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Sweetwater Association Has Meeting at Merkel

The annual meeting of the Sweetwater Association was held on Thursday and Friday of last week in the Merkel Church. A number of high hours were reached during the meeting. The association sermon was preached by Pastor C. A. Powell of the College Heights Church, Abilene. It was a really great doctrinal sermon and the brethren were greatly strengthened for the business of the association. Pastor Ira L. Parrack was elected moderator and Lee Stulce was re-elected clerk. Dr. Scarborough was present and brought a thrilling message Thursday afternoon on the fall campaign. Another great hour was witnessed Friday afternoon when Brother D. Ruiz, evangelist for our Mexicans under the direction of the Home Mission Board spoke on the Mexican work in Texas. He stated that there were more than one million Mexicans in Texas. Great progress has been made in the past few years in evangelizing these Mexicans. They are eager for the Gospel, the speaker declared, and workers are greatly needed. There are now over six thousand Baptist Mexicans in Texas. They have a general state convention and two encampments are maintained each year. After this speech a move-

ment was started to try to locate a missionary for the Mexicans in the Sweetwater Association.

Missionary John W. Newson made a good report to the association. He was re-elected for another year and has accepted the work.

A digest of the letters of the association showed that much progress had been made during the year. There were only a few churches not sending in reports. The churches reporting showed a membership of 6,548. There were 1,080 additions during the year by letter and 621 additions by baptism. The churches spent \$81,124 on local work, and \$38,243 on the denominational work. The Sunday school reports showed 5,295 enrolled in the Sunday schools. There were 60 B. Y. P. U.'s reported with a membership of 1,210. The value of all church property was \$498,625.

Friday evening was devoted to Christian education. At this time the report of the trustees of Simmons University was read and talks were made on Simmons University. In next week's issue reports of the trustees of Simmons and the Baptist Hospital will be published in the West Texas Baptist.

REPORT ON EVOLUTION

Read before the Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Association
By Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, Pastor First Baptist Church, Abilene

The word Evolution literally means an unfolding, development or growth. But in the controversy in the scientific and religious world it has come to mean the gradual development of life from the low organized type consisting of a single cell. It makes no attempt to account for the origin of that single cell, and if it has any place for a great and good Alwise Creator it is in the creating of that single cell excluding into the Bible account of creation save as set forth in language highly figurative and dealing in allegory.

Herbert Spencer defines Evolution as "a change from a less coherent to a more coherent state, from a less homogeneous to a more homogeneous state, and from a less definite to a more definite state." Le Conte defines it as "continuous progressive change, according to fixed laws, by means of resident forces." According to Darwin it is the "spontaneous origin of life." Thus Spencer excludes the creator from the finished work of creation upon which, the Bible tells us He "looked," and said it "was good." Le Conte with his "resident forces" claim, excludes the idea of a Creator acting in or upon the universe. Darwin in his theory of the "spontaneous origin of life" finds it quite easy to get along without any Creator. According to the Darwinian theory, which theory, according to Nelson's Encyclopedia, evolutionists now generally accept, evolution as it has already taken place, and as it is in progress today is determined by natural selection; that is to say that only the fittest survive.

The evolutionist places man in the evolutionary scheme with the claim that first of all he belongs to that division of animal life known as the vertebrates (animal life that has developed a backbone), while other characteristics placed him in the subdivision of the mammalia, the highest order of animals that suckle their young. Passing from the Marmoset, the lowest order of the anthropoid ape, they bring him up through the tailed monkey, the baboon, and the true ape to which belong the gibbon, orang-outang, chimpanzee, and gorilla, to where he finds his culmination in the human species.

It is here that the evolutionist and the believer in special creation by the Divine act as the Bible teaches are hopelessly and forever disagreed. To surrender his belief in the special creative act of God is to surrender his faith in the supernatural and set himself adrift on a sea of religious doubt without chart or compass.

The popular setting of his speculative philosophy to day is that of Theistic Evolution. It rejects the Atheistic view of evolution but accepts its methods as the scientific explanation of creation, and puts God back of it. It was out of this that Modernism sprang, with its anti-supernatural doctrine and its rejection of the inspiration of the Holy Scripture and the Deity and atoning death of the Lord and Saviour.

In 1871 that was founded a church

in London, for the promulgation of the Theistic views and teachings of the Rev. C. Voysey, who for his heretical doctrines had been debarred from preaching as Vicar of Healaugh. The list of promoters of this theistic period carried the names of Dr. Patrick Black, Sir John Bowring, Sir Charles Lill, Andrew Pritchard, Judge Standfield, the right Rev. Samuel Hinds who had been bishop of Norwich, and Charles Darwin. While the Atheistic evolution of today is the result of Darwin's teaching, it is evident by this act that "the destroyer" as Dr. F. M. McConnell has so aptly called him, believed in some sort of a great First Cause, and man's immortality, though at a later date he retreated into a citadel of unbelief known as Agnosticism.

The principles of this Theistic church were that it is the right and duty of every man to think for himself in matters of religion. That there is no finality in religious belief; that higher views of God are always possible. That it is one's duty to obtain the highest truth and to proclaim it, and to detect and controvert errors. That religion is based on mortality. That Theism is not aggressive against person but against erroneous opinions. They held the Unitarian view of God so regnant with Modernism, rejecting Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit as members of the Trinity, and that every one was saved in his care and would reach at last a home of blessedness in him.

The Modernism being preached and taught in pulpits and schools today by Theistic Evolutionists finds itself in happy accord with the doctrines and beliefs of those evolutionist notables more than half a century ago; all of which Bible believing Christians reject and Christ-honoring Christianity denies.

Evolution therefore, we must conclude, is not a science, for science deals with facts and evolution at its best is only an unproven theory. Nor is it Christian, for it denies the essential things upon which the Christian religion is founded. It is purely pagan the principle of which may be traced all the way back to Lucretius, Empedocles and Aristotle, and spreads its blight of death wherever it goes. If its contentions are to triumph, orthodox Christianity must perish.

It is with the profoundest joy we point to our great schools, Simmons University, her outstanding president, scholarly faculty and noble Board of Trustees, as a school that rejects this faith destroying theory, and stands firmly for the Old Book and the old faith. And we your committee would propose that the Sweetwater Baptist Association join the Southern Baptists hosts at Houston last May in the notable pronouncement that we believe man was the direct creation of God, and that he was evolved from any lower order of animal life. We reject all theories of whatever name or origin that teach to the contrary.

IF TEXAS BAPTISTS TITHED; THEN WHAT?

By L. R. Scarborough

I wish to discuss a problem of possibility and of great triumph for Texas Baptists.

Our statisticians estimate by careful figures and estimates that Texas Baptists' tithe last year was twenty-three million dollars and they spent for all Christ's causes less than seven millions. Suppose they had tithed, then would have had more than sixteen million dollars above what they have pent to have put into the treasury of Christ. What could we have done with this money?

We could have paid the entire debt on the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board of around two and a half million, more or less; the entire indebtedness on every Baptist institution in Texas, or around five million, paid the entire indebtedness on our Southern Baptist Education Board of around \$300,000.00, could have paid the entire indebtedness on every church building in Texas of around four million; we could double the salaries of the one-half and one-fourth time pastors in Texas who are under-paid, at the cost of about a million dollars, I estimate; then we would have left \$3,700,000.00. We could give an endowment of \$100,000.00 to each of our junior colleges, \$500,000.00 each to Simmons University, Howard Payne College and Baylor College, give Baylor University a million dollars and the Southwestern Seminary \$600,000.00 for endowment. We could have done this in one year, over and above what we did last year, if Baptists had tithed.

These some figures proportionately would apply to every state in the South. It is estimated that the tithe of Southern Baptists is around two hundred million dollars a year and last year Southern Baptists spent for the Lord's cause less than forty million. If we only tithed, we would have one hundred sixty million dollars over and above what we are doing to be used for the Lord's cause.

Ought Baptists to Tithe?
My answer is emphatically, yes for the following reasons:

1. We get four institutions from the Old Testament—the moral law, the law of marriage, the law of the Sabbath and the law of the tithe. Baptists accept almost universally the first three of these Old Testament institutions, never quibbling over the fact that they were Old Testament institutions. Why should they not on the same ground accept the institution of the tithe?

2. The whole financial program of the New Testament is based on the

presumption of the tithe. So evident was that the thing the Jewish religion was accustomed to that the Christian constituency accepted it without an argument.

3. Christ clearly commended and commanded the Jews of New Testament times in tithing. Is it reasonable that he would expect less of a Christian of this day than of the Jew of that day?

4. The plain command of I Cor. 16: 1, 2 is the budget, regular, systematic, proportionate, liberal giving and the conscience of a Baptist ought to feel as impressively this command as it does the command to baptize by immersion.

5. If Baptists tithed we would take care of all the causes we have in a great fashion and be enabled to start and maintain all the other new ones which we ought to have.

Have We the Leadership, Who Can Do It?

My answer is that we have. Baptist leadership through the centuries has roughed the Baptist conscience without a quiver and the Baptist practice almost without exception to the doctrine of immersion for baptism and to the New Testament conception in a large way of missions and soul-winning. Why cannot the same leadership bring our Baptist people to the tithe and to the budget?

Let me ask you, my dear brother, who reads these lines, are you doing your duty to God and to almost world on this matter? God promises three blessings to the tithers in Mal. 3:8-10.

1. Abundant spiritual blessings,
2. Abundant material blessings,
3. A glorious worldwide reputation of universal blessedness. If our leadership will make up their minds to do it, I believe we can do it and thus care for our causes.

