause to which they had pledged the deepest devotion. No where do the annals of human loyalty reveal a sublimer feat than that which appears in the volunteers of Macedonia. When they were sorely tried by a great application, they did not excuse themselves on account of the straitened circumstances upon which they had come. Those stringent times furnished them the opportunity in which "their deep poverty abounds unto the riches of their liberality." It was not only a severe but a glorious testing and they were enveloped in its splendor when they gave their best unto their Lord. It takes a volunteer to reach those spiritual heights that were attained by the Macedonians. But that clear and lofty altitude will be over dwelling places when we give ourselves as fully to the Lord as did the members of the churches of Macedonia.

In the Bible the volunteer has to his credit sacrificial giving, dauntless courage, and enduring achievements. The Bible also deals with some interesting and influential folks who were not volunteers. If we carry forward the military idea and use the word that the World War put in our vocabulary, they were "slackers." Prominent in the list of slackers is the prophet Jonah. Jonah refused to volunteer and when drafted for an important mission to the depraved and truculent inhabitants of Nineveh, he endeavored to evade the draft and to escape from "the presence of the Lord. Later Jonah went to that wicked city and cried against it, but it would have been conducive to his own happiness had he been obedient when first commanded to go to Nineveh for his disobedience brought him loss and not gain; it brought him dishonor and a soul anguish as poignant as the pains of death. The path of the volunteer is as a shining light, but the way of the slacker leads over dark and

temptuous waves and into those bitter experiences which are found in deep waters.

What a slacker was Captain Asher! The battle raged and the armies of Israel advanced and receded with the hope and despair of the furious engagement. Banners were taken, ranks were decimated and war horses rushed wildly through the blood of the slain on the plain of Megiddo. The Israelites hurled themselves upon the leveled lances of Sisera's trained soldiers and the sun's lurid light fell on a field made ghastly by contending forces. But while the battle was joined in stern array, Asher who should have borne some of the brunt of the awful struggle, "sat still at the crucial hour of the sea." His conduct in that crucial hour tarnished his reputation and lessened the renown of his exploits. Like the inhabitants of Meroz, he came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

It is time to ask, are we volunteers or slackers in the handling of those things that have material value? Our money and property are entrusted to us that we may use them to establish and enhance the cause of Christ. Are we faithful stewards in the using of our Lord's money? Are we volunteers in the high privilege of giving? Barnabas was such a valiant volunteer that "having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the Apostle's feet." And wherever the gospel is preached his generosity may induce others to be liberal. What a contrast we have in the liberality of Barnabas and that of Ananias and Sapphira. Barnabas nobly rests on an abiding honor and around him gathers the light which comes from his unselfish deed. While Ananias and Sapphira occupy a dark niche in the hall of infamy because they attempted to impose a financial deception on the apostle Peter. Being slackers they acted together in making a false statement concerning some money and that execrable act yet stains Christianity's early records. Thus it was then and is even so now, that the volunteer brightens and the slacker darkens those pages which recount Christianity's triumphs.

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY BEGINS WINTER TERM NEXT WEEK

GOOD SERVICES WITH BROOKSHIRE CHURCH

The 12th of December was regular preaching day, and we were overjoyed to have our pastor, Ben F. Thompson, with us again. Saturday night his subject was, "Give Heed To Your Thoughts." Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, Miss Ila Ray was received into the church by pronouncement of a letter. Sunday night he preached on "The Church." His sermons were enjoyed by one and all. He has the Lord with him or he could not bring such soul stirring messages. I feel that what he says comes direct from the throne of God. He left us all happy and praising the Lord.

Our boy preacher, Charles Hedge, visited us. He is licensed by the church to preach the gospel. As soon as financial conditions permit he will depart for Abilene, where he will enter Simmons.

I am going to take the privilege of asking each one who chances to read this to pray for Brother Ben F. Thompson, and his little flock, which is the Brookshire Baptist Church.—Fannie Mae Ray.

The Winter Term of Simmons University will begin on next Monday, January 3. Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to classification and registration; and lecture work will begin on Wednesday, January 5th.

According to Bursar D. B. Swaney, the attendance is expected to come up to the usual winter term enrollment. Practically all the rooms in the three halls have already been reserved and numbers of new students are expected for the opening of the term.

PAGEANT AT BAPTIST CHURCH IMPRESSIVE

The pageant with which the W. M. U. of the First Church, Tahoka, ended their week of prayer on Sunday night at the Baptist Church was a most impressive affair.

The Pageant, entitled, "Star Light in the Land of Night," was presented almost perfectly, according to those present. The entertainment consisted of a program of addresses and songs in connection with the pageant proper, and the entire program was effectively rendered and much enjoyed.

A congregation that completely filled the building was present to enjoy the occasion.

THE DESPERATE CONDITION OF OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

A Returned Missionary Speaks from his heart and tells how the situation may be relieved.

By C. A. Leonard, Harbin, China
Only those who have spoken recently with our Foreign Mission Secretary, Dr. J. F. Love, can understand the extremely serious situation which confronts the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists. The writer has just had a conference with our beloved secretary at the Louisiana State convention. I wanted to ascertain whether Mrs. Leonard and I could under the circumstances hope to be returned by the Board to our work in Harbin, China. After hearing our pleadings, entreaties and reasons why we just must be sent back next spring, your secretary had to tell us—and with distress, the greatest seriousness and tears in his eyes—that he could entertain absolutely no hope of the Board being able to return us to China unless large sums of money come in between now and the end of the year. The debt, he said, has reached such proportions that it must be reduced.

My dear brethren and sisters of the Southern Baptist churches, how desperate is the situation! Dr. Love told us of the recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. At that meeting a motion was made to actually re-

CROSS ROADS CHURCH TO DEDICATE BUILDING

The Cross Roads Baptist Church is going to have the dedication service of their church at eleven o'clock on the First Sunday in January 1927, and I take this method of inviting her former pastors to be present in this service. We do not know the address of some of them but all who can are cordially invited.

Brother J. C. Parks will preach the dedicatory sermon.

