

The way of the fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
—Prov. 12:16.

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The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.
—Prov. 15:2.

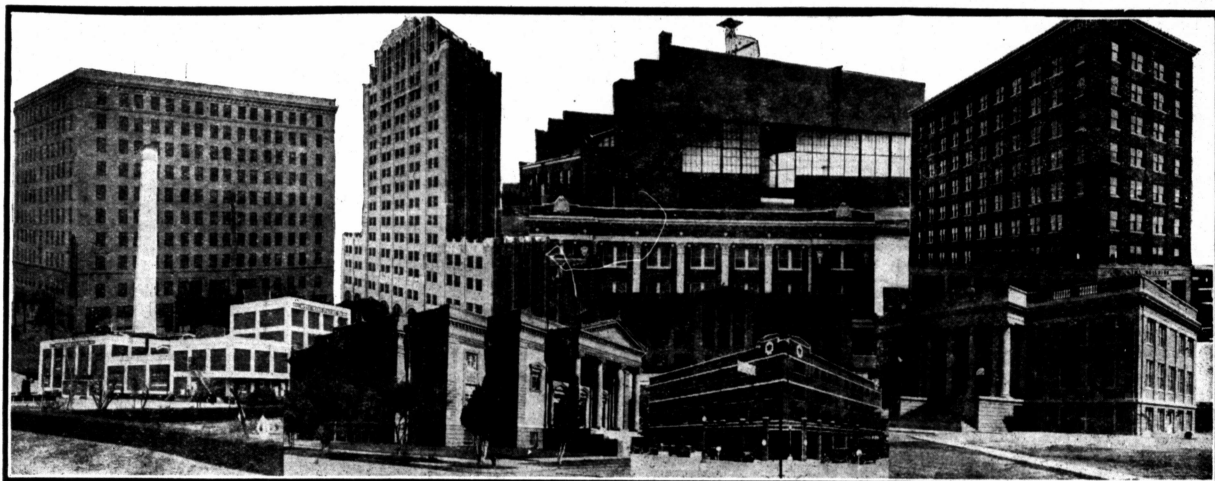
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Views of the City of Abilene Where The Baptist State Convention Will Meet Nov. 14-18



Pastor Jenkins And Abilene First Church Extend Welcome



First Baptist Church and Educational Building

By Millard A. Jenkins

For the second time the First Baptist Church of Abilene will be host to the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Since the Convention met here in 1913 great changes have come. Abilene has doubled and trebled in population, becoming the charming little city that she now is.

Our church at that time had just entered the new church building that marked an epoch in church building for Abilene and the West. North Park and Oak Street churches, formerly missions of the First Baptist Church, both young and struggling, were the other two Baptist Churches. North Park later became College Heights, and still later University Baptist Church. Immanuel Baptist Church was only a mission of the First Baptist Church, and since that time was organized into Walnut Street, and still later changing its location for its present site and taking the name of Immanuel Baptist church. These worthy daughters, now grown strong and wielding a great influence for Christ's Kingdom in Abilene and through the world, along with the mother church, which is justly proud of them, have been from the first loyal supporters of the work of the Convention, which it is our privilege to welcome to our fair city. The Southeast Abilene Baptist Mission of the First Baptist Church started some 14 years ago, was organized into Bryant Memorial and later into Trinity Baptist Baptist Church. More recently the Anson Ave Baptist Church has been organized in North Park. For a number of years the First Church has maintained a splendid work among the Mexicans, and is now operating a growing mission in West Abilene where one of our members has donated two attractive building lots.

The host church is extending Texas Baptists heartiest welcome, recounts with pardonable pride her rapid strides since they were guests 19 years ago. In 1916 she paid her building out, and since then, as her growth demanded, she finished her great basement space into three large departments and

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GROWTH OF ABILENE HAS KEPT PACE WITH DEVELOPMENT OF WEST

From its earliest beginning Abilene has been known as a good home town. Early in its history, steps were taken to provide all those things necessary to the home owner. Today these are highly developed—a beautiful city, clean, with good schools, and an adequate supply of pure soft water; well stocked stores of every sort; fine hotels and theatres; a system of highways leading in every direction.

From the point of population, Abilene with 26,131 people is the fifteenth city in Texas.

Abilene serves as the wholesale distributing center of the most productive agricultural region in West Texas. With 85 factories and 75 wholesale establishments, Abilene has more manufactories and a larger volume of wholesale trade than any other city in Central West Texas.

The industrial establishments in Abilene serve a trade territory of 20,000 square miles with a population of 500,000 people. An additional area of 25,000 square miles, with a population of approximately 200,000 people can be profitably served from Abilene.

All parts of the territory are easily accessible from Abilene for there are three railroads into the city—Texas & Pacific, Wichita Valley and Abilene Southern, which go out in each cardinal direction.

The Abilene Municipal Air Terminal provides modern and adequate facilities for air traffic. An average of seventy-five ships per month use the port. It was built at a cost of \$150,000 from the proceedings of a bond issue voted for airport purposes.

Abilene is the converging point of three United States highways: Two transcontinental roads—U. S. 80 from Savannah, Georgia, to San Diego, California, and U. S. 83 from Regina, Canada, to Brownsville, Texas; and U. S. No. 277 from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to

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ABILENE MAYOR EXTENDS WELCOME TO CONVENTION VISITORS

On behalf of the city of Abilene I wish to express to the Baptists of the State of Texas who are to meet with us for the Texas Baptist General Convention November 14-18 a most cordial welcome to our city. We are looking forward to your visit with keen pleasure, and we hope your stay with us will be very pleasant. If there is anything our city can do to make your stay with us more enjoyable, we shall be glad for you to call upon us.