I suggest that next year we tithe and do what I have suggested above, and the next year after that we tithe in Texas and then fully equip and endow the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans and the Baptist Hospital there and pay the entire indebtedness on the Southern Seminary and add to its endowment, give the Southwestern Seminary the needed buildings and complete its endowment, and fix up as it ought to be fixed up Buckner Orphan's Home and our hospitals and add millions to home, foreign and state missions; and then we can pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

Let us go to San Antonio to have a great, constructive Convention for the sake of the Master.

AN AFRICAN DEDICATION

B. L. Lockett

The dedication of a beautiful, commodious church building in a small town in Central Africa is an occasion for heartfelt rejoicing on the part of all disciples of the Christ, who have either directly or indirectly had any part in it. You of West Texas have had a part in this service, because one of your sons, as your representative, had the joy of participating.

Fourteen years ago, a big black man, wearing a long, white robe, came and prostrated himself, full-length, on the ground at my feet and saluted me profusely, according to the manner of the heathen. It was evident that he wished to make a very strong appeal to me; but I was not pleased with his manner of greeting, when I learned that he was a Christian and a preacher.

Adegoke had been preaching in Fidi, a town of about 5000 inhabitants, ten miles south of Oyo, and he wished me to accept the direction of Christian work there, and specially to provide his salary. I found him a bit eccentric but a very enthusiastic evangelist. At Fidi, I found he had gathered a handful of young men, who had put up a small, crude building of mud walls, with a grass roof. After an extensive conference, I gladly agreed to accept the oversight of the work, but declined to pay Adegoke's salary of approximately \$3.50 per month, from mission funds. I had recently come to a deep conviction that it was better for the Christians of that district to pay more of the expenses of their church and school work. I was organizing the Oyo Association, in order that the native might carry on work in that section for themselves. I insisted that the

young men should pay at least half of his salary and agreed to ask the association to give the rest.

During the following eight years, I had many happy visits to Fidi and rejoiced in the rapid growth of the work. On many occasions, on Sunday afternoons, I headed a column of Christians, who marched two and two, singing Christian songs, through the winding streets, out to a pool, among stately palms, where now converts professed their faith in the Redeemer.

Then came my enforced absence of five years. The work outgrew Adegoke, and David Agutade, a graduate of our College and Seminary, was called to take his place. Hundreds of young men and women were gathered from heathen homes. They also carried the work to many villages, for miles around.

A few weeks ago, I received an invitation to go down from Ogbomoso, to preside at the dedication of their new church building at Fidi. I did not need to be urged to go.

Early Sunday morning, we arrived and my eyes rejoiced at what they beheld. Across the main road from the site of the former grass hut, I saw a large plot of ground, enclosed with a hedge, beyond which on one side rose many stately trees of the forest. Setting back from the road, on the side nearest the town, stood a beautiful, white building, with an attractive entrance, in which I observed large double doors.

With a full heart, I walked round it and observed the straight walls, carefully plastered with cement and painted, the fine roof, and windows. Rarely have I been so pleased. It was difficult to believe such changes had

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WINSETT-BLANKENSHIP IN LEVELLAND MEETING

Our meeting which closed Sunday, October 3, was a decided success in spite of the continuous rain. For more than half the time of the two weeks we were in a down-pour at service time, but it had little effect on the meeting. A splendid audience was present at the services even if they did have to come through rain and mud. It is said and I think truthfully so that people go where they get something. This was especially true in our meeting. The Winsett-Blankenship party certainly make a team and the people hear them when they go. Never did this part of West Texas have such a treat in the line of Gospel music until Brother and Mrs. J. L. Blankenship came our way. The type of music they rendered and the hearts of compassion they have for lost souls constrain the vilest to come to our Lord. As for the preaching side of this great evangelistic party, I will say it is done in great and powerful fashion. Brother Winsett is in a class to himself in declaring the whole council of God. He fights sin with all his might and makes it very effective, and in addition he preaches the old time Gospel in its purity. As a result of the splendid services rendered by these good people, by the help of the Lord, many of our leading citizens trusted the Lord for salvation and have united with our church to help make Levelland a better town. There were 52 additions to our church and 12 to the other churches of the community.

Our people gave expression to their appreciation of the party by extending to them a unanimous invitation to be with us in another meeting in 1927.

We pray God's richest blessings on them.

W. H. HUGHES, Pastor.

SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash receipts on 1926 program \$30,219.41
Designated, Home and Foreign Missions 98.96

Distributable receipts 30,130.55
Administrative budget (est.) 4,000.00

Net amount to be prorated \$26,130.55
45% to Southwide Boards and 55% to State Causes.
45% of \$26,130.55 equals \$11,758.75
55% of \$26,130.55 equals 14,371.80

Total \$26,130.55

Prorated to Southwide Boards

50% to Foreign Mission Board \$ 5,879.83
22 1/2% to Home Mission Board \$ 2,645.72
15% to Southwide Education Board 1,763.18
9 1/2% to Relief and Annuity Board 1,117.08
3% to New Orleans Hospital 352.76
Total \$11,758.75

Pro Rated to State Causes

30% State Mission 4,311.54
4 1/4% Baylor University 614.80
1% Baylor Medical College 143.72
2 3/4% Baylor College 395.22
4 1/4% Baylor College (guaranteed) 610.80
2 1/8% Simmons University 305.40
2 1/8% Howard Payne College 143.72
1% Decatur College 143.72
1% Burleson College 143.72
1% Marshall College 143.72
1% Rusk College 143.72
1% Wayland College 143.72
1% San Marcos Academy 143.72
1% Southwestern Training School 143.72
1% Baptist Standard 215.57
1 1/2% Baylor Hospital 215.57
1 1/2% Baptist Hospital, Houston 143.72
1% Waco Hospital 107.79
3 1/4% Fort Worth Hospital 107.79
3 1/4% Abilene Hospital 71.86
1/2% Harlingen Hospital 143.72
20% Baptist Loyalty Bonds 2,874.36
10% Debt Retirement 1,437.18
7% Interest Account 1,006.02

Total \$14,371.80

GEORGE J. MASON,

Treasurer.

DR. ATWOOD SUPPLIES AT SWEETWATER CHURCH

Just a few lines about our services here last Sunday, Oct. 3. In the absence of the pastor, Dr. E. B. Atwood filled the pulpit at both morning and evening services. At the morning hour he preached on "The Christian Athlete and His Coach," taking his scripture reading from Hebrews 12: 1. Two good crowds heard Dr. Atwood's sermons and enjoyed them. We are always glad when Dr. Atwood comes our way for he always brings us messages that stir our hearts.

We pray God's great blessings on him and Mrs. Atwood in their work as instructors in Simmons University.

—Mrs. T. T. McCasland

West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard Con- test is Making Progress

Words of encouragement are coming in from over the field about the West Texas Baptist-Baptist Standard subscription contest which is to be run from now until January 1. Prizes aggregating \$300 will be given in this contest. Details of the contest will be found in this issue of the West Texas Baptist. We stated in last issue of the paper that the clubbing rates for the two papers during the contest would be \$2.50 per year. After a conference with Dr. Routh of the Standard we are able to announce a reduction in this clubbing rate to \$2.25 per year for either new or renewals. We feel this is giving our people in West Texas an almost unheard of rate for two weekly religious papers. It certainly is an opportunity that every Baptist in this section should take advantage of.

Some of the smaller associations in this section have asked that we change the rules of the contest so that every association may enter the contest on equal basis. We believe it would only be fair to all to do this, so we are announcing that change this week. The contest for the association prize of \$100 will be placed on a percentage basis. That is, the prizes will be given to the association that sends in the largest number of subscriptions based on number of Baptists in that association according to the minutes of the association. On this plan the smaller associations will have an opportunity to compete with the larger associations.

Going After the Prizes

Several associations have announced their intention of getting in this subscription contest. The W. M. U. of the Big Spring Association in their meeting last week voted to enter the contest full force. Mrs. S. H. Morrison of Big Spring, who is doing such wonderful work with the Mexican people of that section, announces that she is entering the contest for the individual contest offered by Judge C. M. Caldwell. She desires to win this prize to give to the building fund of a Mexican church at Big Spring. Mrs. Morrison is already lining the women up in that section to help her win this prize.

The question has been asked if an individual in the contest would be allowed to solicit churches and individuals to send in their subscriptions through them. It is immaterial how the individual secures the subscription, just so they are sent in through the individual. Every subscription sent in through an individual will be credited to that individual. The prizes in the individual contest will not be based on the percentage basis, but the prizes will go to the individual sending in the largest number of subscriptions. These subscriptions may be solicited anywhere.

Time to Act Now

It is a good long time from now until January first, but the contestants entering early will have a great advantage over those who wait until later. We would suggest that the workers at their workers meetings plan for this campaign. Remember, that each \$1.00 subscription to the West Texas Baptist will count for 2,000 in the contest and that each subscription of \$2.25 for both the Standard and West Texas Baptist for one year, either new or renewal, will count for 3,000 units.

It is true that many of our people are "blue" over the cotton situation. This is more the reason why they need some good religious literature.

Big Spring Association With Midland Church

The Big Spring Association held its annual meeting with the Midland church on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The attendance on Wednesday was good. At this time the women rendered their program, an account of which appears in this issue of the West Texas Baptist. Dr. Scarborough brought a great message on Wednesday evening on the fall campaign. A rain interfered with this service, although the attendance was good considering the weather.

