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"As My Father hath sent me, even so send I you" John 20: 1

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REBUILDING THE OLD WASTE PLACES—BUILDING AGAIN THE ALTARS OF GOD THAT HAVE FALLEN DOWN.

On Sunday, January 27th, three young preachers from Baptist Temple: Joe Miller, Edward Conger, and Luther Kibbe, held services at the Sardis Church, Building, 18 miles from San Antonio on the Old Sutherland Springs Road. There were nearly 30 present and the people of the community seem anxious to have this work, which has been dead for several years, revived. This church was at one time the strongest rural church in the San Antonio association, but through some local trouble and neglect has been allowed to die. Joe Miller will preach there each Sunday and will as soon as possible start a Sunday School and BYPU. A little later this editor and Rev. R. E. White will help Joe in a revival meeting gratis. Pray that this church shall again live to bless the people of that community.

These country churches have for long years been giving to the cities and towns their best leadership in both commercial and religious realms. About all they have gotten back has been an occasional revival, of from a week to ten days, closed with a high pressure collection for Associational missions and then an occasional visit to take an offering for State, Home, Foreign, Missions, or for Christian education. As leadership and the more substantial members have moved to town and city the churches have become too weak to maintain preaching services or at best only fourth time and counting weather and other events this averaging about once every two months. The pastor not being with his church often enough to keep Sunday Schools and BYPUs and prayer meetings going, they have died. Then comes surrender by the little local group, who have been weathering the discouragement of loss of their best local workers moving, and the influx of foreigners. Then stands an abandoned building a monument to the system of always drawing out and making no adequate return and to an antiquated system of association missions of

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THINGS SEEN AND HEARD AT THE SAN ANTONIO BAPTIST PASTORS CONFERENCE

Three splendid singers are in our midst at the present time that should be utilized by our churches. Bro. and Sister M. W. Barcrafer have been in San Antonio several weeks and are spiritual singers. Bro. J. H. Elliott has just moved to the city. He sang for the Pastor's conference. He has a splendid voice and has had much experience in Evangelistic work. These singers are open for engagements to help in meetings.

Rev. Verner E. Stokes of Seguin was a visitor Monday and reports the work at Seguin has shown encouraging progress during the four months since he has been on the field. The S. S. has increased from 52 to 80 in attendance. This is a difficult field, but a great opportunity.

A. B. Carlisle claims there are several kinds of DDs: Those who are honored because of actual merit; those who are favorite children of the institution honoring them; those who are bigger than the school and the school wishes their influence and those who pay a dollar down and a dollar a week and secure the degree from a Correspondance School.

Bro. John Everett (Mayor Everett) had a bit of trouble with Paul Harper's new fangled phone. We suggest that Paul label the contraption to save some of the rest of us the same fate. Just mark it "Talk to this end" and "listen to this end"

Bro. Matias C. Garcia and his good wife are doing some splendid work in mission Sunday Schools in addition to their regular work with Calvary Baptist Church, (Mexican). They are conducting mission Sunday School for the Mexican in the afternoon Harlandale and Lakeview in the American speaking churches and also at two other points. Revival meetings will be held in these communities this Spring and Summer. Fine work.

Geo. E. Stewart, J. C. Robinson and Jesse Yelvington were named committee to confer with Geo. K. H. concerning moving to San Antonio and taking over the South West Texas Baptist. The present editor, Jesse Yelvington is continuing the paper, but will be glad to relinquish it to a competent editor who will have time to devote in building up the paper.

LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Church:	S.	B.Y.P.U.	Add.
Austin:—			
First Church	541	49	1
University	435	100	8
East Ave.	249	70	
Hyde Park	131	72	
Southside	151	58	
West Austin	74	41	4
Immanuel	77	51	1
Walnut Creek	40	10	
Seguin	80	32	
Charlotte	40	26	
San Antonio:—			
Baptist Temple	376	172	
Beacon Hill	325		2
Broadway	72	29	4
Calvary	394	128	1
Central	148	79	
First Baptist	942	227	9
Harlandale	355	155	2
Highland Park	428	150	5
Immanuel	71	25	
Lakeview	84	58	
Los Angeles Heights	141	69	
Prospect Hill	246	53	3
Fruit Ave.	151	65	
Riverside Park	306	93	3
So. San Antonio	168	145	
San Jose	48	20	
Theo Ave.	85	138	
Calvary Mexican	102	43	
Calvary Mex. Mis.	31		
Harlandale Mex.	16		
Zaragoza St. Mex. Mis.	12		
Lakeview Mex. Mis.	25		

MONTHLY WORKER'S CONFERENCE

San Antonio Baptist Association Meeting With Highland Park Baptist Church Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1929.

10:00 A. M. Song Service—J. H. Ellett

10:20 Devotional—Rev. R. R. Lloyd

10:40 A. M. "Personal Preparation For Individual Evangelism" Evang. R. G. Baucom

11:05 A. M. "The Place of the W. M. S. In The Soul Winning Program" Mrs. A. H. Miller

11:30 A. M.—Address on Baylor University—Dr. S. P. Brooks.

12:30 P. M. Lunch

1:30 P. M. Board Meeting.

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The following splendid report on Missions has been received from Mrs. A. Meadows, Bandera, the new District Chairman of this Committee. However, this report is from only four of the seven associations, namely: Medina River, Gonzales, Gambrell, and Rio Grande. With reports from the other three, I feel sure that this would have been one of our best reports, and regret exceedingly that these associations did not get in their reports to Mrs. Meadows. May we not try to make it 100 per cent next quarter?

Report on Missions, San Antonio District, for quarter from Oct. 1st to December 31st, 1928.

7 Associations in District.
4 Associations having Mission Chairman.
4 Associations reporting.
101 societies in District.
1 missionary in Foreign Fields.
6 missionaries on home fields.

(Editor's Note: In giving these two items, please write the names of both the home and foreign missionaries, in order to prevent duplication of number.)

8 letters to missionaries.
3 boxes to missionaries.
3 courtesies extended to missionaries.
56 regular monthly missionary programs.
1 special program.
9 pageant programs.
20 societies observing the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.
288 women attending same.
1 cottage prayer meeting.
178 subscriptions to Royal Service.
21 subscriptions to Home and For-

eign Fields.

15 subscriptions to World Comrades.

131 subscriptions to Baptist Standard.

—Mrs. A. Meadows, Chair.

The report of the Stewardship Chairman, Miss Missenberger, was not so encouraging, as only two associations were heard from, and one of these reports only telling of the work in one local church. I am wondering why our women seem so averse to reporting this work, which we have been trying now for some time to get started throughout our unions. One of the reports sent shows that one small society of 16 members has 11 tithers. Another society reports 20 tithers, and the reports show that a number of stewardship talks have been made and articles written. I believe that many of our societies are doing good work along these lines if they would only report.

The success of our work depends upon the faithful service given by each and every member of each and every one of our W. M. U's. No president can succeed without such help; no chairman can succeed without it. Are you doing all that you can?

Think not a leader can alone achieve. He needs the help of others who believe.

The cause is just. No worthy fight is won.

Without the "rank and file" to see it done.

Great tasks demand that back of him who leads

Stand many helpers, eager with their deeds,

Men pledged to service, in a work well planned,

Alert to follow him who gives command.

Forget not—it was said by Christ our Lord!—

"The faithful, great and small, have like reward."

The Spirit calls! He urges all to share

In saving youth and childhood everywhere.

It matters not where praises are bestowed,

It matters much that other share the load—

Strong men, who gladly give their strength and hours,

Who sacrifice themselves and all their powers.

—Joseph Clark.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
SOUGHT FOR SAN
ANTONIO IN 1930**

The San Antonio Baptist Pastor's Conference on Monday elected the following committee to begin immediate activities looking toward bringing the 1930 session of the Southern Baptist Convention to San Antonio:

I. E. Gates; John F. Peachey; S. C. Hubener; W. H. Anderson; R. T. Deel; R. R. Lloyd; D. B. South; W. H. Joyner and Jesse Yelvington.

