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## Replacement of Emphasis

By Geo. W. Coltrin

The stress of the financial campaign that usually precedes the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention has been great. May God grant that His people may have responded properly, and may continue so to respond, since the need of money is always with us.

The season of summer meetings is upon us, here in the South. Large city churches and some others have fine revivals and gleaming seasons at almost any time; but the great majority of our churches still depend upon the "summer meeting." Perhaps they would do better to expect revival conditions and spirit to prevail at other seasons.

Is it not clearly a time of replacement of emphasis, putting the stress upon soul-saving and spiritual growth? Since there is no clear line of demarcation between financial activities and spiritual development, perhaps what is needed just now is, not less of financial emphasis in general, but more earnestness, more expectation of God, more yearning for the salvation of many, more laying hold upon the deeper spiritual life and activities.

It is verily a critical time. At bottom, the crisis is not financial, but spiritual. It is a time to take a new hold upon God and His Word. It is a time to look onward and upward, and to pray most simply and earnestly that the next few months may witness the bestowal of the richest and greatest spiritual blessings the Southland has ever received. Our other problems will then largely be solved.

## News of the "Winter Garden" Section

By Chas. Pitts, Crystal City

Your good newspaper comes to my home every Monday morning, and you know that helps a preacher very much as he needs a good tonic to help him relax, and I think you are giving one that will get better the more doses that we take. So just keep giving us the kind you are giving and if the doctor thinks we need a double dose, just tell us to take it and ask no questions.

I see where you have a column that says a word about the building boom that is on for churches in this part, so I will report for our part of this great country. We have just finished a nice modern house at LaPryor where the writer was pastor last year for one-fourth time. We have a committee now to report on plans for an addition to the church at Crystal City. We need it badly for Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work. We have our school organized but cannot reach the A-1 until we have facilities in the way of building.

The church at Uvalde has let the contract for a \$45,000 building. Pastor Day is very happy over it; so are his people.

The church at Asherton is planning to build in the near future, and with Brother Smith as leader I feel sure they will soon build.

I wish I could have been on the Trek trip and met many of the old friends that you mentioned, especially Frank London, for he is a boy that I helped to raise.

## Mother's Days

Sunday we will observe Mother's Day. It is no longer a local affair, but nation-wide in its observance. Time will come when under the influence of the Gospel the whole world will pass a day to honor Mother.

It is not of Mother's Day we now desire to write, but of Mother's Days, those numerous days from the cradle to the grave. They are many and of varied sort, but all in some degree to make up the whole of Mother's Days.

There are first her days of inexperienced motherhood, when the newness of it frightens her, and she gropes with scant knowledge, seeking to find the right way to perform her duties of motherhood. It is small wonder that she comes to the delivery of her first-born, by reason of her ignorance and inexperience. Mother ought to have some training for the most serious and important task of her earthly life, but aside from a few elementary physiological facts learned in the school textbook, she depends on traditions that have been whispered to her half in jest and often in a prankish mood of some older woman, just as ignorant as she but conceited enough to believe she knows everything about the matter.

Then come her days of travail and anxiety when she must deal with a little life, rich in potentialities, but seemingly so insignificant. She must guide the tiny life through the mazes of infantile enemies and make sure that his little body is developed properly. Again is she handicapped by ignorance, again does she depend over-much on traditions that have come, in many cases, from the wilds of Africa by way of Southern slaves, fears colored by superstitious and told for truths, the hearing of which makes the inexperienced little mother shudder. She holds the little dear before the mirror that he may see his dimpled face, and some wiseacre shouts, "You'll make him cut his teeth hard!" Poor little mother, she is often puzzled what to do that will not violate some fatal hoodoo.

But these are also mother's days of very sweet joy as she attends to the physical wants of her little ones and helps the awakening soul to grasp the primary facts of earthly life. The dependence and affection of her little ones afford much joy that becomes a fond jewel of memory that she treasures when the baby has become a bearded man and gone to start a home of his own. Some of the mothers who have seen their nest made and broken by the processes of life have said that the happiest days of mother are those when her little ones are about her feet and she is struggling in her inexperience to guide her little family along a road she knows so little about.