NOTLEY HARRELL PREACHES SERMON AT SANTA ANNA

A large crowd met at the First Baptist church Sunday night to hear Notley Harrell preach his initial sermon. Notley is only a boy, so to speak, but his first message from the pulpit was well delivered and well received. It was a splendid little sermon, and his many friends here are interested in seeing him grow in his work as he grows in usefulness in his ministerial career.

The Curry Chapel Church, Haskell association met last Sunday for the purpose of calling a pastor. We have not learned the results of the meeting.

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THE NEW YEAR

The year 1927 is upon us. It is a time when most people pause for a moment to take stock of their financial, physical and moral assets. Perhaps all of us can look back over the past year and see many mistakes that might have been averted. As we think over these mistakes we naturally look forward to the New Year with determination to do better. Resolutions are in order. Most of them will not be kept, but the human race will be made better by an honest effort to fulfill them.

The year 1927 is fraught with great opportunities and alarming perils. We are now in the drift of a great wave of ungodliness and spiritual indifference that will call forth the very best that is within us. Especially is this a meaningful time for our Baptist hosts. Our boards everywhere are overwhelmed with debts. Our mission boards have notified nearly a hundred missionaries now at home on furlough that they cannot be returned to their posts of duty. The mission boards are also facing the problem of recalling at least half of the forces now on the fields. It is inconceivable that Southern Baptists will permit this to be done.

As we come on down to our Texas Baptist situation we find the problems especially difficult and challenging. We are launching a debt paying campaign extending over a period of five years and involving an indebtedness of over six millions of dollars. It is indeed a tremendous task, but it is not hopeless. Texas with over 450,000 white Baptists can easily pay these debts if they have a mind to do it. It will require united, heroic efforts, and a great sacrifice on the part of our people, but with the leadership of our great King, Texas Baptists are able to conquer all difficulties.

CONCERNING "PERSONAL LIBERTY"

Only absolute anarchy can result from the present tendency among us. And anarchy means social chaos, nothing less. Social chaos means national death. We cannot go on as we have been doing since the war. Either we must enforce our laws or we shall most certainly reap a mighty whirlwind of crime. The worst enemy America has to-day is the man who cries out for personal liberty and that cry is at the base of practically all our crime.

The murderers who shot down the policeman in St. Paul had as much "personal liberty" to do so as the bootlegger has to sell whisky in Nashville, or for that matter as the scowllaw has to buy it. The degree of crime is different, but the "personal liberty" element is the same. If one man can violate the law with impunity because it infringes upon his liberties, then every man can.

And the officer, or the State that winks at crime because certain laws interfere with the liberties of libertines, is guilty of cultivating the seed of Bolshevism. It is a time for some straight thinking along this line and some strong preaching, too.—Baptist and Reflector.

UNIVERSITIES TAKE NOTICE

Football, baseball, ping-pong and skiing are heralded in their season with great bally-hoing, but little has been said of the great American game of corn-husking that is being played throughout the country. Warriors of the baseball diamond and the gridiron are not the only ones who are in strenuous training. Country corn-husking contests last an hour and twenty minutes, and it takes a good husker to follow a wagon down the field without missing out. Judges trail along to pick up ears missed, while other judges weigh the husks left on the ears in the wagon. The contestants with the largest scores after deductions for these two items are the winners. It's a clean game and a hard game requiring stamina and alertness and is one of the few sports into which the amateur-professional controversy will not enter.—Dearborn Independent.

UNIVERSITY OF CRIME

A "university of crime" equipped with blackboards, advance courses, and a vocational department was unearthed by detectives in San Antonio, Texas, a few days ago and

SAVE THE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

J. William Arnett

The picture shows of today, the automobile, the Sunday baseball park, and other amusements furnished by the devil are furnishing the entertainment for the young people of today, and for the social meeting of the modern dance hall. The parents as well as their children are beginning to take a great liking to this kind of amusement rather than fight it in a way that will help in tearing it down and wiping it out of existence forever.

Now you may say how can we go about changing the tide and start the young fellow on the upward road to glory and God. This can be overcome first by giving the boy and girl something that is as good and they will like as well as to dance and go to Sunday baseball games, Sunday golfing and all other things that tend to lead them wrong. Why not furnish the present generation with such classes of amusement that will enable them to become stronger men and women in the eyes of their friends and country, and above all great in the faith of God. Parents you can do this by giving them a place where they can go and mingle with their friends, read good books and magazines which will be at their convenience.

On Sunday you can make it possible for musical concerts, lectures, Sun-

day schools that will draw their attention, and above all a big attendance at the B. Y. P. U.'s of the land with an inspirational program. This would be much greater in the sight of God than for the young people to be playing baseball, golf, or even riding up and down the highways in the fine automobiles, and much better for them. Part of the day could be spent in visiting the sick of the neighborhood carrying to them words of encouragement.

Now you will say that, that is a big task to undertake. It is, and will be the greatest thing America and Protestant Americans ever encountered but in the sight of God a little thing. With God we can do anything, let's go and change the world for Christ.

The plea of Christian parents is to give the child religious environments and as he, or she, grows they will begin to work in the church for an up-building of Christianity. The B. Y. P. U. will then become a greater training service. Parents encourage your children to attend B. Y. P. U. and then see to it that the programs are such as will lift them higher in the spiritual world.

I challenge the Christians of Texas to take the lead in providing for the young people in a religious way, get back of them and put over in a great way for Christ and Christianity, and this will be a bigger and better America. Start in by raising the \$500,000 pledged, to the Texas Baptist Indebtedness fund, by the B. Y. P. U.

two men, who admitted being instructors, were arrested. The school consisted of four rooms, the walls of one being covered with slate blackboards on which were diagrams of friction and tumbler safe locks and other varieties of locks. One diagram illustrated the proper method of picking a pocket.

Chairs in the rooms were arranged in regular rows and under one of them police found a note book in which the embryo thief had apparently preserved the words of wisdom as they fell from the lips of the lecturers. Printed in large letters on the first page was the admonition: "Beware of finger prints."

Notes found in one room indicated the pupils had been offered special courses in various lines from pocket pickers and house burglary to safe picking and blowing.

WHOM TO THANK FOR GOOD THINGS

At the feet of a medical missionary a grateful father and mother knelt to worship her as a god, for she had restored their child to health.

Hastily the missionary cried out to them "We are not gods. Worship the true God."

