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CHRISTOVAL ENCAMPMENT BEGINS 18TH SESSION AUG. 3

Tarrant County Association Makes Plea for Unity

RESOLUTIONS DEPLORE LACK OF FELLOWSHIP AND COOPERATION

At a recent meeting of the Tarrant County Baptist Association, a strong plea was made for a better spirit of cooperation, fellowship and confidence among Baptists. The resolutions are timely and worthwhile. We give them below:

Whereas, there is among our Baptist people a humiliating decline of loving co-operation, fraternal confidence and Christ-honoring fellowship, all of which elements are so necessary to our truest happiness and greatest usefulness, and

Whereas, upon the existing state of mind we cannot reasonably claim the blessing of Almighty God, nor expect His divine approval, and

Whereas, we are deeply conscious that without such divine blessing and approval, all our fevored activities are in vain, and

Whereas, we believe these conditions will never be remedied by the exercise of mere human wisdom, nor in following mere human leadership, upon which mere human elements we fear we may have relied too much in the past and

Whereas, there is not in our minds a shadow of doubt that if, as individuals and as churches, all our people could be brought to a state of humble, prayerful humiliation before God, determined to get right with God and our brethren at any cost, we would, at once, experience a new anointing of the Holy Spirit, and witness a new day of spiritual prosperity.

Resolved that the Tarrant County Baptist Workers' Conference, through the columns of our papers and such other means of reaching the people as may be open to us, humbly suggest and affectionately urge that for the next few months we, as a people, shall give ourselves to self-examination, humiliation and prayer, with a renewed definiteness, and humility and earnest surrender to the will of God.

Resolved 2. That if we might do it, without presumption, we would suggest and even urge that in the meetings of our Encampments, Associations and Conventions this summer and fall, a large place be given for, and special emphasis laid upon confession, humiliation and prayer, thus honestly and earnestly seeking a new anointing of power from on high, that we may witness a genuine revival of spiritual religion throughout the land.

\$2,000,000 OFFERING IN CASH BE BAPTIST AIM THIS YEAR

Amount Will Be Sought As Christmas Special For Indebtedness

Under the direction of the headquarters office of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, and a special program committee of seven, good progress is being made in the formulation of plans for raising the \$2,000,000 Christmas thank offering which the Convention has asked the churches, this sum to be applied toward the liquidation of the indebtedness of the Convention's agencies.

An effort will be made to acquaint everyone of the nearly 4,000,000 white Baptists of the South with the purpose of this special effort and enlist them in cooperation. Inasmuch as the undersigned fill be divided among the Southwestern causes upon the same basis that prevails in the Cooperative Program, it is believed the effort to raise the special fund can be carried out without any confusion or injury to the regular program.

No quotas will be assigned states, churches or individuals. The offering will be just what its name implies—a thank offering to God for His favor upon Southern Baptists and their work through all the years. Individual Baptists will be asked to give out of gratitude whatever amounts their hearts may prompt. So far, only favorable comment has been heard on the proposal from practically every section of the South, and there is every reason to believe the effort will be successful.—Baptist Clip Sheet.

WORK GROWING ON OKLAHOMA FIELD

The work of the First Baptist Church of Shamrock, Oklahoma, is going fine under the leadership of Rev. W. G. Tankersley who has been on the field ten weeks. There have been thirty-one additions since his coming. Seventeen of this number came for baptism.

Rev. Tankersley finished his work at Simmons University in June. He also had some work with the Seminary at Fort Worth.

The news comes that all phases of the work in his church is going nicely. The B. Y. P. U. study course was attended loyally, with fifty awards granted.

Tankersley is to do the preaching with Rev. G. W. Lawrie and the Hilltop church, beginning on the first Sunday in August. From Hilton he will go to Rock Hill Baptist church in Franklin county for the remainder of the month. Then he is to begin a meeting with his own people at first Sunday in September. He will do his own preaching with Brother E. Otis Allen of Shawnee, Oklahoma leading the singing.

Pastor Ira L. Parrack and the First Church, Merkel are in a meeting this week in which Pastor Chas. T. Whaley of the First Church, Sweetwater is doing the preaching.

MINISTERIAL GROUP, SIMMONS UNIVERSITY



The above is a group of ministerial students in Simmons University. These young preachers are a mighty power for the advancement of Christ's cause in the great empire of the west. They pastor scores of churches within a radius of 100 miles of Abilene, hold hundreds of revival meetings and win hundreds to Christ each year. Simmons University contributes from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year to the denomination by educating these preachers and mission volunteers without tuition.

Vital Happenings at Toronto as Told by Dr. L. R. Scarborough

The seven days gathering of 7500 Baptists at Toronto in the World Alliance were probably the most significant seven days in Baptist history. I wish to note some vital things and impressions.

1. Everybody regretted the sickness and absence of President Mullins but all rejoice that he is on a rapid road to recovery. He was greatly missed.

2. Pastor Truett was chosen to take Dr. Mullins' place and he did it as only he could do. He contributed mightily to good order, inspiration, vision, brotherhood and spiritual power. All Baptists in all the world love him and delight to honor him and no Baptist serves all the causes more unselfishly nor more effectively than he does.

Some Great Papers and Addresses

There were many notable utterances at this World Congress which deserve to live and will live to make history. Probably the most outstanding paper ever delivered in this country on great New Testament principles was the paper sent by President Mullins and read by Pastor-President Truett. It was classic, pungent, true to Christ, and great in every line and simply struck twelve in every period and found a hearty unanimous response in every heart. It was worth the whole life of President Mullins just to have produced this living utterance.

The congress sermon by Dr. Charles Brown of England was a wonderful deliverance. He spoke on "The Sovereignty of Christ—All authority is given unto me." It was really a great utterance. It thrilled the 7000 who heard and it greatly honored Christ.

The message of Dr. Rushbrooks of England on the World Alliance was a wonderful address. This one address justified the work of the Alliance for these years.

The paper of Z. T. Cody read by Dr. Truett (on account of Dr. Cody's illness) was a masterful deliverance. Some said it was the greatest paper of the Alliance. It made the heart of true Baptists thrill with joy.

The message of Dr. Maseos of Boston on Evangelism was thrilling and inspiring. My! how this great preacher rang out on the great truths of Christ's word and how he thrilled us to go out to win lost men everywhere!

The two closing messages by Dr. E. M. Aubrey, Secretary of the British Union and President-elect Dr. MacNeill of Canada were among the greatest messages ever delivered. They both spoke on the "Kingship of

Jesus Christ." They caused all of our hearts to bring crowns and place them on the brow of our Redeemer.

These were some of the outstanding deliverances. There were many others. There were very few things said in all these glorious seven days that the most orthodox from any land could object to. Never in my life have I heard in a gathering of God's people so many great things said and so few objectionable things said. Everywhere Christ, His deity, His supernatural birth, His glorious resurrection, His leadership, His atoning death, His word and work—world-wide and redeeming, were magnified to the superlative degree. Christ was surely crowned at Toronto.

The Spirit of United Brotherhood

I have attended some sort of conference, local, associational, state, south-wide or world-wide nearly every week for thirty years. I attended every meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alliance at Toronto, was chairman of the Nominating Committee and was on two other sub-committees and attended many sessions of the Alliance and can deliberately state that in all my life I have never seen a finer spirit of unity and brotherliness without any sort of compromise of truth, without any kind of violence or peril to the things I hold dear as an old time Baptist of the Southern and Texas type. In all these conferences Christ, His Person, His Holy Book, His atoning death, His resurrection, His world-wide redeeming will, His churches, His ordinances, all the things precious to His true-lovers were put first and most gloriously honored. Jesus Christ in His lordship was central in all the associations and contacts I had and saw at this meaningful gathering.

The Missionary Meaning and Message of the Alliance

From the opening session, "The Jesus Christ in the salvation, education, Roll Call of the Nations" to the closing coronation there was one dominant purpose and passion, to crown and sanitation of a lost world.

The tides of missionary vision, inspiration and passion ran high and rolled billows upon billows all the way through. Everywhere the message was "we must win men, all men, every man of all colors and kinds; we must train men, and heal men, and that by Christ and His Gospel—and all men everywhere must be free, free to find, believe, love, worship and serve Christ according to their own enlightened consciences. This world-association of Baptists is dominated by a passion to see all chains of men's consciences broken and every soul in the world unfettered that they may face Christ on the terms of the Gospel. Our hearts burned within us as Christ walked with us and unfolded His world-encircling will and program. The "Go," the "Teach," the "Baptize" of Christ's Commission sounded the loudest at Toronto I have heard in any great gathering in the 42 years of my Christian experience. "Jesus must reign wherever the sun does his successive journeys run," rang loud and long in our hearts at Toronto. Disraeli, the great Jewish-English statesman said, "Life is too short for any of us to be little." When one comes away from a meeting like the one at Toronto it is his prayer, "Oh God make me big enough to be a Christian."