Thursday was spent in the regular routine work of the association. Dr. Fender brought a fine message at the 11 o'clock hour and took a good collection for the home. The editor represented Simmons University and the West Texas Baptist. The association

spent considerable time in the discussion of their associational work. The association is considerably in debt on the program for the past year. It was the will of the brethren present to go on with the work for another year, although they are losing their good missionary, Brother Wm. Green, who is going to San Angelo as pastor of the South Side Baptist Church.

The Midland women gave the characteristic western style of hospitality during the association. Barbecue was served both days along with lots of other good things to eat.

Pastor D. H. Heard of Big Spring was re-elected moderator and Brother Wells was re-elected clerk.

BROOKSHIRE CHURCH RAISING CHURCH DEBT.

Brookshire Baptist Church had set Sunday at 10 a. m. as the time to raise funds to finish paying off the debt on our church building. It was indeed a day of joy and rejoicing. We believe for every one present and especially for the little church and its pastor also its former pastor, Rev. Scott W. Hickey; we were all rejoiced to have Rev. Hickey with us again. We met for Sunday School at ten o'clock. After Sunday School, Rev. Hickey brought us a great stirring message on the church. Then came the momentous hour with us. Brother Hickey took the offering as only Brother Hickey can, and there were two hundred and forty dollars in cash paid in, and several pledges to be paid within the month. Then came the noon hour when we had an old fashioned spread of dinner on the ground for every body. We had a happy social hour.

We met back for services at 2:30 when Brother Hickey spoke again, telling of his renewed call to the foreign mission field, and though it grieves us to give him up, yet we rejoice and praise God for the heroic spirit he is showing. The prayer of every Christian heart should be, God give us more men like Brother Hickey. After his talk, the people gave him a good old fashioned hand shake bidding him Godspeed, and pledging their prayers for him in his

great work. We had a fine crowd of visitors throughout the day. Our Junior B. Y. P. U. rendered a fine program at the closing hour then, our pastor brought us a soul stirring message Sunday night. Now listen folks, we heard that some one was going to take our pastor away from us. You just tell them they can't get him for love nor money because we just won't give him up. We think our pastor is great. Now a word for our editor. We truly appreciate the West Texas Baptist and, Brother Malone, we think it one of the best papers published. God's blessings on both.—Reporter.

RODGERS ACCEPTS CALL AS PASTOR HERE

Rev. W. L. Rodgers is the new pastor of the Miles Baptist Church. He is making preparations to move here from Copperas Cove, where he has held a pastorate for sometime, and it is thought that he will be in the field in active work in Miles within a month. The minister preached here last Sunday, at which time he accepted the call tendered him about a month ago.

The congregation has been without a pastor several months and expects now to enter on an intensive campaign to build up. The members feel they are getting a strong minister and one capable of building the work to new heights. Mr. Rodgers will be here Sunday to preach at the regular hours.

—Miles Messenger.

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THE LILT OF A LAUGH

I've toiled with the men the world has blessed,
As I've toiled with the men who failed;
I've toiled with the men who strove with zest,
And I've toiled with the men who wailed.
And this is the tale my soul would tell
As its drifts o'er the harbor bar:
The sound of a sigh doesn't carry well,
But the lilt of a laugh rings far.

The men who were near the grumbler's side,
Oh, they heard not a word he said.
The sound of a song rang far and wide,
And they hearkened to that instead.
Its tones were sweet as the tales they tell,
Of the rise of the Christmas star.
The sound of a sigh doesn't carry well,
But the lilt of a laugh rings far.

If you would be heard at all, my lad,
Keep a laugh in your heart and throat;
For those who are deaf to accents sad
Are alert to the cheerful note.
Keep hold of the chord of laughter's bell,
Keep aloof from the moans that mar;
The sound of a sigh doesn't carry well,
But the lilt of a laugh rings far.

—Selected.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

We are urging our pastors and missionaries in West Texas to get in behind our subscription campaign. We are anxious to greatly increase the circulation of the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard between this time and January first. Dr. Routh, editor of the Standard is enthusiastic about the plans we have adopted to increase the circulation of these papers. It is a rare opportunity we are offering our people to secure two weekly religious papers for one year for the small sum of \$2.25 per year, only twenty-five cents more than the regular price of the Standard. In thinking about this contest we should remember that our denominational paper is coming to only about one Baptist out of every thirty in this section of the state. There are about 350,000 Baptists in Texas who are not reading our denominational paper. Is it any wonder that we have so many indifferent Christians in Texas?

SHALL WE TURN BACK TO GOD?

The terrible slump in the price of cotton has cast a spirit of gloom over many sections of the cotton growing country. The farming class of people are especially hard hit right now. Naturally, they would be the first to feel the depression. Other classes of business will get theirs later, for whenever the farmer fails to prosper, all the rest of the world eventually suffers with him.

What everybody needs to do right now is to keep their moral and about face and seek again the face of God. Our people have been living too fast; we have been too extravagant; we have been too free to plunge into debt; we have been too careless about attending to our religious obligations. This winter we will not see so many new automobiles and other luxuries and some of us will have to patch up that old suit and do without many things that are not in the least essential, but in the end all will come out for the glory of God and the good of His people. It has ever been the history of the human race that people will in a measure forget God during long periods of prosperity; and the great Ruler of this universe has ever had a way of "putting the brakes on" when the human race gets to traveling too fast.

Let us now turn to God, establish the family altar, shake the dust off the Old Book and of all books and resolve in our hearts that we will from this time on give God a square deal as we go forward as His stewards.

THE REPORT OF THE SPIES

Last Sunday's Sunday school lesson was one of the most practical we have had in a long time. The condition of the children of Israel as they faced the land of promise has a parallel in the conditions facing Southern Baptists at this time. The trouble with Israel as they received the report of the spies was that they minimized God and magnified their own difficulties. The results of these blunders were terrible. Israel was set back forty years in their progress, the wilderness of wandering was strewn with the bones of the people of God who deliberately chose to take the backward step.

When we begin to minimize God and magnify our own difficulties we begin our murmuring and complaining. As a result we try to lay the blame on our leadership and soon we begin to look on our obstacles as giants and ourselves as grasshoppers. We have now in our ranks entirely too many "Grasshopper Christians." You cannot defeat a Christian, a church, nor a denomination as long as the people keep their moral, but when our moral is gone we become whimpering cowards and begin our backward step.

One of the greatest troubles with Texas Baptists and Southern Baptists just at this time is that our missionaries and pastors and deacons and other leaders have lost their moral. You cannot whip God's army so long as our leaders keep their moral. It takes lots of grit and grace for a preacher to do his duty in this stressful time in which we live. God gives us preachers today who have the courage to stand fearlessly as a mouthpiece for the Mighty Jehovah; preachers who will not fail to cry out day and night against sin and indifference and all forms of ungodliness.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. of the Rannels County Association held its regular monthly meeting with the First Church, Winters, Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance and a fine program was rendered. The next meeting will be held with

the First Church, Ballinger next month. At the close of the meeting a large number of the visitors made a tour of inspection of the new parsonage of the Winters church, which has just been completed. This building is a seven room house with every

WHAT IS MAN?

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him." These are days when it is "Big man, little God." These are days when it is "Ponderous man, and infinitesimal God."

There are about 1,400,000,000 people on earth. You are one of that number, so am I. If I could take an auger and bore a hole in the top of the sun, I could pour into the sun 1,400,000,000 worlds the size of the planet upon which we live, and there would be room in the sun for more.

Then think of the world, its size, shape, composition, and God made that world, the God that you curse, the God that wants to keep you out of hell, the God whose son you have trampled beneath your feet.

If you take 1,400,000,000, and multiply it by 1,400,000 and multiply that by 1,000,000 and multiply that by millions, and multiply that by infinity. That's God. If you take that 1,400,000,000, and subtract 1,400,000,000 and subtract on down, that is you.

If man ever looks like a consummate fool, it is when he says that he does not believe in a God, or tries to suggest to God that His plan of redemption is inadequate. "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

You are all on a journey to eternity. Oh! What will be the end.

"What though no real voice, nor sound, Amid the radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they are rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice, Forever singing as they shine: The hand that made us divine."—Sudan News.

ROMAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED (Reprint from The Protestant)

No other establishment that every encumbered the earth has projected and operated so many fraternal organizations as the Church of Rome now has in this country. They would doubtless greatly outnumber all other fraternal bodies combined. They exist by authority of the Pontifical crown and their activities are directed by the reigning autocrat of the papal world.

When Roman Catholic France found it necessary more than twenty years ago to suppress all the Roman orders then infesting and blighting that country, there were about one hundred and fifty there. The Jesuits have been driven again and again from nearly every country in the world except ours. They were suppressed at least once by the Papacy itself. But we permit them to overrun this country with impunity and to intrigue with politicians in virtually all parts of the United States.

But we have now almost sixty per cent more Roman Catholic orders laying the ax at the root of our democratic institutions than ever infested France. We have more kinds of nuns and other organizations of Roman Catholic women than France ever has both men and women.

There are sixty-six Roman orders of men and one hundred and seventy-three of women now listed in this country in the standard papal authorities. We thus have a total of two hundred and thirty-nine. Nothing could grate more harshly on loyal American ears than the hideous and alien names which disguise the real character of these orders.

Nearly a thousand institutions conducted by them are surrounded by steel or stone fences at least seven or eight feet in height. For that reason Christian establishments. The buildings within such prison fences are massive rough stone or concrete or brick with heavy steel doors and steel bars over the windows.

