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## EDISON WARNS AMERICA, DANGER OF SPIRITUAL LETHARGY

### Sweetwater And Jones Associations Elect Missionaries For Year

At a joint meeting of the associational boards of the Sweetwater and Jones County Associations at University Baptist Church, Abilene, last Monday, it was decided that the two associations would cooperate again this year in mission work, and Rev. C. D. Owen of Abilene, who has been missionary of the Sweetwater Association for the past two years, and Rev. Chiparro, who has been employed for the past year and a half as Mexican missionary in the same association, were elected to serve the joint association for the next associational year.

Monday morning the boards from the two associations held separate meetings, at which meetings the cooperative work was thoroughly discussed. In the afternoon the two boards held a joint meeting and the missionaries elected. There was quite a bit of difference of opinion in the separate board meetings, but after the work was decided upon there was a fine spirit of fellowship and cooperation between the two boards.

The two associations will continue to function separately as associational units. The agreement of cooperation will have to do with missionary work, the missionaries to cover both fields as they feel the needs may call for.

### Some Thoughts on Mexican Missions

By JOHN R. HUTTO.

"Jehovah works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." John Wesley insisted in traveling over England and preaching the gospel to the masses in workshops, sheds, trees or wherever he could congregate them together. His wife thought he was a fool, and doubtless told him so, because she deserted him and returned to her former home rather than live with an Episcopal rector who otherwise might have occupied one of the most dignified churches of the land, yet who insisted in "casting his pearls before swine." But what would the world have been without the evangelical fire kindled by Methodism?

Mexicans have been swarming over the Rio Grande, especially within the last few years, by the thousands. The American laborer says he is a menace, and possibly he is correct. The sociologist says his coming presents a serious social problem, and maybe he is right. But the Mexican is here and here to stay. He is unsophisticated. In his nature he is intensely religious. He is unacquainted with the term "modernism." To him Jehovah is not an impotent God, but a real omnipotent Deity. Except where he is dominated by the priesthood he is ready to listen to the Gospel of Jesus, and when he becomes a Christian he is fired by a religious fervor not common among American Baptists. He immediately becomes fired with a real to preach the gospel, or have it preached, to his own people. Under the Mexican constitution, only natives can preach there and officiate in religious matters. These people, saved and educated, can return to their own land and do what the Americans can not do under the law, preach the gospel to the millions that need it so much. So the "Mexican menace" may not be so great after all, and the Scriptures may be fulfilled in more ways than one wherein says, "and a little child shall lead them." These people, with an unswerving faith in the deity of Jesus and the authenticity of his word, might become a leaven that would leaven the whole lump. As proud Anglo-Saxons we might heed the warnings of Kipling in his Recessional wherein he says, "Lord God of Hosts; be with us yet, lest we forget, lest we forget."

A few years ago Mexican mission work was begun in Abilene in a small way under the auspices of the Baptist churches of the city. The work started off promisingly, but on the removal of the Mexican missionary from the field, much ground was lost. Except for a few Americans who devoted considerable time to the field it might have gone as has the Sweetwater work, into the hands of the Church of Christ. These people have kept open a mission next door to the Mexican Baptist church, and have been rewarded for their faithfulness. But does the success of these Disciples offset the responsibilities of Baptists?

One year ago the Sweetwater Baptist Association employed Rev. M. A. Chaparro, who came highly commended by the Home Mission Board, as missionary to the Mexicans. He is well trained, capable and sound. He entered the field without any flurry or over amount of self advertising. He went to Roswell, New Mexico, and had only one profession the first year, but the second year the church received forty additions to its membership. On his present field he has baptized 17 people during his first year. The field, however, is difficult. Catholicism in America was never so wide awake as it is today. Not an inch of ground will be surrendered without a contest. In fact Catholicism in the United States today is aggressive. It has taken advantage of our half heartedness and divisions and has sounded the signal of "forward, march." Shall we let the good beginning end or shall we continue with renewed interest to preach to them Jesus who is able to save to the uttermost all who put their trust in Him?

### LUBBOCK ASSOCIATION CLOSES GOOD YEAR

We had a good year's work in Lubbock Association last year, 1929 uniting with the churches of the association during the year by letter and baptism.

My year's work starts off well this year. I held a meeting at Hurlwood since the meeting of the association in which there were 18 conversions, four recommitments, 12 joined for baptism and 17 by letter. The most of our pastorless churches have called pastors and are getting started off nicely.

Brother W. H. Hughes declined the call given him from the Trinity Baptist church, Portales.

We had a glorious time at the workers' conference yesterday, Oct. 22. We met with the Union church, seven miles west of Slaton. The work goes well.—W. M. LAWRENCE, Missionary.

### THE LORD'S RETURN

Oh, that believers had not lost their bright hope of the Lord's return, while they faithfully and continually talk of death as their portion! True, we may "fall on sleep," and no man knoweth the hour of Christ's coming, save the Father; but the one bright hope of faithful Christian hearts is ever this—The Lord Himself shall come.—G. Campbell Morgan.

The best and happiest lives are built by the day.

### LOVE

Love cannot behave itself unseemly. You can put the most untutored person into the highest society, and if they have a reservoir of love in their heart, they will not behave unseemly. They simply cannot do it.—H. Drummond.

The annual fall meeting of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, which closed October 6th, resulted in 120 additions to the church. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, whose custom is to conduct one meeting a year with his church, did the preaching, and was assisted by the local church forces. Second Sunday in November he will celebrate his fourteenth anniversary as pastor of this church, which now has more than 8,000 members.

Rev. A. W. Reeves, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hamlin, now pastor of the Baptist Church at Jonesboro, Ark., has just closed a fine meeting with the church at Cape Girardeau, Mo., in which there were forty conversions and additions to the church. In renewing his subscription to the West Texas Baptist, Brother Reeves had some good things to say about the paper.

Rev. C. A. Joiner, who recently resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hale Center, has accepted the call of the church at Muleshoe and is now on the field.

### GREAT MEETING HELD ON NEW MEXICO FRONTIER BY WORKERS

Rev. Wiley Henton in Baptist New Mexican.

We believe that New Mexico today offers the greatest home mission field of any section of the Southern Baptist Convention. The following thrilling story of a revival meeting in the far-flung mountain region of New Mexico reads like a chapter from the Acts of Apostles. Here's the story:

Bro. F. E. Graham, our former missionary to the Navajo Indians, in cooperation with the Silver City Church, just closed a two weeks' meeting at Pinos Altos.

The setting and partial history of this quaint little place make the relating of this meeting of greater importance, so we give it briefly.

As one crosses over the summit of the continental divide, eight miles north of Silver City, the landscape unfolds into a mountain scene which still echoes the story of a typical mining community of the 50's. Pinos Altos nestled in the folds of pine covered hills which flank the once famous Bear Creek, was once the scene of placer gold mining. From this early prospect were later developed mines of gold, silver, copper and lower grade metals, many of which are still in operation.

The people who settled in this community were sturdy and thrifty adventurers of our frontiersmen in the days of the ox train and the "prairie schooner." Gold, minerals and a whole lot of hell, were the "pay streak" which made up the bulk of gain for the laborers invested.

Certainly, God never had a day there until the present hour. Attempts have been made to establish religious operations by various groups, but it remained for the "Baptist Message," which is salvation by grace, including repentance, faith, and preservation, to bring the dawn of a "living hope" to these people.

With the passing of the "strike," the population of Pinos Altos dwindled to what is now about fifty Anglo-Americans, and a fewer number of Spanish Americans. But of these there is still the spirit of the former ambition.

