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FORMER WEST TEXAN WRITES OF ASSEMBLY IN SOUTH DAKOTA

I have just been reading of the various Baptist Encampments in your paper. This has moved me to tell you of our Baptist Assembly in South Dakota.

My family and I have just returned from a twelve days delightful stay at Camp Judson in the Black Hills. This camp is located in the extreme western part of South Dakota in the heart of the mountains in the Black Hills district on the banks of a beautiful rippling stream known as Rapid Creek. The high mountains on either side covered with tall pines and rock cliffs add greatly to the beauty of this summer home for South Dakota Baptists. Their bodies are kept refreshed by the cool mountain air and the clear, bubbling spring water from the hillsides.

The programs are well arranged to take care of the spiritual life and growth of the individuals in attendance at the Assembly. Like in your Texas Encampments the morning and afternoon hours are given to class work, lectures, and sermons led by the best men and women that can be found. This year we were fortunate in having Dr. Lee W. Spring, a returned missionary from Burma, Dean Wearing from Colgate-Rochester Seminary, and Dr. Behan of Ottawa University in Kansas as distinguished visitors and leaders, besides some of the leader of our own state, who led this assembly in a great way. The afternoons are spent in visitation, recreation sports and sight-seeing. I would be glad if my Texas friends could only have the opportunity of seeing some of the beauty of God's creation that lies in the Black Hills of South Dakota. I made one drive on this trip in the Hills that is considered to be the most beautiful drive in the United States. We passed by Mt. Rushmore and saw the face of Washington engraved in solid granite. Passing from there we went thru the State park to see many wild animals and the Game Lodge where Calvin Coolidge lived during his vacation in the Black Hills in 1927. From there we travelled up what is known as the Needles Road to behold Harney Peak, the highest point between the Rockies and the Atlantic Ocean, and Sylvan Lake in the top of the mountains 6400 feet above sea level. From here we went back to Camp Judson which is about forty miles from the lake. Another beautiful drive from the camp is to lead to see the Homestead Gold Mine, one of the largest in the world. At the foot of these mountains are fields covered with sugar beets, which will soon be harvested and shipped up to Belle Fourche, S. D., to our Sidde sugar refinery.

We came home invigorated in body and spirit to again take up our task in a busy pastorate.

We have been with this church now two years and God has wonderfully blessed us. We have seen growth in membership and spirituality, and we have accomplished splendidly financially. A ten thousand dollar church debt has been reduced about one-third in these two years, and plans made for finishing the payments of the indebtedness. The outlook is very encouraging for the future and the prospects as bright as the promises of God. I do feel that God is working in South Dakota and the many twice-born men are working hard to bring His Kingdom in—men who are taking their stand upon the Word of God and do not fail to declare the whole council.

Will my friends pray for our work here?

S. A. JONES,
Pastor Trent Baptist Church,
Trent, South Dakota.

Am out in the country six miles from Pauls Valley in revival. Fifty-one (51) conversions and additions in six nights so far. Go next to First Church, Coalgate, Okla., for tent meeting. Yours,
R. G. BAUCOM.

The World's Unrest and the Only Place of Shelter

The Restlessness of Beasts
Have you been to the Zoo in New York City, or St. Louis, or Chicago, to see the lions and tigers and other beasts fed? How restless they are as they pace up and down their respective cages waiting for their food. They will not be pacified by words. The only remedy (and it is but temporary) for the restlessness of these beasts is to give them a huge piece of flesh. "One always has to be watchful," said a famous lion tamer, "for the nature of these animals never changes, and I always have to be prepared for trouble." When the animals are well fed, for awhile they are pacified; but go to the same cage a day later and you will see the same restlessness of hunger. In their native haunts, to have their appetites satisfied involves the spilling of the blood of other animals.

The Nations as Beasts
In the 7th chapter of Daniel, the nations are likened unto beasts. The Babylonian kingdom is likened to a lion; the Medo-Persian to a bear, the chief characteristic of which would be to "devour much flesh"; the Grecian empire was symbolized by the agile leopard; the Roman empire was likened to a beast which was different from the rest, "exceeding dreadful; whose teeth were of iron and his nails of brass, which devoured and brake in pieces." It is said of this terrible beast that it should "devour the whole earth." It is the nature of the beasts of the earth to devour flesh. And a great restlessness in them can be taken as proof of a hunger which can only be satisfied by that which with the wild beasts of the earth, so Scripture depicts it to be with the nations.