LEE R. YORK,
Mayor of Abilene

Locketts Give Thrilling Story Of Mission Work In Africa

Ogbomoso, Nigeria,
September 4, 1932

Dear Friends:

So many of you have written us such splendid personal letters. If we were not so overwhelmed with work it would be a joy to answer each letter separately. We want you to know that your letters have cheered us and your prayers have helped us on to accomplish better things.

We know that most of you are carrying very heavy burdens these days, so we often pray for our friends and relatives in the homeland. May God draw each of us nearer Him during these dark days of financial stress. Many times we have wondered where we would get the funds to carry on our mission work. As you know our appropriations for foreign work have been cut and recut. They are going on faith now and praying for more funds to come in for the hospital. They still have money to pay for drugs, dressings and salaries of native workers for a few months. The hospital staff discussed not taking any more motherless babies at the last staff meeting, but decided to go on a little longer exercising faith and prayer. If the babies are turned away it means sure death, because an uneducated native cannot properly care for a bottle baby's milk. Surely, surely there will be some answers to these prayers.

Many of the natives of this section have been severely hurt by the financial crisis as people of America and Europe. We have retrenched some of our native workers, reduced salaries of all of those being paid by the mission, and have withdrawn financial aid from many needy causes.

In many cases the churches have cheerfully taken up the burden in so far as they are able. But there is little money in circulation and some just simply have no money to give. Many are staying away from the hospital because they have no money to pay for drugs and dressings, and still the hospital has more charity cases than usual. The hospital is full to overflowing now.

Our Day School gets absolutely no aid from America, but we are going on, and we have twelve teachers and nearly three hundred children. We are getting government aid, for which we are very thankful; we get help from the churches, and the children pay school fees who come from private homes; and the missionaries pay for those under their care.

During one week of our July vacation I called the teachers together each day for several hours study on Soul Winning. Just last week we had a meeting of a week with one of the theological students preaching from eleven to twelve to the Day School children. Many were converted and others

reconsecrated themselves to God's cause. Mrs. Carson and I spent many hours in doing personal work and we were made very happy by the results. All of the teachers joined us in prayer and did personal work also. Much time is spent in our Day School on Bible Study. We endeavor to win people to Christ and train them in Christian living each day. Join us in praying that many of these boys and girls will become Christian leaders.

Out of the eighty thousand people in this town there aren't five hundred children in school. Ours is a much larger school than those of the C. M. S. and Wesleyans. We have to turn many children away each year because we haven't room for them. We long to start a school by the side of each of our churches but we haven't the funds, nor the missionaries to supervise them.

Several of our missionaries are being held at home for lack of funds to return and our work is being seriously hurt by their not being here. Miss Reagan is all alone in Lagos and Miss Elam, her co-worker, was due here in July. We don't know when she is coming, but are praying that she, as well as all others due here now, will return soon. Some of our fields are entirely without white supervision because the missionaries are being held in America. Surely, surely our Christian people who have money will give it at this critical time.

At our July mission meeting which was held here in Ogbomoso for a week, we had splendid reports of the work that we are able to supervise. Many people are being converted and most of our native workers are carrying on in a heroic way in spite of the difficulties.

For three days before the mission meeting we had an executive board meeting here of the W. M. U. Many native women came to be with the women missionaries. It was a delight to see how keen these women were to learn all they could, and to see how consecrated they are to the cause of Christ. Yesterday and today the W. M. U. Association of Ogbomoso has been in session here. The women of the District will meet here soon for five days study. Various missionaries will teach classes. I am to have a class on Soul Winning. Pray for me that I may teach them how, and inspire them to go out and win the lost. Many of them desire to reach others but often don't know how. Just about ten per cent of the older women can read and write. We are having week day classes for all who will come to learn reading and writing, but the women are so occupied with their household tasks, farming and trading that they feel

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Entire City Uniting to Give West Texas Hospitality To All Texas Baptist Visitors



DR. HARLAN J. MATTHEWS,
Marshall, Texas
Dr. Marshall is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Marshall and will deliver the Convention Sermon.

PASTORS-LAYMEN MEET AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

The annual session of the Pastors and Laymen Program preceding the meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas will begin Monday evening, November 14th at the auditorium of the First Christian Church, 310 Orange St., beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The evening sermon will be preached by Rev. R. E. Day, pastor of the First Baptist church, Big Spring. The music for the evening will be in charge of H. P. Black. Other subjects to be discussed at the evening service will be "The Bible and Missions," by E. D. Head, and "The repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment," by M. T. Andrews of Corsicana.

The program for the entire conference is as follows:
Abilene, Texas, Nov. 14-15
Monday Evening
7:30 to 8:00—Devotional Service—R. E. Day, Preacher; H. P. Black, Singer.
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The entire city of Abilene is joining with the Baptists of the city and surrounding territory in extending a hearty welcome to Abilene for the 84th annual session of the Texas Baptist General Convention, which is to convene at the First Baptist Church November 14-18. Our people are sharing the hope of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the convention that 5,000 visitors from all sections of the state will be here to share the hospitality of our city. Abilene is in the geographical center of the state, with paved roads leading to the city from all sections of the state.