The meeting came out of one of our regular monthly services, when a fine man, Ed Ward, and his noble wife accepted the Saviour. We arranged for Bro. Graham to attempt a meeting. In the first few nights there were several converts—all by the old time way. One aged couple, the man 74, and his wife some younger, said, "We have been waiting for years for someone to come and tell us the way of life." Bro. Graham told them.

In all there were thirteen of these fine people who came to know our Saviour. Eight of them have already followed the Lord in baptism, three others are approved and will be baptized next Sunday night, and the other two are away now, but have expressed a desire to come with the rest. One splendid mother, a gallant soul winner, came to us by letter.

Bro. Graham was allowed the privilege of baptizing these candidates into the Silver City Church. There is a deep mutual love between these people and the preacher, and the church appreciates their fellowship.

We carry on services regularly there once each month.

God alone can cry for God; heaven alone can desire heaven; goodness alone can crave goodness. There are prayers whose arrow is speed, not by the rainbow of night, but by the rainbow of morning. They are shot forth, not by the empty, but by the full hand. My prayers for Christ are like the murmur of the shell; they are the voice of the parent sea within me. Their cry is a memory. They are not so much in search of something new as in touch with something old. They are not voices of my poverty, but of my wealth, they are not winged by the famine of the far country, but by the music of the Father's house. Without the memory of that Home all the scarcity of the swine-huaks would never have evoked the cry, "I will arise, and go to my Father."—George Matheson.

### THE REMEDY

Jesus' remedy for the weary world is just Himself. He still stands by the wayside of life, looking with pity and deep understanding at the tolling multitude. He sees their weariness. He sees them chafing and restless under a yoke that is too heavy for them to bear. And He offers them as a remedy Himself.—Rev. C. M. Campbell.

### Texas Baptist Convention Meets Nov. 20 With First Baptist Church, Beaumont

The eighty-first annual session of the Baptist General Convention will open on Wednesday, November 20th, in the new city and auditorium, Beaumont, Texas. The Baptists of Beaumont and Southeast Texas, together with other citizens of this section are looking forward with pleasure to the coming of the Baptist host for this meeting. Preparations are well under way for the entertainment of the body and it is expected that there will be a large representation from every section of the state. There are ample and first-class hotel accommodations for all those who desire this entertainment, and in addition to this, hundreds of homes will be prepared to take care of one or more messengers. Rates for both hotels and homes will be published later. The committee requests that all communications for reservations for the Pastor's Conference, W. M. U. meeting, and convention, or about other matters concerning these meetings, be addressed to BAPTIST CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS, BEAUMONT, TEXAS. All requests will be turned to the proper committee for handling them. The committee and citizenship are anxious to provide every possible accommodation for the convention and all communications will be promptly cared for.

The sessions of the convention will be held in the City Hall, which is close in and in easy walking distance of all hotels. We wish to ask that requests for reservations be made early as possible in order that our committee may not be over worked during the last two or three days before the gathering.

The pastors of the five local Baptist churches and their membership together with our Associational Missionary and president of the Associational W. M. U. are joined in the heartiest co-operation to provide the best possible reception for the convention. The pastors are: D. R. Peveto, Highland avenue; A. C. Maxwell, Calvary; L. D. White, Magnolia; J. B. Oliver, South Park; and J. H. Pace, First Church. H. E. Hogan is the missionary and Mrs. F. W. Willcox is the president of the Associational W. M. U.

### WANTED: A WORKER

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when he needs men for his service. When God wants a worker he calls a worker. When he has work to be done, he goes to those already at work. When God wants a good servant, he calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth.

Saul was busy with his flocks at Horeb.

Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.

Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's scribe.

Amos was busy following the flock.

Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.

James and John were busy mending their nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs.

William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.—The King's Own.

### THREE HUNDRED ADDITIONS

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals I have ever been in with Pastor Rudloff at Sikeston, Missouri. We were in our tent and had Brother and Mrs. Mark Short and Mrs. Jeffers assisting us, and in spite of rain and cold weather we had an average crowd of 1500 for three weeks. There were over 450 conversions and additions, 300 united with the Baptist church, 250 with the First Baptist church of Sikeston. Over 200 for baptism, 136 have already been baptized. A number surrendered to preach. Sunday night there were over 50 conversions and additions, thirty-five of them men and women.

We began a three weeks revival at DuQuoin today. Dr. C. W. Culp was a former pastor here. Dr. O. L. Wolf is the present pastor.—JOE JEFFERS.

### BROWNFIELD ASSOCIATION

Our work is going fairly well. Our next workers' meeting meets with Tahoka church on Tuesday after the first Sunday in November. Our last workers' meeting was with the Meadow church. We had a fine meeting in spite of the busy times with the farmers. I have assisted in the ordination of five deacons this month, and am to preach the ordination sermon and assist in the ordination of one of our young preachers soon in school at Wayland. Brother Allen is called to pastor the church at Happy, near Brownfield. I am to organize a church at T-Bar next Sunday evening.

### HOW THEY DO IT NORTH

The following is taken from the Globe-Democrat, St. Louis, issue of August 31, 1929: "Last Methodist-Baptist Union Service tomorrow. The last union service for the season of St. John's Methodist and the Second Baptist congregation will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the latter church, Kingshighway and Washington Boulevards. IT IS TO BE A JOINT COMMUNION SERVICE OF THE TWO CONGREGATIONS, with Rev. Ivan Lee Holt of St. John's giving a communion message and officiating. The Second Baptist pastor, Rev. Dr. M. Ashby Jones, is expected home from Europe next week."—Word and way. (Capitals ours.)

### MITCHELL-SCURRY WORKERS MEET AT BUFORD

Attendance at the Workers Conference of the Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association held at Buford, Tuesday, October 8, was unusually good, and the program was excellent. Reports indicate the program was on the theme, "The Church a Place in Which to Grow, and in Which to Work," and was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon the W. M. U. session was very interesting one, under the leadership of the new president, Mrs. Woodfin of Snyder.

Our former president, Mrs. A. L. Whipple, brought most inspiring message in short devotionals on the unique subject, "Little Ships," using as a scripture basis the fourth chapter of Mark.

After the devotional Mrs. Woodfin gave Bible reasons for woman's organized work. Introduced the new chairman, and each telling her work and aims for the new year.

Perhaps the most touching items taken for the part of the association for what is known as the Lucie Reagan Foreign Mission fund.

Following the executive meeting Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe talked on two covenants "Work and Grace."

The women of the Buford church served one of their good dinners, for which a rising vote of thanks was given.

The next meeting is with the Colorado church, November 5th.

Our stewardship chairman, Mrs. E. L. Frost, of Roscoe, and our mission chairman, Mrs. G. B. Clark, of Snyder, will bring us a message at that time on mission and stewardship.—Mrs. W. D. GREEN.

### CONCHO VALLEY AUXILIARY MEETING AT ELDORADO

On October 8, 1929, we had our Associational Auxiliary, which met with Eldorado Baptist church. Mrs. N. W. Pitts, president, was in the chair. The attendance was fine, several men present. The reports showed marked improvement over last year. Our president gave a very inspiring address on the "First Missionary Society," comparing with ours of today and urging more women to enlist in the great work of our Master.

All old officers were re-elected. All have entered the new year with a deeper desire to do some real worthwhile service for our Master.

We had an inspiring address from Mrs. Lockett, a returned missionary from Africa. She gave us a new vision of the mission field in southwest Africa. How little we who remain at home know of the hardships of the missionaries on the foreign fields. May we do more for missions in the coming year, that we may glorify our Lord and Master.

MRS. T. P. McBRIDE.

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### REMEMBRANCE

It is always fatally easy to forget God's benefits. The first rush of gratitude for deliverance, for answered prayer, and for every blessing, is oft to be soon over. Therefore it is of value to stimulate memory in every way possible.—J. Stuart Holden.