Preparing for War
There is a tremendous restlessness everywhere today among the

nations of the earth, and the whole world is becoming a great armed camp. Mr. David Lloyd George, Great Britain's wartime premier, recently said in the British House of Commons, "The armaments of France are four times as powerful as those of the great German army of 1914." France's standing army today consists of 686,945 men, with 5,010,000 reserves that can be called out in a few hours' notice. At a later date Mr. Lloyd George stated in the same assembly, "Mr. Hoover has pointed out that men under arms, including actual reservists in the world, are almost thirty million, or ten million more numerous than before the war." According to the League of Nations Year Book it is costing Europe \$3,500,000,000 each year to maintain its huge armies. Russia's standing army is only slightly smaller than that of France. It consists of 668,000 men, and this country has a larger reserve force than France, that of 5,425,000.

Wars Determined
Mussolini says, "All the world is arming," and that certainly includes his own country, for Italy's standing army reaches 346,990, and their reserve force consists of 2,995,236 soldiers. In addition to this, all the boys of Italy are enlisted in a militia. Jugo-Slavia follows Italy's example on this line and supplements its total army of 1,342,000 with a militia consisting of all the boys and girls from the ages of seven to twenty. With the exception of Great Britain and Germany, all the countries of Europe today have conscription, and the flower of the youth of these lands is being prepared for the coming holocaust of war. Even in Asia, China's army has been increased from 400,000 to 2,500,000. And Japan can put an army of 2,138,000 on the field. Many are talking peace and safety be-

cause 53 nations have signed Kellogg Peace Pact, but Word declares, "Unto the wars and desolations are determined." (Dan. 9:21), literal dering.)

The Naval Disarmament Conference
The representatives of five of the great nations are met together in London at the present time the interests of peace. They are discussing the limitations of armaments. Great Britain is in favor of limiting not only naval armaments but military armaments as well. Recently the following resolution was passed in the British House of Commons, "In the opinion of this House of Commons the government should use its utmost efforts to stimulate international action for the study and eventual preparation of a treaty for the comprehensive reduction and limitation of naval, military and air armaments, including war material as well as personnel."

Futile Efforts
The representatives of these five great naval powers are meeting in secret. One news correspondent sardonically writes, "We shall probably know what these men talked about when their memoirs are written after the next war." We do not question the good will of the excellent men who are sitting in conference; but it would be just as useless to try to dam Niagara with a feather, or to stop the flow of lava from Vesuvius, when in eruption, by putting a postage stamp on top of it, as to make void God's prophetic Scripture concerning the coming day, when "all nations" will be dealt with "in the valley of Jehoshaphat" (Joel 3:2).

Unrest in Egypt and Palestine
The nations who have colonies in Africa are arming and training (Continued on page 4)

FAREWELL SOCIAL HELD IN HONOR OF REV. W. C. MOFFETT

Stamford, Texas.—The people of the First Baptist Church, Stamford, entertained with a social at the church Tuesday evening, honoring their retiring pastor, Rev. W. C. Moffett, and family, who will leave shortly to make their home in San Antonio, where Rev. Mr. Moffett has accepted a position as pastor of one of the Baptist churches of that city.

An interesting program was rendered, opening number being a selection by the young people's orchestra. Following this was a talk by John Wallace, who is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school. After a musical duet by Misses Bessie Lee Powell and Clara Mae Jones, the people present sang several songs.

T. A. Upshaw expressed the appreciation of the Business Men's Bible Class for the service Rev. Moffett had given them. A vocal duet by Mrs. W. B. Taysman and Edward Adams was followed by a talk given by Mrs. T. E. Hoover on behalf of the W. M. U. Holland Griggs then played a violin solo, after which J. M. Martin, representing the B. Y. P. U., spoke words of appreciation to Rev. Mr. Moffett. After a reading by Sarsapreading elder of the Stamford church and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, district of the Methodist Church, spoke of the work of Rev. Mr. Moffett in the local Pastors' Association.

J. T. Medlin then presented Mr. Moffett with a handsome watch as a gift from the members of the church and Mrs. J. T. Medlin presented Mrs. Moffett, with a lovely silver sandwich tray, in behalf of the members. The song, "God Be With You Until We Meet Again," was the closing number of the program.

The guests present were then invited to the lawn of the church where leed watermelon was served to more than two-hundred people.