The auxiliary meetings of the convention will begin on Monday, November 14, with the convention proper beginning on Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The Pastors and Laymen's meeting will convene at the First Christian church on Monday evening, November 14. The Woman's Missionary Union of Texas will begin their annual session at the same time with the sessions being held at the auditorium of the First Baptist Church.

The Wednesday morning session of the convention proper will be devoted to preliminary matters such as election of officers, address of welcome and response, recognition of visitors, report of committees on order of business and the annual sermon, which will be delivered by Dr. H. Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marshall, Texas.

The program in detail follows:

WEDNESDAY—FIRST DAY

Morning Session

- 9:30-10:00—Song and Prayer—Led by Edgar Spearman.
- 10:00—Convention called to order by President Scarborough, in its 84th annual session.
1. Song and Prayer.
2. Report of Secretaries on enrolled messengers.
3. Election of Officers—Election of President, three Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, and Secretary of Corporation.
4. Welcome address and response.
5. Recognition of visitors and new pastors that have come into the state during the year.
6. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
7. Report of Committee on Nominations.
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Deters Write of Progress In The Brazilian Mission Field

Curitiba, Brazil, Sept. 24, 1932
Dear Homefolks:

Dick and I are heartily ashamed of ourselves for not writing sooner but—we have just been waiting on each other to write and you know how that always turns out. Any woman that thinks she can "out wait" a man is just crazy and if she is real smart she will just go ahead and do what is to be done and not begin that waiting game (which she is certain to lose) with a man! So I have learned my lesson and shall just go ahead and write after this—even though I have nothing sensational to tell. Dick says it is physical pain to me to not have something sensational to tell; says that if I had been a preacher I should have preached nothing but sermons with such a text as follows: "Come up to the top of The Wooten Hotel and leave your Sins at an Everlasting Revival." But then I notice the men all like things interesting as well as the women—yet they accuse us of liking the sensational!

This happens to be one of those times when everything is going along more or less smoothly; nothing either very good or very bad happening. I guess those times

are the best of all for it gives a person time to catch up with their breathing. You have heard of "the average business month," "the average school month," etc., and I guess this is what you would call "an average mission month." The most important thing happening in Brazil at the present is our revolution. It seems all the men are gone. Oftentimes we go downtown and see only old men and boys. Everybody is talking revolution—thinking revolution—and dreaming revolution at night! And there seems such a little that anyone can do. But I guess you get all that in the papers.

Well, Mrs. Deter finally arrived. We have talked her nearly to death for there were a hundred things that we had to find out all about. We started in asking about the South Side Baptist church in Abilene and ended up out in Tucson, Arizona, at the First Church—and included all the churches in Texas in detail! I sometimes fear she wishes she had stayed in Abilene for we won't give her a minutes peace. You just imagine how "hungry" one gets for news of home when one is off in a foreign country.
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The Baptist State Convention

The West Texas Baptist joins our Baptist forces in this section and the entire city of Abilene in extending a hearty invitation to the 500,000 Baptists of the State to attend the 84th annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas which convenes in our city November 14-18. We assure you that our city will do everything possible to entertain you with that real West Texas hospitality. Abilene is known as the city of beautiful homes, good schools and vast commercial enterprises. The city, with its three major denominational school, and one of the best public school systems, has attracted to our midst one of the very best classes of citizenship. Abilene wants you to come as her guests; she will do everything possible to make your stay agreeable and profitable.

We are looking forward to the approaching conventions as one of the best in the history of our Baptist work in Texas and throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and the entire world. Our people should come in the spirit of prayer and conquest, ready to meet the grave problems that are facing our denomination and the entire world.

The Christian Standard of Giving

The bushel is the miller's standard of measure.
The yard stick the dry goods merchant's standard of measure.

The drachm—the druggist's standard of measure.

The pound the grocer's standard of measure.

The rod the surveyor's standard of measure.

The dollar is the U. S. A.'s standard of value.

Without these standards, we would have chaos in the business world. And it is just as necessary to have standards to guide us in the religious world as it is in the material world.

We do have Jesus Christ's life as our standard of living, and the highest ambition of every Christian is to live like him. We must have standards in every walk of life and in every relationship. God has so ordained it.

And so, inconceivable to think our Heavenly Father position have left his children, in whose hands he committed the keeping and carrying on of his great business of redeeming the world, without a definite system of financing. His Book mentions only one standard in all its pages, and that is the tithe. No man, during all the centuries, has ever intimated that it was possible to improve on the tithing plan for financing God's great business. No man has ever denied that the tithe would solve every financial problem of our churches.

Then, why not accept the tithe as the minimum standard of giving for every Christian, practice it and teach it with all our strength, mind, and heart without any apology?—J. H. Anderson, Knoxville, Ken.

Hard Work and Good Times

How long is the determination going to back off and back down waiting for good times to return? Why not go to work and make the best of these times? There is no saving or profit in waiting. Good times are only going to return by hard work. This cutting down and economy cry is largely responsible for the condition we are in now. We have fixed our plans and policies more by our fears than our faith. Let's get up and go at it with earnestness and faith in God and our churches.—Florida Baptist Witness.

Some Hebrew Jurisprudence According to Which Christ Ought to Have Been Judged

"Kingdom Truth" recently published the following which was taken from a letter written by Rev. William Ford in his letter to "Jewish Era."