I shall never get away from that marvelous Saturday afternoon when more than half a hundred responded with their messages of Gospel triumphs—The fires of a world-wide spiritual conflagration were kindled in our hearts.

Drs. John MacNeill as President and J. H. Rushbrooks as General Secretary will lead us the next four years even to greater triumphs. These are chosen prices among men qualified for great service. It is estimated that 3000 Southern Baptists were there and went away to make a new day for Christ—and so with the Baptists from the North, England, Canada, and all around the world. Unitedly with an unbroken brotherhood of loyalty to Christ and His name and work let's go out, on and up to make Him King in all the hearts of men.

The hospitality, generosity, kindness and entertainment of Toronto Baptists and all others were simply superb. Chairman Matthews, Secretary George T. Webb and their able and tireless helpers did a wonderful piece of work in caring for the people. Blessings on beautiful Canada.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM WILL DRAW LARGE ATTENDANCE

The eighteenth annual session of the Christoval Baptist Encampment will begin August 3 and continue through August 13. Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, will be the encampment evangelist. Dr. Elmer Ridgeway of San Angelo is to be encampment pastor. The song services will be in charge of Mr. J. D. Christian of Dallas, and Mrs. D. A. Whitten will be at the piano.

The encampment program this year will be along different lines of the programs heretofore. All educational work will be given in departments. The encampment will function as one great church. Mr. G. S. Hopkins of the State Sunday School department will be educational director, and T. C. Gardner will direct the B. Y. P. U. work. Miss Grace Conn will assist in the B. Y. P. U. work. Pastor J. L. Ratliff of Eldorado will be secretary of the organization.

The W. M. U. work will be under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Leigh of Dallas, assisted by Mrs. L. D. Kennedy.

All athletic activities will be under the direction of Coach Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons University. These activities will consist of tennis, baseball, croquet, volley ball, horseshoe pitching and swimming.

The schedule for the daily program is as follows:

Morning—9:00 to 10:15, W. M. U. work; 10:15 to 11:30, Sunday School; 11:30 to 12:30, preaching service.

Afternoon—Devoted to rest and recreation.

Evening—7:00 to 8:30, B. Y. P. U. work; 8:30 to 9:30, preaching. All persons expecting to participate in the athletic games are requested to bring their equipment with them. Camping equipment and supplies will be available on the grounds.

Christoval is located on the banks of the South Concho River twenty miles south of San Angelo. A hard surfaced road leads from Angelo to the encampment grounds.

PRESIDENT SANDEFER HEADS TEXAS ANTI-SMITH DEMOCRATS

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORT MEMBERSHIP

The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were in the United States 1,431 churches of the American Baptist Association in 1928, with 117,858 members. Most of these churches were included in the Southern Baptist Convention in the census of 1916, therefore no comparative figures are available.

The total expenditures, as reported by 1,303 churches, amounted to \$482,046, including \$351,264 for current expenses and improvements, \$121,406 for benevolences, missions, etc., and \$9,376 not classified. The value of church edifices (including furniture and equipment), as reported by 1,054 churches, was \$1,832,546.

MEETINGS IN CONCHO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Missionary J. C. McKenzie writes from San Angelo:

"My son, Randolph, and I are in the midst of a good meeting at Grape Creek with brother J. B. Adams. We are having good crowds, the old time mourner's bench, and old fashioned shouting. We are to close there next Sunday night, and begin at Mereta Monday night with brother A. M. Dowell and his church. We are expecting to have a great time this summer in meetings. We are planning to be in meetings every day. We go from Mereta to Mullin to be with brother McGraw and the church there for ten days."

MEETING AT SAN ANTONIO

Evangelist Wm. S. Dixon has just closed a fine meeting with Rev. T. C. Long, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, where the church was greatly strengthened and a return date planned. Mr. Dixon then assisted in the program of the Alto Frio (Texas) Baptist Encampment, and then began a series of East Texas meetings in several places. Mr. Dixon does the double work of preaching and singing in every meeting and he is strong in both lines. He may be reached at Dallas, Texas, care of Robert H. Coleman.

At a meeting of Anti-Smith Democrats in Dallas last week, President J. D. Sandefor of Simmons University was elected permanent chairman of the organization. President Sandefor was placed in nomination by Dr. J. B. Cranfill of Dallas, who in speaking for the election of Dr. Sandefor as chairman said: "He is a man who will not crutch the cause of prohibition on the cross of his own political ambition."

Immediately after this a Confederate veteran in the audience called out: "Nominat him under his full name—Jefferson Davis Sandefor."

Distribution of Literature Assailed

Upon assuming the office of chairman President Sandefor called attention to the distribution of pamphlets in the lobby of the building, one in particular being an attack on the candidacy of Governor Moody. Dr. Sandefor stated that in view of the fact that the meeting was not for the promotion or defeat of the state candidates that those doing the distribution should desist. Senator Collins in his keynote speech had called attention to the fact that it was not the purpose of the meeting to aid or promote the interests of any state candidate.

The committee on organization was as follows: Geo. W. Armstrong, chairman; Mrs. A. Kindred, Mrs. Morgan Cox, Mrs. Larry Mills, Judge B. D. Sartin, of Wichita Falls; Alvin S. Moody, Carr P. Collins, Dr. Atticus Webb, Oak McKenzie of Bryan and Mrs. Josephine Collins.

On the committee on resolutions and platform were Bishop John Moore, chairman; Dr. H. S. Bowden, former Governor O. B. Colquitt, J. B. Cranfill, Mrs. Claude de Van Watts, Dr. C. M. Rosser and Dr. E. A. Newell of Colorado.

At the morning session, other than V. A. Collins and Dr. Sandefor, the principal speakers were Bishop H. A. Boaz, Little Rock, Ark., and at one time president of Southern Methodist University; Rev. J. P. Sewell, San Antonio, former president of Abilene Christian College; Dr. John H. Burns, president of Trinity University; Dr. James W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, Abilene.

The platform as adopted by the organization condemned the political methods of Tammany and declared that Al Smith had boited the National Democratic platform, thus releasing every Texas Democrat who voted in the May conventions from supporting him. The platform as adopted follows:

1. The name of this organization shall be the Anti-Al Smith Democrats of Texas.

2. The purpose of the organization shall be the defeat of Governor Alfred E. Smith for President and the wrestling of Democracy from the grip of Tammany Hall, the organization which, while claiming to be Democratic, fought Samuel J. Tilden, fought Grover Cleveland, fought William J. Bryan, fought Woodrow Wilson and withheld its support from James M. Cox and John W. Davis.

3. We resent the efforts of Tammany Hall to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment to repeal the enforcement statutes through the States as was done in the State of New York, to scrap the Volstead Act and all enforcement regulations by the Federal Government and then finally repeal the Eighteenth Amendment.

Not Concerned State Campaign

4. We shall, as an organization, advocate without equivocation or reservation.

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BAPTISTS WILL GATHER AT ALPINE ON JULY 27TH

ALPINE, Texas, July 21.—The Alpine-Davis Mountain-Big Bend Baptists are preparing for the seventh annual meeting of the Paisano Baptist Assembly, 12 miles west of Alpine on "Top 16" Texas July 27 to August 5. Drs. George W. Truett of Dallas and L. E. Gates of San Antonio, outstanding ministers, will be the principal speakers.

The Paisano Baptist Encampment is the largest religious encampment in the world. It covers 1000 acres in the heart of the Davis Mountains. The acreage is dotted with great groves of oak trees which furnish an abundance of shade for the thousands coming from almost every part of the United States to worship and enjoy the great outdoors each year. The camp ground, although only a few

years old, grew from a few tents the first year to a tented city of more than 5000 last year. More than 100 permanent stucco, frame, and stone cottages have been built and are owned by those who attend regularly. A large tabernacle with a seating capacity of 3000 or more, a large dining pavilion and a number of other smaller tabernacles are among the permanent improvements. The assembly also owns an adequate water system.

There will be no charge for meals. A few prominent ranchers of the Davis Mountains personally assume the financial burden, and rely on the hundreds who attend to help with the expense by donations. True Western hospitality is extended to all who attend.

NEGRO BAPTISTS MAKE LARGE GAIN, SAYS REPORT

The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were in the United States 22,082 negro Baptist churches in 1926, with 3,196,823 members, as compared with 21,071 churches and 2,938,579 members reported in 1916. The figures for 1926 include data for the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.; National Baptist Convention, Unincorporated; 243 churches which were reported with the Northern Baptist Convention in 1916; and a number of independent negro Baptist churches. As a number of the churches affiliated with more than one convention, it was not deemed advisable for the bureau arbitrarily to assign them to one or the other of the colored Baptist Conventions; however, approximately 90 per cent of the whole number of negro Baptist churches are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated.