"You must be a god," they said, "no one but a god could have saved our beloved child from death."

"Suppose," said the missionary, "that I wished to bestow a valuable gift upon you and sent it by the hand of one of my coolies, whom would you thank, the coolie or myself?"

"We would thank you, of course; the coolie is your servant."

"And so I am God's coolie, by whose hand God has been pleased to send you this gift of healing, and it is to Him you must now give thanks."

—The Kink's Builders.

THE STIRRING OF DRY BONES

The "Vorwaerts," a Yiddish journal, states in a recent issue that "twenty thousand persons have abandoned Judaism and become converts to various Christian sects in Hungary since the end of the war, according to statistics published here in the Statistical Review." The news (Budapest) by the Hungarian Item goes on to say that "The conversion epidemic is a cause of great concern to Jewish leaders in Hungary."—News and Truths.

A MAN WILL NEVER GROW OLD

Until he forgets the rights of little children;
Until he loses the fine spirit of youth;
Until he ceases to be a student of life;
Until he shifts his responsibilities to others;
Until he admits defeat in life's battles;
Until he abuses life's privileges and forgets its duties;
Until he refuses to be inspired by the Master of life.

AS WE GO

By Emily H. Glover

Beauty's all about us if we would but see;
Gorgeous tints in sunsets, grace in flower and tree
Charming turns in country roads, red roofs far away—
Pause and see the lovely things, passing day by day.

Sweetness all about us, if we would but hear,
Children's laughing voices, bird songs in the air.
Pleasant words are spoken in a simple way,
If we would but listen every passing day.

Ways are all about us—do some kindly thing.
Mend a baby's broken toy, or heal a broken wing.
Try to do the thing that's near, great ones far away
Do not help the world so much as small ones every day.

I WILL NOT DOUBT

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home, with broken masts and sails;
I will believe the Hand which never fails,
From seeming evil, worketh still for me;
And though I weep because those sails are tattered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered:
"I trust in thee."

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still white realm above;
I will believe it is an all-wise love
Which has refused these things for which I yearn;
And though at times I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt. Well anchored in this faith,
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale,
So strong its courage will not quail
To breast the mighty unknown sea of death.
O, may I cry, though body parts with spirit,
"I do not doubt," so listening world may hear it,
With my last breath!

—W. Robertson Nicoll.

News Notes

The First Church, Merkel, had a special musical program last Sunday evening. The program was a song sermon on the special theme of "Love" A special Christmas program was also rendered at the church on Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Millard A. Jenkins returned last week from the Mayo Sanitarium, Rochester (Minn.), where Mrs. Jenkins successfully underwent three major operations. We are glad to state that she is rapidly regaining her health.

Rev. W. A. Foster who has been seriously ill for the past five weeks is in the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene. His condition is improving and it is now thought that he will recover from his illness. Brother Foster's churches at Ovalo and Lorraine are standing by him in a noble way during his illness. The pulpits are being supplied by the faculty and student preachers in Simmons University.

Dr. George W. McCall has accepted a position on the State Board evangelistic staff. For the past few years he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, and has been one of the leading figures in the Christoval Baptist Encampment.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

703 Slaughter Bldg.,
G. S. Hopkins, Secy.

BEGINNING AGAIN

What will we do in the days to come? We are beginning again, Will we work 'till the race is run? We are beginning again, STANDARDIZE our Sunday Schools, Let us Teach and Train, Set our Goals, and go over the Top, For we are beginning again.

THE CONQUEST CAMPAIGN

G. S. Hopkins

—is a challenge to every officer and teacher of our 8000 Sunday schools in this state. I am praying that each of us will recognize it and accept it as such. There is a place of service for everyone in this campaign.

The State has been divided into 18 districts and each district is composed of a number of associations. We have secured Sunday school leaders for each territory. The associational leaders will have five workers who will be ready on a five minute notice to make a five minute talk in the interest of the campaign before an organized bible class or the entire Sunday school. The dates for these speakers will be secured by the associational leaders in co-operation with the superintendents of the schools. We are depending on our associational leaders getting these workers ready for service. They will be called upon at various times to render real service.

We think it unwise to set a definite amount to be raised by the Sunday schools, in this campaign, in as much as a large number of our churches are now financing their work through this organization, and the Sunday schools could legitimately claim in the large amount of all that is raised. Let us therefore enlist every member of our organization to make a sacrificial offering to this undertaking and let the offering be counted as a church accomplishment, thus magnifying the church, instead of one of its members.

The object of the five V men is to work among the people in their respective associations with Five objects in View:

1. V-igilance—Devotional watching. Watch and Pray.
 2. V-italize—To make alive, to endow with information. "To vitalize the religion of a people."
 3. V-ision—To see, inspire by Vision.
 4. V-aliant—Courageous, Brave.
 5. V-ictory—The overcoming, Conquest, Triumph.
- OUR SLOGAN: "A Worthwhile Gift from every Member."

ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

EL PASO
O. T. Wheeler

The enlargement campaign conducted with the First Baptist Church El Paso, was in every way a success. This good church, under the leadership of Dr. T. V. Neal, Pastor and Carey B. Gardiner, Educational director, has just recently completed a modern Educational Building to accommodate ten graded Sunday school departments.

More than 300 workers gathered at the church for lunch at noon on Sunday, after which a short prayer service was held and instructions were received for taking a religious census of the city. The other Baptist churches of the city, including Immanuel, Grandview and Highland Park took part in the census, their workers covering the territory surrounding their respective churches.

After the census was completed, the cards were assorted and distributed to the churches according to membership and preference. The Census revealed 3501 possibilities for the First Baptist Church. In order to reach these possibilities, each department was reorganized and strengthened. The organization was increased from 133 to 189 teachers and officers. On the following Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, about 100 workers gathered at the First Church to visit the new prospects found in the census. The workers of the other co-operating churches gathered at their respective churches at the same hour for the same purpose.

Miss Kate Reilly of the faculty, went to Clint, Texas, 25 miles out of El Paso, and directed the workers of the Baptist Church there in taking a religious census of their community. The information was assorted and graded and new classes formed. The organization was enlarged and plans made for the rearrangement of their building to properly care for the prospects found in the census. Rev. J. Fred Cole is pastor there and Bro. E. C. Martin, superintendent. Brother Cole is one of our most energetic, young and consecrated preachers and is leading the people of his church in a wonderful way. He enlisted 19 of his workers to attend the El Paso Training School.

