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BEAUMONT IS READY FOR B. T. U. CONVENTION

Texas Baptists Close Constructive Convention at El Paso Nov. 12

In many respects the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at El Paso was an outstanding convention. The attendance of above 3,000 was large, considering the fact that the meeting place was so far away from the main Baptist population of the state. Reports from practically every phase of Baptist work for the past year showed progress. There were many high hours witnessed as these reports of advancement were brought and as great Gospel sermons were delivered at intervals throughout the four-day session.

Opening Session

The first session of the convention was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9. Dr. J. B. Tidwell was re-elected president for his third term. Vice-presidents elected were Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Dr. C. V. Edwards, of Vernon, and Rev. Clarence A. Morton of Ballinger were elected vice-presidents. Robert H. Coleman of Dallas was re-elected secretary of the Convention Corporation, and D. B. South and J. L. Truett were re-elected recording secretaries. The former has served in this capacity for 10 years and the latter for 20 years.

In his address to the convention, an extract of which appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, Dr. Tidwell mentioned a number of modern tendencies that are challenges to Christianity.

Following Dr. Tidwell's address, the report on Women's Work was read by Mrs. J. T. Yancy of San Antonio. This report, a digest of which appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, shows splendid progress by the

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Convention Officers



DR. I. L. YEARBY
Vice-President Convention



DR. GEORGE J. MASON
President Laymen's Conference

SUBSTANTIAL GAIN FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IS SHOWN IN REPORT

The report on Foreign Missions at the El Paso convention, read by Dr. E. S. James, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Vernon, for the first time in several years showed a total income of more than a million dollars. The Board was represented by Dr. R. S. Jones of Richmond. He introduced the foreign missionaries present, and presented Mrs. B. L. Lockett who brought a brief message on mission work in Africa.

The Foreign Mission report stated that, with the Reformation, came an awakening to many. Later, in the 18th and 19th centuries the people called Baptists were making great gains; but it required a Carey, a Rice, and a Judson to open their eyes to the possibilities of the larger work around the world.

The tenacious courage of these three had its effect. Nine-two years ago the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized for the purpose of reaping the over-ripe harvest where Jesus was not known. Gradually but certainly the work of the great board has been increased and enlarged until it has come to be one of the major objectives of organized Baptist effort. On April the first of this year the Board had 415 missionaries working on sixteen different foreign fields. Added to this number are hundreds of native workers who are just now coming into their own.

For the first time in several years the last report showed a total income of more than a million dollars. It has enabled the Board to maintain the work that had been so nobly begun. Your committee recommends that Texas Baptists increase their gifts to missions and benevolence. In the great commission Jesus gave one-fourth of the space to Jerusalem and three-fourths to the rest of the world. We are giving more than four-fifths of our money in our Jerusalem and less than one-fifth to the greater fields.

Since 1933 the debt on the Foreign Mission Board has been reduced by

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The Challenge of Christianity

Editorial Note: Following his election to the presidency of the Baptist General Convention of Texas for the third time, Dr. J. B. Tidwell, head of the Bible department of Baylor University, delivered a stirring address on "The Challenge to Christianity," an extract of which is given below:

By DR. J. B. TIDWELL

We live in momentous times. Christianity is challenged on every side. Our historic positions on vital beliefs are assailed and confidence in them undermined. It is a time when we must act with great wisdom and patience as well as with true courage. Such a time lays weighty responsibility on Baptists.

To be silent at such a time would brand us as traitors to our sacrificial forefathers, unfaithful to our own generation and disregardful of those who are to come after us. Past, present, and future challenge us to make bold to declare our testimony.

We are set for a new discussion of our distinctive contention. We must both defend our own positions and assail the false doctrines that undermine confidence in the truth we believe. In it all we must have the Spirit for Christ and act as Christians. Some of the problems that face us are:

Open Hostility to Christianity

Christianity must be restored to its former place of esteem. Once all the people, whether Christians or not, respected the church. Now there is open criticism and even ridicule everywhere. There is contempt for both church and ministers. Nations and powerful organizations are set to destroy all religion.

This opposition calls us to meet and overcome it. We must demonstrate the divinity, must meet the evil influences that are issuing from lecture platforms, from papers and books, from some schools and even from some pulpits. The people must come back to the Bible or the religion it reveals will be repudiated.

Individuality in Religion

In the next place we must reestablish the principles of individualism. Baptists stand for individual competency in religion. All religion is personal—a matter between the individual soul and God. The Bible is an individualist's book. Repentance, faith, and regeneration are individual affairs. Here is personal responsibility to God, personal service and personal rewards. This separates each person from all others and brings him into personal dealing with God.

Some try to merge the individual into the group. They seek a common denominator to all the facts of our existence. They try to keep the weak from suffering the results of their

weakness, but prevent the strong from blessing others with this strength.

Proxy Religion

Individuals forbid proxyism. Only one—even Christ Jesus, can stand surety for us. We must believe for ourselves even as each of us must give an account of ourselves in the judgment.

Here Baptists stand almost alone. Many others believe in baptismal regeneration which calls for infant baptism which implies that parents can believe for their children.

Baptists reject this sponsorial religion because it tends to ritualize Christianity and to beat out the line of demarcation between the church and the unsaved world.

Such deputyship as we see it is contrary to the teaching of the Word of God and prevents any organic union of Baptists and those who engage in such practices. To so unite would cause us to stifle the deepest convictions of our hearts. We believe every soul has a right for himself to trust Christ for salvation and the right to follow Christ for himself in baptism.

The Church and the World

Through this proxyism and other means there seems to be a definite effort to wipe out the marks of distinction between the church and the world. Nor is there much left to differentiate between professed believers and non believers. It is a subtle attack on our age old contention for a regenerated church membership. If we permit the removal of this bed rock of our faith—this line of differentiation between the regenerate and unregenerate our main battle is lost.

Already our churches are filled with men whose lives are ungodly. They violate the Sabbath, take the name of God in vain, and in business and society live like men of the world. This is a matter for the individual and the church. We must receive into the church only those who give evidence of the new birth, and must demand that those received shall live regenerated lives. This alone will distinguish church members from the ungodly, and give power to our testimony. If need be, let us clean house.

Great Doctrine

These considerations demand that we get back to our great fundamental teachings of the Gospel. We cannot build great lives or churches except on great beliefs. In our generation popular sentiment has been created against doctrinal preaching—sentiment that threatens us with dire results.

Many of our people have almost lost their sense of responsibility to God, their belief in the justice of the

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Three Day Program Will Cover All Phases of B. T. U. Work

B. T. U. Convention Speakers



J. D. Grey, New Orleans



J. E. Lambdin

DR. J. B. LAURENCE TELLS CONVENTION OF HOME MISSION WORK

The report on Home Missions was read by Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco. Dr. J. B. Laurence, secretary of the board, was present and introduced the home board missionaries present, and spoke of the work done during the past year.

The task of Home Missions, the report said, is to make the homeland entirely Christian, and, as such, a base of operations for making the whole world Christian. The Home Mission Board in this task is like a mighty sun in the midst of a constellation of stars and planets, represented by the local churches and state conventions, respectively, which sends the light in dark places where these cannot. The work of this board is divided into two parts: missions in the homeland proper, and missions in Panama and Cuba. The work in the homeland is also divided into two parts: work among the foreigners in our midst and work in needy areas among our own people.