CHURCH AT QUANAH HAS GREAT MEETING

There were 60 additions, 36 by baptism and 24 by letter, to the First Baptist Church, Quanah, Texas, during the revival which closed Sunday night, August 3. The pastor, Rev. McKinley Norman, did the preaching and C. T. Hodges, director of Education and Music, directed the music. This is conceded to be one of the most outstanding revivals ever held in the history of the church. The church used no visiting help. There was much personal work done by the members and the pastor between services and there was only one day of 24 hours, during the two weeks, in which there was no addition to the church.

A large temporary out-door tabernacle was constructed for the meeting and the people enjoyed the coolness of the open air as they attended the services. This assured a large attendance from the very beginning and an increase in attendance as the interest grew in the meeting. Local lumber yards provided lumber at a small damage cost, for the seating and frame work for the cover. The oil mill and a local cotton company furnished bagging for the covering which was a good shade for the nine o'clock service.

Two choirs of fifty voices each and an orchestra from the local band furnished the best of music. Mrs. Douglass Henson, the church pianist, was at the piano every service and her playing was superb.

It was a real revival of religion and its influence will continue to bear fruit.

C. T. HODGES.

"NOT WHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD."

The birds have their nest,
And the foxes find rest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod,
O Thou Son of God!
In the deserts of Galilee.

BAPTIST REVIVAL CLOSES WITH SCENIC BAPTISING AT PHIL-PE-CO CLUB LAKE

Rising Star.—One of the greatest revivals ever held with the Rising Star Baptist Church was brought to a close Sunday night. Pastor R. Neal Greer states that there were fifty-three new members added to the membership, forty of which were Baptized in an impressive service in Phil-Pe-Co Lake Sunday afternoon. The Rising Star folks were joined by Pastor Balrdree and the Pioneer crowd who brought several candidates for baptism into the Pioneer Baptist church. One of the largest crowds ever assembled here gathered on the newly made sand beach to witness the Baptismal scene.

Evangelist J. R. Rowan returned Monday morning to his home in Abilene where he will rest a few days before going to Wink, Texas, for his next revival meeting. Pastor Greer expresses his appreciation to the Record force, and to the entire Christian brotherhood and citizenship of Rising Star who contributed to the success of the meeting.

TODAY

"We cannot change yesterday, that is clear, Nor begin tomorrow until it is here; So the only thing left for you and for me Is to make today as sweet as can be." —Selected.

Spring Creek Baptist church, Fisher County, closed a very gracious revival meeting August 7, at the water, where Bro. B. A. Etheredge baptized 17 happy converts.

Brother E. A. Etheredge, who lives at Erick, Okla., did the preaching. He is now in a meeting with Brother Brown and the Pledger church. Spring Creek has no pastor.—Emery Scott.

PLAN CAMP MEETING AT PUTNAM

Putnam, Aug. 5.—Rev. W. E. Hawkins, radio revivalist of Fort Worth, will begin a series of revival services at the Hughes Filling Station, three miles west of Putnam, on August 12, lasting two weeks. This camp meeting is an annual affair.

Fifteen or 20 families camped last year and about twice this number is expected this year. The citizens of the community are now erecting a large tabernacle for the accommodation of about 1,500 or 2,000 people. This will be completed in time for the meeting.

ROBERT LEE NOTES

There were three more baptized last Sunday, making a total of eighteen baptisms as a result of the recent revival. There were three other additions besides these during the meeting.

The Sunday School went considerably above the 100 mark last Sunday. We are having a steady increase in the face of what usually is a summer slump.

There will be regular services next Sunday night the pastor will begin a revival at Valley View.

Rev. Guy Davis will preach here on the third Sunday beginning on Sunday night. The Pastor will begin a meeting in the Paint Creek community. The public is cordially invited to attend these services at both places.

J. A. CORDER, Pastor.

MEETING IN FISHER

I closed a good meeting the 27th at Garth, Texas, with pastor E. R. Loudtroupe. The church was greatly revived and had 103 additions. In a meeting now at Spring Creek in Fisher County. Sixteen additions to date. They have no pastor at present. Will assist pastor Brown at Pledger next. Pray for us.

A GOOD MEETING AT BLACKWELL

Our meeting at Blackwell began Wednesday night before the second Sunday in July. The pastor, R. M. McGinnis, did the preaching and Bro. Curtis Owen did the singing. There were seven conversions and the pastor baptized eight. The church was revived and many were strengthened in their faith.