AUGUST MEETINGS OF THE TEXAS BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS

Below we give a list of the associations with the time and place of their next meetings. If there have been any changes to time or place of meetings the reader will please notify us of such changes and all needed corrections will be made. Below this list we give another list of associations from which we have no data as to time or place of their meetings. Please give us the data as to their next meetings.

Gonzales Association meets at Smiley July 31.

Fannin County: Bonham, First Church, August 8, 10 a. m.—Moderator, S. R. Smith, Honey Grove; clerk, J. Truett, Wilshire.

Coleman County: Shiloh, five miles south of Coleman, August 23, 10 a. m.—Moderator, S. F. Martin, Santa Anna; clerk, R. M. Sparks, Talpa.

Transcendental: Dalhart, August 9, 7 p. m.—Moderator, J. R. Hicks, Dalhart; clerk, Mrs. A. W. Reccius, Stratford.

Baylor County: Red Springs, August 12, 7 p. m.—Moderator, W. Harrison, Seymour; clerk, W. M. Coperland, Vera.

Meridian, August 16, 10 a. m.—Moderator, L. B. Gilbert, Clifton; clerk, W. D. Bowen, Valley Mills.

Hamilton County: Evant, August 22, 10 a. m.—Moderator, C. A. Morton, Hico; clerk, Miss Anna Stribling, Hamilton.

Mills County: Center Point, August 19, 10 a. m.—Moderator, G. W. Coleman; clerk, W. M. Coperland, Vera.

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OUR BAPTIST PAPERS

In a pamphlet on the Texas Baptist Cooperative program, published recently by Dr. A. A. Duncan, acting secretary of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the writer had the following to say about our denominational newspapers:

"Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the necessity for the enlarged circulation of our state paper, the Baptist Standard. Dr. F. M. McConnell is the editor of the Standard. He is doing all within his power to increase the circulation of the paper, and all forces should cooperate with him to this end.

"There are a number of other very effective Baptist papers in Texas which should be mentioned in this connection. They are the West Texas Baptist published at Abilene, the East Texas Baptist published at Tyler, the Southwest Texas Baptist at San Antonio and the Central Messenger, Brownwood. There are also some other papers that are mainly associational in their circulation and service. These papers are all doing a vital and effective work.

"We do not hesitate to record it is our profound conviction that the Baptist Standard should double its circulation in Texas within the next twelve months and certainly at least one of our Baptist papers should go into every Baptist home in the state. If every Baptist home received a Baptist paper every week it would enliven and intensify the interest on the part of our vast constituency in our denominational work and would increase the contributions for the purpose of this work.

"The first step in the enlistment of our people is to put our state paper in every Baptist home. Many churches are putting the Standard in their church budget, and this would be a good policy for all our churches. Each pastor in the state would find the work on his local field easier of accomplishment and the denominational program could be handled with more heartiness and a more general response if the entire membership of his church were readers of our Baptist papers."

Dr. Duncan has well said that every Texas Baptist should be a reader of a denominational newspaper. It is a tragedy, almost, that only one Baptist home out of every seven is receiving a religious periodical. Most of these homes would excuse themselves on the ground that they are unable financially to subscribe for these papers. If one will stop for just a minute and analyze this excuse it will be seen that it will not stand up. Self denial of just one night's trip to the movies, or a hundred other indulgences the average family is slave to in this age, would solve the religious literature a whole year for the family. It is not a matter of not being able to subscribe for the denominational paper; the trouble is the average Christian home of today is entirely too engrossed with worldly affairs to give a thought to trying to improve the moral and spiritual life of its members by providing religious literature. Brother reader, before you stop the circulation of the denominational paper in your home or refuse to subscribe, take a good look at the average news stand of today, investigate the kind of reading matter that is coming into the hands of your children and then think about the matter for a little while. Your children may go the way of so many of the modern youths of the day, but you may rest assured that God will hold you to account for the environment you have placed about them.

We believe every Baptist in Texas should read the Baptist Standard. The regional papers referred to above by Dr. Duncan should be an asset to the Standard. At least these papers will find places in the homes of thousands of Baptists who would not otherwise be reading any sort of denominational papers.

The solution of the religious newspaper problem lies mainly in the hands of the pastors and missionaries. In the main our people are not going to subscribe for the papers unless pressure is brought to bear by the pastor or other leaders of a local situation.

POLITICS AND RELIGION

There is not a question but that the people of the United States are in for the greatest political and religious upheaval in the history of our government. Say what you may, but the religious question is going to be the paramount issue in the coming presidential election. In thinking about the coming campaign there are two or three facts that we should hold in mind. First, it is true that the religious impulse is the strongest impulse that goes to make up the complicated mechanism of the human being called man. Practically all great wars in history have been religious wars. The pages of history are dark with the deeds of so-called Christians whose religious impulses have led them to commit crimes that have been a travesty on civilization.

The second fact that we should hold in mind just now is that the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the main job for the God-called preacher. We believe it is proper for every preacher to let his stand be known on every great moral issue that confronts our people; but there is a danger at this time that our preachers will let the religious impulse get the upper hand of them, and thus bring harm to the cause of Christ. Now is a pretty good time for our religious leaders to use a little gumption and common "horse sense." If we are not careful we are apt to forget that we are now facing a great spiritual crisis; that worldliness and ungodliness within our churches are robbing them of their spiritual power and causing Christianity to face a financial moral tragedy.

Many of our exchanges are now devoting a greater portion of their space to the presidential campaign. The editor of the West Texas Baptist is unalterably opposed to the election of Governor Alfred Smith as president. We intend to let our readers know before the campaign closes, just why, but we do not propose to make of the West Texas Baptist a political organ, nor do we propose to take advantage of this opportunity of playing on the religious impulses of our readers. It is a fine way to build circulation, but we figure it does not help uplift the spiritual welfare of Christian people.

ENCAMPMENTS AND PUBLICITY

The Christoval Baptist Encampment meets August 3 for a ten day session. It was the intention of the West Texas Baptist to feature this encampment in this issue, but to date we have been unable to get hold of a program. We know of two newspapers that have been searching for information about the encampment this week and have been unable to get it. We would like to suggest to the publicity committee of this, one of the greatest encampments in all Texas, that they try a little publicity.

There are dozens of newspapers in the territory of the encampment that would be glad to publish stories on the meeting. Why not tell the people about it. The encampment managers who rely on the encampment bulletins to get the information to the people, will find that very few people will know "what it is all about." Most of these bulletins find a secure resting place in the church office or pastor's study, and thus never reach the people. The reason why so many of our religious enterprises do not go over in a greater way is that our leaders do not know the value of publicity, and most of them do not know how to use it. It is a pity, when we have such a fine opportunity to put over a great program as offered by one of our encampments by placing it before multiple readers of secular and religious papers, for those responsible to fall down on the job.

Our pastors and other workers have a fine opportunity to give publicity to their workers' meetings, county conventions and other church affairs by utilizing the county newspapers. These newspapers are always glad to use items of this nature, but it is very seldom that publicity of this kind is sent to these papers.

A SET OF COMMANDMENTS FOR THE PREACHER

Going the rounds of the Episcopal Publications, recently, is a set of what is termed "Clerical Commandments." There is an ethical side which makes these Commandments especially applicable to our own Baptist ministry:

1. Thou shalt not seek to monopolize the local limelight.
2. Thou shalt not secure a new church through politics and call it Providence.
3. Remember thy debts to pay them, for the community will not hold him guiltless whose bill cannot be collected.
4. Thou shalt not trespass on the premises of other shepherds.
5. Do not bear false witness with statistics.
6. In thine old age thou shalt not be a retired parasite, nor a self-appointed boss.
7. When thou borrowest thought, thou shalt not steal its garments.
8. Honor thy brother pastors that thy days may be respected in the field which the Lord has given thee.
9. Thou shalt not return to perform the services which belong to thy successor.
10. Thou shalt not covet attention or service for thyself, remembering that the servant should be as his Lord, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

THE ROLL CALL OF NATIONS

Those attending the Baptist World Alliance at Stockholm, Sweden, five years ago look back upon the roll call of nations as perhaps the most enthralling and inspiring hour of the whole congress. Many, therefore, attending the World Alliance at Toronto expected an hour of great uplift and they were not disappointed. A total of 60 nations were represented and 49 of these answered to the roll call with short speeches from three to ten minutes in length.

What these representatives said was deeply significant as it epitomized a mighty world force. The tone of each speech was unmistakably sincere and the "Old Time Religion" was clearly in evidence whether the speaker was from Asia, England, Continental Europe, Africa, America, or the Isles of the Sea. Coming at the beginning of the Congress Baptists from every section of the world had their views internationalized. There was no indication in this great meeting with its huge world representation that any group anywhere is guilty of departure from the faith or of the surrender of historic Baptist principles.—Southwestern Evangelist.