The work of the Board among the foreigners ministers to Spanish speaking people, French, Italian, and Chinese. The board has 72 missionaries among the Spanish speaking people, with 74 churches, which have a total membership of 5,465, and last year 776 baptisms were reported. The missions among the Italians have 11 workers with 16 churches, 511 members, and reported 70 conversions. The French work has 20 workers, with 13 churches, and 979 members, reporting 367 conversions last year. Work is done among the Chinese of San Antonio and the Delta of Mississippi, and there two workers and two churches, with memberships of 91, reporting 29 conversions last year.

Among the native Americans of our home field mission work is done under the board in the undeveloped mountain sections, to the deaf population, and to the needy sections of the great metropolitan centers of the south. A vigorous work is done among the Indians from New Mexico to the Carolinas. We have 62 missionaries to the Indians, with 60 Baptist churches, with 3,662 members, which reported 443 conversions last

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Just one week from today (Thursday) B. T. U. leaders from the 3,153 Baptist churches in Texas will meet at Beaumont for the annual B. T. U. convention. In this issue of the West Texas Baptist, Dr. J. H. Pace, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Beaumont, extends a hearty welcome to all convention visitors. Baptists of the city will be joined by the entire city in furnishing entertainment to the several thousand visitors from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The invitations extended to B. T. U. leaders in these sister states are expected to bring hundreds of out-of-state visitors to see how Dr. T. C. Gardner and the Texas B. T. U. leaders do the job.

On Thursday morning a great Thanksgiving service will be held with the keynote address delivered by Dr. Will C. McClung, Wichita, Kansas, and the convention sermon by Dr. Marshall Craig of Dallas.

The convention music will be under the direction of J. D. Riddle of Abilene, with many music leaders of the state assisting in the music programs.

Beginning Thursday afternoon the convention will meet in nine sections with a great host of B. T. U. leaders directing the departmental activities.

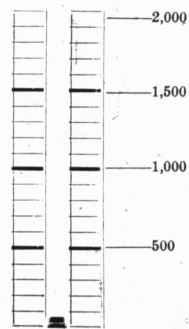
The Beginner and Primary departments will meet at the First Baptist Church; the Juniors in the Millard School building; the Intermediates at Westminster Presbyterian Church; Seniors at the First Methodist Church; Adults at the First Baptist Church; the music department at St. Mark's Episcopal Church; Administration department at First Christian

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from THE WATCHTOWER Meditations of the Editor As He Watches the World Go By

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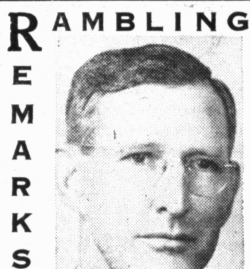
I made the trip to the El Paso convention on the train. To be perfectly frank about it this is the first time in many a moon that this editor has made a long trip by train. It was a relief to get off the crowded highways for a change and ride the old reliable T. & P.

By the way, there have been great improvements by the railroad companies in the past few years. I have always heard that competition is the life of trade. A few years of bus competition began to make it uncomfortable for the railroads. The railroad companies, instead of sitting down and howling about it, got busy, reduced rates and made travel by train so delightful that the public was tempted back to travel by rail.

The attitude of the public in regard to rail travel was pretty well illustrated by our seven year old boy. After I left for the convention he said to his mother: "We'll not have to pray for Daddy while he's gone this time, as he is traveling on the train and won't have any accidents."

His mother replied that certainly they would have to pray for Daddy, as trains might have accidents. "Oh no," he replied, "with all those

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DICK O'BRIEN

An Explanation

Rambling Remarks came in early last week, but the editor was gone to the convention and the copy failed to get to the printers. So in reading Dick's copy this week remember his point of view was last week.—Editor.

A physician told me one time that poor people have summer colds while the same malady for rich people is called hay fever. I have a severe attack of summer cold this morning and am pecking out these remarks between sneezes. It is the zero hour before I am to ramble off to the convention at El Paso, and if I did not have a feeling that Sam needs me more this week than common, I believe I would give my known eight readers a mental rest from these philosophical soliloquies this week. Unless you can sneeze in the proper tempo, coordinating rhythmically with your typing, you are liable to make the typewriter stutter when you have summer cold. . . . I am not a little bothered this morning with a matter of ethics. The Harvesters Bible class in our church raised the funds necessary to take me to the convention plus a trip to Juarez. But the W. M. S. stymied me (ask any golfing friend what that means) by raising a fund to send my wife to the convention, so the Juarez trip is off and I do not know what to do with that part of the funds. Should I return it to the class, buy me a dozen new golf balls with it, or fly in the face of fate and defy the wife and W. M. S. and go to Juarez anyway? See this column next week for decision and results. Ah-h a a a choo. . . I am looking forward to seeing El Paso and extreme West Texas. Although I was born and reared in what is called West Texas, I have never been west of Pecos. Most of my rambling has been

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Gardner's Letter From Europe

By T. C. Gardner

At the Hague, Holland

Holland, with her combined population of eight and one-half million people, gave the Boy Scouts of the world a welcome that will inspire them to return to Holland for many years to come. When we entered Holland from Cologne, Germany, we could feel the spirit of the friendly, brotherly atmosphere that had been created at the Scout Jamboree. The outstanding address delivered at the Scout meeting was made by Lord Baden-Powell. He said in part: "You Boy Scouts of the world are our crusaders. You possess the same superb characteristics of the youth who attempted to cross Europe and capture the Holy Land." His panacea for world peace is simply the careful following out of scout laws—"kindness towards our friends and enemies alike," and "a firm belief in God." He exhorted the scouts to continue their friendships that had begun in Holland. He urged them to continue their work to spread friendship and brotherhood throughout the world.

Holland, a Beautiful Country

Our journey from Cologne, Germany to Amsterdam, Holland, was by train. It was both short and comfortable. When we got into Holland,

we found ourselves amidst entirely new surroundings. As our train carried us through wide, flat, green fields, intersected by wide canals, on which float the quaintest of crafts, and as the cheerful villages, with their avenues of lime trees and their well-kept gardens, came into view, I had all the pleasing consciousness of having discovered a land full of that charm of novelty which is the essence of a perfect playground country for tourists.

Thousands of Bicycles

After arriving in Holland, one can devote himself to the entire enjoyment of whatever appeals most to his tastes. Holland possesses attractions for everyone. The motorist will find the best of paved roads. The cyclist will find special paved roads for his exclusive use; and it is well that such provision is made for the bicycle riders. In Holland alone one will find two million, eight hundred thousand bicycles. In the city of the Hague where we visited there are one hundred sixty thousand bicycles. Men and women, boys and girls of all sizes and types ride bicycles.

Large Attractive Cities

There are many great cities in Holland. Here is The Hague with 480,000

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ON TO BEAUMONT

Considering the matter from every angle perhaps the greatest convention held by our Baptist people is the Baptist Training Union convention. The very nature of the case makes it necessary for those attending our regular Baptist convention sessions to be compelled to listen to report after report, and much of these is rather dry and uninspiring. On the other hand the B. T. U. convention majors on the inspirational side of the programs. One of the greatest inspirations of all at these young people's meetings is to see these thousands of youths from our churches all over Texas, give up the usual Thanksgiving pleasures at home to have a part in the convention programs. Dr. T. C. Gardner and his co-laborers in young people's work are expecting thousands at Beaumont and the two days following. Make your plan to be among the number to attend.