EL PASO CITY-WIDE TRAINING SCHOOL
O. T. Wheeler

In connection with the Enlargement Campaign conducted at the First

Church, a city-wide training school was held with all the Baptist churches of the city co-operating. It was one of the most interesting schools ever held in the State.

The Enlargement Campaign and Training School was directed by Secretary G. S. Hopkins, and who also taught a class in "The Sunday School Secretary and the Six Point Record System." He was assisted by the following faculty: Mrs. Campbell Yeager, Memphis, Tenn., Methods for Beginners, Mrs. W. R. Alexander Dallas, Methods for Primary Teachers; Miss Lillian S. Forbes, Nashville, Tenn., Working with Juniors; Miss Kate Reilly, Dallas, Working with Intermediates; and O. T. Wheeler, Young People's and Adult Departments.

An invitation was extended by the local Baptist churches to Baptists in the surrounding towns and workers of other denominations who desired to attend the training school.

Six classes were held each evening at the First Church, where lunch was also served to all taking the class work. The enrollment for the classes reached 261, including representatives from the four local Baptist churches, and from the following places: Clint, Fabens, Las Creces, State College, N. M., Juarez, Mex., and Grafton, W. Va. There were representatives from the Methodist, Presbyterian, Nazarene and Episcopal churches. Nine Baptist preachers and one Nazarene preacher enrolled in the classes.

Much credit is due Mr. Carey B. Gardiner, educational director of the First Church, for the success of this great school. He was in charge of arrangements and had worked on preliminary matters for several months

100 STANDARD SCHOOLS BY JANUARY 10TH

One Hundred applications for the Standard award for the Sunday school, from one State, have never been sent to the Baptist Sunday School Board at one time. Texas is so different. She is a big state and does things in a big way. In the year 1926, Texas led the states in the states in the Southern Baptist Convention, in baptisms, in training work, in Standard schools and Standard classes. This fact alone should make us extremely thankful to God for these blessings.

It is up to Texas now to lead off in a worthwhile way. We have planned to present Dr. Van Ness with a New Year's surprise in the way of a huge bundle of 100 applications for the Standard award. All schools making application on proper form and applications reaching this office not later than January 10th, 1927, will be included in this Surprise Bundle. It can be done. This would have a wholesome effect over other states stimulating them to go forward in a greater way.

For the year 1926, we had 136 Standard Schools. About 28 schools not included in this list have notified us that they will apply for the Standard Award January 1st, 1927. Surely out of this number, 100 will send in their applications at once. The Schools will be listed in the order received, giving name of pastor and superintendent of each. Why not have yours listed at the top? Do not delay. Mail application at once. Watch the Baptist Standard. Watch this page

CLIFF TEMPLE BAPTIST CLASSES

We have received a copy of the class annual of the Fidelis and Crusaders classes of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas. These classes are composed of young ladies and young men, ages 17 to 21. Mr. Harry Cooper teaches the Fidelis class and Mr. Thomas J. Ramsey the Crusaders. We congratulate the classes for their accomplishments and wish for them a great future.

TEXAS WILL BE REPRESENTED —at the First Baptist Sunday School Conference, at Memphis, Tennessee, January 18, 19, 20 and 21. The following Texans are on the program: Mr. G. S. Hopkins, Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Reynolds, Rev. T. L. Holcomb, Dr. Geo. W. Truett, Mr. Robert H. Coleman, Mr. Robert Jolly, Rev. C. E. Matthews, Mr. O. T. Wheeler, Rev. Bryan Robinson, Dr. J. B. Leavell, Mr. Grady Metcalf, Mr. Earl Mead, Mrs. Chas. R. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Pile, Mr. W. C. Raines, Mrs. Tom Watts and Mrs. Robbie Mae Alexander.

We have copies of the program and have also distributed them among our District Presidents. Write your district President or this office for information regarding the Memphis Meeting. Decide now to go and make your plans. A special train out of Dallas will leave the evening of Jan. 17th, Arriving at Memphis the next morning at 7:10. Why not plan to go on this special?

The Goree Church rendered a fine Christmas program on December 24. The program and Christmas tree was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

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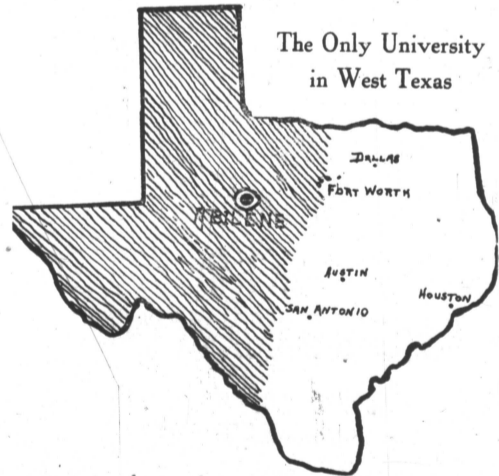
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NEWSPAPER GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF SHORTAGE IN MISSION FUND

The following account of the shortage in the Foreign Mission Account offered in a Richmond, Va., newspaper.

A shortage estimated at \$92,000 has been discovered on the treasurer's books of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and George N. Sanders, of Richmond, treasurer of the board, has confessed his responsibility for the shortage.

Information to this effect was in circulation yesterday afternoon and was today confirmed in all its essentials by The News Leader.

Officials of the foreign mission board were exceedingly reticent today in discussing the report, and expressed the desire to avoid all publicity until a full audit of the treasurer's books had been made, but when asked the direct question admitted that the audit was in progress, that the defalcation was estimated at \$92,000 and that the treasurer had admitted his guilt.

Dr. T. B. Ray, who was in charge of the board's offices today in the absence of Dr. J. F. Love, corresponding secretary, stated that the board had known of the situation for several days and planned to make a full statement to Southern Baptists as soon as all the facts were in hand.