There is absolutely nothing in common between those prisons and this great Protestant Republic on whose women and children they are permitted to prey. In many communities courts, especially juvenile and probate courts, are accustomed, under statutes enacted by covert papal influence, to commit helpless children to their yawning and mysterious cells which defy public inspection.

This magazine doubts that any child so committed ever is permitted to leave the institution unless finally rescued by habeas corpus or other mandatory of law. Even the controlled press occasionally permits the public to know that a helpless girl committed to one of these chasms of the underworld in early childhood is discovered and released at the suit of relatives and friends thirty or forty years afterwards as a wrinkled and gray-haired physical and mental wreck after wearing out her life in slavery to the venal establishment of Rome.

About ten years ago, Roman Catholic and politicians who intrigue with the prelates of Rome passed through the House of Representatives here a vicious and dangerous measure to enable the local juvenile court thus to kidnap children of the District of Columbia and commit them to slavery in Roman prisons that defy public inspection.

The editor of this magazine took an active hand in defeating the infamous measure in the Senate. For that service he was visited by vicious denunciation in Congress by those pushing the measure. But any good citizen may well rejoice at persecution from men who take advantage of Congressional immunity to persecute and defame him.

How long will we permit the alien parasites of Rome to multiply organizations with shocking and unpronounceable names to increase here the number of prisons and deadfalls to devour our precious children? Not only the hundreds of organizations, but the papal system responsible for them should be excluded from our great country. —Word and Way.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

WALTER JACKSON, Editor

THE MESSAGE AND THE METHOD

In the last issue of the West Texas Baptist is a very fine article from the pen of Brother Joe W. English of Knox City, drawing distinctions between the message and methods. We very much dislike to take issue with Brother English. We would under no circumstances say that he was wrong. But we have an abiding faith in the good preachers of this country, and the one thing they are able to teach is the Bible and its doctrines. We believe the pastors in all the churches should major in Bible and doctrinal teaching.

What is method? It is the same principle applied to farming where it became the business of the farmer to "Make two blades of grass grow where one grew before." Method gathers the crowd to which the Word should be taught and preached. There are some of the best preachers in this land preaching to a little handful of people and bragging about "The quality of their congregations," when if they knew a little method they might preach to great congregations. We dislike to see so many good sermons good preaching going to waste, we are appreciated by the pitiful few.

We further venture, with a great deal of fear and trembling, that there are very few preachers in all this section that know very much about method. In plain words they are in position to teach the Bible and its wonderful doctrines, but they are not in position to teach methods. Good teaching and good preaching are essential but they are not all that is required in the building of the kingdom. Christ himself said "I go out into the byways and hedges and compel them to come in. If Christ used methods, then why should we argue against them?

There are so few standard Sunday Schools in the West, and yet the West responds so beautifully to the finer points of real organization, that we are only half doing the very thing that ought to be the climax of our work. Now if we do not emphasize methods at our encampments, how are we to get them? The State workers will be unable to reach all of the local churches. A real vision on the part of the new will stimulate activity in a church.

Some of our people designate methods as "red tape." We are willing to take any "red tape" Sunday School and place it beside a Sunday School that does not use modern methods, and the former will talk away with all honors in Bible knowledge, Bible study and evangelism.

B. Y. P. U. PLANS SOME INTERESTING PROGRAMS

As a result of an institute held here last week for the B. Y. P. U.'s by Miss Ethel Hudson and Miss Mary Taylor, the B. Y. P. U. met again Sunday night and re-organized, with a new vigor and determination to keep on keeping on.

They have planned some delightful entertainments for the winter months and cordially invite all the young people to come and be with us. Entertaining programs have also been mapped out for each Sunday night meeting, and we are sure you will enjoy them. Each Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

I think that I am safe in saying that there has never been so much interest shown in Sunday School work as we find today. People are responsive to the better Sunday school idea.

Our state is wonderfully blessed with outstanding Sunday Schools, large in numbers, efficient in equipment and methods used in teaching God's word. When we think of the possibilities of this great state we feel that we are a sleeping giant, just playing at the work. Nothing short of the best will meet the approval of our Saviour.

Our great state is divided into eight districts and the presidents elected by the people of their respective territories and they in turn become one of our state department superintendents. These departmental superintendents together with the state Sunday School secretary compose the workers council for our state Sunday school work. They are to meet at least twice a year and outline suggestive policies for the Sunday Schools.

We give the names of the departmental superintendents and their mailing address:

Bert E. Low, West Texas District, Winters, Texas.
E. F. Walker, Waelder, Texas, Southwest District.
L. E. Fossey, Houston, Texas, Southeast District.
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Bryan Robinson, Fort Worth, Tex-

as, North Texas District.

H. F. Saunders, Waco, Texas, Central District.

J. D. Fuller, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, South Texas District.

These fine busy men are giving their time and talents in a liberal way in helping to carry on the work and they are not receiving one cent remuneration for their services. These men are engaged in the following occupations—Bankers, Educational Directors, and Ministers.

They have already been doing some real constructive work. Each one sent letters to every Supt in their territory in the interest of the fall ingathering.

This division has been made that each section of this great state shall have a say in the policies that are to be followed. Again by having the districts we can see that each section get their proper consideration from this department. By working through these key men and the liberal help that is being rendered by the Educational Directors in the larger churches and by stressing the Associational Sunday School organization every section of our state will be reached in a real helpful way.

PROGRAM OF THE SWEETWATER ASSOCIATIONAL, B. Y. P. U. Oct. 31, 1926

9:45 a. m. Sunday School
11:00 a. m. Sermon Rev. Ira Parrack
12:00 Lunch
1:45 Song Services Wendell Foreman,
2:00 Simultaneous Winter Rural S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Campaign.
C. G. Sewell
2:20 The Group Captain's Responsibility Melton Baulch
2:40 Music arranged by Foreman and Hatton
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2:45 How to Put on S. S. Enlargement Campaign, Walter Jackson
3:15 Importance of Adult B. Y. P. U. Will Haney
3:35 State B. Y. P. U. Convention Taylor McCasland
All who expect to be at Merkel for lunch, please write Brother Ira L. Parrack at Merkel.

SWEETWATER FIRST CHURCH MAKES GOOD REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

The First Baptist Church of Sweetwater has perhaps a much greater record for the past year than any year of its history. When the report went to the association it was one not to be ashamed of but we wish it could have been much better. The church associational letter showed 280 additions, ninety five of these were for Baptism. All of these have joined at the weekly services. In addition to this the church has shown a wonderful improvement financially. The amount of money raised for the year was \$25,000. If the church continues to grow, the great debt will soon be closed and the church will be in a condition to be a great help to Southern Baptist Cause.

Perhaps the greatest cause for such a growth in this church is due to the great work of the new pastor. Brother Whaley is a live wire. He loves the Lord and proves it by the great stirring messages he brings each service. Every service is like an old time revival. Just yesterday there were 21 professions of faith and 15 additions to the church. But we are not satisfied, we want to do a greater work for our Master in Sweetwater.

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BIG SPRING W. M. U. MEETS AT MIDLAND

On October 6, the W. M. U. of the Big Spring association met in annual session with the First Baptist Church of Midland. Near one hundred women were present to enjoy the program and the hospitality of the Midland Church. A banner was awarded the First Church of Big Spring for having the largest representation present.

An interesting program had been planned but was dispensed with so that all might hear the splendid and inspirational address by Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

Mrs. Vickers, the associational president, reported that every church in the association had either been organized into a Society or a key woman had been appointed to keep in touch with the work. Some very interesting and encouraging reports were read from the various societies. A constructive plan of work for the following year was adopted and we are praying that this may be the very best year for this work in the history of the association.

The following named officers were elected. Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, Midland, president; Mrs. F. F. Gory, Big Spring, vice president; Mrs. W. E. Wallace, Midland, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Miss Lula Cardwell, Big Spring, recording secretary; Miss Annie Lee King, Midland, Young People's leader; Mrs. Flora Runyan, Coahoma, personal service chairman; Mrs. J. M. Matt, Big Spring, mission chairman; Mrs. E. E. Mason, Knott, mission study chairman; Mrs. J. E. Scott, Stanton, Christian education chairman; Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Big Spring, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Troy N. Eiland, Midland, publicity chairman.

This represents a complete staff of officers and the president urges that each society preserve this list and that reports from each society be sent to each of the officers promptly at the close of each quarter.

"IN ADDITION TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID"

By P. D. O'Brien

With great timidity (please do not confuse that word with "timidity") I approach the task of saying a word through the columns of the Woman's Page of the West Texas Baptist. For

three weeks this word has been stirring in my soul, and I feel that it must be said. As my friends well know, I am of a naturally modest and retiring disposition at all times and more especially when the ladies are concerned. And this is more true with me today than ever before, due to a social given in honor of Mrs. R. J. Paxton, retiring president of our local W. M. U. who is moving to Eaton, against our wishes. It is like this, the party was to be here at our house, and was to be strictly for, of and by the women. It was to be "an old fashioned party," they said, and I hunted all day for an excuse to be away from home that night. They told me half heartedly that it would be all right for me to stay, and as there was no lodge or anything like that, I finally decided that I would. I think out of the thirty or more who attended there was one dressed to impersonate each noted feminine character from the Queen of Sheba to Carrie Nation. When the Queen of Sheba came in I began to get nervous, and it must have been Solomon instead of the queen that said, "the half has not been told," that is if she looked like the woman who dressed like her for the party. Then came Joan of Arc, or something, then followed Cleopatra, and I fled, for like Elijah how did I know but that Jezebel might be next. Where I went, what I did and when I came home will probably remain one of the unsolved mysteries of this age. But I still think I saved my life by my procedure, and believe further that any other able-bodied man with half sense and two feet would have done as I did.