BACK FOR ANOTHER ROUND

The 1937 session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas is over, and the 3,000 messengers who had the privilege of attending are back home for another round of enlistment for the 1938 program. The goal for the year just closed was around \$600,000. This goal was exceeded by a few thousand dollars. Next year's goal was raised to above \$700,000 and our leaders feel confident that it can and will be reached. During the remainder of November and the month of December time will be given to organizing for the 1938 drive for finances for a great world-wide program. Our district missionaries will play a worthy part in this work, but, as usual, the burden of the responsibility will fall, ultimately, upon the pastor. These next few weeks will be busy weeks for all our leaders, but they should be happy weeks that afford each of us an opportunity of having a part in a great program of world evangelization.

GOD'S WATCHMAN

Almost every speaker at the meeting of the El Paso convention sounded a note of warning against the present drift of the world away from God toward a social Gospel, and a totalitarian state. This is as it should be. It shows in the first place that there is real danger ahead. Every churchman who is even moderately observant, knows there is a dangerous drift in the world of religion and politics. To be sure there are alarmists who would overpaint the picture, but this should not cause the middle-of-the-road Christian to ignore the issue. In the second place it shows that Baptist preachers still have the courage to face difficult situations and to cry out against the sins of the times.

God said to Jeremiah: "And thou, O son of man, I have set thee as a watchman, if thou see the enemy coming and fail to warn them from me, the people shall die in their sins, but their blood will I require at thy hand." On the other hand the prophet was informed that "if he warned the people of their danger and they failed to take heed, they would perish, but the prophet would be clear of the blood of those destroyed."

Thank God for the people called Baptists who through the past ages have gone through the perils of fire and sword and flood rather than compromise on the fundamental truths of God's Word, and who today still dare to sound the note of warning and danger.

CHURCH "THUMBERS"

All motorists have seen the "thumbers," thumbing along the highways, says an exchange. They want free rides and shake their hands holding the thumb in the direction they wish to go. We, in a desire to carry out the Golden Rule, have taken up scores of them and time again we have preached to them Christ. Yet somehow we have never had as much respect for them as we would have had had they paid their way on a train or bus.

Now there are church thumbers too and these must be carried along by others. But the strong ought to support the weak and so if one in the church is thumbing his way along because of some weakness or misfortune, they are to be helped and not censured. Yet the church thumbers are often very critical, and especially so with reference to the matter of finances.

We have never been able quite to understand how a church thumber could object to missions or education or benevolence when he or she never gives anything else that may cost a penny or two when one is thumbing his way along? Brother Compton used to say givers never grumble and the grumblers never give, and he was a very wise man.

One may have saving faith in Christ and yet never enjoy an assured hope like the Apostle Paul. To believe and have a glimmering hope of acceptance is one thing, to have joy and peace in our believing and abound in hope is quite another. All God's children have faith; not all have assurance. I think this ought never to be forgotten.—Ryle.

I believe it was Dr. Shepherd who said: "Christianity boldly needs rash men who will not flinch from the crispness of religion, nor fear the result of stirring up wasp nests."—McConnell.

I have seen a broken-winged bird try to fly. How helpless he was; but he was no more helpless than the Christian with a broken spirit.—Ex.

Devotional Thoughts

"SO MUCH TO DO"

The last sentence ever formed by the lips of Cecil Rhodes was this: "So much to do, so little done; good-bye."

Do the lengthening shadows of the long, long night never affect you?—"After that—the dark." "We shall never pass this way again." There are thoughts like these with which I can scourge my soul almost to frenzy. It is a frightful thing to make no deeper mark on the world than some of us are making.—Sunday School Times.

LIBERTY AND OBEDIENCE

On my lawn is a goat tethered by a rope to a stake. He is not at liberty. Why not cut the rope and let him go where and do what he pleases? No, because if I do he will gnaw the bark of the young trees, trample down the garden beds, pull up the strawberry plants by the roots. In a word, because he is not able to perceive and be obedient to the invisible law, he must be subjected to a visible and tangible one. But I have a collie dog who has learned obedience and has accepted his right to liberty.—Lyman Abbott.

"And ye will NOT come to me, that ye might have life."—John 5:40.

"And be found in him, NOT having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."—Phil. 3:9.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that NOT of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8-9.

"NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3:5.

The Kindness of God

(Concluded from last week)

Editor's Note: This sermon, preached by H. E. East, pastor, Bethel Baptist Church (Jones Association), and Trent Baptist Church (Sweetwater Association), at Jones County Workers Conference meeting with Nugent Baptist Church, Oct. 19. A motion picture of this sermon was submitted to the West Texas Baptist for publication. The message is an unusual presentation of the subject of "Grace"—in fact, it is so good we cannot refrain from publishing it in its entirety, although it was necessary to run it in two installments. This is the second installment.

What position does grace give to the believer? The very thought suggested here should set the joy bells to ringing in every Christian's breast. What position did David's kindness for Jonathan's sake give to Mephibosheth? We are told that all that pertained to Saul was restored to Mephibosheth, and that he was made as one of the King's sons. What a position! No wonder Mephibosheth bowed in the presence of David when he learned of his great position that had been given him wholly for the sake of another.

How beautifully does this story illustrate the position grace gives to believers! In Adam we fell and lost all. Through grace, all that was lost in Adam has been recovered, and more. Thank God, we are children of the King. The glorious part of the Gospel is this: Jesus, made for a little time lower than the angels, dies for man that he may lift men above the angels into the family of God.

Paul says in the first chapter of Ephesians, that great masterpiece that so beautifully describes our position as believers, "he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (Eph. 1:6). That means that our position, as believers, is on the same level with Jesus Christ. Again, Paul bears out that statement when he said, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Romans 8:16-17).

Think of it! Heirs of God; joint heirs with Christ! Unbelievable, it seems, but, as God's children, our inheritance is just as great as the inheritance of God's son, Jesus Christ. No wonder John said, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (I John 3:1-3).

Therefore, as Christians, we should rejoice in our position. I have heard some Christians pray thus: "Lord, we are just poor worms of the dust; have mercy on us." It isn't so! We

are not worms of the dust; we are children of God; we are in the beloved. You say, why that is boasting. Surely, I am boasting about our position. I have much to boast about—not in my own merits, but in the merits of Him who loved me and gave himself for me. I wouldn't trade my position as a child of God for the highest position in this world! Why?

My Father is rich in houses and lands; He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands; Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold, His coffers are full; He has riches untold.

My Father's own son, the Savior of man, Wandered to earth the poorest of them; Now He is pleading our pardon on high, That we may be his when He comes by and by.

A tent or a cottage, what do I care? They're making a mansion for me over there; Though exiled from home, still I shall sing, All glory to God, I'm a child of the King.

I'm a child of the King; I'm a child of the King; With Jesus, my Savior, I'm a child of the King.

How enduring is grace? How long is the kindness of God shown to a helpless one? In our illustration, the recipient of David's kindness sat at his table continually. "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he did eat continually at the king's table." (II Sam. 9:13).