Mr. Sanders, the treasurer, is alleged to have taken the money from the board by carefully changing certain drafts drawn against letters of credit by the treasurers of the board's mission stations. The money produced from one bank, to meet the changed drafts, was deposited in another bank to the credit of "G. N. Sanders, treasurer, and was then used for Mr. Sanders' personal expenses.

It is understood that Mr. Sanders has expressed a desire to make restitution to the limit of his resources. He is said to be bonded for \$25,000 and in addition his personal assets, including a home, estimated to be worth \$25,000 to \$30,000. Thus far, no action has been taken by the board or by the bonding company. No warrant has been sworn out. Mr. Sanders is an employee of the board, on a salary, and was not an elected representative of any congregation.

Great regret was expressed today among Baptist people that the defalcation had occurred, and particularly that it had come at a time when the Southern Baptists were being compelled to curtail their mission endeavors because of the decline in contributions.

It was generally predicted, however, that the denomination would be aroused to make good immediately the amount that had been lost to missions through the defalcation. "The Baptists of the South," said one prominent Baptist layman today, "will accept this disaster as a challenge, and will not permit it to discourage them in their missionary endeavor. They will grieve that such a thing could happen, but they will go forward."

It was pointed out, also, that the loss had already been sustained by the board, and that whatever was recovered from Mr. Sanders' bond and from the personal effects he placed at the disposal of the board would be so much added to current receipts.

A. M. Bullen and Company are making the present audit and it is not anticipated that they will make any statement until their work is complete. It is alleged that the defalcations began in 1921 and have been numerous since that time. Richmond, Va. Sunday News-Leader, Dec. 12, 1926

SWEET HOME NEWS

Brother Jenkins filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday, both were great hours. Sunday a. m. was the greatest spiritual hour we have had since the Summer's meeting. Sunday afternoon we had singing, had some real good singing. Sunday night we had 85 taking active part in our three B. Y. P. U.'s, and had some fifty more in the audience. One of our greatest needs at Sweet Home is a building to take care of all these people.

The 1st Sunday in January is to be another big day at Sweet Home at the 11:00 hour. The church will ordain a minister. Rev. C. A. Powell of the College Heights church, Abilene, has been invited to preach the ordination sermon. Sunday afternoon the church will ordain three Deacons.

The Christmas Contata at the First Church, Abilene, was one of the rare musical programs of the year in Abilene. Lee Stulce, choir director for the church, was assisted in the program by E. L. Cornet of the Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth. The chimes, recently installed in the church were used for the first time on this occasion.

The South Side Church, Abilene, continues to grow under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Burkett. There are additions to the church at almost every service and every department of the church is in thriving condition.

CENTER CHURCH HAS GOOD YEARS WORK

Center Church house is seven miles west of Breckenridge, one-half mile south of the highway. D. B. DeGuire of Abilene, Texas, is pastor, his appointments are second Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon or night.

During August 1925 Brother DeGuire helped to hold a Revival meeting in a neighboring community where Center members were attending. During this meeting there were ten conversions and Brother DeGuire was called pastor for Center. At this time there was little interest shown. He organized a Sunday School and though the attendance was small until this past summer the members were faithful, as a result the enrollment is now 62.

During August 1926, Center and Newcomb (a neighboring Church) combined for a two-weeks revival meeting at the close of which Brother DeGuire baptized fourteen into the Center Church and one was accepted on statement.

Brother DeGuire was called again for pastor at expiration of first year by a unanimous vote.

Since the meeting at each of Bro. DeGuire's appointments there has been some one converted, six in all.

In September 1926 with Brother DeGuire's help and direction we organized a B. Y. P. U. and have an enrollment of 35 and increasing. Everybody, young and old are interested and take part and love the work because it is training for efficient service for God.

In November 1926, a committee was elected to secure grounds for the building of a new church house. At our regular church day this month, Brother Roland King, wife, mother and sister-in-law motored down from Abilene and at Brother DeGuire's invitation, Brother King took charge of the morning service and delivered a wonderful message on "The prodigals' Return." We were glad to have them with us and extended to them the invitation to come again.

On Dec. 12, Brother DeGuire was accompanied this month by Brother Sullivan, when he came to fulfill his regular appointment. Our pastor delivered a wonderful message on the "Impossibilities of Man—Possibilities of God." Brother Sullivan had charge of the evening services.

No one was saved at this appointment, but we feel that the sermons have been of great benefit to us all. Carrie Lu Harrison, Sunday School Secretary.

BIBLE SKETCHES

Naaman, The Leper By J. N. Campbell

Naaman was "a great man with his master," but he was a leper. There is no perfect happiness on earth. There is no perfect human character in this life. You may read the story of Naaman in the fifth chapter of second Kings.

The maid of Israel that served in the house of Naaman told of the prophet Elisha in the land of Israel who could heal her master. It came to the Syrian King and he at once determined to send his favorite general with a letter to the king of Israel.

In due time he sweeps up before the gate of the prophet with a half million dollars worth of presents to pay for his cure. He was attended by a princely escort, as befitted his rank. He doubtless felt that he was conferring a great honor on the lowly prophet by paying him a visit. There are proud people today who count it an honor indeed to the preacher and the church when they rarely choose to grace the service with their presence.

Elisha sent out his servant with the message that he was to wash in the Jordan seven times when he would be clean. Naaman went away in a rage. He wanted to be cured, but he had his own idea about the manner of it. So many a sinner today would like to be saved if he might be saved in an exceptional and startling fashion. But God's simple prescription to the leprosy sinner today is: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," Acts 16:31. Jesus must have all the credit for our salvation.

Naaman stood ready to do some "great thing." He was even ready to pay as much as half a million dollars to be cured. Just so, men today in their pride would gladly buy salvation, or work for it. But they are unwilling to be holden to Christ for it.

Naaman's servant persuaded his master to try the simple remedy: "Wash and be clean." And today the sinner is never going to get rid of his sin and secure God's favor until he is willing to do just what God demands,—no more, no less. The Divine conditions of salvation are simple repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, Acts 20:21.

T. T. MARTIN WILL CONDUCT WACO MEETING

Tabernacle Baptist Church will observe a Watchnight service New Years Eve night. The W. M. U. of the Church is sponsoring the program which will consist of some splendid speakers a missionary pageant and an all church social with refreshments served. The public is invited to take part in the entire program which lasts until 12:15 a. m.