CHRISTOVAL ENCAMPMENT

The Christoval Encampment meets at Christoval on the beautiful banks of the Concho River, beginning August 3 and lasting ten days. Dr. Wallace Bassett of Dallas is the encampment speaker for this year. This encampment is laying stress primarily on the devotional and recreational sides of our work. There is not a more ideal encampment site in all Texas. A regular forest of towering pecan trees furnish ample camping sites. There is also plenty of cool spring water for drinking purposes and the cool waters of the Concho furnish ideal swimming place for the hot days of August. The encampment leaders in that section are promising a good time for all who will come to Christoval for the ten days of fellowship and inspiration.

THE LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

The sixth annual session of the Lueders Baptist Encampment came to a close last Sunday. According to Mr. Walter Jackson, president of the encampment, this year's session, in many respects was the best that has been held. Over 800 attended the class work and hundreds were camped on the grounds throughout the meeting. The editor has been in revival meetings for the past two weeks, and has not been able to get a detailed report of the encampment. Next issue we hope to be able to give a detailed account of the meeting.

It will be noticed that this issue of the West Texas Baptist is not up to the usual standard in the way of news matter. The editor has been in revival meetings during the past two weeks and has not been able to devote much time to detail work of the paper. We are asking our pastors, evangelists and missionaries to help us out by sending in reports of their summer meetings.

What if the Foundations Are Destroyed?

W. T. Rouse, Waco, Texas

That is a significant question asked by the inspired writer when he says, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" I take it that he is here referring to certain fundamental facts or truths or doctrines which constitute the foundations upon which the structure of Christianity rests. Let us see if we can ascertain something of the basic truths the writer had in mind.

What Are the Foundations? For the purpose of this article I need not go minutely into discussion of the principles or doctrines mentioned. Neither do I claim that all the foundations are here mentioned. But here are some:

1. The Bible the inspired word of God.
The point of beginning of authority must be established somewhere. Certainly we are on safe footing when we take the position that we must come to the Bible for our authority.

2. The Lordship of Jesus.
In this day of latitudinarianism, we need to study anew and afresh this doctrine. It would save the world of a great deal of confusion if we could all agree to accept this doctrine at its face value. When He speaks, surely we should all give attention.

3. A regenerate church membership.

The essential qualifications of church membership are spiritual. No one can appreciate and fully enjoy the blessings and privileges of church membership, except the regenerate. All the rights, privileges, duties of church membership can only be lived up to by those whose fellowship is in the spirit.

4. Democracy in the church.
The glory of Christianity is the premium it puts upon the individual. It dignifies and exalts personality. It makes everybody somebody in the kingdom. To realize the highest individual liberty and at the same time to grow into the highest development in Christ Jesus, demands and requires the fullest enjoyment of the rights and privileges of church membership.

Any one can see that I have not exhausted the great doctrines which might be called fundamentals or foundations. But I have mentioned all I need to mention for the purpose of this brief article. I could make this article much longer, but for the present I must be brief.

Are the Foundations in Danger? In my answer I shall limit myself largely to my own observations in the recent times. I am not an alarmist; but I think I have power to discern the tendencies of the times, and the trend of thought as reflected in the literature of the day.

One can find much these days in the popular magazines written by half-skated thinkers on religious subjects. Many of them do not have our view of Christianity at all and many of them are giving out views which are pernicious.

Take for instance this illustration: Recently there appeared an article in one of the leading magazines of the country on the subject of "The In-

spiration of the Bible." It boldly took the position that there are many errors in the Bible. This is just one instance out of many which I might mention.

One can hardly find any paper, magazine or publication in recent months which has not had much to say about tolerance so-called. For a certain purpose, a propaganda has been widespread in this country, and much that has been said is pure "gush." We must be just as tolerant as was Jesus, as was Paul. Truth is not a word, and it brooks no toleration of error. Intolerance in many quarters is only what we regard as loyalty to truth. Let us not be fooled by terminology.

Some things are coming to pass among Baptists I could not believe possible had I not seen them with my own eyes and heard them with my own ears. Twice in recent years in my travels I have seen Baptist churches wholly disregard the principle of a regenerate church membership. In passing through a certain town, I attended a service in which a revival was in progress. The pastor preached the sermon, gave the invitation, several people came forward, the clerk got their names, and although three or four of them offered themselves for membership upon their profession of faith, not one word was asked them as to whether or not they had been saved, but all were voted into the church en masse. But I said, "This is an exception. This pastor is from the north; he does not know the custom among Southern Baptists."

Another time more recently, I was at a certain place. The church was holding a revival; the preacher was an evangelist of the State Board; he preached, gave the invitation and several came forward, the clerk took their names, and although four of the number sought admission into the church upon an experience of grace, not one question was asked them and the pastor said, "All who favor receiving these folks into the church, hold up your right hands," and it was done. This pastor had been educated in a Baptist school. I could not say as had said before, "He is from the north; he does not know Southern Baptists." Brethren, I am greatly grieved when I see such a thing in a Baptist church. It has come to pass that some Baptist pastors do not require as much of applicants as do brethren of a certain group who never fail to ask, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" My humble opinion is, and I find it is shared by others, that we have had too many "decisions," "responses," and not enough Holy Ghost convicted sinners coming to Christ through the slow but indispensable experience of regeneration. In our meetings this summer, let us not boast too much over "responses" and "decisions," but let us seek to have sinners eternally saved by the power of God's spirit.

Another experience which greatly grieved me was this: I was invited by a pastor to assist in the ordination of some deacons. When I arrived, a congregation was singing, and as the pastor asked the presbytery to come around for the ordination prayer, said to myself: "I missed a good deal of the service; I am late; much preliminary work has been done." I could not in good conscience proceed without asking some questions. I found the presbytery had not been organized, the deacons elect had not been asked any questions about their conversion, about their belief, but were about to be ordained in this short cut method. Are the foundations in danger? I let the reader answer after thinking over the above experiences.

My last observation relates to a custom which seems to be growing in our churches, and that is "Rule of the Deacons." We have in many of our churches, a very good "presbyterianism." I am charitable enough to say that in my opinion, brethren are unconscious of the drift. Deacons are not to rule, but to advise, counsel, serve the church. The highest privilege the Founder and Head of the church has given to it is, the sovereign power to initiate, perfect and put into execution, all acts and methods necessary in carrying out its heavenly given task. Let us not misuse, abuse and destroy the liberties of church membership, nor bring criticism upon the noble and God-given office of deacon by turning it into a ruling eldership.

It may be that my experience here in related are peculiar, not shared by others, due to my unfortunate lot as I have traveled about. If so, I ask the brethren to pity me for my having fallen into such bad company; but if it is the "common lot of all," I will appreciate it if some of them will write me a line saying "Amen." Let us come back to rock bottom foundations of eternal truth and "Put on the whole armour of God."—Waco, Texas.

WORKERS COUNCIL

Program for Workers Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association to convene with the Hyton Baptist Church, August 6, 1928:

9:45 a. m.—Devotional, W. F. Ayers.
10:00 a. m.—Essentials for A Revival of Seligman, R. G. Brannon.
10:30 a. m.—Pastoral Support, Dr. W. F. Fry.
11:00 a. m.—Sermon, C. F. Bryant.
Lunch.
1:38 p. m.—Board Meeting.
2:00 p. m.—Devotional, Zebb Freeman.
2:15 p. m.—Simmons University, Dr. J. D. Sandefur.
3:00 p. m.—Duty of Church Concerning Association Missions, J. Perry King.
3:30 p. m.—Real Mission of a Sunday School, Walter Jackson.
3:45 p. m.—Checking Up On Association Sunday School Standard, Will J. Largent.
4:00 p. m.—Inspiration Address, Scott W. Hickey.

RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Program of Runnels County Association to be held with the Hopewell Baptist Church, three miles south of Crews, August 7, 1928:

10:00 a. m.—Devotional, led by Pastor J. S. Tierce.
10:30 a. m.—What Should I As An Individual Church Member Stand Against? J. E. Nicholson.
11:00 a. m.—What Should I As An Individual Church Member Stand For? Rev. R. D. DeWeese.
11:30 a. m.—Inspirational Sermon: E. D. Dunlap.
Noon.
1:30 p. m.—Devotional: Rev. Jas. A. Corder.
2:00 p. m.—Board Meeting and General Discussion of Our Work.

Minister—Who giveth this woman? Bride's Father—I do. And now, folks, I wish to remind you that today's program is coming to you through the courtesy of Walter C. Blubblah, father of the lovely bride, and president of the Blubblah Bunting and Winch Corporation, manufacturers of the "Little Wonder Winches" and "Milady Dainty Bunnings," at all hardware shops of the better sort.—Life.