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THAT SCHOOL PROBLEM

The need of a co-educational Baptist College in San Antonio grows more evident every day. The territory round about needs the work of young preachers to evangelize the old waste places and work to be done in the city. God has given us the young preachers there being a large number who have surrendered in the various churches in the city during the last year. They are anxious to stay here and continue work which they have already begun, but they need to go to college and the churches cannot pay sufficiently for them to come from Waco. What a challenge for us to get busy and solve this problem. San Antonio alone will furnish enough students to make a school of sensible proportions pay from the beginning.

In the near future a plan will be submitted by a committee from the San Antonio Pastor's Conference dealing with the matter.

BAYLOR COLLEGE SUFFERS GREAT LOSS IN BURNING OF LUTHER HALL

Luther Hall which for years was the major portion of Baylor College's physical equipment was destroyed by fire last week.

There were 250 girls in this hall and they all lost all their personal effects. Many of the girls come from families that are not able to pay the girls tuition and resupply their clothing. An appeal is being made for all who can to help with cash and clothing to enable these girls to stay in school. If you can help call the First Baptist Church and get in touch with the two Baylor girls who are here working on the matter.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS WORKER'S CONFERENCE TO HAVE ANNUAL MEETINGS.

Pres. D. B. South of the Southwest Texas Worker's Conference has decided to call a two day meeting of the conference to meet sometime in the Spring. He will announce the time later. It is hoped to have a constructive meeting dealing with the problems of missions and education in this section of the state.

hóp, skip and jump that in every association in Texas is bringing death to our country churches.

Nine-tenths of those who read this, or their parents, came from these country churches. You may hold positions of leadership in various realms today, but you are the product of the country and its religious life. Today in every one of these communities there are boys and girls, whether of native blood, or foreigners, that can be won to Christ and have every potentiality for service for Christ that you have. The future of our Baptist Zion is dependent upon these country children of today, just as our work today is manned by those who are the product of the country. Surely the time has come for us to plant seed in the fields that have been over harvested and little or nothing left as seed for future harvests. As the first step in rehabilitation let us see to it that through the state or associational boards enough aid is given to guarantee at least half time preaching and prayer meeting being conducted by the pastors and then by a steady work and influence he can build up Sunday Schools and other departments of the work. The men who will do this work ARE available, they have succeeded where this type of work is being done, and will succeed in all these places if we will pray for them and adopt a real MISSIONARY policy and not an overseership and collecting agency.

SAYERS BAPTIST CHURCH MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The Sayers Church is progressing nicely under the leadership of Bro. W. B. Wooten. They have recently fixed the foundation of the church building, re-covered it and will paint it in the near future. Given leadership these country churches are the hope of the future.

Choir member: "What made you give up singing in the choir?"

Former choir member: "I was absent one Sunday, and someone asked if the organ had been mended."

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Boroughs, S. E.—Jourdanton	Jourdanton, Texas
Cowan, A. C.—Theo. Ave.	119—Beal, S. A.
Culpepper, S. H.—Pleasanton	Pleasanton, Texas
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Johnson, Arthur—Lavernia	303 Peck Ave., S. A.
Jones, C. E.—Friendship	San Antonio, Texas, Route 4
Joyner, Dr. W. H.—Beacon Hill	309 Princeton, S. A., W. 245
Lloyd, R. R.—Central	406 W. Johnson, S. A., T. 6883W
Long, T. C.—Immanuel	1737 E. Commerce, S. A., C. 8719
Peachey, John F.—Calvary	716 Hays St., S. A., T. 5819W
Robinson, J. C.—Riverside Park	129 Wharton, S. A., M. 852
Skinner, C. L.—Highland Park	730 Rigsby, S. A., M. 8669
South, D. B.—Harlandale	400 Terrell, S. A., M. 907
Stewart, George E.—Los Angeles Heights	1226 Olmos Drive, S. A., W. 2716
Van Royen, R. G.—Broadway	501 Argo, San Antonio, Texas
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