Rev. T. T. Martin who will in 1927 debate the leaders of the Atheistic Society of America on the question, "Is There a Supreme Being In The Universe," will conduct the midwinter revival for Tabernacle Baptist Church beginning next Sunday, January 2nd. Public cordially invited.—A. Riley Copeland, Pastor.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. Y. P. U. BIG SPRING ASSOCIATION HOLDS GOOD NUMBER

At a recent conference of the Big Spring Associational B. Y. P. U. we had the best program that we think has ever been given in this part of the State. The subject for this program was "Old Testament Heroes."

This conference meets with one of the unions of the association each fourth Sunday, and renders just such programs as was given last Sunday, similar to the one enclosed, herein.

We have found that the associational organization helps us in our local unions for at the associational meetings we find out from others things that will help us in solving problems that may arise in our local unions.

The Christian offering for Buckner Orphans Home at the First Church, Abilene, last Sunday amounted to about \$1,500. Dr. R. C. Pender, the beloved field representative for the home spoke at the morning hour last Sunday. In the next issue of the West Texas Baptist an interesting story of the life of this faithful champion of orphan children will appear.

Our readers will sympathize with Rev. T. Y. Amams in the death of his mother which occurred recently at San Antonio. Brother Adams was for several years pastor of the First Church, Sweetwater.

THE DESPERATE CONDITION OF OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK

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call immediately from the foreign fields two hundred of our five hundred missionaries. The matter was debated and prayed over for many hours. In their distress the members of this Board, which represents you, could not make up their minds to do this terrible thing, for, brethren, it is simply unthinkable. Yet there seemed nothing else to do. The Board then adjourned for prayer and more light as to what should be done. Dr. Love stated to me that he had worried and prayed and thought until his mind seemed dazed, and his heart almost broke. Hoping that you would make it unnecessary for the missionaries to be recalled, he offered as a counter proposal that the missionaries now at home be notified that they would be discontinued, and then if our people still insisted that those on the field be recalled this would be done. The missionaries at home were then notified that we would do well to look for other work, that at present there are no available funds nor any in sight, to send us back.

What are we to do? Some have already sent in their resignations, for it seems that your interest in foreign missions is not sufficient to continue their support. Others are contemplating applying to other mission boards. Still others of us are hoping that during these next few weeks the Christmas love offering of this year will be so large as to make it possible for us to be sent back. Do you know that some of your missionaries who have not been to the homeland for seven years or more and are in need of rest refuse to listen to their friends or physicians and come home for much needed furloughs, fearing they will not be sent back.

But brethren, those of us who are at home can not think of doing other than returning to our Lord's work in the foreign lands which needs us so much. Mrs. Leonard and I have been in China sixteen years, this being our second furlough. We are now in the prime of life and have just reached the point in our missionary work where we can be of greatest usefulness. This is true of many of your missionaries now at home. We were never needed so badly in China as at the present time. It is true that China is in great political unrest and distress, but it is just in such times that He who said, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," is needed most. I regard the Chinese people and my Chinese Christian brethren as needing me now as never before, and look upon the present situation as affording the greatest of opportunities. It is a great pleasure to live in this wonderful country, America, and enjoy its many blessings, comforts and pleasures, but we plead to be sent back.

AS OTHERS KNEW HER

On December 11th, at the home of R. I. Parks, in McAllen, Texas, the messenger summoned to the Glory Land the spirit of Mrs. W. Taylor Daniel of Olney Texas.

Six weeks ago, she went to the Valley, following a prolonged illness, from which she had only partially recovered. Loved ones hoped that she might find renewed life in the mild climate near the sea, but the fight proved too much for her.

Mrs. Tommie Marshall Daniel was born near LaGrance, Texas, January 29th, 1865, of Olney, Texas, a daughter, Mrs. D. H. Sullivan, of Anson, Texas, a son, Rev. John Tourjee Daniel of Tonkawa, Oklahoma, two brothers, R. I. Parks, McAllen, Texas and A. F. Parks, Indianapolis, Ind.

In 1881 Miss Tommie Marshall, was married to Wm Dow, Supt. of Abilene Public Schools. Two daughters, May and Willie Dow were born to this Union.

After the death of her husband, she went to Boston, Mass., where she attended the New England Conservatory of Music. Returning to her home at Abilene, she began the teaching of piano and voice, which work she continued through her active years.

In 1888, Mrs. Dow was married to W. Taylor Daniel of Dublin, Texas. They were blessed with two sons, E. Trowbridge Daniel, and John Tourjee.

For twenty years in Dublin, this good woman lived an exemplary Christian life. She loved her Lord and served Him accordingly. She gave her talent in music to the glory of God, for years leading the choir in the above named town and many other places. She never allowed inclement weather, social engagements, or work of any kind to interrupt her attendance of church, for she had learned from her consecrated parents, to put God's service first.

At one time Mrs. Daniel was leader of the Junior B. Y. P. U. at Dublin, training her own boys at that time in the service of the Lord. In later years, she saw the harvest of her sowing in the consecrated life of her older son, as a deacon, and of her younger boy as a minister.

Mrs. Daniel's chief work in life was probably as mother in rearing her four children. She instilled into them, the high ideals of her mind, and helped to give each one a college education.

Her daughter, May, followed in the mother's steps, as a music teacher not only in piano, but in stringed instruments. The younger, Willie Dow, was for several years a literary teacher, specializing in the subject of Latin.

For a number of years, Mrs. Daniel was either president of the local Woman's Missionary Society, or Personal Service Chairman in several churches where she resided after leaving Dublin.

In the Fall of 1923, she suffered the loss of two children by death, within less than two months of each other: Mrs. R. A. Kee, of LeLeon, Texas, and E. Trowbridge Daniel of Los Angeles, California.

The funeral services of Mrs. W. T. Daniel, were held in the McAllen Baptist church, by Rev. E. L. Compere, of Weslaco, and Dr. Judd B. Holt, pastor at McAllen. The former was once her Dublin pastor, and he told most impressively of the life of Mrs. Daniel, as he knew it.

The body was laid to rest in the Valley, where the palms lift their fronds toward an eternally azure sky, where the air is heavy with the fragrance of jessamine and orange blossoms, where the birds sing evermore.—Mrs. D. H. Sullivan, Anson, Texas.