There are Mother's Days of cautious watchful waiting, when the boy has turned man and the girl is a woman. These are mother's most anxious days, perhaps. A step now may mean so much, there are so many strong forces exerting themselves on her babies that have become adults; she is no longer the strongest influence in their lives; they begin to look for mates for life, and a great adventure is in the making. How anxiously she scrutinizes the chums of

her offspring, seeking to discern dangers and elements of safety in their characters that may mean all to her own children. These are verily Mother's Anxious Days.

There are Mother's Days of sorrow when the sacred realm of her home is invaded by sickness and death and one of her dear ones is taken away from her affectionate arms. Mother would cheerfully bear the suffering and go into the valley of the shadows herself if she could, but she must stand on the margin of the river and see her own dear one part the cables that hold to this mundane shore and embark on the great unknown. But these days of sorrow have also become Mother's Glory Days when she has looked beyond the shadows and by faith has seen the day of reunion and rejoicing. Mother's Days of Sorrow become her Glory Days when she has the Ever-living Christ to sustain her and cheer her desolated heart.

There are Mother's Triumph Days when she sees her own strong, valiant, brave, upright, serving in some noble capacity in life. Ah, those are Mother's Harvest Days also. Now she has pay for her anxieties and sorrows and many lonely hours of vigil. Now she is collecting the rewards of her life's investment. She hears a word of praise for her son; she sees a look of gratitude bestowed upon her daughter, and in that word, that look, she has her profits on life's investment.

Lastly come Mother's Waiting Days, waiting for the Boatman who shall bear her Home. Mother's Waiting Days are glorious days when she is able to look back over a life of faithful service, honest effort, in behalf of her family and her country and her God. She moves softly about the house; sometimes she must be handled by one of those faithful children to whom she gave so much thought and anxiety in youthful days. Perhaps the windows have become clouded and she cannot see far. Maybe the quick hearing has been dulled by years and disease and she lives aloof from the closest associates. Maybe the arms and limbs refuse to obey her commands, and she just sits through the day and lies lightly sleeping through the night, ever listening for the Boatman. Mother's Waiting Days, like one with packed baggage ready for a long railway journey. Let's smooth her pillow and make it downy; let's speak tenderly and affectionately on the eve of her departure; let's be gentle and very gracious, because she will soon hear the summons and be ready for the departure. It may be in the small hours of the deep darkness, while all alone, the summons comes, and without the last good-byes she just slips away forever.

Pin a flower on us for Mother, for angelic Mother, for Mother, for whether living or dead she is forever Mother, next the name of Saviour the sweetest that falls on human ears! Send her a message; send her a flower; send her a wire of warmest love words; but best of all erect a monument to her honor in the inner shrine of your heart of hearts and put a wreath of evergreen upon it and break an alabaster box of costliest ointment upon it that it may be perfumed.

## Our Denominational Crises

Twice each year we have a denominational crisis in Texas. Twice each year, our leaders cry, "Wolf, Wolf," and everybody runs. To all appearances the crises grow more serious, for the crises are more vehement. Campaigns begin with postal letters and end with night letters. Appeals are put in strong language, and then into the most vigorous language that ingenuity can invent.

The convention year just closing has run true to form, and has maintained the proportion of increased vehemence.

The writer, sincerely believes that our leaders have done their best, and when they saw the drift of events sought to convey their tragic anxiety to the brotherhood so as to stimulate a final heroic effort that our very needy mission work might not suffer injury. The final word has not come at this writing, but evidently the situation is not hopeful, and that the Convention at Memphis is to be weighed down by the present state of mission needs is in strong prospect. Those who go to Memphis in expectation of a hilarious meeting will in all probability be disappointed. Several matters of serious import are brewing, unless all signs fall, and there will of necessity be a marked degree of seriousness and reserve.

We repeat that our Texas leaders have put forth a commendable effort to get Texas Baptists to realize the gravity of the present mission situation, and to respond with offerings large enough to meet the necessities of our program. Our leaders are not perfect, but they are sincere and earnest and have exerted every energy within the range of their power to bring the year to a happy climax. Wherein they have failed, something besides themselves is to blame.

Crisis will occur in all human affairs as long as men are men. If they ever evolve into something else, then it may be that their affairs will not be marked by crises, and of that evolution we have no hope this side of the millennium. Even the individual life is marked by crises, and usually the crises are epochs that introduce eras in the individual history. In any combination of men for any purpose, crises will just as inevitably occur; denominational life is not unlike all other life.