How long does God's grace endure? The answer is inevitable when we think of the position grace gives the believer. When we once understand that God's word teaches that the Christian is a child of God, then we clearly see that grace demands that the believer be kept by grace continually. A Christian is not the old creature made over, Regeneration is a supernatural act, and that begotten by the new birth is a new creature in Christ Jesus. (II Cor. 5:17).

God's word plainly tells us that this new creature, not simply a baptized person, or a good moral man, but a man born of God, is absolutely secure. In Colossians 3:3 we read, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Paul here is talking of this new creature in Christ. Then in Ephesians 1:13-14 Paul says again, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession." (Continued on page 3)

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

HIGHT C. MOORE

November 21

CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Read Acts 6:1-10; I Corinthians 3:10-15; Galatians 6:6-10; I Timothy 6:11-21. Study I Corinthians 3:10-15; Galatians 6:6-10.

The four passages in our Larger Lesson present Christian workers from four points of view: As brothers (Acts 6:1-10) relieving the need of those in want and distress; as builders (I Corinthians 3:10-15) erecting on the One Foundation a temple of good deeds and sound doctrine; as sowers (Gal. 6:6-10) broadcasting the Gospel in the hope of reaping glad harvests; and as shepherds (I Timothy 6:11-21) guarding the flock from error and leading them into the pleasant pastures of plenty and peace.

1. Builders (I Corinthians 3)

Build wisely. He who builds wisely must be sure first that he builds on a durable foundation of solid Rock; then that he uses only first-class material in construction; and finally that he will build a structure that will stand the test of the searching flame which "shall try every man's work of what sort it is." We note five imperatives: (1) **Build Like Paul.** He was the founder of the church at Corinth. He was a master-builder, competent in planning and skillful in execution. He wrought according to the grace vouchsafed or given unto him. He laid the foundation securely. Others came and built thereon; and as Paul said, "others still must be building upon it. Upon them must rest the responsibility for the quality of the structure. "Let every one be careful how he builds!"

(2) **Build on Christ.** The foundation of the church is Jesus Christ. And he is the only base upon which any one can build a good life that will last. He is our only Savior from the power and penalty of sin. He is the Lord of our lives. His will is our will and his word is our law. The Gospel that centers in him and radiates from him is our message of hope and help to mankind. Let no one build on slippery soil or sinking sand but on Christ the solid Rock, the sure foundation already laid.

(3) **Build with Good Material.** There are two classes of material: On the one hand, there is gold, silver, precious stones—the very best products of mind, heart, and soul, material that is costly and durable, as truth, faith, and love. On the other hand, there is wood, hay, stubble—the mere froth and foam of life, material that is cheap and flimsy, including doctrine that is false, ideals that are low, conduct that is inferior if not iniquitous. Upon what is so infinitely precious we ought to lay the most precious we can command, and not what is either worthless to us or destructive to others.

The contrast in Paul's mind as he wrote this paragraph was before the eyes of his readers every day. In the city of Corinth stood the stately temples, palaces, and other public buildings resting upon adamant foundations, their massive walls constructed of granite and marble; their columns and roofs glittering with decorations. Also in the city and often hard by these structures were the huts of the poor and the profligate, set like mere coops upon the ground, the walls of board or of wooden lathes, with straw in the interstices, the roof composed of thatch. The contrast between them was less on account of architectural beauty and utility than the matter of permanence. Which could better withstand a raging conflagration? There could be but one answer. Every one in Corinth remembered the awful fire which had occurred many years previously. In those greedy flames the houses of wood and straw were eagerly and completely devoured while their hot breath swept without avail against the walls of granite and of marble. And so the searching fire with pencil of flame drew the line between the transitory and the permanent: On one side, smoking rubbish; on the other, unmolested and indestructible grandeur.

(4) **Build to abide.** Every builder must expect the revealing day and the testing fire. Note that the fuel of the ultimate flame is work; not play, much as we spend on trifles; not idleness, much of time and opportunity as we fritter away; not labor alone which through aimlessness or ignorance fails of result, but work that accomplishes something, reaches its purpose, leaves some traces of energy after the worker is gone. Also it is the work of a Christian but it is earthly, the work of balancing straws, of blowing bubbles, of chasing butterflies; and so a work that is worthless to the cause of Christ. Of course the wood, hay, and stubble of life must finally be devoured. In the flame of testing such a builder suffers loss in the burning of his work; all that he has done and all that he has accumulated are lost at last. He misses the reward for fidelity though himself saved by grace. Hence the inerrant and inescapable decision: Burn the work! Save the worker!

(5) **Build for Approval.** Here is the real test of our work. It may look well now; it may be superior to others around it; it may stir our souls with pride as we contemplate it; but will it stand when the Master inspects it? Will it meet his approval when he comes to reward the builder who is good and faithful? Who would be content with a bare escape from the consuming fire when divine grace offers an abundant entrance into the heavenly habitations?

Golden Text

Let us not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—Galatians 6:9.

Here is a great duty. Do well. Do nothing but well. But remember that well-being is necessary to well-doing. That is, we must be good in order to do good.

Here is a great danger. Do not be weary in well-doing. Life is a steady pull, not a matter of fits and jerks. It is not wrong to be tired; the trouble comes in quitting on that account. Keep on!

Here is a great prospect. Harvest days are ahead. Reaping then depends on sowing now. At the right time we shall gather the ripe sheaf and garner the golden grain. Be patient!

Home Daily Bible Readings

Monday—The Christian a Builder. I Corinthians 3:10-15.
Tuesday—Sowing and Reaping. Galatians 6:6-10.
Wednesday—True Riches. I Timothy 6:11-21.
Thursday—The Workers' Reward. John 4:32-38.
Friday—The Works of God. John 6:26-35.
Saturday—The Greater Work. John 14:11-14.
Sunday—Spiritual Service. Romans 12:1-8.

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The Hague any place I have seen. "The Hague, others that I know spell. The beautiful and the royalty of finds the fine Mauritshuis seems besides, royal "House market garden Westland and resort of Schefferville. On our way to Scheffingen, roads are lined trees. Some of the party immediately "lovers' lane." several "unchaste" three unattached lived long enough to die many times.

Amsterdam, with a population of one of the world, in all the world, New York are first. Some of the Amsterdam are industry; the Rijks-Museum; sum; the interior homes; and the streets.

Everyone has that Holland is and everyone has dykes and canals. But I am not one-hundred story. There are noble, instructive but always many of the know, but say visitors will tell you, "room," but unless time in Holland the roaming to will miss some of will always regret.

Econom There are eight lion people in Holland are out of employment is not over 10 per cent. It is in Germany of the other "Our people have in their means, happy," one of the officials said. Another in the Holland government following statement.

"Reports now year show that in Holland have in 1936 and that poverty was coincident with the depression of the year. The competition for the complete success of the Netherlands. The unemployment, there are many still out of work. Taxation is yielding banks are in a state of collapse and the export has made many along all lines of business continue to fall. The government will soon be on the verge of bankruptcy. The present rate of exchange is to where she was.

Social We had interviewed government emigrants, preachers told us that the people who were lower than the average. One high official said, "We are trying to do things by education have found that not suffice. The best factor in the high social status of the people must be eight years of school. Our youth so citizens. We want peace. The schools, the churches."