DR. F. S. GRONER DELIVERS SPEECH AT BOARD MEETING

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total indebtedness of the Board, including the same Loyalty Bond item, and an item of over \$100,000 indebtedness against the College of Marshall assumed a little more than a year ago, was on October 31, 1926, \$1,853,383.66, or \$31,289.40 less than eight years ago. This is a certified statement of Hutchinson and Smith, auditors for our Convention. In other words, after each of our schools and hospitals and each of our missionary causes has received from two to ten times as much money from this Board as in any other equal period of time, and after having borrowed about one half million dollars at banks and advanced to these institutions, and after having taken up in the entirety the debt of the College of Marshall, your Board today at the end of eight and a half years of unequal stress and struggle owes over \$31,000 less than eight years ago.

It was remarked unceremoniously, but in a kindly spirit, at a call meeting of this Board at San Antonio last month that we had never attained our objective in any of our annual campaigns in Texas in recent years. This is true of Texas and true of the other Southern states with the possible exception of some of the smaller states, but while this is true of Texas and of the other states, it is also true that Texas has raised and contributed to our denominational causes, all told,

more than any other Southern state, and a larger margin over the other states than during any other equal period of our history. This is true in the light of the fact that there are at least two other states whose white Baptist population is nearly equal to that of Texas. While it is true that we have not attained our objective any year in the last several as a denomination in Texas, this is equally true of nearly all of the individual churches of Texas. I cite one as an outstanding example. The First Church, Dallas, has had as its denominational objective for each of the last two years \$100,000. It has lacked about \$10,000 reaching this objective. But this is no reflection upon the leadership in that church or the membership of the church for the facts are that this same church has contributed more to denominational causes these two years than any other Baptist Church in the South.

While our institutions especially our schools and hospitals have been under great burdens and have passed through trying times, and are now carrying heavy debts, it is also true that these same institutions have made the greatest relative progress in their history during these eight and a half years. The patronage of these institutions has greatly increased and in many instances doubled. In nearly every case the institution has enlarged the place of its habitation by the purchase of more grounds, the erection of new buildings and the addition of new equipment. These have been years of progress, and of the upward and onward march. And as we face the new year of 1927 we realize that an infinitely wise providence in His own way, has been shaping a destiny for Texas Baptists and preparing them for the greatest conquest for the year just ahead in all our annals. And while Texas may not have attained its financial objective in our regular budget in recent years, let us now decide that for 1927 we shall raise not less but more than the \$1,000,000 objective for our regular Co-operative Program and not less but more than the \$2,000,000 objective for our debt retirement budget.

With the years of the past in the background and the years ahead in the foreground, with a growing faith in God and a radiant hope in the ex-

pending future, let us catch step and move forward. Cicero said that his prayer to the gods was that the domain of Rome should expand until it would be limited not by the confines of earth but only by the boundaries of Heaven. The prayer of my heart today is that the future of our Baptist cause shall be bounded by naught mortal or temporal but only by the providence of God. The aggregate wisdom of Baptists, like fluid, will seek and finally find its level, and when it does it is always safe and sane and mighty to conquer. After, years of stress and vicissitudes our Baptists have found themselves, and best of all they have found the hand of God, and where He leads they mean to follow. I take a leaf from the book of a great Chinese Christian and suggest it as our code of conduct for the Baptists of Texas, "Agree to differ, resolve to love, unite to serve." Concerning the palmy days of Rome, McCauley wrote in verse: Then all were for the state; Then none was for the party, Then the great man helped the poor And the poor man loved the great. Then the lands were fairly portioned, Then the spoils were fairly sold, And the Romans were like brothers In the brave days of old."

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It has been a good year for most of us here in West Texas—a year crammed full of progress and achievement and jobs well done. Old friendships have ripened and grown sweeter and new friendships have come still further to multiply our riches. And before us stands a new year, beckoning with new opportunities, eager with the promise of new conquests to be made.

Well, it IS good to be a West Texan in West Texas when Christmas time rolls round! Somehow the lights DO shine just a little brighter; handclaps ARE a little stronger—

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SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AS REVEALED IN THE PRESS (Continued from Page 1)

and from Saratof, from Tzaritzin and Astrakhan. They represented all breeds of the human...

In the Moody Monthly we read: "The famine is once more raging in a wide area comprising parts of the western provinces of Szechuen, Kweichow and Yunnan, and affecting 10,000,000 Chinese and Aboriginal tribes men of the hills."

We remember that the awful pestilence known as influenza, took an estimated toll of some 25,000,000 lives—probably the worst pestilence in history.

IV Earthquakes in Divers Places During the past three years, the reports of earthquakes seem to have increased in numbers.

"A total of 230 earthquakes occurred in the United States, its territories and adjacent regions during the quarter ending March 31, 1926, according to a report issued today (Mar. 17, 1926) by the coast and geodetic survey."

Two hundred and thirty quakes in three months, in only one section of the earth! It might be interesting to read a few of the newspaper headlines. For instance:

"Alaska Is Shaken by Severe Quake." "Quake Rocks New England; People, in Panic, Take to Cellars."

"Tremblers Jar Florida Keys and Bay State." "Says 5000 Dead in Chinese Quake." "50 Quakes in 48 Hours" (Manila). "79 Quake Shocks Rock Formosa; Damage is Heavy."

"Earth Tremors Rock Southwest" (Texas, Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas). "Quake Destroys Four Villages." "Quake and Storm in Pau, France." "Earthquake Quebec; second in 6 months."

"New Hampshire Has Quake." "Central America Rocked." "Europe Records Big Quake." "Quake Extends from Europe Far into Asia." (June 28, 1926).

These quakes surely were in "divers places" and in localities, often, which are not known as "volcanic."

V "Many Shall Betray and Hate One Another" Not a day passes that does not see the press filled with reports of hatred displayed by individuals and nations of betrayal on the part of some who do, or do not, occupy places of public trust.

The awful plunge downward on the part of humanity at large is alarming. In our own nation crime has become so common that the public conscience has undergone a hardening process; the news of one crime after another causes not even a ripple of excitement.