But in some individual lives crises come more often than in others. For example, Old John Somebody had a crisis about once a week, sometimes oftener, when the writer was growing up. Old John would go to town and get about three drams in him and a crisis would show up pretty soon. Ordinarily he managed to wriggle through without the loss of much hide, but at other times he suffered pretty serious consequences. He had a way of precipitating crises. It becomes a wonderment to one in these days of rapidly recurring crises if our denomination is not somewhat like Old John in that regard.

The setting forth of large programs without a definite, well-defined method of carrying them forward is one of the crisis-producing things. The high-pressure methods of appeal lose their compelling power and brethren get

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### Men and Movements

—The Ricardo Church has arranged to dedicate its new house of worship on the Sunday in this month Pastor D. P. Airhart came to Ricardo last winter and took charge of the flock there and during these brief months has wrought a notable work, culminating in the building of this neat house of worship. Ricardo church is one that has a Sunday school larger than its church membership.

—President Frank London of the Riviera Beach Encampment says that the grounds of the Encampment will be laid off right away so that those who desire to build a house on some given lot can locate their lot any time now. Write him at Corpus Christi and make a date with him, or with the Superintendent of Grounds, R. G. Smith, Kingsville, and one of them will help you to locate your building site.

—Pastor C. S. Harrison, Taft, sends us a list of twelve subscribers again and the cash to cover the cost. Brother Harrison says these encouraging words: "Everyone likes the paper. It all makes good reading, and I look for it to become a paper that we will never want to be without in this section."

—We are indebted to Mrs. J. B. Pangle, First Church, Corpus Christi, for the story of that church during the forty-odd years of its existence. The story of all the churches of this section would be interesting reading. Send them in, brethren, and good will come of it.

—Missionary M. F. Drury, Harlingen, of the Lower Rio Grande Association, has been for two weeks in Tennessee with a sick sister who is not expected to live but a few days. She is suffering with cancer. The editor was with another sister of Brother Drury at the time of her death from cancer in 1910 in Hill county. It was one of the most triumphant deaths ever witnessed. We all sympathize with our dear brother missionary in the anxiety he suffers. Mrs. Drury leaves this week to relieve her husband so that he can return to his busy field.

—We are indebted to Mr. Herman Bullock for a list of twenty-two subscribers sent us for the Robstown list. We appreciate the fine support of the Robstown brethren.

—A group of brethren visited Riviera Beach Encampment grounds on Monday of this week and laid off the locations for the new tabernacle that is to be seventy by eighty feet, the four teaching pavilions, bathing pier, etc. Things look mighty interesting down there.

—Negro preacher at Sunday school exercises: "Bredern and sistern, de next number will be dat beautiful hymn from de Book of Revolutions, "Roll, Jordan, Roll."

—Next week's issue is to be devoted especially to Riviera Beach Encampment. Look out for it.

—Dr. H. M. Wharton, pastor of the largest Baptist Church in Baltimore, or Maryland, is scheduled to be at the Confederate Reunion that is to be held at Dallas shortly. He entered the Confederate service at 16 and served until Lee's surrender. He is Chaplain General of the Confederate Veterans.

—Twenty-three had been added to First Baptist Church, San Antonio by last Sunday in the meeting that Pastor I. E. Gates is holding at Jones Avenue and Ashby Place. The meeting continues all this week, closing next Sunday night.

—The Baptist Temple, San Antonio, Rev. A. F. Bledsoe, pastor, plans to begin a revival meeting on May 19, with Dr. J. B. Leavell of First Baptist Church, Houston, doing the preaching.

—Rev. John W. Milton and wife are assisting in an evangelistic meeting at Granada and Comal streets, San Antonio.

—Rev. Calvin M. Nelson of the Riverside Baptist Church, San Antonio, is in an evangelistic meeting at Avondale and South Presa streets, last week and this. Mr. B. M. O'Hair, educational director of the church is directing the music. It is an open air meeting.

—Forty-one had been added to the First Church, Yoakum, up to last Sunday in the meeting that Dr. G. L. Yates, of Amarillo, is holding with Pastor J. J. Kellam. Nineteen were received on last Friday. The meeting continues through next Sunday.

—The San Marcos pastor, Rev. R. L. Powell, is in a meeting with the Smithville Baptists, Rev. Jesse Yelvington, pastor. It begins well.