### World's Greatest Scientists Give Warning On Spiritual Tendencies Of This Present Civilization

THOMAS EDISON AND CHARLES P. STEINMETZ DECLARE SPIRITUAL POWER GREATEST FORCE ON EARTH, SAYS ROGER BABSON.

Last week the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, edited by Dr. E. C. Routh, former editor of the Baptist Standard, published an interview with Roger Babson, the world's most famous statistician, which address appeared in the Daily Oklahoman of Oklahoma City. In Mr. Babson's statement this startling statement should be a warning to every God-fearing man of America: "IT IS BECAUSE SO MANY BUSINESS MEN HAVE TEMPORARILY FORGOTTEN GOD IN THEIR DESIRE FOR GOLD WHICH CAUSED ME TO SAY ON SEPTEMBER 7 OF THIS YEAR THAT THE INDUSTRIAL STOCKS ON THE NEW YORK EXCHANGE WOULD BREAK 80 POINTS."

Remember, dear reader these are not the words of a preacher but the words of one of the greatest financial seers the world has ever known. When Roger Babson speaks of the world's war, epidemic of terrible diseases, have always been agencies to show erring man his dependence and frailties.

Mr. Steinmetz Speaks

"The great electrical era," continued Mr. Babson, "which the world is enjoying today is primarily due to two men—one, Charles P. Steinmetz, who for 30 years was chief engineer of the General Electric Co.; and the other, Thomas A. Edison. During the last year of Steinmetz's life, he spent a week at my home in Wellesley. The last evening of his visit I asked him what new power might be discovered in the future which would rival steam or electricity. Said he: 'Babson, the greatest power of all is in our midst unscratched today. I refer to spiritual power that comes through right living and worship. Our forefathers knew the power of prayer, the economic importance of Sabbath observance and the need of family and growth. Today this power is temporarily forgotten; but it will come day again be harnessed and then Americans will truly be healthy, happy and safe.'

Thomas Edison's Testimony

In speaking of his interview with Thomas Edison, Mr. Babson said: "This spring I spent a morning with Edison at his laboratory at Fort Myers, Fla. I visited him to discuss certain features of the Einstein theory which might have an important bearing upon aviation. When leaving I asked Edison what new radical inventions he visualized as coming during the next few years. He replied:

"Babson, I do not pose as a preacher; but let me tell you that if there is a God He will not let us advance much farther materially until we are up spiritually. That great fundamental law of science is that all forces must be kept in balance. When anybody or force goes off on a tangent there is a smash. This applies to America as it has to every nation before it."

Spiritual Power Stressed

In his address Mr. Babson gave warning to his audience in regard to present tendencies in industry and commerce and in education in these words:

"For a state to progress and enjoy permanent prosperity, something more, however, than mere material power is needed. The people of the state must have spiritual and intellectual power, as well as material power. One is the hatchet and the other is the handle; one is the lock and the other is the key. This means that religious education must be combined with coal, oil, gas and other material resources if Oklahoma is to continue in prosperity. The material and spiritual may be compared to the oars of a boat. When both oars are being rowed there is real progress, but when only one oar is being rowed the boat merely goes around in a circle. Moreover, I say this not as a preacher, but as a cold-blooded statistician. You may think that the world is ruled by figures; but let's a statistician tell you it is ruled by feelings.

"Some may say 'We are getting on all right now without these spiritual qualities of which you speak.' My friends, instead of getting on without them you are getting on because of them. This whole great South-west is today traveling on the momentum generated by a previous God-fearing generation. You have what you have today because your fathers sacrificed, served and lived sober and righteous lives. Just so surely as every panic has been caused either by a disregard of the multiplication table or of the ten commandments, so surely every period of prosperity is founded on those three basic Christian qualities of right living, love for one's fellowmen and worship. Moreover, this statement underlies the business cycle which is still in operation. It was because so many business men have temporarily forgotten God in their desire for gold which caused me to say on September 7 of this year that the industrial stocks

on the New York exchange would break 80 points.

"Some day all your real estate, oil wells and securities must be turned over to your young people. What then becomes of your wealth depends not upon how you get it and act, but upon how they think and act. The Oklahoma of today depends upon you men; but the Oklahoma of tomorrow depends upon your children and grandchildren. You are accumulating property and money for them; but what are you doing to train them properly to conserve and use it? Knowledge can be purchased, but habits of integrity, industry, thrift and usefulness can only be acquired through training. You received that training on the farm, but are they receiving it anywhere? To conserve Oklahoma's future you must do something for your children other than park them at northern schools and colleges. Most of these institutions unconsciously train them to loaf, spend and lead useless lives. They feel that their job is merely to give these boys book learning. They expect that you, their parents, are giving them character training. Are you doing it?"

"Friends, Oklahoma will have coal power, oil, gas power and even agricultural power for many generations but will it have the necessary manpower? I hope so; but if so, your fathers must give more time to your children, remembering that even from a cold-blooded business standpoint they should have more of your time. Everything you have is to be turned over to them. It is not just good business to train them properly to conserve and use it. What is the use of your slaving to accumulate property to have them marry some useless woman and waste your money in northern cities? Does this do you or Oklahoma any good? Oklahoma's future depends upon her future man power. The training your boys now receive determines the kind of men they will be. Information you can hire others to give them, but only you yourself can give them the proper training. Like any other feature of your business, to make a success of it requires your personal attention."

"Newton's fundamental law of attraction determines the kind of man power. We all ultimately reap what we sow.

"Friends and clients of the great Southwest: You have had a remarkable growth and are enjoying great material power today. But don't fool yourselves that it is due to your industry, your ability or your knowledge. So much have you had to do either with putting the oil under the ground or with developing the motor car which has created a demand for this oil? Both have been gifts to you. Moreover, your ability to conserve and profit by them has been due to certain sterling qualities which you have inherited from a praying father or mother. Make sure that each of you conserve these qualities and pass them on to your children and grandchildren. Teach them by example and precept that Oklahoma's future depends upon developing hands in hand the material and the spiritual."

### PROGRAM

Ministers Council of the Runnels Missioner Baptist Association to be held with the Ballinger Baptist Church, October 28, 1929.

10:00 a. m. Devotional, Rev. R. D. DeWeese.

10:30 a. m. The Pastor and Missions, Rev. Jas. A. Carder.

11:00 a. m. African Missions, Dr. B. L. Lockett.

Noon.

1:00 p. m. Devotional, Rev. R. G. Brannen.

1:30 p. m. Business meeting.

The annual report of Rising Star Baptist Church shows an increase in membership of 156. Sixty-nine by baptism. This church leading all churches reporting to the Cisco Association this year. The church roll of long standing was revised leaving the church with an active membership of 346. The Woman's Missionary Union has five organizations with 97 members. A. B. Y. P. U. with an enrollment of 20. During the year the church has raised for all purposes \$3,885.27. \$947.27 being given to missions. A unified budget is maintained and the treasurer remits monthly through the Dallas office. The church finances are put on through the Sunday school which school has been standard since April of this year.

### THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came.—Charles Kingsley.

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## ENCOURAGING THE EDITOR

November 21 will be five years since the present editor launched the West Texas Baptist. In many respects these have been strenuous years. During the first year in connection with the newspaper work we had the work of field secretary for Simmons University and the West Texas Baptist Hospital. During the past four years we have had the pleasure of pastoring (if that's a good word) two good rural churches along with our newspaper work. In addition to these tasks we taught journalism and did the publicity work in Simmons two years, and one year taught in the Bible and religious education departments of the university. And then, for good measure we have conducted, during these five years, about eighteen revival meetings.