1. The arrest was illegal, because the arrest took place at night which was in violation of the Hebrew law.
2. It was effected through the agency of a known traitor in violation of the Mosaic code.
3. It was illegal because Jesus was not permitted to show whether or not He was in fact the Messiah.
4. It was illegal because Jesus was pronounced guilty on His own confession. Caiaphas said "What further need have we of witnesses? We have heard the blasphemer."
5. It was illegal because the Sanhedrin had previously decided that Jesus must die. This was apparently done in the preceding February at a very interesting meeting, when the activities of Jesus were the subject of a hot discussion. At this point it is reported that one of the level headed brethren (Nicodemus) said, "Doth our law judge any man before it hear him and know what he doeth? Apparently the chief priests and elders were somewhat confounded by this query."
6. It was illegal because the judges were all prejudiced.
7. It was illegal because it was conducted on the day before the Sabbath and on a feast day.
8. It was illegal because the actions of the High Priest were prejudicial.

Secretary Maddry Goes With the Foreign Mission Board

The recent announcement that Dr. Charles E. Maddry had accepted the call extended him by the Foreign Mission Board at its regular meeting in Richmond, October 12, to become Executive Secretary of that Board has been received with mingled feelings of joy and regret.

The friends of foreign missions everywhere will rejoice in Dr. Maddry's decision. This great cause, so dear to the hearts of many Southern Baptists, will have in Dr. Maddry a powerful champion and an eloquent pleader. As a pastor for many years and as Mission Secretary of North Carolina for twelve years, Dr. Maddry has always put major emphasis on foreign missions. Indeed, he is missionary to the core—missionary in spirit and in practice.

Dr. Maddry will bring to his new position as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board all of his many rare gifts of head and heart, thoroughly consecrated to the Lord, together with a wealth of practical experience as pastor and leader in denominational affairs. It is felt that he will measure up fully to the highest standards set by his distinguished predecessors, Taylor Willingham, Love and others. It is believed that his acceptance will inspire confidence and hope in our great missionary movement.

While this is true, Dr. Maddry's resignation as Executive Secretary of the Promotion Committee, to which position he was called a few months ago, will bring great regret to the many sponsors of this movement. Since coming to this position in Nashville, the middle of last July, Dr. Maddry has thrown himself into the performance of his duties as head of the Promotion Committee with perfect abandon. The first few weeks he devoted to preparing necessary literature. Since then he has been making an extended itinerary through all states of the Convention with the exception of one or two. He will doubtless continue his work with the Promotion Committee until the special time designated for making the Every-Member Canvass in all the churches, November 27-December 4, is passed. It is expected he will move to Richmond about January 1.

The Promotion Committee will doubtless be called together at an early date to consider the election of Dr. Maddry's successor and the work of the Promotion Committee in the immediate future.—Baptist Program.

Atheism—Required or Voluntary

Atheism means both denying God and doing without God. God does not force Himself upon anyone as Saviour and Redeemer, but the time is coming when those who reject Him as Saviour will be forced to face Him as Judge. Those who deny God are described in the Word as "having no hope, and without God." Atheism may be either, required or voluntary. A Christian man who is an able lawyer and a life-long Bible student wrote recently to his nephew, a senior at one of our leading American universities. The young fellow was perplexed by the outstanding Modernistic teachings he faced in the college classrooms. In his letter of sound and discerning counsel the uncle wrote:

"The infidel Jews of Russia are, by law, teaching the same rebellion against God that our professors in many so-called Christian colleges in this so-called Christian land are teaching voluntarily. Bolshevism and Modernism are twin sisters from hell. Turn your face against both, for they mean death and ruin."

While it is true that there are all degrees of Modernism and even real Christians are often deceived and misled into accepting some of its positions, it is also true that Modernism in its final fruitage and logical conclusions denies God and this is atheism. The prophetic Scriptures warn us that "there shall be false teachers among you . . . even denying the Lord that brought them and bring upon themselves a swift destruction" (2 Pet. 2:1), and we are exhorted to "contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 3, 4).

It is an interesting and significant fact that the so-called liberal or Modernistic teachers in our colleges and seminaries are also, in many instances, noticeably favorable to Bolshevism and Sovietism, not hesitating to commend to serious study the "courageous experiment" being worked out in Russia. There is only one way to safety, whether for individuals or for nations, and that is the way of unquestioning faith, in and humble obedience to, God and His Son and Saviour and Lord.—The Sunday School Times.

Shall We Give Tithes in 1933?

By P. E. BURROUGHS

Church Administration Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville

Presently the Every-Member Canvass will be upon us. We will be going out to ask people for pledges to cover local expense and to carry the denominational program during the coming year. Perhaps others will be coming to us for our annual pledge. How about this as a fair and proper pledge:

I agree to give during the coming year through my church according to its program one-tenth of my income and in addition I promise to make special offerings.

This is the pledge which many happy stewards will be pleased to make. The reasons for such pledge may be simply stated.

The Scriptures Approve Tenth-giving

The Bible presents tithing as a fundamental duty. While we may not speak dogmatically it seems reasonably certain that the tithe like the Sabbath comes to us out of the crea-

tion period and the beginnings of the race. Certainly it is true that Abraham observed the tithe; and apparently he did this as an established and recognized custom. Abraham lived the youthful years of Jacob and we need not be surprised to find Jacob dedicating the tenth to God under the most solemn conditions.