—Contract has been let for a \$50,000 meeting house by the Uvalde Baptists. Work is to begin immediately. Pastor R. L. Day is of course happy over the prospect.

—The contract for Carroll College at McAllen has been let to Mr. M. R. Nelson, a lumberman of McAllen. The cost is to be kept within \$200,000 and the contractor is to get seven and one-half percent for his work.

—The Baptists and Methodists of Hondo, capital of Medina county, are to consolidate their efforts in a union meeting that will begin May 24. The Rev. Albert Vaughn, chaplain in the U. S. army at Fort Sam Houston, is to be the preacher of the campaign, and Mr. Hugh L. Hiett will direct the music.

—Trinity Church, San Antonio, Rev. Bruce Roberts, pastor, has been having a series of laymen's services. Mr. J. W. Cook of Yoakum, Judge W. H. Blanton, Judge Horace E. Wilson, and Mr. Elmo O'Meara are some of the laymen who have spoken. No doubt great good has been accomplished by the work of these outstanding laymen.

—Page Brother Norris! Little Wilfred's mother was complaining of the effect of Sunday school on her little boy. "It tends to make him mischievous," she explained. The listener was incredulous. "You see," the mother explained, "it's like this. The last time Wilfred went to Sunday school he came home convinced that people are made of dust, and frightened me to death by trying to draw his little sister into the vacuum cleaner."

—Rev. O. J. Cole, Bishop, is supplying for the church at Palo Alto, Nueces county, on Sunday afternoons. He reports a good service there last Sunday, and a number of subscribers for THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS BAPTIST received.

—The evangelistic meeting at Hebbronville that Missionary J. P. King held with Pastor W. O. Dixon turned out well considering the difficulties of the situation. Some cases of serious illness kept many from regular attendance. But in spite of the odds, six were baptized and two received by letter, and much good done to the community. About \$90 was raised for Associational Missions, \$40 for Home and Foreign Missions, and just the week before the meeting began Dr. J. M. Carroll was given an offering of \$100 for Carroll College.

—President Frank London, Corpus Christi, says that those desiring tents for Riviera Beach Encampment can get them by notifying him by the 20th of this month. The charge for the Encampment period will be \$6 for a tent 14 by 14, set up. Be sure to get word to him if you want a tent reserved for you. It will be too late probably if you wait until the Encampment begins.

—San Benito Church increased by seventy-seven during the last year. Twenty-nine of the number came by baptism. All the work is doing well under Pastor R. T. Deel.

—The severest persecution in the world is that of the Protestants in Roumania, where one of our missions is located. But the gospel will win in spite of persecution.

—The meeting of the Southwest Texas Baptist Conference that was scheduled for May 5 and 6, has been postponed. Statement is given out that it was out of deference to the Grand Trek to Carroll College last week. It was a gracious spirit that moved the brethren to change the date of the San Marcos meeting.

—It is with grief that we record the death of Rev. J. M. Mizzell of Halleffville on April 23. Brother Mizzell was a historic figure in Texas Baptist affairs for a quarter of a century. He wrought well and his works do follow him on many fields in Texas.

—A new type of Baptist has been located in North Carolina called by Secretary Maddy, facetiously, "Affidavit Baptist." It all came about because a brother applied to a Baptist church for aid after living in the community for five years. Nobody had ever discovered that he was a Baptist during all that time, so he sent back to the community from which he had come and secured affidavits proving his Baptist affiliations. There are a lot of that sort in Southwest Texas, unfortunately. Enlistment, as Pastor L. W. White says, is our problem.

—Pastor L. W. White of West Columbia is a very versatile man. He has accomplished much in the work at West Columbia; he publishes a paper each week called, "The Roustabout," in the columns of which appears, "Deacon Dugan's Diary," a paragraph that is used in many of the big papers, and for which Brother White is paid. We take pleasure in using one of them each week, with the author's permission, because of its homely good sense. For example the one of this week. The town of West Columbia is disintegrating because of the failure of the oil field, and his church is losing its members by removal in a rapid rate, twelve families leaving during

April, and forty-two due to go when school is out. A man of such ability as Pastor White ought to be laid hold upon by some other good church in the Southwest territory.