Wooden Our visit to most interesting people dressed in Holland costumes. As they remove their shoes, the members of the like their island many of the many cases until many of

GARDNER'S LETTER

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inhabitants; Amsterdam with 760,000; Rotterdam with 690,000; Utrecht with 154,000 and many others.

The Hague has more names than any place I have been, "Den Haag," "The Hague," "Gravenhage," and others that I can neither pronounce nor spell. The city of the Hague is a beautiful and attractive place where the royalty of Holland live. Here one finds the fine picture galleries of the Mauritshuis and a dozen other museums besides. Here we also find the royal "House of the Woods," the market gardening villages of the Westland and the up-to-date seaside resort of Scheveningen.

On our way from Amsterdam to Scheveningen we observed that the roads are lined with overhanging elm trees. Some of the members of our party immediately named this road "lovers' lane." (We have in the party several "unclaimed blessings" and three unattached gentlemen, who have lived long enough to have been married many times).

Amsterdam, Third Wealthiest

Amsterdam, the Venice of the north, with a population of 760,000 people, is one of the most attractive cities in the world. Financially, it rates third in all the world. London and New York are first and second, respectively. Some of the things of interest in Amsterdam are: The diamond cutting industry; the Museum Willet; the Rijks-Museum; the Municipal Museum; the interesting canals; elegant homes; and modern shopping districts.

Everyone has been taught in school that Holland is a low-lying country, and everyone knows that there are dykes and canals and windmills to be seen. But I am here to tell you that is not one-hundredth part of the story. There are even things—quaint, noble, instructive or amusing things, but always memorable—about which many of the native Holland people know, but say very little. Many tourists will tell you, "When in Rome, roam," but unless you have unlimited time in Holland you had better leave the roaming to the natives, or you will miss something great that you will always regret.

Economic Conditions

There are eight and one-half million people in Holland, many of whom are out of employment. The depression is not over in Holland any more than it is in Germany, Belgium and many of the other countries over here. "Our people have learned to live within their means, and are therefore happy," one of the government officials said. Another high-up official in the Holland government made the following statement:

"Reports now being issued for last year show that the principal companies in Holland had a prosperous time in 1936 and that this return of prosperity was coincident with the devaluation of the guilder which made it possible for the Dutch once again to compete successfully in world markets. The outlook continues favorable. Unemployment is declining. There are many of our fine people still out of employment, however. Taxation is yielding more heavily, the banks are in a satisfactory position, and the export trade is up. Holland has made marvelous advancement along all lines this year. If conditions continue to improve Holland will soon be on top of the world. It will take about two more years at the present rate for Holland to get back to where she was in 1929."

Social Problems

We had interesting talks with other government employees, school teachers, preachers and lawyers. They all told us that the social standards of the people who are not Christians are lower than they were a few years ago. One highly educated leader said: "We are trying to raise social standards by education and training but have found that education alone will not suffice. The church is our greatest factor in raising and keeping up high social standards. We have compulsory school laws. All our young people must attend school at least eight years. We are trying to train our youth so that they will be good citizens. We are tired of wars. We want peace. To have it we need better schools, better homes and better churches."

Wooden Shoes Worn by All

Our visit to the Marken Island was most interesting. There we found the people dressed in the old-fashioned Holland costume and wearing wooden shoes. As they enter their homes, they remove the wooden shoes and leave them just outside the door.

More than 4,000 people live on the island. The majority of them are members of protestant churches. They like their island so very much that many of them never leave it. In so many cases they have intermarried until many of them are very stupid.

THE WATCHTOWER

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wheels under the cars they will stay right on the track."

An interesting incident occurred on the train to El Paso Monday night. A wealthy layman on the train bought all the empty berths for the night and sent Dr. L. R. Scarborough through the train to bring preachers back and put them to bed. Evidently this good layman got his money's worth (about \$74.00) out of this fine, brotherly act of generosity.

Well, we are sticking the thermometer in again this week, just as a reminder that I still want that Christmas suit and the few hundred dollars that goes with a successful effort to secure 2,000 subscriptions, between this time and Christmas. I am mailing an appeal to a group of friends this week, asking them to assume the responsibility of securing a definite number of subscriptions for the campaign. I am counting on this bunch to put the proposition over. If you are one of the victims of these requests, please don't fall down on the job for, dear soul, I am counting on you.

You notice that the thermometer is not rising very rapidly. Well, it takes time to get a campaign under way. If you are going to help us out in the campaign be sure and drop us a line and let us know how many copies of the paper to send you. Thanks everybody for helping me out on this subscription drive. It'll be great to have a part in helping make the editor happy for Christmas.

The Challenge of Christianity

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divine government, the great judgment, the immortality of the soul, and the inspiration of the Scriptures. We must restore these great doctrines to the pulpits and lead the people to accept the Bible teaching that a just and holy God will punish sinners as well as save the penitent.

We must preach on sin, judgment, the wrath of God, a hell of suffering and eternal separation from God. This will awaken conscience and make way for preaching atonement, forgiveness of sin and eternal life in an abode of bliss. Preaching about hell will pave the way to preach on the hope of heaven.

Separation of Church and State

The rise of the totalitarian state and spread of the dictator form of government endangers the doctrine of "a free church in a free state." Makes the state responsible for everything that affects the life of the citizens, including religion. This ultra-nationalism brooks no opposition. It often claims the functions of religion and subordinates religion to its own uses. This is contrary to our age-long contention that every human being has an alienable divine right to enjoy both civil and religious liberty.

In the early years of our nation we suffered for this principle in Virginia and elsewhere. We fought for it in the revolution and then prayed and preached for it until it was written in our national constitution.

But in our own nation there have developed grave situations that are bound to affect the relation of church and state. The attempt to regiment our people is dangerous for the church. If by law we dictate wages and hours of work and stop expansion of industry; if by law we tell farmers how much cotton and wheat to plant, how much to sell and the price we may get for it, we may expect on the same principle to be told how many churches and where, how much money to spend for meeting houses, pastor's salary and missions and even what to preach. These and other conditions will make it necessary for Baptists to state anew the whole argument for separation of church and state.

The Break-Down of the Home

Finally we face the break-down of the American home—a bulwark of civilization and a power for the church. Evil men have undertaken its downfall. Already we see calamitous results. Marriage has lost much of its sacredness. It is often an affair of sex impulse instead of love. Divorce is easy and honorable. Often encouraged by the churches keeping divorces in the church when by the teaching of Jesus they are living in open adultery.

Here belongs sex prostitution. Sex love and sex-pleasure are glorified and endorsed. Religious restraints have been removed and horrible sex immorality has resulted. We must reinstate the home or our civilization is doomed. We must come back to the Bible in all this.

The Gilliland Baptist Church has called Bro. Cooper Waters of the Southwestern Seminary.

Substantial Gain—

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two-thirds. In April it was only a little more than a third of a million dollars. The remainder of it will be paid out within the next three years. Your committee recommends the continued support of the program that has worked so well thus far.

At least one hundred new missionaries are now needed on the fields of our activity. The rapidly growing spirit of nationalism is commanding the attention of the youth of the world. The hatred of America manifested by some nations, the organized efforts of atheism, and the military spirit of Europe and the Orient make it doubly hard for us to carry on with the present force.