As we look back over these rather hectic years we can see where we have made many blunders and mistakes. At times when the road seemed roughest we have felt like saying "what's the use," and just quitting. But about the time we got ready to "take out," some dear brother or sister would come along and say a few nice encouraging words, and we would take a fresh grip on the situation and just keep on keeping on.

A few days ago we sent out a large number of statements to delinquent subscribers asking that they renew their subscriptions. We have had a good response from these statements, and quite a few have said some kind things about the West Texas Baptist. We have at hand two of these letters now and we herewith publish them:

Clyde, Texas, Oct. 18.

I am sending you \$1.00 for which please keep sending me the West Texas Baptist as per your offer. I love the paper and expect to subscribe as long as I live. Best wishes, Mrs. A. L. Sloan.

Loraine, Texas, Oct. 12.

Mr. Sam Malone, Abilene, Texas.

Dear Publisher and Brother in Christ:

Enclosed you will find my check amounting to \$1.00, for which please move my subscription figures up to November 1, 1930. I enjoy reading your paper, "The West Texas Baptist." I look forward to its coming from time to time. Will also appreciate Judge Moffett's book on "The Second Coming of Christ," if renewing my subscription at this time entitles me to a copy of the book. Thanking you in advance for the book. I am, as ever, Mrs. R. F. Bennett.

After all it costs a mighty little to give our fellowmen just a little bit of encouragement, and it helps so much. There is no investment we know of that will pay larger dividends in time and eternity. Many times the fellow across the way whom we are criticizing so severely just needs a little sympathy and encouragement. Perhaps if we knew the terrific load he was carrying instead of criticizing him we would place a friendly hand on his shoulder and give him a little encouragement.

We are recommending to our Baptist brotherhood that we all try doing a little more encouraging and far less criticizing. Criticism is bad both for the one indulging in this useless pastime and the one criticized. It is acknowledged by all that things are in a bad way just now, but things will never be set right again by harsh criticism. Criticism is in order if we will do the manly thing of going to the offending brother and talk and pray with him about it; any other sort of criticism is cowardly and contemptible.

This editor has resolved to do more encouraging and praying and to reduce his criticism to the minimum. A few days ago we tried this new plan on a good brother. There had grown up a misunderstanding that was mutual. We realized that he had been laboring under a heavy load. During our little talk together, tears came to his eyes and we could see new determination written on his face and we are sure he left us determined to hit the line a little harder from here on out. Perhaps most of us do not have the money to spare for flowers for our friends who have passed on, but we all have the blessed privilege of handling a few flowers in the way of kind words and encouragement to our fellowman whose heart is still able to glow in response to the kindness shown. We believe that about the best piece of work we can do now is to "bear one another's burdens" and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

## DO YOU CRITICIZE THE PREACHER?

By Earl Chamberlain, in The Methodist Press.

Folks talk about the preacher as they talk about the weather. It is natural and easy, and most everybody does it. He is the popular topic of conversation at the dinner table on Sunday or in any other group of parishioners. Criticizing the preacher is a great indoor sport!

The layman who would try for a week to do the work of the average minister would find it about the hardest job he had ever undertaken. Yet without a doubt the preacher is the most criticized man in the community. One says: "My preacher is a fine and lovable man, but he can't preach."

If this can be truthfully said of any preacher, it is indeed a serious comment on his ability and training, and points to a fatal defect. But in the great majority of cases it would be nearer the truth to say: "The preacher is a fine lovable man, and he can preach, but the congregation will not let him."

What happens when he takes up the active duties of a pastorate? For one thing, he must live on a grossly inadequate income. Worry over family finances may become intense enough to rob him of his courage. It can dwarf his faith and cripple his mind. When bills are pressing and the pantry shelves are scant, when clothes are seedy, when ambitious and brilliant minds of youth are denied an education, all for lack of an adequate salary, how can we expect the preacher to preach the gospel with fire and life? The marvel of it is that so many in the face of such a personal situation, do carry on their work and do give their people helpful instruction and food for the soul.

Then, too, many congregations shift to the preacher most of the business of the church. He must keep the Sunday school and the other organizations running smoothly, and see that officers do their duty. He must watch the finances and keep urging the people to pay their pledges. Official men of the church, extremely particular about their own affairs, are sometimes so haphazard about the business of the church that the preacher must attend to these things if the church is to be saved from sinking under a ponderous load of debt.

Then there is pastoral calling. One would think the pastor of a busy church would be relieved of all calling except on the shut-ins, the sick, and the old. But no! Many there be who think of him as one upon whom they have a personal claim. Those who are well and strong and able to share in the work of the church have no right to demand of the pastor that he fritter away his valuable time in keeping them sweetened up and on the job. They ought to rejoice in their own good fortune and gladly let the pastor spend more time in his important work—preparing to preach the gospel.

Relieve the pastor of useless calling, free him from business details, pay him enough salary to keep his family in reasonable decency and comfort—in short, give him time and strength and energy for study and prayer and preparation—then congregations will discover that preachers can preach.

## "WET" PRESS PLEASE COPY.

Will the "wet" press which has made so much of the injury or killing of a few innocent people, through unfortunate circumstances, in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, devote equal space and just lamentation to the killing instantly of Mrs. Bessie M. Kopp, wife of the pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, of Brush, Colorado, and the serious injury of her two children, when a liquor-laden automobile crashed into the car in which Mrs. Kopp and her children were driving? We hope so; but the "wet" press has thus far shown considerable selectivity in its lacrimosity over innocent deaths. An innocent death due to the liquor

selling and liquor drinking of others counts with that press for far less than the unfortunate—and usually unnecessary—injury of somebody in connection with the putting down of an illegal traffic.—Christian Advocate

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sermon preached by Joe R. Mayes at Baird Baptist Church, Sunday night, October 6, 1929.  
 Text: 1st Cor. 11:23-26.

For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said, "This is my body which is for you: this do in remembrance of me." In like manner also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till He come."

The presachment of this text is simple and yet it is glorious; it gives to us one great fact to wit: The institution of the Lord's Supper. Now the burden of my discussion will be to show that this ordinance is the Lord's Supper.

1st, it is the Lord's Supper for He instituted it. He took the bread and cup and gave to his disciples and told them to eat and drink in memory of the Lord's death. This supper took the place of the old Jewish passover which had been kept for fifteen hundred years and as God the true maker gave us the passover, so He thru Jesus Christ gave us the supper and it is the Lord's because He gave it.

2nd, it is His because He committed it to His church. He gave these emblems to His disciples the text says. Well, who were those disciples? They were that group of men whom the Lord had called together, and ordained them to be with Him, He had organized and trained into a compact group, of servants ready to do His work and to be His representatives. He called them His church, His bride. Now to that institution He committed the keeping of the Supper. It is too sacred to commit to just anyone or any group, but only that peculiar group can have the custody of this sacred ordinance. Many things I have I am willing to commit to my friends, but the most sacred things, the things that I most zealously care for I commit only to my wife, so this most sacred thing our Lord could trust to none other than His espoused bride. That's why my brethren that we dare not set the Supper outside of our Lord's church and why we should so carefully guard it against any unholy intrusion, and since He has put all of the requirements to church membership as prerequisites to the Supper, we therefore in accordance with His will require the same.

And then it is His Supper because it is the proclamation of His death. He said as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do proclaim my death till I come again. Notice the great purpose of the Supper: To proclaim the death of our Lord Jesus Christ till He comes again. Oh what a sacred and holy purpose not to procure life to the participant as some teach, but to picture the most terrible tragedy in all of this world's history. Yes, a picture of the suffering Christ, a picture of Jesus making sacrifice for sin; a picture of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, "he was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup is a proclamation of the world's greatest truth, the truth of our Lord for our sins.