—Pastor Judd B. Holt of Robstown reports that seven were received into his church last Sunday, one being by baptism. At the beginning of the evening service a number of folks who went on the trip to the dirt-breaking of Carroll College told of their trip in an interesting fashion, and the folks were pleased with the story of their journeys.

—We are advised that Mr. and Mrs. Carroll M. Hornburg of Karnes City can be secured as music directors and young people's workers in revival meetings. Their hearts are very much in this kind of work and they have had some experience. They are well recommended.

—A good brother in Arkansas, Brother J. V. Bell of Jonesboro, saw in The Baptist Standard, our worthy state paper, about the beginning of THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS BAPTIST, and sends for a sample saying that he is quite interested in this section of Texas. The eyes of much of the world are turned toward the Southwest these days.

—A very dear friend of the Eldor's is on a trip around the world, having left San Francisco early in January via the Orient. When sailing along the Indian coast she wrote of her impressions of China and India, and painted no pleasing picture. Her description of need on the one hand and the selfishness and sin of English-speaking tourists in those parts harrow one's heart. The ungodliness of Americans is a great hindrance to mission work wherever American missionaries have gone.

—Mrs. James Hicks, one of our charter-subscribers of McAllen, has removed to Harlingen.

Here is a new definition of Rotary Club. Mose wanted to know of Rastus what "dese yere Rotary Clubs is." Rastus replied, "Why sah, de members of dese yere Rotary Clubs consists of dese fellers dat has to crank deir Fords on account of havin' no self-stahants."

—Old Von Hindenburg ran for president of the German Republic and won! We hoped when the war ended that his type of man was forever done with, but it looks like Germans with monarchical sympathies are in the control of German politics just now.

—Each year the president of the United States issues a proclamation setting the second Sunday in April as Mother's Day. All creeds and classes and colors find equal joy in its observance.

—Men are responsible for the static conditions which make the voice of God indistinct.

### Deacon Dugan's Diary

#### The Unvarnished Truth

Thursday: My friend Judge Whims cum out from town in his new car. It was a hute. He sed "Gist look at them tires; them is BALLOONS." I sed, says I, what's de difference? He sed, "They dont carry much pressur, they rid easy, and they look big and state-ly." Then, sed I, sum people must have BALLOON religion. He sed, "How's that?" And says I: Low hart pressur, ride easy, look big—sum like it, and so does Satan. He went to the well and got hi ma fresh drink and started back.

## Main Things

These are crucial days in which we live and have to work. Crises arise quickly in all the various realms of human life that affect us. There is much to deflect us, to turn us aside, to disturb us, to retard, to detain.

Two boys in the eighties, aged eight and six, were on their way to the postoffice. It was at old Files Valley, in Hill county. A group of devilish boys met them and told them to stick up their hands and give up their money or their lives. The boys were plainly frightened by the stern command of the leader of the mock highwaymen and the older began to whimper as he held up both hands tremblingly. The other boy plainly tried to keep behind his older brother and was either too shy or too obstinate to hold up his hands. The two boys had no money, but the highwaymen were insistent and kept flourishing an ugly-looking gun and demanding money or blood. The thing grew painful to the boy holding up his hands, painful in at least two senses, physically and mentally. Finally, the other boy pulled aside and said, "Come on, Joe; let's go." He said it so seriously and yet calmly that the mock highwaymen gave way to laughter and told their victims to proceed.

There is always a highwayman in the way to hold up men and institutions and organizations, to hinder them and retard them in their progress toward any worthy goal. When such a bully appears, the good sense of the individual and of the group ought to lead them to say, "Come on, brethren; let's go!" Most of the hinderers and hindrances will get out of the way of the determined soul and souls that resolve to go on.

Denominational uncertainties deter many and bully them into just standing still and whimpering about the defects of human machinery. Anybody who stops to reason a moment will know that any organization that is set up by human hands and operated by them is bound to be faulty. Because all the weaknesses cannot be discovered and eliminated over night is no excuse for stopping. With a cheery spirit of comradeship we ought to acknowledge whatever is wrong and go on helping to correct things and carry on our work which we have begun.

One of the main things to engage us now is the winning of lost people to Christ. The summer season is the great open season for soul-winning in the South. No use to talk about what ought to be the twelve months of the year. The fact that people are unsaved, that there is a general expectation of evangelistic results in the summer season afford opportunity for us to go to the work and win the lost and revive, with the help of the Holy Spirit, the redeemed.