Because of the open and armed hostilities in China which daily endanger our people, the government of America has advised the evacuation of all missionaries. One hundred seventy-eight of them together with 84 of their children have been caught in the trap of war. Not one missionary desires to leave. But most certainly the children and perhaps the women should be evacuated at once. God alone knows what is best. Our Board has very wisely left the matter to the judgment of the missionaries who are on the field.

The Kindness of God

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possession, unto the praise of his glory."

Now let us sum up what has just been said about the believer's position. We find that the believer is in Christ; then, Christ is in God; and, we are sealed in Christ by the Holy Spirit of Promise until the redemption of the purchased possession, or the church which Christ purchased with His own blood. What security! No wonder Paul could dare all the devils in hell by saying, "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39). No wonder Paul could say, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II Tim. 1:12). Paul believed with all his heart "that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6).

How these glorious facts should make us sing,

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine;
Heir of salvation, purchased of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.

And with renewed emphasis we can sing of this assurance when we remember again the words of our Master when He said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Thank God for grace! Grace sought us out when we were lost in sin, and through grace we have become the heirs of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away. Then, thank God, this inheritance is reserved in heaven for all who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (I Pet. 1:4-5).

What a terrible thing it is for a person to reject God's grace. What a tragedy it would have been had Mephibosheth refused to accompany Ziba back to David's palace. Suppose, when Ziba came and told him that David wanted to show him the kindness of God for Jonathan's sake, Mephibosheth had said, "No, I will not go. I am not worthy to go. I will wait until I am better." Or think of the result had this helpless man said, "No, not today. I will wait until another time."

It seems absurd to even suggest that Mephibosheth would think of refusing to return with Ziba, but I know of thousands who are doing worse than that. During the gold rush, it is said that a man went from the New England states to California in search of gold as did thousands of others. He carried his faithful dog with him as his only companion, and he built a little hut in the mountains away from the populated territory, and went to work prospecting for gold. He was very successful, and he looked forward to the time when he could take his gold, return to the New England states, and live the rest of his life in luxury. One night, as he was dreaming these fond dreams, his dog, who lay by his bedside, began

DO YOU KNOW THAT--

1. Baylor University's football team will play Rice Institute in Houston Saturday, November 27? That Baptists can attend the State B. T. U. convention in Beaumont and drive to Houston, 70 miles away, for the game Saturday after the convention closes? Someone said, "Defeat of Baylor by Texas University who has been shooting at the national championship, now points to the November 27 meeting of the Bears and Rice team in Houston as one at which the conference championship will be decided."

2. Churches or groups of churches in an association registering one hundred or more on the pre-registration plan may get the small registration fee of 25 cents for each person?

3. The music drama "Ruth" will be presented in Beaumont city auditorium Wednesday night, November 24, by the School of Music of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth? It will be directed by Prof. I. E. Reynolds.

4. Rev. J. D. Grey of New Orleans will be the principal speaker at a mass meeting composed of all religious groups of Beaumont at sunrise Thanksgiving morning?

5. Dr. Will C. McClung, Little Rock, Arkansas, formerly of Texas and Wichita, Kansas, will deliver the keynote address of the State B. T. U. convention Thanksgiving morning at 10:30?

6. Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, will preach the annual convention sermons of the B. T. U. convention at Beaumont November 25 at 11 a.m.? Every church in Texas should have representatives in Beaumont for the opening sessions of the convention.

7. The public school teachers' convention will meet in Houston November 26-27? Baptist teachers can easily and conveniently attend both the B. T. U. convention in Beaumont and the teachers' convention in Houston. The two convention cities are only 70 miles apart.

8. Beaumont is ready to entertain eight thousand messengers? Those who wish to stay in a private home and pay from 50 cents to \$1.00 a night for room should write Mr. A. C. Head, First Baptist Church, Beaumont. Those who wish to stay in a hotel should write direct to the hotel of choice.

9. Four leading hotels in Beaumont are the Hotel Beaumont, Edison Hotel, LaSalle Hotel and New Crosby? All of these are excellent hotels. The churches and the City Auditorium are near them. The prices in all these hotels are approximately the same. Where four people stay in a room, the rate is only \$1.00 for each person. Make reservations now.

10. All state contests except the senior oratorical will be conducted Friday morning, November 26, between 9 and 10 o'clock? The senior oratorical contest will be conducted Friday night, beginning at 7:00.

11. Convention social functions will be conducted each night after the convention closes? One will be held at the Hotel Beaumont, one at the LaSalle and one at the Edison.

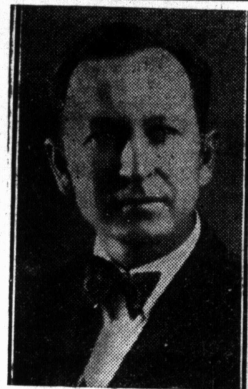
12. Any church or group of churches within an association that will guarantee the convention as much as \$25 may register their members for 25c each?

to bark. The man arose, looked outside, but saw nothing. He rebuked his dog, went to bed, and was soon asleep. But again the dog began to bark. Again the man arose, but he could see nothing. He rebuked the dog more sharply, went to bed again, and was soon fast asleep. Then, the third time, the dog began to bark. The man arose, looked outside, saw nothing, and then went into a mad fit because the dog had disturbed him. He grabbed his rifle, led his dog outside, and blew the poor animal's brains out. He then exclaimed, "I shall be disturbed no more." He went back to sleep; robbers came in, took his gold, and took his life. This man had killed the best friend he had—his dog.

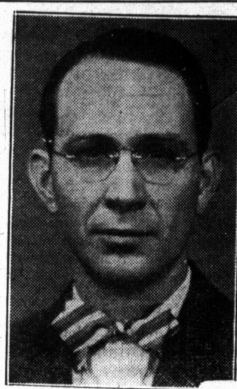
Sinner friends, God's Spirit comes to you, seeks to tell you of God's love for you, attempts to lead you to Christ, the only one who can save you from hell, but you reject that pleading Spirit. You make excuses for not coming. You say there are too many hypocrites; you say you will wait until you are better. When you reject the Holy Spirit, you are rejecting the best friend you have. God help you to leave the land of Lo-debar, leave the hog-pen of sin, and come to the palace of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords; come back to the Father's house. Through grace he will save you.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 1:8-9).

B. T. U. Convention Speakers



J. D. Riddle, Abilene



Guy Newman



Mrs. T. C. Gardner, Dallas



Mrs. J. E. Lambdin

MUSIC AT THE B. T. U. CONVENTION

Mr. J. D. Riddle, educational director of First Baptist Church, Abilene, will be the general music director at the State B. T. U. convention in Beaumont. Mr. John Josey, Amarillo, will be the organist. It will be worth one's time to go to Beaumont just to hear the music of that convention. Prof. I. E. Reynolds is taking the students and faculty members of the Music School of the Southwestern Seminary to Beaumont. They will present that interesting and attractive music drama "Ruth" Wednesday night, November 24. They will also give special music programs at different times during the convention.

In addition to the music of the convention, there will be a music conference conducted at the same time the other conferences are conducted. Choir leaders and members will profit greatly by attending the music conference.