Brother Curtis Owen is one of our best and most faithful evangelistic singers. He not only knows how to conduct the music, but is very fine in enlisting the young people of the church, knows how to direct prayer meetings. He has made many friends at this church because of his faithful work and devoted life to the cause of our Lord and Master. I heartily recommend to the work and fellowship of our brethren who might be in need of his service.

The meeting at Hodges is now in progress. We are looking forward to a great revival. We ask the prayers of all God's people in our work.

R. W. MCGINNIS.

STERLING CITY REVIVAL CLOSES WITH SUCCESS

A good meeting has just closed at Sterling City with E. D. Dunlap of San Angelo doing the preaching and gospel singer Taylor McCasland and wife directing the music. There were twenty-seven additions to the church with eighteen coming by baptism.

The power of God was so felt in the meeting that a grown man left the car and came inside the tabernacle professing Christ to his Saviour. Other grown men were saved and enlisted in the church work. A man over fifty years of age was saved and baptized.

The offering one night was given to State Missions which amounted to about sixteen dollars. Rev. L. A. Thigpin is pastor of the church.

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

Selected by Brother Andrews.
 WHOLESOME MEDITATION

FILTHY AND CORRUPT COMMUNICATION REBUKED

"But now ye also PUT OFF all these: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, BLASPHEMY, FILTHY COMMUNICATION OUT OF YOUR MOUTH." "Let no CORRUPT COMMUNICATION PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, but that which is GOOD to the use of EDIFYING."—Paul.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION WORK

In this issue Walter Jackson, educational director of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, has a timely article on "Associational Consolidation Our Hope." We believe that the present form of associational work, followed so long with marked success, is about a thing of the past. At the present time in West Texas not more than fifty per cent. of the associations have missionaries on the field. In the cases where missionary work is being maintained, most of the associations are composed of several counties.

The new emphasis in church work, together with modern conveniences and road improvements have brought about new conditions that cannot be met by the old county association method of mission work.

Our thoughtful leaders in associational mission work are seriously studying this important question, and looking for a solution of the question. We believe that plan suggested by Mr. Jackson is feasible. In Texas our state is divided into seventeen districts for B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. work. These districts for both organizations are identical. We believe it would be a fine idea to organize our associational mission work, using these same districts as a basis of work. This district is composed of seven associations. Only three out of the seven are now maintaining an associational missionary.

To begin with it would probably be best to still keep the present associational mission organizations with their boards, and maintain their monthly meetings. A district board could be made up of members from each association cooperating in the district and this board would supervise the general associational or district mission work.

We would be glad for the brethren in this district to be thinking and praying over this matter to the end that some workable plan may be formulated for the enlargement of our local mission work.

SUNDAY MOVIE WAR ON

All over the country the show people are opening up or planning to open up soon the picture show houses on the Lord's day in open violation of the state laws. They are fighting it in Oklahoma in several different towns. In Ada, Dr. Clyde C. Morris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, is doing all in his power to keep them shut up on Sunday. The fight is on in Enid, as you will see by the following article. Here in Texas the fight continues in different places. In Abilene the shows announced to open up on Sunday, August 3. We haven't heard what happened but the ministers of the city led by Dr. Millard Jenkins of the First Baptist Church, had planned to speak on the subject on the Sunday night of August 3. The war is on. The devil is growing bolder every day and the ministry is losing its "back-bone" more and more each day. We tried it here in Amarillo but after certain politicians sold out to the show crowd the attorneys and ministers quit the fight and the shows have been operating unmolested for more than a year. There is one minister who has not given up the fight. As soon as the vacation days are over and we begin to near the time when some changes will be made in the personnel of the law enforcement officers we are going in to the fight again, single handed if needs be, to close every show house in Amarillo on Sunday. What we need is to create a city-wide conscience on the matter and if one man has to be the martyr in order to do it he is ready to begin and is herewith serving notice that the war will begin in earnest in the early fall and every law enforcement officer will be asked to enforce this law and wherever a failure to do so occurs the light of publicity will be turned on without fear or favor. The devil can't stand the light so let's turn it on. More later.—Tabernacle Baptist.

Some District Association Shoulds

C. M. THOMPSON, Executive Secretary, Louisville, Ky. (In Western Recorder)

The three factors in a District Association are churches, messengers and the Association itself. Personally there are some things I would like to see come to pass in connection with these three factors.