When Moses was bidding farewell to the Israelites and setting forth the whole law again with his exhortations, he climaxed in these memorable words, "The eternal God is thy dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms." Ah, there is the main thing, God! As Brother Coltrin of Mathis says in his article in this issue, our greatest need is spiritual. Get the people to turn with whole hearts to the Lord and they will be ready with their money for the various enterprises of God's Kingdom. That is the main thing.

Revival fires set burning in the souls of men and women will clear up many of the difficulties that annoy us and solve the problems that vex. Signs of revival appear on many

hands. We need all to join in a great and prolonged prayer for the revival fires to burn afresh in all our souls. This is the main thing in life.

## OUR DENOMINATIONAL CRISIS

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deaf to them. The writer examines his own heart and is rather shocked at his callousness in the matter; appeals no longer make impression that produces results. The time was when a messenger boy with a yellow envelope from denominational headquarters moved to great activity, but now they are no more than postcards or printed circulars in so far as moving one is concerned.

Our State leaders have been pushing the method that will save some of our crises, and that is the budget system of financing both local and denominational work. It is the logical method of overcoming some of our embarrassments. And right there is where the present stressful situation hinges: The churches have put on the budget system in some degree and in putting it on promised their members that no extra appeals would be made. The pastors cannot keep faith with their members and present appeals for extra offerings. But the budget systems began late and in many cases very little accumulated for the denominational work before the end of the Southern Convention year, and the result is that our work is badly burdened and perhaps threatened.

As the writer sees the situation, the budgeting of the churches will have to go forward until the denomination, as well as the local church, has a dependable income on which to project its programs. The hope of our Southern Baptist work is in the development of the budget system of finances.

At the same time, this appears as inevitable to the writer, that a readjustment of our denominational work as it affects Texas will have to be made, namely: that the financing of schools will have to be trusted to the localities in which the schools live, and the same procedure in the case of hospitals. We have practically come to that now, if we were frank enough to admit it; for the schools have been turned loose to canvass their clientele for endowment funds, and they are making good use of it. It is the logical way in which to build and support a school, for there is something in human nature that requires sight of the thing into which money is put for educational and benevolent purposes.

And also, a greater emphasis put on mission work. Baptist people are lovers of missions, and when they lose sympathy for all else they can still be enlisted in mission enterprises. Denominational work must revolve about the mission and benevolent conviction; missions in its widest application is the denominational bond of unity, together with benevolence. And by benevolence we mean care of the orphan and the worn-out minister. Hospitals are purely benevolent, but their appeal is sectional because of the restricted scope of their work.

We confidently look for the day when our state denominational work will be focused on missions and benevolence, and the various sections of the state will support their schools and hospitals. When that day arrives, our work will be much simpler, and the appeal will weigh much more; it will go home to the hearts of Baptists as the complex appeal; it will go home to hearts of Baptists as the complex appeal has not.

## —say, brother baptist

speaking of recreation, have you thought of riviera beach encampment? if you regard boating and bathing and fishing as good recreation, you can't beat it anywhere on the Gulf coast. Why, one boat caught eight thousand pounds of fish in that locality in one night recently. it is right on baffin bay, the next to the saltiest water in the world, that is sea water. when you have bathed in it, nice shower baths are provided right at the beach in the bath houses, and when you come out you feel fit as a fiddle.

if opportunity for study interests you, you can't beat it, for classes will be offered in everything that interests baptists, and in the fine breeze right off the bay your mind feels like wrestling with all kinds of problems that arise in study.

if you are fond of the fellowship of the saints you will find a chance to expand your soul in the geneial atmosphere that the encampment affords. nobody will be starched and formal, for if they came like that the sea breeze would knock it out of them. but that sort don't go to encampments.

if you want to meet some of the "big guns" of the state in all the various lines of our baptist work, you will have the chance. college presidents and missionaries will be as thick as sea gulls, our big chief, secretary of missions, is to be on hand. you will find them men of big soul, too.

if you want to loll in cool breezes during the hottest season of the year and wear your coat every morning, then pack your duds and hike it to riviera beach encampment june 9 to 19.

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A man said something was preying upon his mind, but it soon starved.

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If we had nine days in the week Sunday headaches could adjust themselves without a miss.

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When we become partners with God in his work he becomes a partner with us in our work.