Those who will appear on the program of the music conference are listed below: L. E. Payne, Gladewater; Prof. I. E. Reynolds, Fort Worth; Mrs. W. T. Rife, Dallas; Rev. Sidney W. Cowles, Port Arthur; Troy V. Campbell, San Antonio; Shelby Collier, Dallas; Rev. J. R. Nutt, Lufkin; John B. Crockett, Lufkin; Rev. Mark H. Richards, Pasadena; A. G. Pritchett, Kilgore; John Josey, Amarillo; Rev. Jesse Yelvington, San Antonio.

Beaumont is Ready For B. T. U. Convention

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Church. The city auditorium will be the meeting place of the general sessions of the convention.

R. A. Springer of Amarillo is president of the convention, and will preside at the General sessions.

Back of this great throng of young people who will come to the three days of great spiritual feasts, where "Christ Alone the Hope of the World," will be magnified, will be the lovable personality of Dr. T. C. Gardner, B. T. U. executive secretary, who has devoted the best years of his life in making this the greatest gathering of Christian youth in all the world.

The convention sent Dr. Gardner to the world's Youth Conference in Switzerland last summer, and they expect to hear from him as he tells the thrilling story of his trip. An account of which is appearing each week in this paper.

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REPORT OF WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION OF TEXAS

The purpose of the report of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Baptist General Convention of Texas is to render an annual accounting of our stewardship, and it is with just pride and yet with deep humility that we offer this report. We would also challenge the new people called Baptist to a new companionship with Christ, to a new girding of daring faith for a great adventure with Him, to a determined forward movement of the whole church in the interest of our missionary enterprise at home and across the seas.

The unity of our women is a beautiful and sacred relationship, making possible this report. Joined in purpose, the missionary workers among the women and young people of the south are unified in working toward the same aims, adopting the same methods and standards for reaching those aims. The chief aims of our union are six in number, namely: Prayer, Enlistment, Study of the Missionary Messages of the Bible and of World Missions, Personal Service, Tithes and Offerings, and the Missionary Education of our young people. Let us consider them briefly.

Prayer

There is a breath-taking bigness about the experience of prayer. In Ephesians the third chapter, Paul's prayer begins with, "The whole family in heaven and earth," and ends with, "All ages, world without end." The Woman's Missionary Union has in its plan of work definite suggestions and plans for the development of the individual prayer life as well as that of united prayer. William Carey prayed and God etched the map of the world on his heart. May it ever be so with the women of Woman's Missionary Union! In addition, to the Calendar of Prayer given in our magazines, we would call attention to the special seasons of prayer and the increased interest of groups and individuals and a corresponding increase of gifts.

The Lottie Moon Week of Prayer and Christmas offering for Foreign Missions showed an increase in gifts of \$14,254.74 over last year; the Annie W. Armstrong Week of Prayer and offering for Home Missions showed an increase of \$4,143.87 over last year, and the cooperative program an increase of \$13,071.24.

Enlistment

"Enlistment means to awaken new ideals and great goals." The report of the year reveals a record in the matter of enlistment of our women and young people in activities of the Woman's Missionary Union that is most encouraging. There has been a steady gain in societies meeting the requirements of the Standard of Excellence. We note that more churches have reported every resident woman member as giving to missions during the year. The increase to date in the various organizations of Woman's Missionary Union in Texas is as follows:

117 new Woman's Missionary Societies, or a total of 1,522 for the State; 109 new Young Woman's Auxiliaries, or a total of 658 for the State; 94 new Girls' Auxiliaries, or a total of 866 for the State; 74 new Royal Ambassadors, or a total of 438 for the State; 97 new Sunbeam Bands, or a total of 643 for the State. Making a grand total of 491 new organizations, and 4,127 for the State.

Along with this encouraging growth in the previous year in the enlistment by Woman's Missionary Union of our women and young people we would delineate the gifts by these organizations for the year:

Cooperative Program, \$152,540.41.
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, \$56,695.62.

Annie W. Armstrong, offering for Home Missions, \$19,200.04.

Mary Hill Davis offering for State Missions, \$8,501.75.

One Hundred Thousand Club, \$21,730.65.

Ministerial Relief, \$7,463.01.

These make a total on Cooperative Program of \$266,132.48.

These gifts, together with special gifts to Buckner Orphans Home, Ministerial Relief, Associational and District Missions, and gifts to our Educational Institutions, and all other items exclusive of local church work, make a total of \$439,473.49.

When we add to this the amount given to local church work, \$688,347.08, the total cash given by our women amounts to \$1,127,820.57. And when additional gifts in boxes for missionaries and Buckner Orphans Home, of which the value is estimated at \$48,928.43, are added, we have a grand total of \$1,176,749.00 given by our Woman's Missionary Union to

Officers Re-elected



Mrs. B. A. Copas, President



Mrs. J. E. Leigh, Cor. Secretary

Study

The recent change from awarding seals and certificates in study classes seems to have been a forward step, as the reports show a decided increase in classes, enrollment and gifts to missions.

Personal Service

A splendid definition of Personal Service is "Christ-like living in one's own community," and the glorious result to be achieved is SOUL WINNING. Christ expects His followers to help build and extend His Kingdom by becoming "Fishers of Men." That is the chief object of personal service in Woman's Missionary Union.

Tithes and Offerings

One of the best methods of promoting tithing is that of Mission Study. Texas women and young people ranked first in numbers of tithers in the Southland in 1936. The challenge is to hold the high ground thus attained.

Missionary Education of Our Young People

Many of the highlights of our year's work have been in the missionary education of our young people. There were numbers of Y. W. A., and R. A. camps, with large attendance, was saved. Our State Young People's leader, Mrs. Phil Maxwell, has gifts of both mind and heart that draws the young people, and that makes it possible for her, with the loyal cooperation of many volunteer workers, to lead them into a larger interest and participation in a Missionary program that will make them "Tomorrow's Messengers of the Word" as they march toward the future, carrying the world's destiny in their hands.

Gradually from year to year the plan of work of Woman's Missionary Union has been expanded to meet the growth of our union as we endeavor to stimulate a missionary spirit and the grace of giving among the women and young people of our churches, thus aiding the convention in all missionary efforts.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for our consecrated president, Mrs. B. A. Copas, and those associated with her. We would mention especially our corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh; our recording secretary, Mrs. W. D. Howell; our treasurer, Mrs. Olivia Davis; and our Young People's leader, Mrs. Phil Maxwell, for their beautiful spirit of enthusiasm and unselfishness that has made the year's work a joyful service, and commend them to your encouragement and prayer.

While gathering together the threads of the year's work, we would not forget the future before us—so full of opportunity and promise that awaits the touch of faith and love. May we seek the guidance of God as we welcome the responsibilities of the coming year and daringly and expectantly invite its task.

RAMBLING REMARKS

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in circles. . . . This reminds me of a thing my friend, Cal C. Wright, now presiding elder of the Vernon district, M. E. Church, South, said about me one day. He told an audience that he and I were born and reared about 10 miles apart, but that we never met until after we were grown. The reason was that there was a shyness patch between our houses which was infested by squirrels, and our respective mothers were afraid for us to go through. . . . I have always had a secret ambition to be an expert at repartee, but have made very poor headway in the accomplishment of my ambition. If I do get off a pretty good wise-crack I am vain enough to remember it, and the scarcity of them makes the strain on my memory very slight. I recall one now. When we were pastor at Munday, Leland Hannah and I drove down to spend the night at the Lueders encampment. We slept on cots out under a tree. At dawn the next morning a woodchuck made a daylight attack on our tree. I looked over and Leland was still sound asleep. (Very sound to be correct, so sound that you could hear him two blocks away). A very brilliant thought penetrated my alert brain, and I called loudly to Leland and said, "Leland, cover up your head quick, there's a woodpecker." . . . I imagine you feel like quoting the famous radio Molly when she says so wistfully, "Taint funny, Magee." Ah-a-a-a-choo! Well, I don't feel much like being funny this morning.