Now in the face of the above mentioned experience, I find myself bold enough to venture to send a word to the Woman's Page. But it must be done, so with my heart in my throat, and my dictionary at one elbow and a book of etiquette at the other I shall begin.

Some one wrote up the account of the meeting held here at our church by the W. M. U. of the Haskell Association three weeks ago in which local people, lunches, etc., were fully discussed, but not a word about the very best part of the day's program. Whoever wrote that article did me the injustice to hint at the fact that I ate a very hearty lunch. Probably I should let that stand where it is without comment, but my intimate acquaintances know that I am, and have been for some time, on a reduced

diet, and I would not have them lose confidence in my ability to limit myself to my allotted amount of calories, even in the presence of such a temptation as was set before us that day. No those four plates of food which I took from the table to the adjoining room, was for brother L. E. Fraasre, of Rochester who is very partial at a ladies' meeting. The above mentioned writer also did Mrs. E. B. Atwood and Mrs. Ellis, of Abilene a grave injustice by not even mentioning the great addresses which they delivered to the meeting. I want to say in all seriousness that the address by Mr. Atwood on "putting God and His kingdom first in our lives," measured up to the best we have ever heard. As she so wisely says, there are many good clubs, and other organizations that the women may give their time to, which are good, but the church and the kingdom are best. But many of us choose, not between the good and the bad necessarily, but between the good and the best, and too many times give the good precedence. This section will always have a better and closer feeling of interest in the West Texas Baptist Hospital after hearing Mrs. Ellis. We are as grateful as we came for this great institution, and for women like Mrs. Ellis who can make it so real that it appeals alike to our hearts and our pocket books. Personally we were happy to have these fine women in our home for a little while. We pray and believe that the Lord is leading and will lead them to accomplish great things for His cause in West Texas.

—Munday, Texas.

T. E. L. AT LORAIN

The T. E. L. Sunday school class of the Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon in a business and social meeting at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Henry Howell.

Two or three of our members were kept away on account of sickness and some are picking cotton so there were but eight present.

For our devotional each one quoted some scripture that had been a great help to them and commented upon it, then Mrs. Roy Baird led our prayer.

We then went into the election of officers for the coming year, as this is the beginning of a new year with us. The new officers are as follows: Mrs. Roy-Baird, president; Mrs. Clyde Wilson, first vice president; Mrs. A. G. Furlow, second vice president; Mrs.

Ernest Jones, third vice president; Mrs. Edwin Hallmark, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Griffith, personal service manager.

As this was all the business we adjourned to meet again in two weeks, the place to be announced later.

We then enjoyed a delightful social hour during which a delicious plate lunch was served.

—Reporter.

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake, and rise and fight and win.

Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day—
At sunrise every soul is born again!

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say, "I can!"
No shame faced outcast ever sank so deep,
But yet might rise and be again a man!

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous Retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past,
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—Walter Malone

Is the World Growing Better

Is the world growing better? This is a good question for a little discussion. We are publishing below an article on this subject from the Baptist Messenger. Read the article and then write your opinion on the subject. Limit your article to not more than 500 words. If several of our readers will send in good articles on this subject we will do our best to settle the matter in the West Texas Baptist. Editor.

Some time ago an honored rother wrote, asking us to write on this subject. We have been so busy attending associations and keeping special engagements that we have not had time to carefully prepare an article in response to this request. Neither do we now have time.

We remember a story by Courtland Myers of an old negro who had a habit of using big words without knowing their meaning. On one occasion he used the word, "reciprocity." Some one interrupted by declaring that he did not know what "reciprocity" meant. He insisted that he did and pointed to a chicken house near by, saying, "De hens over dere lay for de white folks. I lay for de hens. De white folks, they lays for me. That is 'reciprocity.'" He had a better understanding than they gave him credit for and that fairly well illustrates the attitude of the nations of the world today.

Yes, the world is getting better, and worse. Some good brethren believe that there are more Christians in the world today than ever before. The world is to that extent better than ever before. We could easily point to the corruption, wickedness, and viciousness characterizing the nations of the earth today and declare that the world is getting worse, but we must remember that the conditions so marked in the present are indicated as having been notoriously prevalent in all ages of the world's history. When man turned away from

God in the beginning he doubtless thought he was improving the world and from evidences come to light that ancient world was marvelous from the stand point of what we call arts, sciences and general progress, but it was so rotten, morally, and perverted, intellectually, that it had to be destroyed utterly.

Not long after the flood and the new conditions, the world became so corrupt and vile that God had to choose out a little stream through which he might bring blessing. Nations have risen to heights of prosperity and intellectual conquests that are now only known by the marks they have left.

So it is but fair to recognize that tides of evil have ebbed and flowed down through the ages, now rising to apparent victory and dashing to disaster. We speak of the good old days and justly so if properly qualified, but the candid investigator of the records of man must admit that he is evil and only evil and continually evil, though he has different ways of expressing or manifesting his selfishness. How any true believer in the Book and especially one who understands the necessity for regeneration can claim that the world as such is getting better we cannot understand. Baptists believe that ye must be born again and that though a man have all the refinements of culture and all the refinements of morality he is in-capable of pleasing God. It seems just as reasonable to expect the devil to

get better or the flesh to get better as for the world in general to get better apart from regeneration. Of course conditions of society and conveniences of present day life may contribute to the pleasure and comfort of life, but they in no wise change the nature of man.

When we look at the conditions in christendom even among those who profess christianity, the most marked trend is away from the absolute necessity for regeneration. No encouragement there. But on the other hand God is raising up witnesses in the midst of this declination who stand for the truth without fear or favor. There is encouragement there. And that God is willing to save souls when in the power of a dedicated life we proclaim His message is a truth that we need to accept and express.

When we consider the question of education, there is no encouragement there. Though our halls of learning are crowded with young life and the acquiring of learning and discipline may enable them to outdistance their competitors, they are not in many of these places of instruction being taught the most fundamental features of a true life. According to Prof. Lueba who has made an exhaustive investigation, a large proportion of the professors in the higher schools of learning do not believe in a personal God.

And according to Prof. William James, lecturing at the University of Chicago some years before his death, "I have been a citizen of Cambridge for many years and in my time there has been in Eastern Massachusetts no enterprise of public or private rascality that has not been organized or led by a Harvard graduate."

And as an indication that it is not only institutions like Harvard, now Unitarian, or Chicago University without any regard for the fundamentals, but we read that Harvard authorities with an artless munificence have thrown open to Newton students what Pres. Horr calls "the famous Williams scholarship of \$500 each"—famous, no doubt, from the fact that

the founder was a Boston rum seller in the early day. King's Chapel, (Unitarian) has organized a "Semi-annual Week" at which Pres. Horr appears on "Newton Day" and the representatives of Harvard, Boston and the Episcopal School at appointed times, but even the most accomplished affrontery could not go through the mockery of an Andover Day. Pres. Horr lectures in the Unitarian Summer School for Ministers at Harvard, and Newton Professors are frequent preachers at King's Chapel and Arlington Street (Unitarian Churches). Drs. Peabody, Fenn, Jacks and Diefenbach appear on Newton Hill and Pres. Lowell of Harvard was picked as the prominent speaker of the Newton Centenary Celebration in 1925. When the Baptist Theological professors of the country held a conference in Boston, the Harvard Divinity School proffered them a dinner and in recognition of this courtesy Pres. Horr, with Unitarian help, rounded up the representatives of all the Seminaries at a Harvard Summer Conference which the Christian Register declares "an historic meeting of American christendom."

Let it be remembered that Newton is a great Baptist Theological Seminary, in hearty fellowship and accord with outstanding deniers of the deity of our Lord.

But time would fail us to point out the signs of apostasy that mark our day. Whether the world is getting better or worse, the great question for each of us is "Are we getting better or worse?"

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THE CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

CONTEST NO. ONE. The West Texas Baptist will give ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH to the Associations (not including the Sweetwater Association) that send in the largest number of subscriptions to the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard between October 1, and January first. This contest will be placed on a percentage basis. The association sending in the largest number of subscriptions, based on the number of Baptists in the association as shown by the last minutes of the association, will receive the prizes. This will give the smaller associations an equal chance with the larger ones. The prizes in Contest No. One will be as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$30.00; third prize, \$20.00.

CONTEST NO. TWO. Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene has authorized the West Texas Baptist to offer an additional \$100 in prizes to be given to the individuals in these associations who send in the largest list of subscriptions to the Standard and West Texas Baptist during the contest. This contest is open to any individual living outside of Taylor County. Folks, here's a chance for you to help your association win the \$100 associational prize and at the same time have a chance to win a nice individual prize for yourself. We are going to have a chance in this second contest to see who is the champion subscription "rustler" in West Texas. The prizes in this second contest will be as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$20.00; third prize, \$10.00; four prizes of \$5.00 each.

CONTEST NO. THREE. Prizes of \$100 will be given to the individual in Taylor County who secure the most subscriptions to these papers during the contest. A good business man in Abilene, Mr. C. W. Clark of the Abilene Laundry Company, is offering an attractive cash proposition extra to Simmons University students who participate in this contest. This will give the students an opportunity to make some expense money whether they win a prize or not, and at the same time they will have a chance at the Cash Prizes. This contest is open to any one living in Taylor County. The cash prizes in Contest No. Three are as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$25.00; third prize, \$15.00; fourth prize, \$10.00.