Death does not change anything of importance.

Quitters do not win and winners do not quit.

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## "The Right Spirit"

Whenever George McDaniel, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., speaks, we all prick up our ears and listen; and when he writes anything for the papers we always read it, for what he says and what he speaks are both alike always good. He knows how to speak plainly so that anybody can understand what he is talking about. He makes one of the most satisfactory presiding officers of a great general body that we know. He is a prince of good fellows.

In last week's Southern Baptist papers he talks about the approaching Convention at Memphis, and urges the brethren to remember some things. What he says is very timely, and we reprint a part of his message lest some have not seen it. He states in his article that he is not going to make a speech this year. For all the years it has been the custom to expect the presiding officer to give some utterance that would be a kind of shibboleth for that convention and set a mark for its work. Brother McDaniel gives some good reasons for his varying from that custom.

Men of McDaniel's type are the ones that enable Baptist bodies to make progress. He is sympathetic toward everything that is good, he is plain spoken, he is courageous enough to risk being denominated a kicker in order to speak of something that needs correction. In it all he is an exemplification of what he pleads for now, "the right spirit."

But read these paragraphs from his trenchant pen:

"Having given my reason for not delivering an opening address, I shall ask the brethren to consider with me a few things preparatory to the Convention. It is safe to assume that brethren, many of whom come great distances at considerable expense and inconvenience to attend the sessions of our great Convention, are profoundly interested in the business which the Convention has in hand. It is also safe to assume that in all ordinary conditions they will be, thoroughly considerate of one another, thoroughly respectful, and as occasion arises, ever worshipful in the sessions of the body. I am assured of this and what I have now to say in the way of particular counsel grows largely out of the physical conditions in which the Convention must almost of necessity meet year by year. With our crowded halls, with our throngs in attendance, with the long sessions, with the various situations that arise among our delegates and which seem to make necessary the coming and going of groups of them from time to time during the sessions of the body, we sometimes have temporary disturbances of the peace and order which ought to prevail. For these reasons:

"Consider that we be brethren. Brethren love each other. Christian brethren mean to give no offense and should not take offense. No matter how perplexing the questions, or how sharp the differences of opinion which may arise, still we be brethren.

"Consider that we be Baptist brethren. This means that each one has his rights and that the rights of all are equal. It means that we are so to deport ourselves as to add to the luster of the Baptist name, the strength of our common work and the glory of our Master.

"Consider that no one should get unduly excited at Memphis. Baptists have a right to disagree without getting mad. "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." Though

the Latin proverb of which this is a free translation uses a word which means "make insane," yet the quotation may be apposite, for when we get angry we are likely also to be "mad." I serve notice now that if I am in the chair, parliamentary procedure will be impartially and strictly enforced, and should members get excited or angry, that will not affect matters except in their own bosoms. Every messenger at Memphis should go there with the resolve to "keep his head," to speak no hasty or inconsiderate word, and to abide by and support the action of the majority."

## History of First Church, Corpus Christi

Mrs. J. B. Pangle

The First Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas, was organized August 17, 1878, with twelve charter members, namely: S. L. Foster and wife; J. W. Dunn and wife; H. M. Stanley and wife; F. Kaler and wife; Captain C. C. Heath and wife; Mrs. Crook and Mrs. Clark; and with the following deacons: Captain C. C. Heath, Joseph Dunn, S. L. Foster and F. Kaler.

The first pastor of the church was Dr. J. M. Carroll, who was sent here and largely supported by the State Mission Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Under his two-years' leadership the church got on its feet, and began a great work. He was the first pastor south or west of the Nueces river. Other pastors came and went in the following order: J. M. White, Brother Thomas, who stayed one month, R. O. Dewberry, J. B. Hardwicke, R. L. Pierce, J. A. Arbuckle, O. P. Stark, R. R. White, D. B. South, A. B. Ingram, H. R. Carroll, Wm. Groom and the present pastor, M. E. Weaver.