My dear fellow members of the Lord's church as we eat this bread and drink this cup tonight we must remember that we are picturing that terrible tragedy which purchased salvation for us all, that we are here tonight all together, proclaiming that glorious truth, and we must shut the world out of our minds and hearts and only remember Jesus and His vicarious suffering on the cross. We must remember that just now we are treading the most sacred precincts of the Christian pathway. We are commemorating the Lord's death.

Alas and did my Savior bleed  
 And did my sovereign die?  
 Would He devote that sacred head  
 For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I have done  
 He groaned upon the tree?  
 Amazing pity grace unknown  
 And love beyond degree.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
 The debt of love I owe,  
 Here Lord I give myself away  
 'Tis all that I can do.

## THINGS THAT NEVER DIE

By Enos Bacon

There are words of kindness spoken,  
 There are deeds of kindness done,  
 That will live throughout the ages,  
 And outlast the shining sun.  
 There are thoughts that never perish,  
 There is love that will not lie,  
 These will never know a graveyard,  
 These are things that never die.

There is work that you are doing  
 That will travel down the years;  
 Though you toil with fear and trembling  
 And your eyes are wet with tears.  
 There are labors for your fellows  
 That are registered on high.  
 They will never be forgotten,  
 They are things that never die.

There are lives that you are living  
 That can never pass away;  
 Though the years may climb in number,  
 They will last through endless day.  
 There's a final Judgment waiting  
 In the courts beyond the sky.  
 Love, and hope, and faithful duty,  
 These are things that never die.

The best portions of a good man's life are his little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.—Wordsworth.

## THE CHANT OF THE CHRISTMAS SLAVE

Those are rich who have no silver;  
 Those are rich who have no gold;  
 Those are rich who still are hungry;  
 Those are rich who as slaves are sold.

In the kingdom of our Master,  
 Earthly wealth no joys can buy;  
 Those are great who here are humble,  
 Those are humble who are high.

By our hearts, then, He will know us,  
 By our lives decide our place;  
 Those will die who no love bear Him,  
 Those who love Him see His face.

## SUCH AS I HAVE

Lord, I have laid my heart upon the altar,  
 But I cannot get the wood to burn;  
 It hardly flares when it begins to falter,  
 And to the dark return.

Old sap or night fallen dew has damped the fuel,  
 In vain my breath would flame provoke;  
 You see, at every door attempt's renewal,  
 To Thee ascends the smoke.

'Tis all I have, smoke, failure, foiled endeavor,  
 Coldness and doubt and palsied lack—  
 Such as I have, I send Thee: Perfect Giver,  
 Send Thou Thy lightning back.

—George MacDonald.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Sunday, October 6, Efficiency Campaign Star's

It will soon be time for the "race" to begin. The state-wide contest for efficiency for adult, young people's, college young people's and intermediate classes. What a challenge this contest is to the classes in these different departments. Every such class in Texas is eligible to enter this contest. If your class is lagging and needs pep and enthusiasm just enter this contest, wholeheartedly and with a determination to win and see what it will do for the class. You will get new members, get the old members back into the class, and every one will be working to make the class better and bigger. The contest lasts six months and any class entering it will certainly be happy at the close of the contest. There will be four efficiency banners awarded at our state Sunday school convention which meets at Austin, Texas, April 15, 16 and 17 this year. One banner for the most efficient intermediate class, one to the young people's, one to the college young people's and one to the adult class.

Application blanks have been sent out. If you did not receive the blanks please write to this office right away and we will be happy to send same to you. We have had many inquiries from different sections about the contest and we believe that more classes than ever will enter this year. So be sure and send in the application for entry blanks signed by the officers of the class personally just as promptly as possible. And remember this, please, that the last day these can be in is on October 31. Watch this page for further announcements about the campaign.

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# SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

(From Simmons Brand)

Word has been received here this week that the famous United States Army Band has begun its third tour of America and will arrive in Abilene Wednesday to be ready for two concerts in the Simmons University auditorium Thursday, October 31.

Students will be admitted on their activities cards to one of the concerts.

Music so old that its origin is obscured in the limbo of countless centuries will be played by the U. S. Army Band when it appears.

Officers for the year were elected at a meeting of the University Choral Club held Friday evening in the studio of Prof. William James Work, director.

Ozell Murdock was elected president with the following elected to other offices: Secretary-treasurer, Willie Epley; reporter, Nina Landers; and librarian, Harold Moore. A social committee composed of Joyce Handy, Ruth Helen Osborne, Farren James, and Charles Owen was appointed.

Genelle Jennings was elected class favorite by the seniors at their regular meeting in the parlors of Mary Frances Tuesday evening. Miss Jennings is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jennings of Abilene. She is a graduate of Abilene High school.

Since entering Simmons in 1926 she has always been a loyal student. In her sophomore and senior years she was a member of the Cowgirls and in her junior year she was a member of the girls inter-collegiate debating team.

J. G. Morrow, formerly a Simmons student, who is now studying in the West Point Prep School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, narrowly escaped death twice last week-end when he was returning to Ft. Sill after spending last week with Simmons friends.

Simmons' representatives to the Baptist Student's Union Convention at Fort Worth, November 1-3, which promises to be one of the best from the standpoint of prominent speakers, will be selected the first of next week and will leave here in time to reach the convention Friday, according to Miss A. M. Carpenter, student secretary of the Simmons B. S. U.

The university delegates, if plans mature, will make the trip to Fort Worth in the new B. S. U. bus, which it is expected will be purchased early next week. At chapel Tuesday the students subscribed \$156.00, of which \$107.50 was in pledges and \$48.50 in cash. This rally brought the total amount of bus funds to \$694.85, according to E. Glenn Ross, president of the Council, Thursday.

The official music makers for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce left Abilene Wednesday afternoon for El Paso where they will play for the annual convention. Led by Prof. D. O. Wiley, director, the Cowboy Band of Simmons University, selected through contest last year, to represent the W. T. C. C. on official occasions, embarked on the special train with other Abilene delegates. Bill Watson accompanied the band as flag-bearer.

Rehearsals for the play, "Merton of the Movies," which is to be presented by the Simmons University Players November 8 and 9, are progressing rapidly. The cast rehearses daily under the direction of Misses McDonald and Taylor.

Members of the Players Club were permitted Wednesday night after their regular meeting to watch the rehearsal of the first act of the play, which has been roughly completed. The players ventured criticisms and suggestions in order to help the characters and the directors, but, as a whole, they agreed that the comedy and the cast of characters were well-chosen.

of the Daniel Baker Hill-Billies, a role which has been thrust aside the last three seasons. Simmons played to perfection and at every stage of the game held the whiphand over their opponents. A muddy field seemed to be all that kept the score from being more decisive than 15 to 0.

Strengthened greatly by the addition of "Red" Davidson, Billie Cooper, and C. S. Harris from the varsity, the Cowboy reserves, better known as the "wrecking crew," have begun to look mighty good, according to Coach Daniels.

With this added material they are expected to give some of the high school teams some tight competition as well as to furnish "gun fodder" for the first string. With the new material and experience has come confidence, which was lacking in the games played at the first of the season.