VI "Almost daily we see the public wholly indifferent in matters that twenty years ago would have turned everybody and everything upside down. Once there was a public opinion that no one dared to offend. Where is it now?"

For lack of space, we can quote but a few words from newspapers and magazines: "Crime has increased 400 per cent since 1910. In 1910 there were 50,000 divorces, last year there were 165,000 an appalling increase. Social diseases kill 300,000 annually."

VII False Prophets Arising That love is waxing cold and false prophets are arising, is seen on every side. In this connection, we turn to

1 Timothy 4:1 and read: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

In 2 Timothy 4-3: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

Turning to a periodical we read: "Now that much of what is taught in our theological seminaries and preached from our pulpits, and apparently widely believed, is something other than Christianity judged by New Testament standards, we regard as altogether certain."

Again: "A careful census made in seven of the leading schools of the United States, revealed the fact that 10 per cent of the freshmen were agnostics, 40 per cent of the sophomores and juniors were strongly agnostic, and 80 per cent of the seniors were avowed atheists."

Still another: "Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., president of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, declares: 'This conflict today between Modernism and evangelical truth is perhaps the most insistent effort ever made to destroy the faith of our fathers.'"

This quotation from a missionary: "The missions are desperate! The schools are being emptied as they comprise! One school at Kiukiang has an advertisement in the Shanghai papers calling for students, and advertising no religious teaching required! It almost broke our hearts. In Poochow the students have idols in their rooms and are given permission and set times for worshipping them."

Again we read: "This present conflict against evangelical Christianity is the first geographically universal conflict in the history of the church. It appears in every continent, in every mission field, in the long-established churches and in every denomination."

Again: "Even the little school children in Russia are being taught by their school teachers to blaspheme God Almighty."

"The British Sunday-school is 'slipping' because there is diminished interest in church life generally."

VIII "This Gospel Shall be Preached Unto All Nations" That we are near the fulfillment of this prophecy of Christ, is apparent when we read in a periodical of the yielding of a lost stronghold:

"At a recent meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church it was reported that a cablegram had just been received... stating that four missionaries... had crossed the Persia-Afghanistan border and were located within Afghanistan."

"Afghanistan has up to the present been the most absolutely closed mission field in the world."

The return of God's covenant people to their homeland is one of the astounding movements today in fulfillment of prophecy. We could fill several pages with news of this wonderful event. Lack of space forbids more than a few words.

December 9, 1917, is a never-to-be-forgotten date, when Jerusalem surrendered to General Allenby, thus throwing open the doors for the return of scattered Israel. It is of profound significance in connection with the promised return of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom upon the earth.

Listen to these words by a prominent Jew: "It is forecast in the Old Testament that the Messiah will come when the Jews have been restored to their homeland. I see the signs," he declared, that indicate the coming of the Messiah."

From a periodical: "In the first eleven months of 1924, 5,868 Jewish immigrants were admitted into the United States. But in the same eleven months, there were 15,319 Jewish immigrants admitted into Palestine."

ruled by the Antichrist. This requires the revival of the Roman Empire. What has the press been declaring? A glaring headline reads: "Dedicate New Imperial Rome 'Mid Ruin of Old' (Apr. 22, 1926)."

A few quotations will suffice: "A new imperial Rome, rising phoenix-like from the ashes of the ancient empire to spread its wings wherever Roman culture extended in the past, was dedicated today in a triple holiday celebrating three elements of the Fascist state."

They sound like the words of a religious journal, but they happen to come from the Chicago Tribune. "Celebrations... all marked by expressions of loyalty to Premier Mussolini, hailed as Rome's modern Caesar."

From proclamation of Gov. Crenson: "Romans: The hour to lift the head and direct the eye to a contemplation of imperial Rome has arrived."

Finally, from a religious magazine we read: "At last the revival of the Roman Empire has been voiced and broadcast."

Shall we not awake the people to the tremendous significance of these events?

IX Summing Up As the Bible today is being attacked, traduced and denied as to its truth and authority as the infallible Word of God, its supernatural origin through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit discounted, its prophecies scoffed at and their truth questioned by critics who give them the lie by claiming that they were written after the events occurred, it would seem that it is high time that we search out and produce evidence of the fulfillment of prophecy in this day and at this hour.

As prophecy is "history written in advance," it follows that history is fulfilled prophecy. Certain great and momentous events are occurring in this present day which can be understood and the portent of which can be grasped only by those who "search the scriptures." Nowhere has the future been revealed to man except in the Bible. In Isaiah 46:9, 10 it is written:

"I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done..."

One of the things that has led the writer to prepare an article of this kind is that he has noted for years that the great outstanding leaders of the nations have been making declarations that sound excellent, but which afterwards proved themselves false as to fulfillment. Therefore, there is an important point to be stressed, namely, that the vast majority of the world leaders are "blind leaders of the blind."

Optimism is a wonderful state of mind if it is based upon truth, but false optimism is a curse, for it stands upon a false foundation, which is no foundation at all. The world is full of false optimists who are uttering pleasant words, phrases and formulas which tickle the ears of the public and lead us into false security and false beliefs.

Facts are what we must have today, and if the facts are dark and ominous, we must face them; then declare the only way of escape, namely, thru the regeneration of the individual by the Holy Spirit. We are not pessimists when we tell you that the facts as to the state of the world today are dark and ominous.

SANITARIUM NOTES A decided increase of interest in the ongoing of the Hospital is manifested, both in inquiry and financial aid. The Field Secretary has arranged with Brethren Groner, Hopkins and Gardner for a big mother's day program to cover twelve associations of the West. We are hoping this shall succeed in a great way. Particulars are to be worked out with the Dallas office immediately after January 1st. Whether we are to benefit is not as a result of the debt campaign all West Texas, and Abilene in particular, are for it to the last minute.—S. B. Bacon.

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VIII "Then Shall the End Come" In Daniel 2:44, 45 it is evident that the revival of the Roman Empire is predicted for the fourth kingdom in verse 40 without doubt refers to that empire of "iron" power. As the "stone" refers to Christ, and it breaks in pieces the ten divisions or "toes," and a kingdom is to be set up "which shall never be destroyed," We therefore believe that reference is made to the bodily return of Christ to destroy this coming ten-divided empire

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