Speaking about stuttering, one of the funniest stories I ever heard was about the stuttering boy who was in the aviation division of the army. The class had been studying parachute jumping for several days and were ready to go up for a trial jump. After the chutes had been securely fastened onto each student and they were ready to get into the planes to go aloft for the trial, the stuttering student turned to his instructor and said, "Dddddd, yyyou ssssay to jijump and ccccount tttten and then ppppull the rip ccccord?" "No," answered the instructor, "count two, and make it snappy." . . . I occasionally feel like paying a tribute in this column, and today is one of those days. I like optimists and dread pessimists. Yesterday we had a visit from the top optimist of my acquaintance, Edith Carroll Gray, of Rotan. She has been afflicted from early childhood. Has never walked a step nor spoken a word. She cannot sit up and is utterly dependent on others for food, drink and all else essential to existence. I have known her six years during which time she has been seriously ill several times, and has often been in severe pain, but I have rarely seen her lose her winsome smile. She has an alert mind, loves music and flowers, and on frequent visits in her home she has done more to cheer me than I have been able to do in return. She is deeply religious, loves the Bible above other books and has a special love for preachers. Although she cannot speak a word she has a most effective method of making her likes and dislikes known to her faithful parents. What a grand place heaven will be for her and others like her who have been denied the privileges accorded to those of us who are physically normal. A few hours in her presence and I have learned anew the lessons of patience, self control and optimism. God bless you, Edith Carroll, please accept this as a sincere tribute from one who, outside of your own family, would like to be thought of as friend number one. Ah-a-a-a-choo! Well, it's nearly train time.

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Texas Baptists Close Convention

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Following this report, all missionaries of the Home and Foreign Boards present were introduced by Dr. R. S. Jones of Richmond, representative of the Foreign Mission Board.

Wednesday Session

The welcome address was delivered Wednesday morning by Dr. Yearby, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso. The mayor of the city, and the president of the Chamber of Commerce also gave words of welcome. A typical western feature of the "Welcome Program" was given the convention when Joe M. Evans of El Paso, prominent cowman and Baptist layman, rode into the convention hall on a beautiful paint cow pony, and delivered a word of welcome. The speaker was dressed in the typical cowboy outfit with all the trimmings, and the convention got a real "kick" out of the incident.

The response to the welcome address was given by Rev. Hal L. Wingo of Gonzales.

Dr. F. M. McConnel gave a good report of the Baptist Standard for the past year. The paper new has a circulation of above 32,000, which is the largest circulation of any denominationally owned paper in the world. Announcement was made that Dr. R. C. Campbell will lead Texas Baptists in a subscription campaign during January and February, the object being to increase the circulation to 100,000. Dr. McConnel and his daughter, Mrs. Manon Seawell, assistant editor of the Standard, who headed the committee on publicity, did some fine work in furnishing digests of all the convention proceedings for the convenience of the press.

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Wednesday Evening

Perhaps the greatest hour of the convention was reached Wednesday evening, at which time the reports by the Mission Boards was climaxed by an address by Dr. George W. Truett on his recent trip to Europe. Due to the B. T. U. convention material in this issue, there will not be room for all the El Paso convention program. We hope to take up the proceedings here next week and finish the story of what was truly a constructive and forward looking convention.

A preacher will never be able to accomplish as much as he should in preaching against gambling as long as the ladies of his church persist in selling lottery tickets to support clubs or other organizations to which they belong. No matter what little item they sell with the chance to evade the anti-gambling law.

In Cuba the work is done under Dr. M. N. McCall who has 30 ordained workers with him. There are 49 Baptist churches in Cuba, with a membership of 4,000, which baptized 277 last year. Work in Panama and the Canal Zone is under Rev. J. V. Tinin, who is pastor of the Balboa Heights Church of Panama.

The Board is operating under a handicap of a heavy debt but is doing so without making any further debt and is fast liquidating the one it has. Last year it paid \$108,313 on this debt. Bright spots in the work of the Board are the Bottoms Trust provided by Mrs. Ida M. Bottoms of Texarkana, which yields \$50,000 per year for mission work; wills and bequests which have come to the Board amounting to \$3,632.20; and the Annie W. Armstrong offering in March, which provided \$118,369.34 last year.

ELMDALE CHURCH SENDS CONTESTANTS TO MEET

Last Sunday, the church took an offering to send our district B. T. U. contest winners to the state convention at Beaumont. The winners are: Bobby Williams, story telling; T. H. Antilley, sword drill; and Billie Ruth Foster, junior memory contest.

Sunday evening the B. A. U. named its union the Blonnye Foreman B. A. U. Thirteen of the 19 members of the Union were present, and of that number was raised in pledges \$60 which is to be sent to Brazil to keep a native student in school. Since it only takes \$45 a year, the rest of the amount will be applied to other school purposes. We expect the amount pledged to be increased by some of those who were not present.

The L. O. V. E. Sunday school class, beginning in October, has also been keeping a native student in the Baptist school at Corrente, Brazil at a cost of \$5 a month for nine months. The money is not given independently of the church, but goes through it. It is paid to the class treasurer who, in turn, turns it over to the church treasurer. It is then sent to the State Secretary, Dr. Campbell, and is designated to the student in the Baptist school, which is in charge of Blonnye Foreman, under the Foreign Mission Board. There are 12 members of the L. O. V. E. class, a senior girl's class.

LUEDERS TO ENTERTAIN WORKERS CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 23RD

"Enlargement" will be the theme of the Workers Conference of the Jones County Association at Lueders November 23. Pastor Fred Moreland and the Lueders Church extend a hearty welcome to all visitors. The program follows:

10:00—Song and devotional, W. L. Daniels.
10:30—Jesus' Parables on Growth, L. A. Doyle.
11:00—Southern Baptist Growth, J. H. Littleton.
11:30—Sermon, B. N. Shepherd.
12:10—Lunch.
1:30—Board meeting; W. M. U. business.
2:00—W. M. U. Growth, Mrs. Geo. Flournoy.
2:30—Associational Growth Possibilities (general discussion), Dick O'Brien.
3:00—Sermon, J. H. Skiles.

Mrs. Wendell Foreman, a cultured, consecrated Christian school teacher, is teacher of the class.

The money sent to the school in Brazil is used for the purpose designated, and does not go to the missionary, for he is kept there by the Foreign Mission Board.

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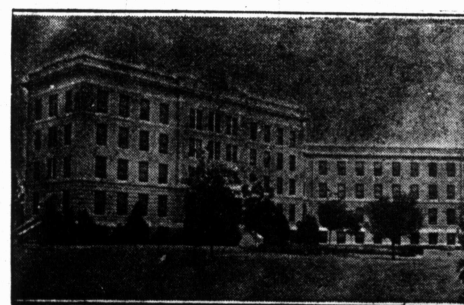
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