## SANITARIUM NOTES

To the Baptists of West Texas: We are passing through a period of changing superintendents. L. A. Sanders and family are leaving for their home in Dallas; he is to engage in the sale of the Sanders Anesthetic Machine. He will be greatly missed by many of us, as the entire family have been a wonderful help in improving the management of the hospital, and also in visiting more than seventy churches, assisting in our hospital programs. Mrs. Sanders and the two boys in the singing and with their instruments, and Brother Sanders with addresses explaining the hospital work. The daily attendance of patients has doubled under his administration, and more than eight thousand dollars has been charged off to the charity fund, for which the hospital has not received one cent of pay except what has come to us through our charity fund. In spite of all of this up to last June we had met every dollar of indebtedness and interest to that time, and if the churches will rally, and efficient management is continued under our new administration with Mr. E. C. Collier from the St. Louis Baptist hospital, the oldest and largest hospital Baptists have in the world, as our new superintendent. When Brother Sanders came to us there were many changes necessary, if the hospital was to be run in a satisfactory way for our own people. These changes have been made in spite of the fact that they would naturally cause friction. One of the things that he has not met every dollar of indebtedness and interest to that time, and if the churches will rally, and efficient management is continued under our new administration with Mr. E. C. Collier from the St. Louis Baptist hospital, the oldest and largest hospital Baptists have in the world, as our new superintendent. When Brother Sanders came to us there were many changes necessary, if the hospital was to be run in a satisfactory way for our own people. These changes have been made in spite of the fact that they would naturally cause friction.

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## JACK'S COURAGE

Crash! Bang! Jack's heart nearly stopped beating, and his eyes grew wide with horror; there was mother's best vase on the floor broken into hundreds of pieces. "People's shouldn't put vases on little tables just where a fellow couldn't help bumping into them," murmured Jack. Still he had been told not to go into the drawing room in his heavy boots, and he began to feel rather queer. "Oh, well, they'll think it was the cat," he said to himself, and off he went.

Everyone had started supper when Jack came in again, and he slipped quietly to his place. "Where's Puss?" he asked. "Oh, she's in disgrace," answered Margaret, "we've shut her up in the cellar. She knocked over mother's new vase."

"No one seems to know anything about, so we thought Puss must have done it," said mother. "Oh," said Jack, and nothing more was said about the vase. Jack took out his lesson books, but somehow he could not study. What was it that new teacher had said, something about courage; oh, yes; he remembered. "Courage consists not only in bearing a lion or facing a mad bull, but in the quiet performance of unpleasant duties or the cheerful acceptance of deserved censure."

"Acceptance of deserved censure." Yes, that meant taking the blame on yourself, he remembered that. "Me-ow, me-ow," came faintly from the cellar. "Yes, Jack," answered mother, softly. "Why would that queer feeling come in a fellow's throat?"

"I—I knocked the vase over." "I'm so glad you told me, son," she smiled back at him. "I don't mind so much about the vase, but I'd hate to think my boy wasn't truthful. Wouldn't you like to let Puss in?"

"My, won't I work hard for father in the garden this summer and buy her a new vase," thought Jack, as he went to the door and called Puss. —Lillian Ladyman in Jewels.

## THE MEASURE OF A MAN

By Wallace Dunbar Vincent

How high are you? Where is your thinking done—Close to the earth, or upward near the sun? Do petty things absorb your every thought—The game, the latest crime, what's sold and bought? Do noble deeds and lives inspire your zeal, Or are you more concerned about a meal? How high, or low, is your most cherished plan? The answer marks your stature as a man.

How broad are you? Where does your good-will end—Does race or creed determine who's your friend? To your snap-judgments do you cling with pride, Or do you listen to the other side? Quick to condemn are you—prompt with the rod, Or do you leave the chastening to God? How loyal is your heart to all man-kind? The answer marks the broadness of your mind.

How deep are you? Where does your honor start? Is it embedded in your inmost heart? Do you count virtue a convenient thing, To practice, or, sore tried, arising to fling? Have you the courage by your code to bide, And fight for right, though on the losing side? 'Tis thus God reckons, through life's little span, The veritable measure of a man!

question now facing the Baptists of all this great territory is shall we carry on, or turn the ministry of healing over to Catholics and others. As for me I am for a place where Baptists and Protestants may go for their healing to people that believe and pray as we do. If the brethren will come to our relief with three thousand dollars between this and December 1, and save us from having to borrow it. With continued cooperation we will succeed. Will you do it? With deep anxiety I am asking the question.—S. F. Baucum.

"A Sabbath well spent Brings a week of content, And strength for the toils Of the morrow; But a Sabbath profaned Whatever be gained, Is certain forerunner of sorrow."

## News Notes

The First Baptist Church, Amarillo, has invited the 1930 session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas to meet in that city.

Rev. M. T. Tucker, who for the past twelve years has been connected with Burleson College, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Claude, and will move on the field November 1.

Charles Butler, gospel singer, was

killed a few days ago in a train accident at Winter Haven, Fla. He was for several years associated with Billie Sunday. He was a regular attendant on the Southern Baptist Convention. He could sing the old hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," as perhaps no other one could sing it.

There were 120 additions to the First Baptist Church, Abilene, as a result of the revival meeting held recently by Pastor Millard A. Jenkins. The meeting continued for only one week, but the results were very satisfactory. Dr. Jenkins is now in a meeting with the First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.

There have been 1,060 additions to the First Baptist Church, San Angelo, in the past thirty months. The associational letter shows over \$600,000 giving to all purposes during the past year.

Evangelist L. L. Cooper, assisted by Mrs. Cooper, is in a meeting with University Church, Abilene. Brother Cooper is bringing some fine messages and Mrs. Cooper is bringing some impressive messages in her chalk talks. The church is making progress all along the line.

The workers meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will meet with the Bradshaw church on Nov. 5. The program calls for a devotional service led by R. G. Brannen; discussion of the Sunday school question by Rev. F. E. Cole and Rev. G. E. Nicholson, and a sermon by J. H. McClain of Ballinger. The afternoon devotional will be led by R. C. King after which the monthly board meeting will be held.

The First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, has called Dr. Green, who for the past few years has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Austin. We understand he has accepted the work and will be on the field by November 1.

The Baptist Convention of Oklahoma will meet at Shawnee on No-

vember 6. The Pastors' and Laymen's Conference will convene on November 5.

Rev. W. H. Hughes who was called as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Portales, N. M., has declined the call and will remain at Levelland. Brother Hughes has done a fine work on that rapidly growing field and we are sure that the Lubbock Association rejoice over his decision to remain at Levelland.

The New Mexico Baptist Convention will meet with the Baptist church at Santa Fe, November 6-7. The W. M. U. and Laymen's meetings will be held on November 4-5.

The Baptist Record of Mississippi published the statement that ten years ago the Baptist, Methodist, Campbellites and Presbyterian churches in Hot Springs, S. D., united to form a Community Church, and today the whole combination is no stronger than any one of them was ten years ago.—Baptist New Mexican.

According to a reliable exchange, the legislature of Peru, S. A., has passed a bill making the teaching of Romanism in the public schools compulsory. Yet the Catholic would have us in the United States believe they do not want a State Church.—Baptist and Reflector.

Rev. Joe F. Grizzle, formerly of

Portales, N. M., is making a fine start as pastor of the church at Littlefield. There were eighteen additions to the church the first month.

Rev. J. M. Sibley, graduate of Simmons and the Southwestern Seminary, is doing a fine work at Lovington, N. M. On a recent Sunday there were 111 in Sunday school attendance. The Lovington church entertained the associational meeting of that section recently.

Rev. V. W. Tatum has accepted the call of the church at Anthony, N. M., and is on the field. He was for several years a student in Simmons University.

Rev. Willis I. Taylor who resides at Lamesa is pastor of some good churches in the Lamesa Association and is doing a constructive work in that section. In a letter to the editor he says: "I am boosting the Standard and West Texas Baptist, and I will send in some news from this section from time to time."

E. J. Thomas and wife, gospel singers and workers, have open dates to assist pastors or evangelists. References, G. N. McCall, V. B. Starnes. Permanent address, 1409 S. 2nd, Abilene, Texas.