Thus before Moses and the Sinaitic Law the tithe was an established and accepted institution. Guided of God Moses incorporated the law of the tithe into the code which until the coming of the promised Messiah was to guide the conduct of God's Israel. Certain it is that the Old Testament Scriptures demand the tithe.

What do the New Testament Scriptures say? On three distinct occasions Jesus set his definite approval on the tithe. See Luke 11:42, Matthew 23:23, and Luke 18:11-12. Three times likewise Jesus constructively endorsed the tithe law. See Matthew 5:17; 22:21; 23:1-3. Paul in I Cor. 16:2 implies the tithe as a basis for giving. The Epistle to the Hebrews in the seventh chapter suggests that to Christ "who is a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" we are to give tithes to the end of time.

Reason Approves Tenth-Giving

(1) Tenth-giving is reasonable. The tithe is of course merely a minimum suggested. Does not such a proportion seem fair and reasonable? Even if the Scriptures had never in any way suggested the tithe, would not believers have worked out for themselves some such proportion? In the light of all that God in mercy provides, does not the proposal of the tithe approve itself to the enlightened Christian conscience as entirely reasonable?

(2) Tenth-giving is adequate. If the Lord's people who are called by his name would bring into his treasury the tithe, the present needs of the churches and the demands of benevolence, of Christian education and of Missions would be amply met. With enlarging income there would be enlarged effort and it is not too much to believe that speedy and far-reaching conquests would become possible.

If Southern Baptists would bring the whole tithe into the Lord's treasury it would amount to something like \$200,000,000 a year. If we would contribute that amount we could in one year spend twice as much on local church expenses as we have ever spent in any one year, put into denominational causes twice as much as we have ever put in any one year, pay every dollar of indebtedness on every

denominational cause and have left a considerable sum to be used for enlargement—and all in one year.

(3) Tenth-giving is desirable. We are not now concerned so much about the blessings which come to the giver. Rather we are to think of the profit which accrues to Christ's Kingdom. We indicate three considerations which show the desirability of tenth-giving.

Tenth-giving stabilizes the program of the giver. Tithers are steady and dependable givers. They do not stop giving because they cannot approve the pastor; nor because they cannot approve the program of their church; nor because they are grieved and distressed by things in the denominational program. Their tithe is dedicated in advance. If they withhold from this or that they are none the richer thereby. If they are steady and persistent givers. This is not theory; it is well-demonstrated fact.

Tenth-giving stabilizes the church program. Our church, like all other forward-looking churches, carries a full and exacting program. This program cannot well be shifted or readjusted from time to time. Our obligations accrue and press steadily through the year and through the years. A considerable body of tenth-givers in any church steadies the church program as hardly anything else can do.

Tenth-giving stabilizes the denominational program for the support of missions, Christian education, and benevolence. The urgent necessity for such stabilization must be evident to every one of us. If hundreds of missionaries are to be maintained on the foreign fields, if other hundreds are to be supported in home fields, if orphanages, hospitals, relief and annuity boards, and colleges and seminaries are to be maintained, if millions must be raised annually for vast far-reaching ministries, then the denominational program must not be subject to uncertainties and vacillations. Thoughtful denominational leaders are agreed that tithing will go far toward the desired stabilization. This must account in some measure for the unanimity and earnestness with which the denominations are conducting efforts to secure tithers.

Very well. Scripture commends and reason approves. What more can we ask? If love of money causes us to hesitate, if covetousness holds us back, we must ask the Lord to help and deliver us, while at the same time we must do our best to help and deliver our fellows.

SHALL WE GIVE TITHES IN 1933?

The Church And The World

by Matilda C. Edwards

The Church and The World walked far apart,

On the changing shores of time;

The World was singing a giddy song

An the Church a hymn sublime.

"Come, give me your hand, cried the merry World,

And walk with me 'his way.'"

But the good old church^{ed} her snow-white hand,

And solemnly answered, "Nay,

I will not give you my hand at all,

And I will not walk with you;

Your way is the way of endless death;

Your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me but a little space,

Said the World with a kindly air;

The road I walk is a pleasant road,

And the Sun shines always there;

Your path is thorny and rough and rude,

And mine is broad and plain;

My road is paved with flowers and gems,

And yours with tears and pain.

The sky above me is always blue;

No want, no toil I know;

The sky above you is always dark;

Your lot is a lot of woe."

"My path, you see, is a broad, fair path,

And my gate is high and wide—

There is room enough for you and me

To travel side by side."

Half shyly the Church approached the World,

And gave him her hand of snow;

And the old World grasped it and walked along,

Saying in accents low,

"Your dress is too simple to please my taste:

I will give you pearls to wear,

Rich velvet and silks for your graceful form,

And diamonds to deck your hair."

The Church looked down at her plain white robes,

And then at the dazzling World,

And blushed as she saw his handsome lip

With a smile contemptuous curled,

"I will change my dress for a costlier one."

Said the Church, with a smile of grace,

Then her pure white garments, drifted away,

And the World gave in their place

Beautiful satins and shining silks,

And roses, and gems and pearls,

And over her forehead her bright hair fell

Crisped in a thousand curls.

"Your house is too plain, said the proud old World,

I'll build you one like mine;

Carpets of Brussels and curtains of lace,

And furniture ever so fine."

So he built her a costly and beautiful house—

Splendid it was to behold;

Her son and her beautiful daughters dwelt there,

Gleaming in purple and gold;

And fairs and shows in the halls were held,

And the World and his children were there,

And laughter and music and feasts were heard,

In the place that was meant for prayer.