The Ladies' Aid of the First Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas, was organized November 1891, during the pastorate of R. O. Dewberry, with twenty members and the following officers: Mrs. C. C. Heath, President; Mrs. M. J. Lewis, Vice-president; Miss Sarah Furman, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Kaler, Chairman Buckner Orphan's Home work. Other presidents served in the following order: Mrs. Mary Kaler during the pastorate of J. B. Hardwicke; Mrs. J. B. Hardwicke, Sr., and Mrs. J. B. Hardwicke, Jr., served during the pastorate of R. L. Pierce. Again Mrs. Mary Kaler was elected president and served through the pastorates of J. A. Arbuckle, O. P. Stark and R. R. White. Rev. D. B. South then became pastor, serving the church eleven years. The present church building was erected during this pastorate, the achievement of eleven years faithful service. During this time Mrs. Kaler, Mrs. C. E. Coleman, Mrs. Mallett, Mrs. Lumbard served as presidents.

In 1915 Rev. A. B. Ingram became pastor, Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. C. E. Coleman serving as presidents. During H. R. Carroll's pastorate the following ladies served as president: Mrs. Wisely, Mrs. F. U. Painter, Mrs. J. H. Barbee, Mrs. Landers and Mrs. R. E. Bennett.

From 1920 to 1925, Mrs. H. J. Griffith, Mrs. F. U. Painter, Mrs. H. H. Friar, Mrs. Wm. Groom, Mrs. Claude Armstrong and Mrs. W. A. Medlock served as president during the pastorate of Wm. Groom.

In the beginning our Woman's Missionary Society was called "Ladies Aid Society." Many hardships were endured by this little band of women who realized they were "Saved to Serve." Much local work was done by them. The B. O. H. work then, as it is now, was very dear to the hearts

of the women and many well-filled boxes were sent to the Home. The custom is still kept up; every few months boxes of warm clothing and quilts are sent to the children.

The first Sunbeam Band was organized by Mrs. Wm. Gerhardt; organizing with seventeen pupils the class grew to eighty-five in one year. In the year 1914, Mrs. C. E. Coleman organized, and became Councilor, of the first Y. W. A.

In 1917, the Ladies Aid Society was divided, the younger women forming themselves into a society called, "The Pastor's Helpers" which lasted only about one year. Mrs. Millerman was president.

In 1918, during the pastorate of Rev. Hulen R. Carroll, the women worked together again. The name of the Ladies' Aid Society was changed to the Woman's Missionary Union. The church building was paid out of debt during the three years pastorate of H. R. Carroll, and balconies were installed in the church during the pastorate of Wm. Groom.

From November 1919 to November 1924, the W. M. S. gave for all purposes, \$16,320.17.

## Encampment Announcements

Send to Rev. Judd B. Holt, Robstown, for a copy of the program. He will be glad to furnish you with several for distribution.

Send all monies for the Encampment to Mr. E. F. London, Corpus Christi, Route 2, so that proper credit can be given. Don't hand money to somebody and tell them it is for the Encampment; send to E. F. London, who is in charge of all these financial matters.

If you want a lot on which to build you a shack on the grounds, confer with R. G. Smith, Kingsville, or Frank London, Corpus Christi, and one or the other of them will help you to locate a choice lot on which to build.

If you want to know anything about accommodations at the grounds, write Frank London, Corpus Christi. He is present, is thoroughly conversant with all the details and takes a delight in helping folks.

If you want a tent reserved for you

for the Encampment, notify Frank London before the 20th of this month. The tents are 14 by 14, English army tents, made of khaki, cool and comfortable. They will cost you \$6 for the Encampment period, and will be set up free of cost to you.

## Woman's Work in the Valley

By Mrs. F. S. Robertson, San Benito

I failed to meet you last week while you were having lunch with us, the guest of the Chamber of Commerce, I was chairman of the lunch committee and too busy to speak to all of our visitors. We were glad to have each of you.

We are enjoying our new visitor, The Southwest Texas Baptist, and feel that it will be the means of drawing the whole Southwest closer together. In this rapidly growing part of the State, we are kept so busy and the distance is so great that we cannot come together as often as we should, and the paper will let each locality know the other's needs and progress.

Our women of the Lower Rio Grande Valley have just completed a series of institutes. One taught at Harlingen, one each at McAllen and Raymondville. In attendance there were about 125 women, 77 taking the studies and receiving certificates, the other women being teachers and visitors. These institutes were held on different days, in the different zones, to accommodate the women and shortening the distances to be traveled. The books taught were, "Manual of Methods," "All the World in All the Word," and "Women and Stewardship." Each year the attendance and interest is larger and better and we draw women that will not take studies at home.

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