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4.—Subscriptions solicited by workers in an association that go to addresses outside of the association may be counted as units for the association, if so designated when sent in.

GET IN THE CONTEST NOW

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THE WEST TEXAS BAPTIST
ABILENE, TEXAS

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BIG SPRING W. M. U. MEETS AT MIDLAND

On October 6, the W. W. U. of the Big Spring association met in annual session with the First Baptist Church of Midland. Near one hundred women were present to enjoy the program and the hospitality of the Midland Church. A banner was awarded the First Church of Big Spring for having the largest representation present.

An interesting program had been planned but was dispensed with so that all might hear the splendid and inspirational address by Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

Mrs. Vickers, the associational president, reported that every church in the association had either been organized into a Society or a key woman had been appointed to keep in touch with the work. Some very interesting and encouraging reports were read from the various societies. A constructive plan of work for the following year was adopted and we are praying that this may be the very best year for this work in the history of the association.

The following named officers were elected. Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, Midland, president; Mrs. P. F. Gory, Big Spring, vice president; Mrs. W. E. Wallace, Midland, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Miss Lula Cardwell, Big Spring, recording secretary; Miss Annie Lee King, Midland, Young People's leader; Mrs. Flora Runyan, Coahoma, personal service chairman; Mrs. J. M. Matt, Big Spring, mission chairman; Mrs. E. E. Mason, Knott, mission study chairman; Mrs. J. E. Scott, Stanton, Christian education chairman; Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Big Spring, benevolence chairman; Mrs. Troy N. Eiland, Midland, publicity chairman.

This represents a complete staff of officers and the president urges that each society preserve this list and that reports from each society be sent to each of the officers promptly at the close of each quarter.

"IN ADDITION TO WHAT HAS BEEN SAID"

By P. D. O'Brien

With great timidity (please do not confuse that word with "temerity") I approach the task of saying a word through the columns of the Woman's Page of the West Texas Baptist. For

three weeks this word has been surging in my soul, and I feel that it must be said. As my friends well know, I am of a naturally modest and retiring disposition at all times and more especially when the ladies are concerned. And this is more true with me today than ever before, due to a social given in honor of Mrs. R. J. Paxton, retiring president of our local W. M. U. who is moving to Raton, against our wishes. It is like this, the party was to be here at our house, and was to be strictly for, of and by the women. It was to be "an old fashioned party," they said, and I hunted all day for an excuse to be away from home that night. They told me half heartedly that it would be all right for me to stay, and as there was no lodge or anything like that, I finally decided that I would. I think out of the thirty or more who attended there was one dressed to impersonate each noted feminine character from the Queen of Sheba to Carrie Nation. When the Queen of Sheba came in I began to get nervous, and it must have been Solomon instead of the queen that said, "the half has not been told," that is if she looked like the woman who dressed like her for the party. Then came Joan of Arc, or something, then followed Cleopatra, and I fled, for like Elijah how did I know but that Jezebel might be next. Where I went, what I did and when I came home will probably remain one of the unsolved mysteries of this age. But I still think I saved my life by my procedure, and believe further that any other able-bodied man with half sense and two feet would have done as I did.

Now in the face of the above mentioned experience, I find myself bold enough to venture to send a word to the Woman's Page. But it must be done, so with my heart in my throat, and my dictionary at one elbow and a book of etiquette at the other I shall begin.

Some one wrote up the account of the meeting held here at our church by the W. M. U. of the Haskell Association three weeks ago in which local people, lunches, etc., were fully discussed, but not a word about the very best part of the day's program. Whoever wrote that article did me the injustice to hint at the fact that I ate a very hearty lunch. Probably I should let that stand where it is without comment, but my intimate acquaintances know that I am, and have been for some time, on a reduced

diet, and I would not have them lose confidence in my ability to limit myself to my allotted amount of calories, even in the presence of such a temptation as was set before us that day. No those four plates of food which I took from the table to the adjoining room, was for brother L. E. Frause, of Rochester who is very nasal at a ladies' meeting. The above mentioned writer also did Mrs. E. B. Atwood and Mrs. Ellis, of Abilene a grave injustice by not even mentioning the great addresses which they delivered to the meeting. I want to say in all seriousness that the address by Mr. Atwood on "putting God and His kingdom first in our lives," measured up to the best we have ever heard. As she so wisely says, there are many good clubs, and other organizations that the women may give their time to, which are good, but the church and the kingdom are best. But many of us choose, not between the good and the bad necessarily, but between the good and the best, and too many times give the good precedence. This section will always have a better and closer feeling of interest in the West Texas Baptist Hospital after hearing Mrs. Ellis. We are as grateful as we came for this great institution, and for women like Mrs. Ellis who can make it so real that it appeals alike to our hearts and our pocket books. Personally we were happy to have these fine women in our home for a little while. We pray and believe that the Lord is leading and will lead them to accomplish great things for His cause in West Texas.

—Munday, Texas.

T. E. L. AT LORAIN

The T. E. L. Sunday school class of the Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon in a business and social meeting at the beautiful new home of Mrs. Henry Howell.

Two or three of our members were kept away on account of sickness and some are picking cotton so there were but eight present.

For our devotional each one quoted some scripture that had been a great help to them and commented upon it, then Mrs. Roy Baird led our prayer.

We then went into the election of officers for the coming year, as this is the beginning of a new year with us. The new officers are as follows: Mrs. Roy Baird, president; Mrs. Clyde Wilson, first vice president; Mrs. A. G. Furlow, second vice president; Mrs.

Ernest Jones, third vice president; Mrs. Edwin Hallmark, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Griffith, personal service manager.

As this was all the business we adjourned to meet again in two weeks, the place to be announced later.

We then enjoyed a delightful social hour during which a delicious plate lunch was served.

—Reporter.

OPPORTUNITY

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake, and rise and fight and win.

Will not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day—
At sunrise every soul is born again!

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say, "I can!"
No shame faced outcast ever sank so deep,
But yet might rise and be again a man!

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous Retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past,
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—Walter Malone

Is the World Growing Better

Is the world growing better? This is a good question for a little discussion. We are publishing below an article on this subject from the Baptist Messenger. Read the article and then write your opinion on the subject. Limit your article to not more than 500 words. If several of our readers will send in good articles on this subject we will do our best to settle the matter in the West Texas Baptist.

Editor.

Some time ago an honored rother wrote, asking us to write on this subject. We have been so busy attending associations and keeping special engagements that we have not had time to carefully prepare an article in response to this request. Neither do we now have time.

We remember a story by Courtland Myers of an old negro who had a habit of using big words without knowing their meaning. On one occasion he used the word, "reciprocity." Some one interrupted by declaring that he did not know what "reciprocity" meant. He insisted that he did and pointed to a chicken house near by, saying, "De hens over dere lay for de white folks. I lay for de hens. De white folks, they lays for me. That is 'reciprocity.' He had a better understanding than they gave him credit for and that fairly well illustrates the attitude of the nations of the world today.

Yes, the world is getting better, and worse. Some good brethren believe that there are more Christians in the world today than ever before. The world is to that extent better than ever before. We could easily point to the corruption, wickedness, and viciousness characterizing the nations of the earth today and declare that the world is getting worse, but we must remember that the conditions so marked in the present are indicated as having been notoriously prevalent in all ages of the world's history. When man turned away from

God in the beginning he doubtless thought he was improving the world and from evidences come to light that ancient world was marvelous from the stand point of what we call arts, sciences and general progress, but it was so rotten, morally, and perverted, intellectually, that it had to be destroyed utterly.

Not long after the flood and the new conditions, the world became so corrupt and vile that God had to choose out a little stream through which he might bring blessing. Nations have risen to heights of prosperity and intellectual conquests that are now only known by the marks they have left.

So it is but fair to recognize that tides of evil have ebbed and flowed down through the ages, now rising to apparent victory and dashing to disaster. We speak of the good old days and justly so if properly qualified, but the candid investigator of the records of man must admit that he is evil and only evil and continually evil, though he has different ways of expressing or manifesting his selfishness. How any true believer in the Book and especially one who understands the necessity for regeneration can claim that the world as such is getting better we cannot understand. Baptists believe that ye must be born again and that though a man have all the refinements of culture and even the marks of morality he is incapable of pleasing God. It seems just as reasonable to expect the devil to

get better or the flesh to get better for the world in general to get better apart from regeneration. Of course conditions of society and conveniences of present day life may contribute to the pleasure and comfort of life, but they in no wise change the nature of man.

When we look at the conditions in christendom even among those who profess christianity, the most marked trend is away from the absolute necessity for regeneration. No encouragement there. But on the other hand God is raising up witnesses in the midst of this declination who stand for the truth without fear or favor. There is encouragement there. And that God is willing to save souls when in the power of a dedicated life we proclaim His message is a truth that we need to accept and express.

When we consider the question of education, there is no encouragement there. Though our halls of learning are crowded with young life and the acquiring of learning and discipline may enable them to outdistance their competitors, they are not in many of these places of instruction being taught the most fundamental features of a true life. According to Prof. Lueba who has made an exhaustive investigation, a large proportion of the professors in the higher schools of learning do not believe in a personal God.

And according to Prof. William James, lecturing at the University of Chicago some years before his death, "I have been a citizen of Cambridge for many years and in my time there has been in Eastern Massachusetts no enterprise of public or private rascality that has not been organized or led by a Harvard graduate."