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# A PAGE OF W. M. U. NEWS

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. OF CISCO ASSOCIATION

The W. M. U. of Cisco Association met with First Church, Ranger, October 8, at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. Mrs. W. R. Underwood. After a devotional led by Mrs. Barton of Rising Star, a hearty welcome was extended by Mrs. W. H. Johnson and responded to by Mrs. S. J. Osborne of Breckenridge in her own happy way.

After the appointment of Committees the president brought her message, using as a text, Psalm 48:12-13, stressing the towers, bulwarks and palaces of the W. M. U.

Following reports were made by 13 out of the 17 local Societies. All these reports showed advancement along all lines of the work. Ten societies had observed all the Weeks of Prayer, there was more than 200 Mission Study Seals reported, 101 tithers.

The report also showed we had met our appointment to every cause, in full save two, and these were largely met.

The reports of all the standing committees showed much earnest work had been done.

The high points of the day, were the addresses, by Mrs. E. B. Atwood our dearly loved District President of Abilene, who spoke to us out of her heart about the work in general and stressed particularly the need of a spiritual revival. By Mrs. Ross A. Smith of Breckenridge, whose message was "The Master Has Come and Callets for Thee." And our own dearly beloved Miss Lucile Reagan of Nigeria, Africa, bringing us a message fresh from her heart about her work over there.

Our hearts were stirred as she told about the crowded condition of her school and how she had to turn pupils away because there was "no room there."

The evening hour was given to the Young People's work. The chief features were a pageant put over by the G. A.'s of Central Ranger church, and an address by Mrs. H. H. Stephens of Ranger Central Church.

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## CISCO ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY IN ANNUAL MEETING

Naturally, an unusual interest centered about the work of the two associations recently coming into cooperation with a large part of the old Abilene District, these forming District 17. It was a privilege keenly anticipated for your president to attend the annual meeting at Ranger October 8. Many of our members were our own rangers, the President, Mrs. W. R. Underwood, Mrs. S. J. Osborne, our recording secretary, Mrs. W. T. Turner of Eastland, Mrs. Ross A. Smith, our former president of Lamesa Auxiliary, but now of Breckenridge, and a number of others. It was an added pleasure to meet our district chairman of Personal Service, Mrs. T. J. Pitts, Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Mrs. H. H. Stephens, pastors' wives at Ranger, Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Associational Corresponding Secretary, and many capable local workers in the societies.

The meeting impressed one as having been thoroughly prepared for and well advertised. The attendance was large, the program was fine and the hospitality was most cordial and gracious. Almost every society was represented by a report and the majority of the societies showed themselves to be well developed along all lines of our work. We have asked for a more detailed report of their work from the president.

Mrs. Underwood's address was spiritual and uplifting.

A feature of the afternoon's session was an address by Mrs. Ross A. Smith. She spoke beautifully and with fine effect on the task to which we are called as women and mothers, and every heart responded with a renewed purpose and deepened devotion toward our God-given work.

Miss Lucile Reagan, our own West Texas Missionary to Africa, was present and spoke very interestingly of Africa and our work there. We trust she may be able to visit many of our churches.

The evening session was devoted to Young People's work, directed by Mrs. O. S. Driskill. The main address was made by Mrs. H. H. Stephens, who has come in recent months from Winters, a worker of fine capabilities and ripe experience.

## W. M. U. OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

The twenty-fifth annual session of the W. M. U. of Sweetwater Association was held at Vidor, October 9, preceding the regular meeting of the Association. In many respects it was a notable meeting and one of unusual interest.

Society reports showed a year of good work in most instances. The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, reported a grand total of gifts amounting to \$52,466.51. Of this \$6,602.04 was given to missions; \$9,897.63 for education; \$1,674.78 for benevolence; and \$29,922.87 for local work.

The President, Mrs. E. M. White, gave a most helpful address based on the Scripture, "They Who Know Their God Will Be Strong and Do Exploits." Know God, His wisdom and grace. Study His word; know Him through prayer, then can we go forth with a conquering spirit.

Prayer coupled with enlistment means action.

There are many women with gifts lying idle. We grow by what we do for Christ.

We do great things in missions, benevolence, education, but fail to train our young people and are unfaithful to our greatest stewardship.

Being busy is not a twentieth century problem. It has always been so. We are not deliberately neglecting God's tasks but are crowding our lives with unnecessary things. The great commission should have central place in our lives. May we this

year indeed hold forth the word of life in all our activities.

Following Mrs. White's address the district president spoke briefly.

Good reports were made by standing committees chairmen. The personal service chairman reports 999 engaged in the work with a total of 10,876 visits, 20 conversions, 2,400 garments given, 2,192 hours of nursing and 30 cottage prayer meetings.

The chairman of Mission Study, Mrs. W. S. Daniels, reports 46 classes held with awards of 488 small and 46 large seals; 9 classes in young people's organizations with 141 seals.

The Stewardship chairman, Mrs. J. L. Anthony, reported 204 tithers. The report of the methods and finance committee, read for many years by our lamented Mrs. J. C. Burket, was presented by Mrs. U. H. Cooper. The last of the recommendations provided for the raising of \$10,000 in the next five years to be presented to the trustees of Simmons University to be used according to their discretion for the best interests of the school. Following the report of the chairman of education Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, and an address by Pres. J. D. Sandefer, on motion of Mrs. A. T. Douglass, it was voted unanimously to increase the amount to \$20,000. This is to be above regular gifts to education through the church budget. The undertaking is to be regarded as a celebration of the completion of twenty-five years of service as an organization.

An hour of the afternoon's program was devoted to Our Silver Anniversary, presided by Mrs. O. H. Cooper in her usual felicitous manner. An account of this appears elsewhere.

The enrollment committee reported 122 women members present, two visitors, and eight men.

The attendance banner was awarded to the Caps Society.

Quarterly meetings next year are to be held as follows: January, Abilene; First Church; April, Ovalo; July, Cape.

All officers were re-elected except that Mrs. C. R. Lindsay becomes treasurer and Mrs. Fulcrson young people's leader.

The evening session was devoted to Young People's work, with Mrs. C. L. Prichard in charge. Mrs. J. B. Buckley led a beautiful devotional service. Mrs. L. Rucker spoke on G. A. work, a song was presented by the R. A. band, and the pageant, "Through the Window," was effectively presented by the Y. W. A., all these young people coming from Abilene First Church.

The main address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. B. L. Lockett and was said by those who heard it to be very fine.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF W. M. U. OF TEXAS

The fall meeting of the executive board was held in the First Baptist Church, Dallas, October 16 and 17, with a good attendance.

A deeply spiritual key note was sounded in the first devotional service led by Mrs. Chas. Sivells of Brownwood. She read from Ps. 91. There is Safety, Peace and Power in the Presence of Jehovah. In order to dwell in the secret place of the Most High our lives must be free from sin and filled with prayer and faith.

After the reading of minutes of the March meeting, the report of Mrs. Leigh, corresponding secretary, was heard. During the past six months Mrs. Leigh has traveled nearly 17,000 miles, made 249 talks, attended 14 district meetings and four encampments at an expense of \$540 to the board.

Mrs. Olivia Davis, treasurer, reported receipts of \$1,879.53 for state mission work of prayer and \$6,553.95 for Baylor College Maintenance Fund. Three districts had sent full apporportionment, the first being Waco district, number fourteen.

The body rejoiced in the presence of Mrs. Low F. White and Mrs. W. L. Williams, who spoke briefly but with great effect.

The first standing committee chairman to report was Mrs. T. Y. Casey on Benevolences. Total gifts for the three quarters for Sanitariums were \$9,283.89; for B. O. H., \$36,742.52; for Ministerial relief \$2,312.25. Mrs. Casey urged the Christmas offering for B. O. H.