Visitor—Do you love your Sunday-school teacher, my little man? Bobby—Please, I would rather not talk about my love affairs.—The Loud Speaker, Emory Chapter, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SANITARIUM NOTES

NURSES REPORT

The nurses were treated with a lecture by Dr. Deter on Monday night of the 9th. We sat in chairs and on pillows on the lawn, according to age and sex, while Dr. Deter told us many interesting events that occurred while in Brazil. Those nurses training for foreign missionary nurses are more enthusiastic and are working harder to attain their goal. After the lecture punch was served to all. Nurses off duty, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Alden and Homer Sanders, Miss Thompson, Miss Wheat, Brother Baucum and Russell Deter, drove to Lueders Wednesday evening and gave a short program. Dr. Sanders made a short lecture. Mr. Sanders talked on "Why We Need Baptist Hospitals." He also read some figures which stood for the hospital's three and one half years of operation. Miss Thompson made an appeal for nurses and instruments for the orchestra, while Miss Wheat begged for a new nurse home. Mrs. Sanders sang a solo. Homer and Alden "a" played a solo on the cornet and trombone. The nurses sang, "He Keeps Me Singing," the first song sung in the nurse home at the first chapel. Miss Myrtle Massey, has charge of the West Texas Baptist Emergency Tent, at Lueders during the encampment.

Those suffering from a sore arm due to a slight pin prick of a needle and a small shot of typhoid vaccine are Misses Myrtle Massey, Iva Ward, Opal Dick, Ethel Glover, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Lumpkin, Miss Hatly,

Miss Pool, and Mr. Holiday. Miss Largent and Miss Gillett have just returned from their vacations. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and their two sons, Alden and Homer, started on their 7,400 mile auto tour on Thursday the 12th. Miss Thelma Schneider, will accompany them as far as her home in New Mexico. Their tour will include places of interest along the Pacific Coast, from Seattle, Washington, where they will visit a brother of Mr. Sanders to San Francisco, California, where they expect to attend the joint Protestant Hospital Convention and the American Hospital Convention from August 8 to 10. They will return in a month. Miss Schneider's vacation will last only two weeks.

We welcome Miss Mildred Pruess of Breckenridge, Texas, to our school. Miss Pruess is very talented. She took her Freshman year at Baylor University, and her Sophomore at Simmons University. She is a typist; she also plays the piano and is a live wire to our school.—Miss Hazelle Harmon, Student Nurse.

GOOD MEETING

"Just closed a remarkable meeting where the Holy Spirit richly blessed in a country church fifteen miles from Mt. Vernon, Texas, the first meeting ever held in a new building of a newly organized church of four members. At the end of an eight

day meeting the Lord gave twenty-seven new members. A large number were baptized on the last day, including some of the worst characters of the community. Have some open time in September."—William S. Dixon.

GOOD MEETING AT CARLSBAD

The Carlsbad Baptist Church and Pastor R. C. King have just closed a great revival in which Brother E. D. Dunlap of Abilene did the preaching. There were six additions to the church. On the last day of the meeting, lunch was served on the Concho River and the ordinance of baptism was administered at three o'clock.

MEETING AT HYMAN

We are in a good meeting at Hyman. Rev. Crabtree of Opeka, Oklahoma is doing the preaching. He is a forceful speaker and an untiring worker. This, the fourth day of the meeting and there has been several conversions and sixteen candidates are awaiting baptism. Our people have a mind to work and untold blessings are the happy results.—A. D. Leach, Colorado.

Mrs. Wickham—So you're moving to Florida? Mrs. Crandall—Yes; John declared he'd get Cuba on the radio or know the reason why.—Life.

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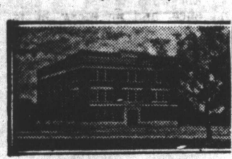
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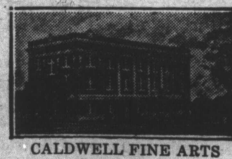
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WRITER TELLS INTERESTING STORY OF LIFE OF DR. R. T. HANKS

Last weeks issue of the Baptist Standard carried an interesting story on the life of Dr. R. T. Hanks, who for several years was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene and trustee of Simmons University. For almost a half century Dr. Hanks has been an outstanding leader in the Baptist denomination in Texas. He has thousands of friends in the West where he labored so long who will read the story published below with a great deal of interest. Dr. Hanks has two sons in Abilene, both connected with the Abilene Reporter-News.

DR. R. T. HANKS—A SKETCH
Mrs. Edna Best Crawford

An alabaster orb of fragrant appreciation; a sheaf of golden lilies that caress the eye with their rare beauty; these were the things that while life is still buoyant and vital. This is our explanation for compiling a few leaves from the richly fruitful life of Dr. Robert Taylor Hanks.

Together, he and his good wife have retired from his long and active pastorate, to the home in Palacios, Texas, among their palms and oleanders, their chickens, and figs and orange orchards, with the musical cadences of the Gulf's roar resounding in hearing, Dr. and Mrs. Hanks are enjoying a quiet and peaceful rest among old neighbors and friends. Dr. Hanks used to say, in that humorous vein, which is one of his striking characteristics: "When I get old, I expect to retire to our Palacios home. But although past his three-score and ten years, he is still busily engaged with his two small town churches of Leon county—Normangee and Jewett—residing in the Normangee pastorate, and happily oblivious to such a far-off thought as "retirement," then, like a bolt out of a blue sky, it came. A case of blood poison developed from an inflamed toe while en route to Palacios on a vacation. Up to that time, with Browning, the poet of optimism, Dr. Hanks could say:

"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be;
The last of life, for which
The first was made.

Our times are in His hand,
Who saith, 'A whole I planned!'"

Two long, weary months in the Baptist Sanitarium in Houston was his "vacation" surrounded by loving friends and relatives, and all that skilled science and nursing might do.

Lost His Leg

His entire left limb and foot was amputated, and that his noble life was spared is baffling still to those in charge; but only those around the Great White Throne know how many earnest prayers ascended to the Father above, with all "Thy will be done," however. Dr. Hanks returned to his home, resumed his pastorate and, preached—sitting in an arm chair!

"Most Remarkable Sermon"

In an account of his first sermon, Editor Robinson of the Jewett Messenger said: "Dr. Hanks preached the most remarkable sermon we ever listened to, from the text, 'All things work together for good, to them that love the Lord.' He showed that God's grace to themselves in the form of a dormitory for girls on the Lueders encampment ground. This dormitory is a place where any mother can send her daughter for the two weeks of Lueders encampment each year and yet it will only accommodate about eighty girls. We need a place for every girl in West Texas to stay while she is at Lueders, not only do we need a place for the girls but we also need a place for our boys.

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just finished Baylor and was then pastor of a little East Waco church. Yes he had stuff in him."

Dr. Hanks was the beloved pastor of Dallas First church for seven years, and he resigned four times, but never got his resignation accepted. This church will never record an acceptance of your resignation upon its minutes," so said Deacon Williams. Dr. Hanks was the editor of the Western Baptist for two years and then sold it to Rev. M. V. Smith and Dr. J. B. Cranfill who changed its name to the Baptist Standard.

Offered Simmons Presidency

Besides a number of successful pastorates in Texas and official positions on the State Mission Board, Dr. Hanks was approached by some of the leading trustees of Baylor College, Belton, who offered to secure his election to the presidency of that school, and was elected president of Simmons College, now the flourishing University. He declined all offers to leave the pastorate except to become general missionary.

Among his keepers, Dr. Hanks treasured a letter from his personal friend, Dr. J. B. Cranfill, which he planned for the future of the University, "When you are its president," During a visit of Dr. Sandifer, present head of Simmons University, to Dr. Hanks during the Freestone-Leon Association of last year, who Dr. Sandifer spoke to the report on Christian Education, the early days of Simmons University were reviewed. Editor A. R. Crawford of the Normangee Star, in a lengthy article, states in part:

"Dr. Hanks and Dr. Hanks have been friends for many years, and it is a well known fact of Baptist history that Simmons University was founded largely due to Dr. Hanks' efforts. Dr. Hanks was a trustee of the institution for a long time, and his is now a trustee. Dr. Hanks was offered the presidency."

"Deep Waters"

Dr. Hanks has often been called through deep waters of sorrow, trouble and death. But his Christian fortitude and constant cheerfulness have never wavered. Like Paul, he counts it all joy that he might finish his course. Dr. Hanks has ever been pre-eminently a soul-winner, and faithful in every relation of life. In his home life he is gentle, courteous and thoughtful. He reverences all womanhood, a marked trait of chivalry of the old South.

Sweethearts

And so, in the vineclad flower-fringed home in Palacios, he and his dear wife abide, lovingly tender, a shroud in hand and heart-to-heart they face the golden radiance of the western slopes.