And as an indication that it is not only institutions like Harvard, now Unitarian, or Chicago University without any regard for the fundamentals, but we read that Harvard authorities with an artless munificence have thrown open to Newton students what Pres. Horr calls "the famous Williams scholarship of \$500 each"—famous, no doubt, from the fact that

the founder was a Boston rum seller in the early day. King's Chapel, (Unitarian) has organized a "Semi-nary Week" at which Pres. Horr appears on "Newton Day" and the representatives of Harvard, Boston and the Episcopal School at appointed times, but even the most accomplished affrontery could not go through the mockery of an Andover Day. Pres. Horr lectures in the Unitarian Summer School for Ministers at Harvard, and Newton Professors are frequent preachers at King's Chapel and Arlington Street (Unitarian Churches). Drs. Peabody, Fenn, Jacks and Diefenbach appear on Newton Hill and Pres. Lowell of Harvard was picked as the prominent speaker of the Newton Centenary Celebration in 1925. When the Baptist Theological professors of the country held a conference in Boston, the Harvard Divinity School proffered them a dinner and in recognition of this courtesy Pres. Horr, with Unitarian help, rounded up the representatives of all the Seminaries at a Harvard Summer Conference which the Christian Register declares "an historic meeting of American christendom."

Let it be remembered that Newton is a great Baptist Theological Seminary, in hearty fellowship and accord with outstanding deniers of the deity of our Lord.

But time would fail us to point out the signs of apostasy that mark our day. Whether the world is getting better or worse, the great question for each of us is "Are we getting better or worse?"

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\$300. PRIZES GIVEN IN SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

Our Goal is 4000 Subscribers

An effort is being made to double the circulation of our Baptist newspapers in the Southern Baptist Convention. The West Texas Baptist secured 2,000 subscribers in a little over a year after it began publication. We want to double this list in this contest, and we believe our friends will help us do it. Along with this we want to place the Baptist Standard in hundreds of new homes in the West. We are offering both associations and individuals an opportunity to engage in a friendly contest that should become very interesting before its close, and at the same time greatly strengthen Christ's Kingdom in the West by placing these papers in the homes of our people.

THE CONTESTS ANNOUNCED

CONTEST NO. ONE. The West Texas Baptist will give ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH to the Associations (not including the Sweetwater Association) that send in the largest number of subscriptions to the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard between October 1, and January first. This contest will be placed on a percentage basis. The association sending in the largest number of subscriptions, based on the number of Baptists in the association as shown by the last minutes of the association, will receive the prizes. This will give the smaller associations an equal chance with the larger ones. The prizes in Contest No. One will be as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$30.00; third prize, \$20.00.

CONTEST NO. TWO. Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene has authorized the West Texas Baptist to offer an additional \$100 in prizes to be given to the individuals in these associations who send in the largest list of subscriptions to the Standard and West Texas Baptist during the contest. This contest is open to any individual living outside of Taylor County. Folks, here's a chance for you to help your association win the \$100 associational prize and at the same time have a chance to win a nice individual prize for yourself. We are going to have a chance in this second contest to see who is the champion subscription "rustler" in West Texas. The prizes in this second contest will be as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$20.00; third prize, \$10.00; four prizes of \$5.00 each.

CONTEST NO. THREE. Prizes of \$100 will be given to the individual in Taylor County who secure the most subscriptions to these papers during the contest. A good business man in Abilene, Mr. C. W. Clark of the Abilene Laundry Company, is offering an attractive cash proposition extra to Simmons University students who participate in this contest. This will give the students an opportunity to make some expense money whether they win a prize or not, and at the same time they will have a chance at the Cash Prizes. This contest is open to any one living in Taylor County. The cash prizes in Contest No. Three are as follows: First prize, \$50.00; second prize, \$25.00; third prize, \$15.00; fourth prize, \$10.00.

RULES FOR THE CONTEST

1.—For each one dollar subscription sent in for the West Texas Baptist for one year, 2,000 units will be counted for the association or individual from which the subscription is sent. For each subscription of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) for the West Texas Baptist one year and Baptist Standard one year, either new subscriptions or renewals, 3,000 units will be counted for the association or individual sending in the subscriptions. For example if five \$1.00 subscriptions are sent in for the West Texas Baptist and five \$2.25 subscriptions sent in for both the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard for one year, the association or individual sending these in will receive 25,000 units in the contest.

2.—All subscriptions must be sent to the West Texas Baptist within one week from the time they are secured by the solicitor. The new and renewal subscriptions in the contest will count the same in units, but all subscriptions sent in should state whether they are new or renewals, so that the proper entries may be made on the subscription books.

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SIMMONS UNIVERSITY NOTES

From The Simmons Brand

Of the seven students of the Simmons University Art Department who made entries in the West Texas Fair, which was held in Abilene, recently, all won from one to five prizes on their work. Very favorable comment concerning the work was made by those who are capable, judging, some coming from artists of the state.

Rev. John Carney, an outstanding lecturer of Texas today, spoke to the Simmons students in chapel Tuesday morning. Great interest was shown in the pictures presented, which pictures Brother Carney says he has shown from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific.

Making Simmons night one of the high points in the revival now in progress at College Heights Baptist Church, several hundred university students responded to the request of those in charge of the meeting, and attended the service at the church Wednesday night.

The pep leaders of Simmons University are to have new uniforms this year which will carry out the color scheme of purple and gold, the university colors. These new uniforms are expected to be ready in time for the next game played here.

The Philo-Mary E. Literary Society met Friday afternoon, October 1, in the first joint meeting of the year. The president was absent, so Mr. N. E. McGuire was appointed temporary chairman.

On Monday evening, October 18th at 8 o'clock, in Abilene Hall, Miss Olivia Maria Hobgood, head of the speech arts department of Simmons University, will present two one-act plays, with copy right permission by publishers. The plays are entitled "Fixin's" a melodrama by Paul and Ernie Green and "The Beaded Buckle," a comedy by Gray.

Otis Carter of Lockney, an honor graduate of Simmons University and editor of the Simmons Brand of 1925-26 left Abilene last Saturday to take up his duties as editor and associate manager of the Western Enterprise, a weekly paper in Anson.

Mr. Carter has been on the Brand staff during most of his university career. He was managing editor in 1925 and editor in 1925-26.

The Simmons University Cowgirls appearing in their new purple and gold uniforms at the opening game of the season swung into their third year of action. Organization of the pep squad for another year has been perfected. And 23 new members have been selected from the 150 rushers to complete the membership of 50 girls.

The Journalism Class under the direction of the teacher, Sam Malone, had a very interesting and instructive visit through the different departments of the Abilene Daily Reporter, Monday afternoon, October 4.

According to the statement made by Miss Andrews, the librarian, the Simmons Library is to be greatly strengthened in all departments. Of especial interest and note are the domestic science, the history and the education departments.

The first Fine Art recital of the year was given in Abilene Hall last Monday evening when Prof. and Mrs. W. James Work, new members of the Fine Arts faculty, rendered several numbers before a large crowd.

The program consisted of vocal numbers by Professor Work, and piano selections by Mrs. Work. Both these are artists in their line and the audience received their numbers enthusiastically. Mr. Work rendered a program of 10 numbers, which included classics and some semi-popular selections. He was called back again and again and was forced to encoeur practically every number.

HURRAH FOR MRS. DAN MOODY

Among the interesting spectators who attended last Saturday's game between the Simmons Cowboys and St. Edward's Saints, were Attorney General and Mrs. Dan Moody. The Governor-elect of Texas and his wife were having just as good time watching the hardfought game and eating peanuts and candy as were any of the other 1,500 people at the classic. Mrs. Moody, who is a former graduate of Simmons, cheered the Simmons eleven as a real fan should. Dan was more conservative, he remained neutral. If any of Ma Ferguson's friends had seen him rooting for the Baptists, the rumor might have been circulated that Dan was a Ku Kluxer and a deadly enemy of the Catholics.

Mrs. Moody, formerly Miss Mildred Paxton, finished Simmons several years ago. While in Simmons she

started The Brand and was the week-end's first editor. She was an instructor in journalism during two terms of school in 1924. She has always been a big Simmons booster.

"On to Birmingham" is the battle cry of many of the students on the campus. This phrase merely means that they want to attend the First South-wide Student Convention ever to be held at Birmingham, Alabama, October 28-31. All students are eligible to attend this convention, and Texas' minimum quota is 200 delegates. Each student body in Texas is asked to send 3 per cent of the student body. This would allow 24 students to go from Simmons. Great effort would be made by a number of students to attend this convention at Birmingham.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT

Of the Brownfield Baptist Association.

Churches Organized	1
S. S. Organized	1
Teachers T. Courses	3
Subscription to Standard	8
Subscription to W. T. B.	7
Elders Ordained	1
Deacons Ordained	11
Homes Visited	306
Sermons	162
Meetings Held	7
Conversions	18
Baptisms	15
Received by Letter	44
Books Sold	\$106.80
Received on 1925 Program	134.00
Received on 1926 Program	9.15
Received from churches on their pledge to Association	
Missions	114.65
Received from meetings and on field for Ass'n Missions	245.10
Miles Traveled	2,865
Car Expense, tires, lub, gas, and repairs	365.04

By W. F. Markham in The Baptist Builder.

BIBLE SKETCHES

By J. N. Campbell
Pharaoh

Meneptah was the Pharaoh of the Exodus. He continued the same policy of oppression which the great Rameses had followed in his dealings with the children of Israel.

Moses and Aaron go before him with the demand from Jehovah that he let the children of Israel go. Meneptah denies any knowledge of Jehovah and in mockery doubles the burdens of the people. God next speaks to him in deeds.