Churches
 The church should send a carefully prepared letter to the Association. This letter should be full, accurate and truthful and should include all the activities of the (Continued on page three)

News Notes

Rev. C. A. Baskin of Aspermont is in a meeting with the church at Swenson. The meeting began August 3.

Rev. M. M. Sheets of Talpa was in a good meeting recently with the church at Crews, Runnells county.

Evangelist J. B. Rowen of Abilene is in a revival meeting with Pastor Budgett and the church at Wink.

Rev. W. E. May closed his work as pastor of the church at Brownfield on May 3. We have not learned of his plans for the future.

Rev. John W. Cobb, pastor of the Baptist Church at Lorraine, is in a revival with the Friendship church near Dickens City.

Rev. Chas. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene, was in a fine meeting last week with Pastor Roland King and the church at Ovalo.

Rev. Alonso Monk, Jr., 49, noted Methodist evangelist, died recently at his home in Ft. Worth, a few hours after having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

There were fifteen additions to the church at Oplin, Callahan county, as a result of the meeting in which the pastor, Brother Thomas B. Ramsey, did the preaching. Ten of the additions were by baptism.

The church at Woodson will conduct a revival meeting beginning the second Sunday in September. The pastor, Rev. Joe Ford of Abilene, will do the preaching.

There were over twenty additions to the church at Roscoe as a result of the meeting in which the pastor, W. H. Howell, did the preaching. The music was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor McCasland.

The meeting with the First Baptist Church, Clyde, in which Pastor C. R. Smith did the preaching, resulted in 21 additions to the church. The pastor and church were gratified with the results of the two-weeks campaign.

A revival meeting was begun with the Soldier Mound Baptist church in which Rev. W. C. Bennett of the Rose Hill Baptist Church, Texarkana, did the preaching. W. E. Bennet is pastor of the church.

Rev. Graves Darby, pastor at Cross Plains is in a meeting with Pastor Ollie Dennis and the Rochester Church, this week. The pastor has charge of the music. Brother Dennis has recently closed a fine meeting at New Mid, near Rochester.

Pastor W. R. Underwood and the Albany church have set the First Sunday in September as the time to begin their revival meeting. Dr. W. W. Chancellor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, is to do the preaching.

Rev. C. D. Owens, missionary of the Swetwater and Jones County Associations, is in a meeting this week with the Riverside Baptist Church in Jones county, where Rev. L. D. Crumpler is pastor. Brother Crumpler has recently conducted good meetings with the churches at Sinclair and Hannah.

Evangelist W. Y. Pond and Singer E. Ottis Allen are in a two-weeks revival meeting with Pastor Fred Clark and the church at Rotan. The services are being held under a large tabernacle, and the boy scouts have charge of the parking of cars at the tabernacle grounds.

The South Side Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, has called Rev. A. C. Turner of Abilene; he has accepted and is now on that field. Brother Turner, for the past two years has been pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene. Before coming to Abilene several years ago he was pastor of the South Side Church, Wichita Falls, to which church he is returning.

The church at Des Moines, N. M., has called Rev. R. E. Harrison of Abilene, and he has accepted the call and has moved on the field. This church is located in the north-eastern part of New Mexico, and offers a fine field for service. Brother Harrison is a good preacher and a fine pastor and his friends here in West Texas will remember to pray for a faithful ministry in that section.

The Post Encampment has closed another fine session. The attendance is said to have been between 500 and 600, daily, the largest in the history of the encampment. Rev. R. C. Campbell of Lubbock was the encampment speaker. Mrs. A. L. Aulick of Austin was leader in W. M. U. work. The B. Y. P. U. work was in charge of Mrs. James L. Rucker of Abilene, assisted by Miss Mary Preston of Tahoka and Miss Hazel Kokamour of Lubbock. The music for the encampment was directed by L. A. Wilson of Slaton with Mrs. A. W. Boucher and Miss Delma Bishop, both of Post at the pianos.



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When you most is the man of sorrows himself. "God knows the way, he holds the key. He guides us with unerring hand: Sometime with tearless eyes we'll see, And then, O then, we'll under-

Associational Consolidation Our Hope

WALTER JACKSON

Out of grave difficulties arise God's greatest opportunities and most blessed benedictions. Everywhere meetings are held, souls are being converted, and the people have a mind to lend their ears to the still small voice of omnipotence. The drouth that stalks through the land is needful for even Christian people to become humble and prayerful at the very throne of grace.