"To every man is given a day,
And his work is for the day,
And once he has no more, he is
Given to travel this way."

STARTS MOVEMENT FOR B.Y.P.U. BUILDING ON CAMP GROUNDS

By M. B. Sasse

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SIMMONS ALUMNI HOLDS GOOD MEETING AT ENCAMPMENT

President Sandifer, Morris And Caldwell Speak At Lueders

At a meeting to stir alumni and friends of Simmons University to the support of the \$1,500,000 campaign, Rev. Sam Morris of Weatherford, president of the Alumni Association, called the meeting, C. M. Caldwell, president of the board of trustees, and President J. B. Sandifer made talks to a crowd of students, exes and friends at the tabernacle of the Lueders encampment on last Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

"There is no such thing as a free school," spoke Judge Caldwell. "It costs \$75 a year more to send you to Simmons than tuition brings in. Somebody has to pay that. If this program of Simmons is to be a success, it is up to the alumni and ex-students to get behind it. The alumni association should be the first group to take hold. If they are not interested how can they expect outsiders to be interested. Personally, I don't think that a school is worth supporting if its ex-students don't think enough of it to support it."

President Sandifer then rose to make a few pertinent remarks on the situation.

"If you believe the west is entitled to a great Christian university," he said in summing up, "a university such as we are seeking to build, you must come to our aid. Unless there is a change of attitude on the part of many people, however, the denominational institution cannot survive—we cannot survive."

Rev. Morris, the last speaker said in part:

"We owe allegiance to Simmons university above every school in the state. No one calls me narrow because I say that my mother is the greatest mother in the world. We have reaped a special benefit from Simmons and we owe her a peculiar obligation. The greatest school to every ex-student should be Simmons. What we do with this campaign is largely determined by you."

Rev. Morris announced that the next step in the campaign toward listing more alumni aid letters. He has already sent out 1,000 letters to alumni, asking for support in the five year program.

DROUTHY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Jno. W. Newsom

I have been looking for the promised report of our fellow member, Brother Heath, but I do not know why he has not made it. I am going to make some observations concerning the meeting held by Dr. Whoopemup and reported by Brother Heath some time ago. Since the meeting there have been a number of changes. First, we have lost our former pastor; second we now have a new one; third, numbers who were not reached during the meeting are being saved and seldom a Sunday passes but some are saved and baptized; fourth, last but not least all are cooperating in all the work.

After the meeting closed, as is usual, there was a division in our ranks. We did not believe that the sins spoken of by Dr. Whoopemup existed in our community, but after thorough investigation we found that conditions were far worse than he had pictured. His language at the time was shocked, but he did not understand that he did it to awaken us. When we say the true condition of things we began to look about for the cause. We discovered that our pastor, good loveable man that he is, permitted all manner of sins to pass uncondemned. We knew that he did not approve of such sins among the membership, but he was afraid he would hurt some one drive them away from the church and when he found that we were making our investigations not only refused to help, but resigned feeling that it was a reflection on his work. But the church had gone into the matter far enough to want a change of conditions so we accepted his resignation.

Upon the coming of our new pastor our eyes were again opened. This has been a community in which there have been a number of revivals, but each year our pastor did not appear competent to take care of the results and under such conditions revivals have almost become a thing of the past. Immediately upon reaching the field our new pastor was capable of gathering up the loose ends and saving all that was accomplished by Dr. Whoopemup in the revival.

We now have an organization in the church which takes care of young and old alike.

Under the new order the lost in the Sunday school, and the school has more than doubled, are regularly being brought to Christ and into the church. It shows clearly what efficiency in leadership can do. The most beautiful cooperation ever seen in Drouthy Ridge Baptist Church prevails now. We were indeed surprised at the attitude of old Broth Quittum, indifference and Hardoplease. We expected them to fall out in a few weeks, as usual, after the meeting, but to our great joy they are working with our pastor. The new and progressive way must have been the thing they were looking for.

To be sure there are some who are not in the work and will never be because they could not see conditions before the meeting came and still believe that the evangelist was wrong and have fallen by the way.

Thank God a new day has dawned for the Drouthy Ridge Baptist Church. We are as busy as bees, every one having his place to work. We feel that our pastor will be able to steer us off the rocks and that under his leadership we will be able to return to our old way of doing things—Abilene, Texas.

REVIVAL AT MELVIN

We are at Melvin in a revival meeting with Dr. R. R. Cox, one of the best pastors and personal workers that we have. Some twenty additions the first week, men and women and children will be baptized at the close of the services.—Sid Williams.

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REPORT OF DISTRICT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30

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Cooperative program, \$166.35; conquest campaign, \$236.25; Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$17.35; home mission thank offering, \$20; city missions, \$76.25; charity, \$57.40; miscellaneous, W. M. S., \$74.75; Y.W.A., \$20; scholarship, \$16.35; local church, W. M. S., \$1695; Y. W. A., \$11. Total \$2907.47.
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Fisher County Association
B. O. H. cash, \$56.10; boxes, \$44.40; old ministers' boxes, \$10; associational missions, \$10; charity, \$35; missions, \$27.40; miscellaneous, \$3; scholarship, \$51.50; local church, \$356.10; sanitarium box, \$18.33. Total \$656.89. Mrs. Guy McNeal, president; Mrs. J. W. Roberts, corresponding secretary.

Haskell Association
Cooperative program, \$110.15; conquest campaign, \$23.75; old ministers' boxes, \$15; associational missions, \$6; miscellaneous, \$48.60; scholarship and associational expense, \$17; scholarships, \$32.50; local church, \$350. Total \$647.65. Mrs. J. O. Bowden, president; Mrs. A. C. Brock, corresponding secretary.

Jones County Association
Cooperative program, W. M. S., \$139.93; Y. W. A., \$19.93; G. A., \$15; R. A., \$2.96; Sunbeams, \$10; home missions thank offering, \$26; B.O.H., boxes, \$10; Lottie Moon Christmas offering, \$17.35; home mission thank offering, \$20; city missions, \$76.25; charity, \$57.40; miscellaneous, W. M. S., \$74.75; Y.W.A., \$20; scholarship, \$16.35; local church, W. M. S., \$1695; Y. W. A., \$11. Total \$2907.47.
President: Mrs. Norman Read, corresponding secretary.

Stonewall Association
(Not reported.)
Sweetwater Association
Cooperative program, \$388.22; conquest campaign, \$26; Sunshine nursery, \$16.80; home mission thank offering, \$2; B. O. H. cash, \$89.25; box, \$7.05; eggs, \$24; associational missions, \$54.66; city missions, \$22; charity, \$24; miscellaneous, \$70.57; district and associational expense, \$27.35; school graduation gift, \$31; Baylor College endowment, \$5; local church, \$2,570.22; Lockett fund, \$60; nurse, \$47.35; car, \$7; Breadlove loan fund, \$59.93; First Church, Abilene loan fund, \$239.78; Simmons fund, \$72; ministers aid, \$12; West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, \$48; charity fund, \$9; linens, \$16.50; missionary's car, \$50; Van Ness fund, \$14; love gifts, \$54.80; Lueders encampment, \$12; Y. W. A. hall, \$36.50. Total, \$4605.98. Mrs. R. M. White, president; Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, corresponding secretary.

Grand total from seven associations.

W. M. U. WORK AT LUEDERS

We regret that we are unable at this time to give a full report of the W. M. U. work at Lueders Encampment. A full program of classes was scheduled for both weeks and was carried out satisfactorily.

Mrs. Leigh was present and insured the continued interest of the women and young people in class and conference work. Her presence in the new Y. W. A. building was a benediction to the young women so fortunate as to enjoy the association. The building itself is a monument to the faith and persistence of our own young people's leader, Miss Lillias Penick. It is well named and is quite an addition to the grounds and is something to be proud of.

The W. M. U. hour on Friday of the first week was in the hands of the Cleco-Breckenridge district and the period was used by the Breckenridge Y. W. A. presenting an effective denominational program.

Wednesday of the second week was used by the Wichita district, directed by the new president, Mrs. J. M. Tanner.

Full details will be furnished in a later issue of The West Texas Baptist.

THE BAPTISTS AND INTER-DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

By T. C. Gardner

A leader of the Inter-Denominational Council of Religious Education made the following remark: "A deep and cherished purpose actuating many of the leaders of the Inter-Denominational Council of Religious Education is the ultimate amalgamation of the denominations and the consequent destruction of denominationalism."