The sign of the rod, the changing of water to blood, and the bringing of frogs were all duplicated by the Egyptian magicians. On certain occasions the devil performs lying wonders to this day. When a man is determined to believe a lie, God lets him.

But the magicians could not duplicate the plague of lice, and they reported to Pharaoh that this was "the finger of God." Pharaoh hardened his heart however and refused to let the people go. Plague after plague is now sent upon Egypt. At first it is said that Pharaoh hardened his heart, but later we read that Jehovah hardened his heart. The man who persistently and willfully rejects God's will is finally left by God to his wickedness, to reap what he sows. God makes a signal example of Pharaoh.

Flies, murrain, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the first-born follow, one upon the heels of the other. Until it would seem that Egypt would be literally destroyed.

Pharaoh "repents" time and again, but his repentance lasts only long enough for the plague to be removed. Just so today resolutions are often made in sickness, only to be broken when health returns. In the grip of calamity all of us are ready to turn over a new leaf if we might only get out of our troubles. Let us beware of Pharaoh's folly. It will not do to trifle with God.

Finally God shook off His puny antagonist in the Red Sea. It is a losing fight when one undertakes to hold out against Almighty God. It is far better to have Him for your Friend here. And if you do not have Jesus for your Friend at the Judgment you are forever lost.

Dr. R. C. Pender is attending the meeting of the Staked Plains Association at Littlefield this week. The association is meeting with Pastor W. B. Phipps and the Littlefield Church.

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CALLAHAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION WORKERS' CONFERENCE

The Workers' Council of this association district met with the Scranton Baptist Church Monday, September 27.

Brother J. H. Burnam lead a 15-minute devotional service, after which Rev. Joe R. Mayes of Baird gave a short talk on stewardship.

At 10:30, Brother James E. Black of Putnam, ably discussed the subject, "Our Unified Program Explained."

At 11:00 Brother Dick Bright was to have preached but as he had gone to visit his mother, Brother Joe Mayes, of Baird, preached in his stead. His subject was, "The Cry of the Crisis." A very able sermon, and enjoyed by all who heard it.

The ladies of the church spread an ample basket dinner, after this sermon, and everyone tried to do justice to it.

After noon the W. M. U. rendered a program. Mrs. Sykes, of Clyde, is the president and she was not present, so Mrs. J. W. Aderholt, of Putnam, acted in her stead. No programs had been received and nothing prepared, but a very splendid series of impromptu speeches and reports from the different societies filled the hour.

Miss Anna Ellis, of Cottonwood, gave a splendid little "sermonette" on "Stewardship and the Tithe."

Mrs. Qsenhower, of Putnam, made a short talk on personal service.

There was good congregational singing throughout the entire day and in the afternoon the Scranton Quartette sang two or three numbers.

Mrs. J. H. D. Flening came next with a very clear cut discussion of "Ministerial Education."

Brother Hearn, of Cross Plains, then made a short speech on "Importance of and How to Maintain a Prayer Meeting in a Country Church."

After this talk, Brother McGuire, pastor for Scranton Church, asked that the congregation stand and sing while the hand of Christian fellowship was given to Brother Henry Cook, of Atwell, who has recently surrendered to the call of the ministry.

The next meeting of the Workers' Council will be at Atwell the Friday night before the fifth Sunday in October. —Reporter.

News Notes

The Cisco Association is holding its annual meeting Wednesday and Thursday of this week with the First Baptist Church, Cisco. The Association is composed of Shachelford, Stephens and Eastland counties. Rev. J. J. Ponder is the missionary of the association.

The daily papers Monday carried the news of the death of Rev. W. C. Garrett which occurred at his home at Amarillo. Brother Garrett has been one of the leading pastors and missionaries in West Texas for a number of years, and he has wrought a noble work for the Master. He has a son, Jessie Hill Garrett who has preached in the west for several years. He is now a student in the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. We expect to be able to carry a story next week on the life of this good man who has fallen on the battle line.

Missionary J. C. Parks of the Fisher County Association was a visitor at the meeting of the Sweetwater Association last week. He reports the work progressing in that section. Brother Parks in making plans for his association to get in on the subscription contest of the West Texas Baptist and Baptist Standard.

Rev. Sam Morris has been called as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Weatherford, and we understand he is accepting the work. Brother Morris is one of our most successful pastors and evangelists and we congratulate the Weatherford Church in securing his services.

The Christian people of Colorado City paid a fine tribute recently to Rev. M. C. Bishop who for five years was pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city, and who recently resigned to accept the work at Post, Texas. All the churches of the city met with the Baptist Church at the last service held by Brother Bishop. Talks were made by different pastors. The Methodist pastor spoke on "M. C. Bishop as a Preacher." The pastor of the Christian Church spoke on "Rev. Bishop as a Pastor." The Presbyterian pastor spoke on the retiring pastor as a citizen. Several citizens of the town also spoke on the fine work accomplished by the retiring pastor and his good family. Brother Bishop is now on the new field at Post.

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

By P. D. O'Brien

Rev. Luther S. Jenkins has resigned as pastor of the church at Center View. Brother Jenkins says there is a great opportunity to Center View. This is a half time church. We understand that Brother Jenkins has been invited to preach at Goree, which is a very fine half time church.

The church at Sagerton has called Rev. V. W. Tatum, of Weinert. Brother Tatum has not given his answer as yet.

The church at Haskell is still going forward, they had six additions last Sunday. They also took a collection for Buckner Orphan Home, which amounted to \$263.61. This should serve to remind us that as we are looking after round-ups, budgets, etc., that the orphans must be remembered.

There were two additions to the church at Rule on last Sunday. They are planning to take their collection for the fall round-up next Sunday. Pastor Greer and myself have agreed to exchange pulpits on the fourth Sunday at the evening service.

Brother J. F. Mason is holding a meeting this week at Guthrie, in King County. We have not heard how the meeting is progressing.

We have had Brother George W. Owens, of Texarkana, for an itinerary of our association the last week in interest of the fall round-up. Brother Owens has greatly envisioned our people, and his ministry has served to strengthen our denominational convictions. We are glad he came. Missionary Read has made all plans, and accompanied him over the association. He is to deliver his last address in our section, here at Monday tonight.

A strong doctrinal program has been arranged for the fifth Sunday meeting at Haskell. We will send a copy to the West Texas Baptist next week.

Most of the pastors of our association met at Haskell last Saturday afternoon, with the missionary and Brother George W. Owens, to map out a plan whereby every church in the association would be urged to make a contribution to the fall campaign. The association was divided into four sections, and certain pastors were made responsible for the churches in these sections. If there are pastorless churches they will have a man sent to them if they so desire to help in the collection. And if there are pastors who desire help that will be looked after also. We want to make this offering a hundred per cent.

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It may be wrong; but it seems to me that American Christianity is about to pass through a severe ordeal. It may be a ten-years conflict, it may be a thirty-years war, but it is a conflict in which all Christian churches are concerned. The war will come. The Presbyterian Church must take part in it; and Princeton, unless her glory is departed, must lead the van in the great fight for fundamental Christianity. It is not amendment, it is not revision, it is not restatement, it is a revolution that we shall have to face. The issue will be joined by and by on the essential truth of a miraculous and God-given revelation; and then we must be ready to fight, and if need be, to die, in defense of the blood-bought truths of the common salvation."

AN AFRICAN DEDICATION

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been wrought in fourteen years in "Darkest Africa."

Then I was carried across to other side of the plot of ground where the church was erecting another building for a day school. Between it and the church, was an immense brush arbor, with temporary tables where at noon the congregation was to feed the hundreds of Fidi and of the district, who came for the great service. On every hand was evidence of work, sacrifice, loyalty, order.

The crowds gathered by the hundreds. Brother J. C. Powell, at present missionary in charge of the district, and to whom much credit is due for growth of the work and erection of the buildings, stood beside the native pastor. Several leading native pastors from prominent churches were at hand and took active part in the services.

With bowed heads, we stood before the closed front entrance, while a prayer of thanksgiving was offered. Then an officer of the church opened the big doors and asked that your West Texas representative should be the first to enter and lead the waiting congregation inside. There was an unusual sense of solemnity, as we

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reverently moved inside, and took the chair on the platform, with missionary Powell, the native pastor Ogun-tade, and several ordained native pastors seated near. Only a small part of the immense crowd could enter the large building. Hundreds stood near the doors and windows, while many went to the brush arbor.

A beautiful and impressive dedication service proceeded. There were songs by the congregation and by the choir. There were the reading of portions of scripture and prayers. In addition to presiding, I was asked to give a brief history of the church. Excellent gifts were presented to missionary Powell, to members who had shown exceptional sacrifice and devotion in erecting the building; and to myself. Pastor Addiran of Abokuta delivered an excellent sermon. After the benediction, all who were not members went out and then the Lord's Supper was observed.

Then followed a great "dinner on the ground," and a fine afternoon preaching service, after which a large number was baptized.

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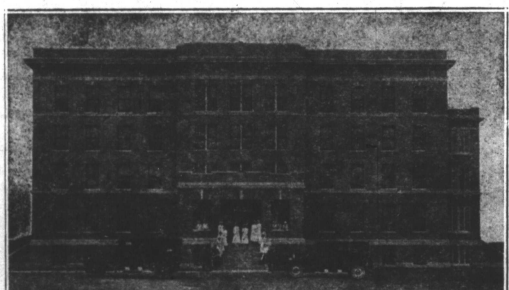
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