She had cushioned pews for the rich and the great

To sit in their pomp and pride,

While the poor folks, clad in their shabby suits;

Sat meekly down outside.

The Angel of mercy flew over the Church,

And whispered, "I know thy sin!"

The Church looked back with a sigh and longed

To gather her children in.

But some were off to the midnight ball,

And some were off at play,

And some were drinking in gay saloons;

So she quickly went her way.

The sly World gallantly said to her,

"Your children mean no harm—

Merely indulging in innocent sports,"

So she leaned on his proffered arm.

And smiled, and chatted, and gathered flowers,

As she walked along with the World;

While millions and millions of deathless souls

To the horrible pit were hurled.

"You give too much to the poor," said the World,

"Far more than you ought to do;

If the poor needed shelter and food and clothes,

Why need it trouble you?"

To take your money and buy rich robes,

And horses and carriages fine,

And pearls, and jewels, and dainty food,

And the rarest and costliest wines

My children they dote on all such things,

And if you their love would win,

You must do as they do, and walk in the ways

That they are walking in."

And the Church held tightly the strings of her purse,

And gracefully lowered her head;

And simpered, "I've given too much away,

I'll do Sir, as you have said."

So the poor were turned from her door in Scorn,

And she heard not the orphan's cry;

And she drew her beautiful robes aside,

As the widows went weeping by.

Then the Church sat down to her ease and said,

"I am rich and in goods increased,

I have need of nothing, and naught to do,

But to laugh and dance and feast."

The sly World heard her, and laughed in his sleeve,

And mockingly said aside,

"The Church is fallen—the beautiful Church,—

And her shame is her boast and pride!"

The Angels drew near to the mercy seat,

And whispered, in sighs, her name;

And the Saints their anthems of rapture hushed,

And covered their heads with shame,

And a voice came down, through the hush of heaven,

From Him who sat on the throne;

"I know thy work, and how thou hast said,

I am rich: and hast not known

That thou art naked and poor and blind

And wretched before my face;

Therefore, from my presence I cast thee out,

And blot thy name from its place!"

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MAKE PROGRESS

Foreign Missions

During the past year our missionaries baptized 16,563 the largest number ever reported in one year, being more than our entire membership on the foreign fields twenty-five years ago. One missionary in Africa baptized 1,441.

In 1845, when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, we launched our Foreign Mission Program with two missionaries and few, if any converts or churches. Now we are at work in 13 foreign countries and have 415 foreign missionaries and 2,300 native missionaries; 2,651 churches, of which 1,910 are self-supporting; and 177,196 church members. These churches gave for the support of the work last year, \$145,000, which is more than all Southern Baptists gave for the support of the Foreign Mission work in 1906.

During these 87 years of its glorious achievements in the regions beyond, our Foreign Mission Board has sent out 971 foreign missionaries.

Southern Baptists now have on the foreign fields 319 schools with 20,671 students; nine hospitals and five publishing houses. (Receives 50 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

Home Missions

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta, Ga., is the Executive Secretary of our Home Mission Board.

During the 87 years of its history the Home Board has made a record that can scarcely be surpassed by any missionary organization in the world. During this period the Board has employed 11,062 missionaries, who reported as the result of their work, 785,500 baptisms, one-fifth of the total present membership of Southern Baptists. They organized 3,570 churches, one-third of the total number of churches Southern Baptists now have. The Board received and expended in this period, \$20,500,000.

The Board's missionaries among the foreign-speaking people in the larger cities, Indians, Negroes and the deaf, during the past year, report 1,571 baptisms, 31 more than in the preceding year.

The work of the Board in Cuba, M. N. McCall, Superintendent, was signally blessed the past year, 131 more baptisms being reported than in the previous year. Our present force in Cuba consists of 31 ordained men and twelve unordained workers.

(Receives 23 1-3 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

State Missions

The Southern Baptist Convention now has within its territory eighteen states, including parts of Illinois and Arizona, and the District of Columbia. Each of these states

promotes a State mission program, which is essential not only to the development of our Baptist work in the state, but to the maintenance of every phase of our denominational program.

If our denomination is to be used of God in a great way for the salvation of the heathen in the regions beyond there must be built up and sustained a strong and dependable base of supplies here in the homeland. So an aggressive and militant program of State Missions in all the states of the South is an imperative necessity.

Southern Baptist Schools and Colleges

According to the latest data obtainable, Southern Baptists now own and operate 78 schools, of which 5 are theological schools, 29 are senior colleges, 24 are junior colleges, 20 are academies. The total number of regular students the past year was 21,694, which is 4,000 less than the year before.

The 5 theological schools are under the direct control of the Southern Baptist Convention. The oldest of these is the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., founded in 1859 in Greenville, S. C. More than 7,000 ministers of the Gospel have been trained in this institution during its seventy-three years of existence. The enrollment the past year was 391. Dr. John R. Sampey is president. (Receives 3 1-3 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminole, Texas, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president, was founded in 1907 by Dr. H. B. Carroll, through the Texas Baptist General Convention, and in 1923 it was taken over by the Southern Baptist Convention. The enrollment for the past session was 353 men and women. (Receives 5 1-5 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

The Baptist Bible Institute, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president, began its career in 1907. The enrollment for the past year was 208. (Receives 3 9-10 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

The W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., for the training of young women, has trained more than 150 who have gone to the foreign fields and hundreds who are usefully engaged in service in the homeland. (Receives 3-15 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

The American Baptist Theological Seminary (Negro), located in Nashville, Tennessee, had an enrollment last year of 54. Dr. O. L. Hailey is field secretary representing Southern Baptists. (Receives 1 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

The total value of our school property is \$38,358,132.18;

the total endowment, \$22,410,505.86; grand total, \$60,768,638.04.