We are beginning to feel the effect and influence of the above mentioned organization of the Word of God. Our attention has been called to the work of this organization in several sections of the state. In two of our large towns where representatives of the above organizations have been the young people of the several denominations have been organized into an Inter-or-Non-Denominational organization. In other words, the B. Y. P. U., Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, and other organizations of the several denominations have formed the Inter-Denominational organization. I have learned upon good authority that it is the purpose of the organization to destroy denominationalism in the minds and hearts of the young people with a view of magnifying the Community Church idea and ultimately to destroy the various denominations. We are mindful of the fact that some men of large wealth, imbued with these ideas, have long given large monies to this type of work.

It has come to us from many sources that the above mentioned Inter-Denominational organization is making an effort to set up an organization composed of all denominations in counties, cities, and districts. The organization of the Associational B. Y. P. U. and the County Sunday School Conventions are being minimized and the Inter-Denominational organization is being magnified.

We believe, therefore, that the time has come when a special effort should be made to reach and train all of our Baptist people not only for Christian service but so train them in Baptist doctrine and history that they will have a burning desire to go forward with Christ, seeking at all times to promote His program in keeping with the teachings of the Word of God. We could wish just now that our Baptist pastors everywhere would teach such books as

CATHOLICS MAKE 3,000,000 IN A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS

MUSSOLINI

Constitution Day was recently celebrated in Italy, on which occasion 20,000 troops paraded before King Victor Emmanuel. Premier Mussolini was absent and appropriately so, as during his regime he has lost no opportunity to destroy constitutional government in Italy.

In the recently adopted election reforms it was determined that none but Fascist can qualify as candidates for Parliament, and none but followers of Il Duce are permitted to vote. The representative principle of the constitution, as well as the spirit of liberty contained in that document, is null and void in Italy at the present time. The celebration of Constitution Day, therefore, proved nothing more or less than a hollow, meaningless observance.

Former Premier Francesco Nitti, in a recent statement from Paris, France, declared that the Italian people have been deprived of all their rights and constitutional guarantees by an armed majority. According to Signor Nitti:

"Italy has become a vast prison where one no longer laughs, where one lives in misery, despite false information disseminated abroad. Thousands of citizens are refused permission to leave Italy and are submitted to all sorts of humiliations. Illustrous generals, deputies, scholars are imprisoned or exiled."

Which surely indicates that Italy's constitution, granting inherent rights to the Italian people, is functioning about as effectively as the proverbial deceased door nail. Popular sovereignty has been described by Mussolini as a "dire fiction." The constitution has been referred to by him, as quoted in the press, as an "empty sepulchre."

The total expenditures for 1926, as reported by 16,316 churches, amounted to \$204,522,987, including \$181,734,384 for current expenses and improvements, \$19,881,523 for benevolences, missions, etc., and \$3,407,080 not classified. The total expenditure reported by 13,722 churches in 1916 were \$72,358,136.

The value of church edifices (including furniture and equipment), as reported by 16,316 churches for 1926, was \$337,206,063, which may be compared with \$374,206,895 reported by 14,489 churches in 1916.

Of the 18,939 churches reporting in 1926, 7,869 were located in urban territory (incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more) and 11,070 were in rural areas. Of the total membership, 14,809,142 were in the urban churches and 3,795,798 in the rural churches; and of the total expenditures, 6,930 urban churches reported \$168,404,856 and 9,386 rural churches, \$36,118,131. The value of church edifices was \$669,681,780 and that property reported by 6,684 urban and reported by 9,569 rural churches was \$167,524,273.

A Turkish woman named Fatma Hanem is reputed to be 160 years of age. Nevertheless, her lady friends are quite convinced that she is 165 if she is a day.—Humorist.

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CATHOLIC PUBLICATION URGES THE SUPPORT OF AL SMITH

(From Supreme Council 33d, Masonic Bulletin)

There appeared in the "Chicago Tribune," of June 19th, an article translated from the "Unita Cattolica," an influential Catholic paper published in Florence, Italy (where it will be remembered eighteen Freemasons were murdered in one day during the early part of the Fascist regime), in which were enumerated the benefits to be obtained by Catholicism and Italy should support Governor Alfred E. Smith be elected President of the United States.

"If Governor Smith next year is host at the White House," the article declares, "the United States will have, after a century and a half of Protestant presidents, an authentic Catholic. Nothing will be changed in the constitution of the state, in the spirit of the laws, or in the trend of great politics."

The following statements are hardly consistent with the assertion contained in the foregoing paragraph: "But certainly that isolation which under Presidents Harding and Coolidge characterized the American foreign policy through avoiding Geneva-Woodrow Wilson's creation and the policy of playing usurper toward the allied nations in the question of war debts; the obstinacy of keeping the doors of America closed to immigration, adhering to a selfish protective system, proclaiming non-intervention policy of Washington and Monroe, while intervening with onerous financial and industrial operations which tend to put all the nations of the old continent under

the yoke of American banking interests—all these policies under Governor Smith will be attenuated. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Democratic party triumphs under Al Smith."

The article referred to Herbert Hoover as one who would carry on the provincial and narrow-minded policy of the late President Warren G. Harding and President Coolidge, especially regarding problems of war debts, prohibition and immigration. After expressing views regarding the political affairs of this country, the article takes up the moral situation and states that the United States as a nation is showing signs of "dangerous spiritual decay, due to unrestrained luxury and its fever for material pleasures."

It suggests Catholicism as a remedy for this condition: "The spiritual salvation of the United States lies in Catholicism, which is prospering there and which some day through religious unity will restore moral force to power in the United States. Religion in America today is no more the religion of the American forefathers. What is needed is the yeast of Catholicism, and the election of Alfred Smith will be a token of the necessary Christian rebirth after the moral decay caused by excessive wealth."

They omitted to point out as examples of countries where a high standard of morals is maintained such countries as Spain, France, Italy, Mexico or others where the majority of the people have existed under the dominance of the Roman Catholic Church.

BAYLOR COLLEGE HEAD NOT TO SUPPORT SMITH

BELTON, Texas, July 13.—"I shall remain in the Democratic party, but this does not mean that I shall not scratch the ticket just as I did in 1924," said Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College, the largest institution of its kind in the South, when his attention was called to the news items carried in the press last week, stating that he would support Gov. Alfred E. Smith for president.

The news item covering the statement attributed to Dr. Hardy read as follows:

"Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College, Southern Baptist girls school here, declared in an address before the Belton Rotary Club here that he would support Gov. Alfred E. Smith for the presidency. The statement, attributed to Dr. Hardy was a shock to his many friends in and out of the Baptist denomination, and especially would cause a statement coming from him, a leading educator of the South, and also head of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas for many years, be startling, but at the same time unreasonable, therefore, his friends will be delighted to know that through error, he has been made to say that which was not his purpose to say."

Dr. Hardy reinforced his statement to the effect that he would scratch Gov. Smith as the nominee, by saying:

"As the nominee, Gov. Smith is just as objectionable to me as he was as a candidate for the nomination. "I was against Smith in the precinct convention; in the county convention; in the state convention; and in the National convention, and further, when Gov. Smith was nominated I had a part in keeping the Texas delegation from voting. "I would be untrue to the parents of the South, who have trusted me many years of my connection with one of the greatest educational institutions of America, have trusted their girls to my care. I would be untrue to the confidence of my brethren, who for some years have accepted me as their leader in the fight to keep Texas in the prohibition ranks. But above all, I would be untrue to my conscience, which revolts at the very thought that America could recede from what I believe to be its greatest forward move for the moral uplift of its citizenship."—East Texas Baptist.

News Notes

"I am here in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, with the missionary Baptist church and H. E. Wagoner, in a good revival meeting. More and more I enjoy the West Texas Baptist."—Clarence Allen Morton, Hico, Texas.

"The Baptist Propeller," Graham, states that Rev. G. W. Black, for fifty years a pioneer preacher of West Texas, has been confined to his bed for several weeks. Whether Black has lived in Young county most of this time. He has been moderator of the Young County Association for the past twenty years, an honor which is still being conferred by this humble, consecrated man of God.

Evangelist John W. Newsom did the preaching in a good meeting with Crowell church, recently, in which there were over twenty additions to the church. Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baird conducted the singing in the meeting. Evangelist Newsom is in a meeting with the Eula church this week.

The editor regrets that he was unable to accept the invitation of Rev. L. R. Millican to attend the Palsano encampment which meets July 27 to August 5. A few days fellowship with this great old man of the West would be a wonderful inspiration, not to mention the other attractive features of the Assembly.

There were fifteen additions to the First Baptist Church, Tahoka, as a result of the revival meeting being

Former West Texas Preacher Makes Rapid Advancement in Baptist Denominational Work

(From the Western Weekly.)

From teaching school at Lawn to speaking before the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, Canada, is a long step, but Dr. Walter Thomas Conner will likely have completed it by the time this is in print. Dr. Conner, who is professor of systematic theology in the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, has been visiting Simmons recently in the interest of his school, and amid the scenes of his early youth and young manhood, he grew reminiscent.