There was a time when the West was wild and Godless and it offered every opportunity for a great mission field. The idea became so associated with the development of this section that even now every association deems it necessary to have a missionary. No association can do its best work without one. Some one has to be charged with the responsibility of keeping the associational camp fires burning for twelve months in the year.

It has become a fixed habit of the associations of the west to put on associational workers when times are bad. In other words when men's souls are vexed, when they have time to dwell on things eternal, when the pure grows thin and want stalks abroad, then it is that a missionary is not needed; but when men are reveling in plenty and think they do not need God, our associations are free to put them on.

Paved roads, automobiles and other modern facilities demand associational expansion. The dividing up of associations came at a time when a fifteen or twenty mile drive would mean more than a one hundred fifty mile drive today. Associational work is too limited in its scope and too sectional in its operation. Consolidation would broaden the thinking and work of our people and would stimulate greater programs. The establishment of new churches is practically at an end. There may be more need of consolidating some of our churches in order that greater programs may be carried out.

For example take the associations of Sweetwater, Jones, Callahan and Eastland. Through this territory run two highly improved roads east and west and numerous connections north and south. Standing alone there is grave danger of eliminating the associational missionary from every one of the associations next year. If all of these could work together and maintain one able missionary it would mean the reestablishment of the work of our associations on a broader basis, and when times pick up the money that has been going to the separate missionaries could be turned into other productive

channels.

Consolidation would inspire greater Sunday School work, as the territory would be broad enough to encourage challenging efforts and the people from the different sections coming into contact with each other would feel the power of enlarged opportunity. It would be even so with the B. Y. F. U. forces and would add marvelously to the work of the women.

Speaking from a local standpoint, it would mean great associational strength to Simmons and to the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and to the West Texas Baptist. Enlarged ownership of the first two highly creditable institutions and increased support of the latter would make all of them more effective.

With enlarged associational bounds we would almost wager that every association now would be represented by at least twice as many people from each association. First there would be a commanding program. Second there would be delivered enthusiastic reports. Third the association would be large enough to take care of its obligations without literally crushing its very life and power in the raising of deficiencies. Fourth the action of the enlarged group would be more influential. Fifth it would cease to be a weakling attended by the few on the part of duty and would become a power attracting the masses from the sheer force of its program and work.

To employ a missionary this year and lose him next year is just like a man starting a business this year and closing out next year. Very little cumulative effect can be had. Our missionary efforts cease to become a permanent asset. The good name of a continuous program is an accomplishment greatly to be desired.

Speaking to a pastor one day on this subject the writer received this reply, "I am the biggest preacher in my association and I had rather be a big pig in a little pen than a little pig in a big pen." We do not agree with him. Selfishness must pass away if the greatest achievement in the Master's vineyard is to be had.

The hour of opportunity is before us. The associations will soon be assembling, crestfallen, if not defeated, and the wail of woe and debt will cast a shadow over the progress of associational work for a long time.

Let us all think well along these lines, and if there is an opportunity to do greater service for the Lord, to operate more economically and to put on a greater program, then our prayer should be that "His will be done."

SOME DISTRICT ASSOCIATION "SHOULD"

(Continued from page two)

1. The church for the year. This is a matter of vital importance for it is the source from which our denominational statistics are secured. An accurate and dependable church letter is not prepared over night.

2. The church should send its full quota of messengers to the Association. Great care should be exercised in their selection and the standpoint of fitness should largely figure in their choice.

3. The church should send its full share of the money necessary for the printing of the minutes. It is a mistake to use mission money for this purpose and this would not be necessary if due attention was given to this matter by the church.

4. The church should most lovingly and yet most earnestly request its pastor to attend the Association. In fact, the pastors are important leaders and their presence is imperative if a worthwhile Association program is to be carried out.

Messengers

They have been selected to meet with the messengers, from other churches to consider and formulate plans for the extension of Kingdom enterprises. The position is one of dignity, honor and importance and a messenger should regard his appointment from that standpoint.

2. He should be present for the opening address of the Association and arrange in advance plans necessary to bring about that result. While there he should attend all the sessions of the Association. He should also regard it a matter

distance sufficient to prevent the preacher's voice from disturbing the association. Second, never announce to the Association that there will be preaching at the stand. The place for the messengers is in the building and not listening to some one preaching on the outside.

6. Great care should be exercised to see that the Association gives proper consideration to the state of the churches. This is a matter of tremendous importance and will produce far-reaching results. Some associations have omitted this item from their Order of Business but it should be restored without delay.