Relief and Annuity Board

The Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas, Dr. T. J. Watts, Executive Secretary, was constituted in May, 1918. The Sunday School Board, with the approval of the Convention, gave the first \$100,000 to its endowment. The Board has now assets amounting to \$3,844,667.20.

During the past year there were 1,514 beneficiaries of the Board, including ministers, missionaries, and the widows and orphans of ministers, who received \$211,017.59. Of this amount \$132,356.41 was paid to relief beneficiaries and \$78,661.18 to participants in the Annuity Department. The new Service Annuity contract began to be issued last January. There is a growing interest among preachers and laymen in this plan.

During the fourteen years of its existence the Relief and Annuity Board has paid in benefits more than \$1,800,000, of which more than \$1,500,000 has been paid through the Relief Department. (Receives 7 per cent undesignated Southwide Co-operative Program funds).

Orphanages

Southern Baptists have a worthy and honorable record of achievement in the care and training of orphan children. They were among the pioneers in this field. Eighteen orphanages are now maintained by them in their various states. These institutions are valued at \$5,000,000 and they care for 5,400 children annually.

Baptist Hospitals

According to the latest figures, Southern Baptists own and operate here in the homeland 29 hospitals, with a valuation of approximately \$15,000,000. These hospitals last year did a combined business of nearly \$6,000,000 treating more than 130,000 patients and contributed to the deserving poor of their communities in service valued at \$750,000.

The Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., Dr. Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent, is operated by the Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. This institution was opened in 1926 and represents a cost of \$1,131,136.32. It has always paid its operating expenses, including the cost of its charity work, and earned an

PROGRAM

District No. 17 General Meeting Hamlin, Texas, November 3 and 4

General Subject: "Cardinal Doctrines of the Bible."

MORNING, NOVEMBER 3

10:30—Song and Praise Service.—Luther Webb, Abilene.
11:00—Inspiration of the Bible.—Dr. M. A. Jenkins, Abilene.
11:40—Sermon: "The Church."—H. R. Whatley, Haskell.
12:20—Lunch.

AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 3

1:30—Song and Praise Service.—C. C. Scott, Hamlin.
2:00—"Diety of Christ."—Dr. N. A. Moore, Simmons.
2:40—Atonement.—Rev. O. B. Darby, Eastland.
3:20—"The Spiritual Birth."—W. T. North, Jayton.
4:00—Adjournment.

EVENING

7:00—Song and Praise Service.—Ollie Dennis, Rochester.
7:30—Sermon, Missions.—Ross A. Smith, Breckenridge.
8:10—Round Table on District Missions.—Led by Moderator.

MORNING, NOVEMBER 4

9:30—Song and Praise Service.—C. O. Davis, Rule.
10:00—"The Spiritual Birth."—D. G. Reed, Roly.
10:40—"Justification by Faith."—L. A. Doyle, Anson.
11:20—Sermon: "Church Ordinances."—E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater.
12:00—Lunch.

AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 4

1:20—Song and Praise Service.—Claude Stovall, Knox City.
1:50—"Sanctification."—Joe R. Mayes, Baird.
2:30—Election.—E. S. James, Cisco.
3:10—Adjournment.

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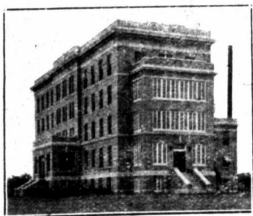
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Amusements

Three theatres, two showing sound pictures, with a seating capacity of 2,400; a City auditorium and hall with a combined seating space of 2,800; a Zoo, two playgrounds; the West Texas Fair, a Little Theater organization; college and university lyceums; school athletic contests, and other recreation.

Churches

Twenty-six churches, representing the following denominations: Apostolic, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Christian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Scientist, the Church of God, Gospel Mission, Pentecostal Mission, and Salvation Army.