"It is not necessarily my fault that I was not born in Taylor county," he answered, when asked what part of this country was his birthplace, "and it is certainly to my credit that I came here as soon as the waters receded in Arkansas, and permitted travel to the land of opportunity."

The Conner family moved to Tye in 1892, the year that Simmons University opened her first session, and Walter attended the school there and later finished the ungraded school at Caps, preparatory to entering Simmons. Licensed to preach at Caps in 1895, he entered Simmons as a ministerial student. "I think," he said, "I was the fourth ministerial student to enter Simmons. Brother John Brock, now in Louisiana; Rev. A. J. Leach, who recently died at Rhine, Texas, and Rev. J. F. Wood, preceded me."

"I remember having studied ethics under Dr. George O. Thatcher, then president, and Latin, mathematics and general history under Miss Bessie Coleman. Some of my schoolmates were Dr. J. M. Estes, Judge Harris Wolthall and Messrs. Ed. Miller, Victor Anderson and Ernest Lotseich."

\$50 Per Year Before finishing at Simmons, Dr. Conner says he borrowed money of Mr. C. P. Warren and went to Baylor to get a certificate to teach. Asked how much money he had to borrow, he said he had to borrow \$50. "I think I owed Mr. Warren \$50 at the end of the nine months; and it took me two years, teaching at Anderson Chapel in Jones county, and at Lawn at the handsome salary of \$40 per month to pay back what I had borrowed and save enough to start to school again."

Dr. Conner received his first call to the pastorate of a church in '99, while he was teaching at Lawn. The Tuscola Baptist church invited him to become the pastor there, and he accepted. "We had a church house, a school and store with no road nearer than Abilene. I think my salary was set at \$50 per year for four months."

This call made his ordination necessary, and the church at Caps, where he still held membership, arranged a council of preachers and deacons for this purpose. Dr. R. T. Hanks, Rev. Sam Bristow and Rev. Crow were the preachers he remembers on this council. Deacon King was among those that examined and set apart the young preacher for a lifetime of ministerial service.

His ambition for education soon sent him back to Baylor, where he took an A. B. degree in 1906, and M. A. and Th. B. degrees in 1908. His studious mind still not satisfied, Dr. Conner went to Rochester, N. Y., for further theological study. Receiving a bachelor of divinity degree, he was invited to Fort Worth to teach in the Baptist Seminary. On leave of absence in 1914, he entered the Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and completed the work for the degree of doctor of theology, the highest to which ministers can attain in their field of thought and an equal to the doctor of philosophy in other fields. As an evidence of his scholarship, his Alma Mater has granted to him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Like Teaching

"I expect to continue teaching theology," he said. "I began with the Fort Worth Seminary when it opened its first session, and an closing my eyes I can see the face of the president of the Kansas City Seminary recently, but chose to remain with my Texas students. I see the need in theology of getting the spiritual religion of the New Testament to the preachers and teaching them how to apply that religion to the needs of today. It is not that we need a new gospel, but if the preachers would put a new dress on it while on the old gospel, they might add to its attractiveness. I want to guide the young preachers in their theological training and help them safely pass many of the doctrinal difficulties."

"The ministry of today offers many opportunities for the preachers who are willing to serve. I believe that if a man is called of God to preach, puts himself into his work, avoids hobbies of the ministerial sort and stays on the main track, he will successfully serve his generation. Some preachers leave the word of God to attempt to regulate the beliefs and practices of the world; some seek to dominate politics, styles and social activities; while others make hobbies of certain doctrines or go off after divine healing."

"My experience as a minister and my observation of the hundreds that sit in my class-room convince me that the main track for a God-called preacher is preaching salvation for sinners, through faith in Christ, teach consecrated living for Christians and then conforming his life to the ideals of his message, he becomes an example for his flock."

Writer of Books Dr. Conner, who passed the half-century mark last year, is young and vigorous, spends four days a week in the classroom, preaches every Sunday, goes out occasionally to hold revival meetings, and yet finds time to write books. During his 18 years as a seminary professor, he has served as pastor of nearby churches and was for four years pastor of the Seminary Hill Baptist church. His books include "Gospel Doctrines,"

EPOCH OF GREAT JOURNEY, SUBJECT OF SERMON BY PASTOR JENKENS, ABILENE

"The religious life of a people centers in their churches," declared Dr. Millard A. Jenkins in a recent sermon on "Epochs of a Great Journey," from the text, "For on the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him." (Ezra 7:9) "Let the churches languish and religion die and the country will be also." Excerpts from the sermon follow.

Importance of Leaders "This text refers to Ezra leading his faithful company of Jewish captives from Babylon back to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel led a company back to lay again the foundation of the temple. Nehemiah returned to rebuild the broken down walls of the city. Ezra's mission was to restore the worship of Jehovah."

"A nation will not rise above its leaders. They hold its destiny in their hands. The liquor forces of this nation are now aspiring to leadership. It is to be hoped that the forces that secured the downfall of the legalized liquor traffic shall not be deceived into putting them back into power. The call for the people of our state who oppose such a scheme to meet soon in Dallas, Texas, to prevent such a move, deserves the commendation of all good citizenship."

"The fact that the names of two of our local educators, Drs. Sandefer and Hunt have their signatures against the souls of men; sin, Satan, death, the grave, and the judgment. Jesus Christ delivers us from them all. We should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead; who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver, in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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Time For Shamefacedness "We were ashamed," said Ezra to require of the king soldiers, because we had said to the king that the hand of God is upon all them for good who seek him, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him." As long as a people can blush for their unbelief and sins there is hope for them. When Israel forgot how to blush, her doom was sealed. So will it be with our nation. When a people become brazen in their sins the day of doom is not far away."

The Modernists are trying to do away with the supernatural in religion, and every sermon and written page of their unbelief is feeding the flames of crime. The movies, that they may add more gold to their coffers, are breaking down the Sabbath, luring people from the churches and undermining the religious life of the people. Fashionable hotels are so stamped with the dollar mark that anything goes. A political party is so eager for the spoils that it is willing to roll into the white house on a liquor barrel.

Isn't it time to hang our heads in shame, repent and turn to God?"

God's Delivering Hand

"The crowning victory of Ezra's journey was the deliverance from the enemy by the hand of God. The hand of God was upon us to deliver us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way."

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and Tammany Hall control the supreme issues of the campaign. Those flagrant acts of the nominee have unquestionably liberated all Democrats from any pledge taken in the May convention, and we so declare. Tammany Defies Evangelical Churches

6. We call attention to the fact that the Evangelical bodies in the South through their accredited representatives served due advance notice on the national Democracy that they would not support a wet nominee for the presidency, but the Tammany Democrats treated this warning with contempt.

Dangerous Foe to Southern Ideals

7. We further declare that the present campaign thus projected by Tammany Hall and its members and sponsors is a menace to the very fabric of constitutional government. Every step Governor Smith has taken since the Houston convention has been one of defiant attitude toward the traditions and ideals of Southern Democracy. His connection with Tammany Hall, of which he is both the product and sponsor, is an alignment with the worst elements in American life, and his appeal to the saloon-keeping, boot-legging, law-defying elements, both in the State of New York and everywhere else, stamps him as the most dangerous foe to all the most cherished ideals and traditions of the Southern Democracy that we have ever known. We believe that his election would transfer Tammany Hall, with all its notorious corruption and its past reprehensible aims and methods, from the State of New York to the city of Washington, where it would imperil and despoil the very vitals of our Government.

Righteousness Versus Political Spoils

8. We assert that thus far the advocates of Governor Smith have projected and acclaimed his candidacy chiefly on the ground that he could win. Not once have any of us seen or heard any statement from the advocates of Governor Smith that proclaimed the righteousness of his stand on prohibition and public morals. Thus far no word has been voiced by Tammany Hall of Governor Smith that validates the language of Scripture, "righteousness exalted a nation, but sin a reproach to any people." Those who have foisted Governor Smith upon the national Democracy have never once claimed that his candidacy is based on right, or evading or ignoring the question of righteousness, they have emphasized simply its expediency and a hope of political spoils.

Seek Defeat of Smith By Vote For Hoover

9. We, as the anti-Al Smith Democrats of Texas, dare to declare that we oppose Governor Smith and the entire Tammany aggregation because of their unrighteous aims. The most far-reaching step in protective morals and sane political procedure ever registered since our Government was founded was the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment. We hereby pledge ourselves to oppose to the limit any purpose or plan to moderate, nullify or repeal that amendment and its supporting statutes, Federal and State. We will undoubtedly strive therefore to consummate the defeat of Governor Smith, the arch enemy of our prohibition laws and moral regime, through the election of his opponent, Herbert Hoover. We invite all Democrats in Texas, both men and women, who share our views to join us in our high endeavor.

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