7. Proper emphasis should be given to the place of prayer during the sessions of the Association. The consideration of every important subject should be preceded and followed by prayer. The early Christians were very careful about this matter and we would do well to follow their example.

8. There should be courteous but positive insistence that nothing shall be permitted to disturb the sessions of the Body. Visitors always withdraw a sufficient distance when told that their voices are discommending the Association.

9. The District Association should count it a pleasure to be a contributing factor in carrying out the State-wide and South-wide Program. Its importance is not overestimated. Success apart from its co-operation is well nigh impossible.

10. The District Association should use the representatives of

the Co-operative Program interests in a way that will count most for Kingdom enterprises. These men should not be given all the time but the Association will make a mistake if use is not made of the information these men possess.

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MEETING BEGINS AT SWEET HOME FRIDAY

On Friday night, August 1st, the protracted meeting of the Sweet Home church, five miles west of Rule will begin. Rev. J. M. Doshier, pastor of the Baptist Church of Seagraves, Texas, will do the preaching in this meeting. Rev. Doshier is one of the very best of our West Texas preachers, having had great success both in pastoral and evangelistic work in West Texas and Oklahoma. He is a real preacher of the Word of God. There are very few preachers in our Baptist denomination in his class as a preacher.

There are many people from all parts of Texas and Oklahoma who now live in this country and know Bro. Doshier personally. We invite his many friends and every body to attend the meeting.—J. F. Curry, pastor of the Sweet Home church.

FISHER COUNTY

This Association meets on Thursday before the first Sunday in September at 10 a. m., with the Liberty church, twelve miles north of Sweetwater. Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald will preach the introductory sermon at 11 o'clock.

We failed to publish minutes last year and for this reason our time and place are not published in our papers.

As we had no Missionary, at the March meeting of our Board I was requested to superintend our mission work. I was quite active until the first of May. Assisted by the brethren we put on a mission campaign for April. Every pastor was personally requested to take a collection for missions during April. I took three of these collections myself. We hope great good was done. Then came the sad part. My old trouble, caused by an injured spine, came back on me and I had to give up all active work. Assisted by some of the brethren I have tried to direct the work in a quiet way from my home. But this has not given our emergency mission plan a fair trial. I still think there is merit in it.

Most of our churches have pastors and we are having meetings all over the country during the summer. We have faith to believe the Lord will lead us on and direct us what to do. In Him we trust.

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natives for the next war. The land of Egypt, since the World War, has been seething with revolt against Great Britain, and now Mustapha Nahas Pasha, whose Wafd party has won the Egyptian national elections by a majority of 19 to 1 over its opponents, has informed King Fuad, who has been loyal to Great Britain, that he intends to reverse the constitution of Egypt and make that land completely independent. Joel's prophecy concerning Egypt's judgment in this great war which is coming, is "Egypt shall be a desolation."

Judah's Persecutors

Joel also tells of God's judgment on Edom, which many Bible students believe to be Turkey, "Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the Children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land" (Joel 3:19). God has not forgotten the cruelty of the Turks to the Christian Armenians, and His ears were not closed to the recent blasphemous utterances of Turkey's dictator, Mustapha Kemal—"I have no religion. I wish all religions at the bottom of the sea."

The Restless Arab

At an All-Arab congress on October 27, last, 800 Arabs from Palestine, Trans-Jordania, Iraq, and Egypt, decided to "refuse to pay taxes without representation, to make every effort to make the boycott of Jewish wares general, and to demand the withdrawal of the recent government regulations of Jewish worship at the wailing wall, dismissal of Attorney General Bentwich, and the suspension of the Jewish immigration. Should the government fail to accede to the demands relative to the wailing wall, the Arabs themselves would remove the ritual articles placed there by the Jews and would consider the administration responsible for any consequences which might follow." Unrest! Unrest! Unrest!

India Independent

Many have talked of the Changeless East, but even there the restlessness of the age is very marked. A year ago the Nationalists of India declared that unless they were granted independence by November 31, 1929, they would free themselves. Nothing was done towards this independence, and so recently 80,000 of these Nationalists made and declared themselves free. Mr. Gandhi, who is the leader of India thought, exhorts the 250,000,000 Indians to stop paying taxes to Great Britain, to boycott British goods, and generally indulge in "nonviolent non-cooperation." All Asia has been leavened with the leaven of Bolshevism. The Asiatic army of two hundred million, depicted in Revelation 9:16, could very easily be raised; and as Mr. Howard Banks has recently pointed out, "When this army destroys 'the third part of men' (Rev. 9:18), four hundred and forty million will be killed." A few years ago this would have been counted impossible, but before his death the French military head, Marshal Foch declared that it is now possible for "a single radio-ray to stab a whole city to death at a flash."