Mrs. C. E. Edwards was not present to speak on Education but sent a report. It was stated that District No. 17 had sent the banner report in amounts given to Simmons and seven others funds for other schools.

An event of special interest was the appearance of Dr. T. L. Holcomb for his first and probably last address before the executive board. He expressed genuine appreciation of the efforts of the women which have helped to stabilize Baptist work in Texas this year. They have helped to send back many missionaries, in addition to the nurse to aid Dr. Lockett in Africa.

Texas is going to furnish the surprise of the world in missionary giving and service. We started out to get \$200,000 for all south-wide objects. If October can be what it should be, we can approach the goal.

The most important thing before us is paying honest debts. W. M. U. organizations must stay close to the program or the line will break and morale be lost.

The unified budget is great but we must keep the heart in it. We must remember that we are a missionary organization. We must make our program big and make it right. The work must be run on a cash basis; there must be no more debts. An average of \$20,000 has been paid out monthly on debts and no money has been borrowed this year.

Mrs. F. S. Groner reported for the program committee.

In an effort to eliminate as many groups of figures as possible and to increase the inspirational quality of the program the committee suggested that reports be mimeographed and distributed instead of read. It was also suggested that one district president present a digest of the seventeen reports to be furnished her in advance. Miss Kathleen Mallory, corresponding secretary of the South-

ern W. M. U. is to be present and make an address.

The report on Baylor College endorsement showed receipts of \$5,911 this year, making a total of \$26,974.

Mrs. A. F. Beddoe reported for the reading committee, suggesting the following books for mission study classes: "The Land of the Southern Cross," "The Day of Small Things," "From Jerusalem to Jerusalem;" Luther Rice, Pioneer in Missions and Education; "What and Why in China;" Trail Breakers (for Juniors).

Mrs. Ben C. Ball, formerly Miss Kate Mayer, was introduced as the one who is transcribing into the book of Remembrance the data furnished by the districts and associations.

Mrs. B. W. Vining submitted a good report on Missions. The nurse to Africa has gone. Magazines have been sent to 25 Missionaries at a cost of \$85.55. Included in this is a Bible to Miss Blanche Rose Walker, which she requested in writing of a magazine. To meet the seven requests now waiting an offering of \$23 was taken. Associations which have not sent one dollar to this fund are urged to do so.

Mrs. McGarity stated that the attendance at the Training School at Fort Worth is larger than last year. Thirteen states are represented. Texas leads with 13 students; Oklahoma is next with 10.

The methods and finance committee stated that there are now on hand 2,800 copies of Things We Should Know and that new ones will not be issued until these are used. Each president was asked to take a package and distribute them at 10 cents per copy. This is being used as a mission study book and a seal is given on the Home and Foreign course. Questions have been prepared by Mrs. F. S. Davis and will appear soon in The Standard. Copies of the book may be had by writing Mrs. E. B. Atwood.

Of the Van Ness Fund \$900 remains and appropriations may be had on application.

On the whole it was a very satisfactory board meeting. The spirit was good and the hospitality under the direction of Mrs. S. R. Cloud could not have been more gracious. The meeting was attended by two of our associational presidents, Mrs. W. R. Underwood and Mrs. R. M. White, and Mrs. W. T. Turner, Mrs. Ross A. Smith, and Mrs. E. B. Atwood.

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Following the afternoon devotional on woman's day of the annual meeting of the Sweetwater Association held at Vidor, October 9, 1925, the silver anniversary of the Associational Auxiliary was observed.

Mrs. Oscar H. Cooper introduced this part of the program as follows: "It is fitting that at the completion of the twenty-five years since the organization of the missionary societies of Sweetwater Association, we review our past, survey our present, and as far as we may forecast our future. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the privileges of service accorded to us in this, our chosen field. He has honored our organization, the success and extension of our work."

"Twenty-five years of continued effort, of earnest prayers for divine leadership have brought us to this, our silver anniversary. These years have not only extended our service to every part of Sweetwater Association, but they have brought us a clearer vision of what we can do to advance the welfare of the Redeemer's kingdom."

"At the annual meeting of the Sweetwater Association, held at Big Spring in October, 1903, a committee was appointed by the brethren of the Association to recommend that the missionary societies of Sweetwater Association organize themselves into a woman's auxiliary, their meetings to be held at the same time and place of the annual meetings of the Association. For twenty-nine years the patient sisters had been following the brethren from place to place, attending the annual session of the Association but having no organization of their own."

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"We have received interesting letters from early members of our organization, who on account of distance and other circumstances are unable to be present with us in person today, but as their letters show are present in spirit."

"A letter comes from Mrs. C. T. Ball, Eastern University, Philadelphia, Penn. We remember that Mrs. Ball interested herself with her husband, Rev. C. T. Ball, who was a professor in Simmons College and afterwards in the Southwestern Theological Seminary, in the building of the Girls' Industrial Home, now Smith Hall, Simmons University. Mrs. Ball sends the following greetings: "Dear Ladies of the W. M. U. Greetings: I remember very distinctly the organization meeting of the W. M. U. held at Eostee's twenty-five years ago. I recall with a great deal of pleasure the election of our dear Mrs. Paxton as president of the new organization. Also Mrs. Hairfield was present and the words of encouragement she gave us."

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For \$1.00 we will send the West Texas Baptist until January 1, 1931, and will give FREE with each subscription a copy of Judge Moffett's Book on the Second Coming of Christ. This book, written by one of the leading lawyers and Baptist laymen of West Texas is a lawyer's brief on a subject that is of vital interest to each of us at this time. The regular price of the book is fifty cents. We feel that this is a real bargain. The West Texas Baptist approximately fifteen months and this book, all for the small sum of \$1.00.

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Mrs. Cooper then spoke as follows: "A large number of our women workers have done well during these years. Year after year new recruits have been added, many have caught the vision of service and who, through prayer, and giving of self and means, have helped to carry forward the Lord's work in our Association that we might each of these dear women by name and make acknowledgement of their valued services, but time forbids. To these women, some of whom have led as officers, others who have worked in lowly places, belongs a large share of the growth and suc-

cess of our organization.

"Among all our women workers, who have led during these 25 years, we gladly accord praise to her, who has rendered the longest and most varied service—Mrs. George L. Paxton. We recognize her as chief among the foundation builders during these eventful years. She served for more than one-half of the 25 years as president of our organization and for more than five years as corresponding secretary, which office she holds today; always a faithful, devoted and efficient member, studying to learn how to do the required work and with patience teaching others, seeking always to be led by the Holy Spirit. As a token of the high esteem in which we hold her and expressing in a small way our love and appreciation, I have the honor on behalf of the women of Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary to present to you, Mrs. Paxton, our W. M. U. pin badge worn by you on behalf of the Southland, who are marching as a mighty army under the banner of the Great King."

"I take occasion now to propose that we further express our appreciation by electing Mrs. Paxton President-Emerita of the Sweetwater Associational Auxiliary and as an evidence of your concurrence in this election of Mrs. Paxton, please rise." (All stood in her honor.)

Mrs. Cooper, continuing, said: "Another member of our organization has rendered such long and faithful service to our Auxiliary that we deem it a privilege to express to her also our love and appreciation. Mrs. W. F. Fry served, with remarkable fidelity and unselfishness as corresponding secretary for 12 years, without an absence, and one year as president. I take pleasure, Mrs. Fry, in presenting to you on behalf of the women of Sweetwater Association our W. M. U. pin. May you wear it as a badge of honor, which you have so justly earned."

Thus closed the record of a quarter of a century's harvest reaping in a field where past seed sowing was done in prayer and faith. Standing, all joined in singing:

"Blest be the tie that