A Statesman's Warning

Mr. Winston Churchill, who for many years was Great Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, recently stated, "Certain somber facts emerge solid, inexorable, like the shapes of mountains from drifting mist. It is established that henceforward whole populations will take part in war, all doing their utmost, all subjected to the fury of the enemy. It is established that nations who believe their life is at stake will not be restrained from using any means to secure their existence. It is probable—nay, certain, that among the means which will next time be at their disposal will be agencies and processes of destruction wholesale, unlimited, and perhaps once launched, uncontrollable. Mankind has never been in this position before. Without having improved appreciably in virtue or enjoying wiser guidance, it has got into its hands for the first time the tools by which it can unfailingly accomplish its own extermination. That is the point in human destinies to which all the glories and toils of men have at last led them."

How to Be Armed

Dan Crawford once made this significant comment on I Peter

4:11, "Peter, who once committed that fatal folly with the sword, now calls upon them to arm, not with the sword, but with the mind. Do not arm yourself as I, Peter, once did, with the sword, but arm yourselves with Christ's mind to suffer." This missionary tells of the counsel Hudson Taylor of China gave to him concerning his work in Africa. Don't stay at the coast. Don't be afraid to go on into the interior. Remember, however, far in you go, men can only wall you round, they can never roof you in." In this restless age it is a good thing to look up to the unroofed heavens, and know, as disturbing things wall us round, that our redemption draweth nigh. There is One whose voice can still be heard above the clash of soldiers in training, who says "Come unto Me and I will give you rest. Take My Yoke upon you and learn of Me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." He gave to His own a legacy, "Peace I leave with you, My peace give I unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Separated Unto God

This Prince of Peace said to His disciples, "Ye are not of the world." He is coming for His own to take them out from a restless world that is soon to be bathed with blood. His lasting word to us is, "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21:34-36)

Remember also the words of the Apostle Peter, "Beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless. Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."—S. H. F., In Tabernacle Baptist.

MEETING AT TANKERSLY HAS 23 ADDITIONS

There were twenty-three additions to the Tankersly Baptist Church in Concho Valley Association with fifteen for baptism as a result of a revival meeting held last week, lasting only seven days. Rev. E. D. Dunlap of the Park Heightst church in San Angelo did the preaching.

The pastor, Ben F. Thompson, had resigned to take effect at the close of the meeting but the church

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voted unanimously rejecting his resignation and asking him to stay as pastor of the church.

The church gave one night's incidental offering to State Missions which amounted to over thirteen dollars. All were happy as a result of the offering and meeting.

TAHOKA CHURCH CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

Tahoka. — The Baptist revival meeting which closed last Sunday night was a decided success, according to Rev. O. J. Hull, who did the preaching, both in attendance and in results in the form of new members and better fellowship.

Large crowds were in attendance at the services, sometimes almost filling the tabernacle. Mr. Grady

Helm of Fort Worth led the singing until he became sick and was forced to return home Tuesday. Taylor White led the singing the rest of the time. Pianists were Mrs. J. K. Applewhite and Miss Hazel Connolly.

Wednesday night baptismal services were held at the church followed by a social hour during which the new members were given a welcome into the church.

The District Attorney of Omaha, Nebraska, is quoted as saying that "97 per cent of the crimes of Omaha are committed by persons who have not had any religious training as offered through our Sunday Schools and young people's societies." This statement was made after checking carefully 8,000 cases that had come under the observation of the said District Attorney of Omaha, Nebraska.

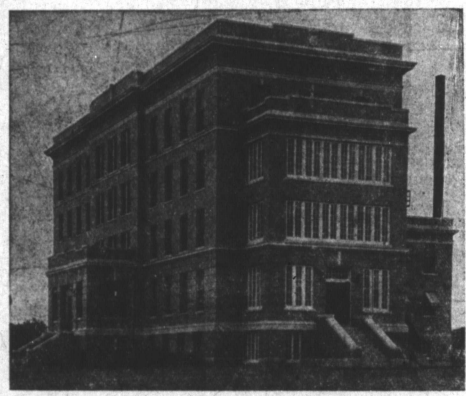
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