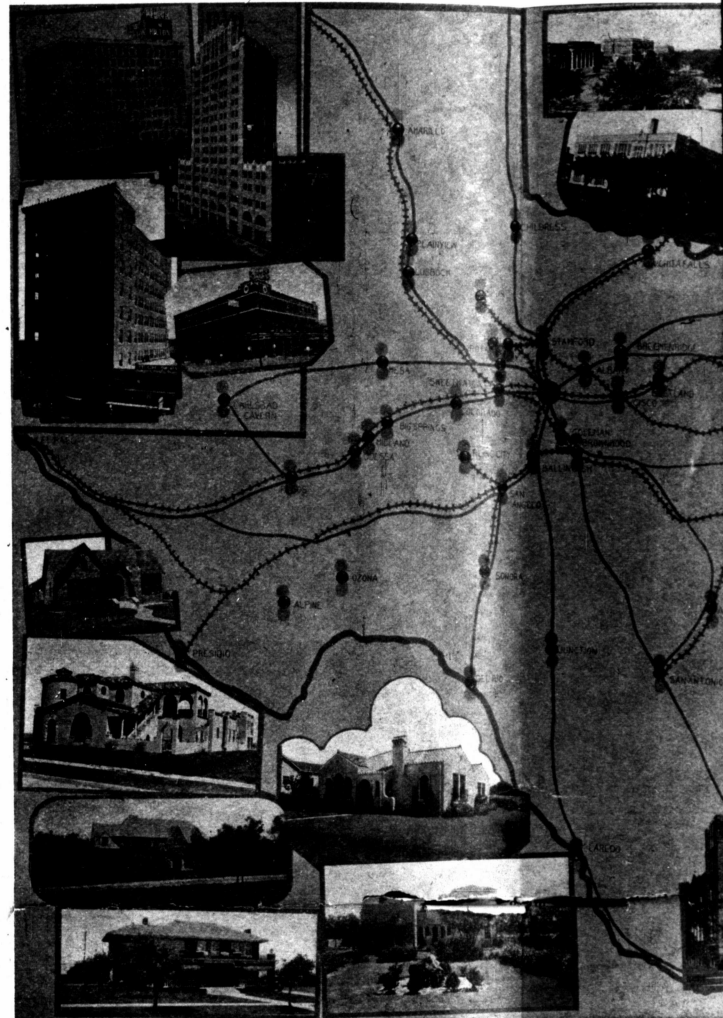
Climate

The average maximum temperature is 75.2° with a maximum of 110° registered in 1886; the average low temperature is 53°, with a maximum low of -6°, registered in 1888.

The average annual rainfall is 24.43 inches, with a minimum of 10.85 registered in 1917, and a maximum of 41.60 inches registered in 1914.

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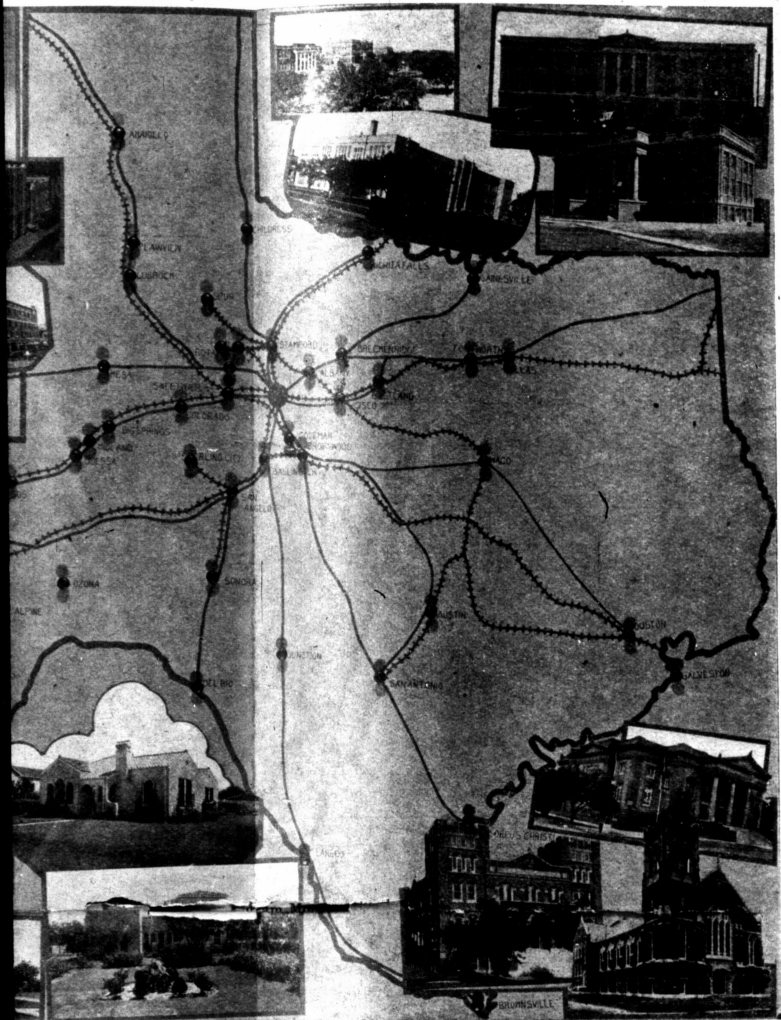
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Hospitals

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Library

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Recreation

Four public parks; one country club; five golf links; two swimming pools; city club; rifle range and polo club, and four service clubs.

Schools

The public school system consists of one high school and ten grade schools, with an annual enrollment of nearly 6,000. 173 teachers assures each student of individual attention.

At Abilene are also Simmons University, Abilene Christian College, McMurry College, Draughtons and National Business colleges, St. Joseph's Academy, and a Nurses' Training School. These institutions have an annual enrollment in excess of 4,000.

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Mrs. H. J. Hanks 1932 Treasurer.
 From April 1 to Oct. 1, 1932.

EXPENSE FUND

Receipts:
 April 1 balance \$274.83
 April 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 2.73
 June 29, Mrs. Cora Caldwell for W. M. U. Cor. course 8.40
 July 16, Cisco Ass'n. Dues 34.12
 Total \$320.08

Disbursed:
 April 13, Abilene Print Co. \$ 1.00
 April 13, First Bap. Ch. for expense of Treas. report 5.25
 April 19, Mrs. H. J. Hanks (stamps) 1.00
 April 22, Robt. Jones expenses for Dist. meet. 4.25
 June 8, Adah Barber expenses to Ridgecrest 15.00
 June 8, Adah Barber for Bible to be applied on expenses to R. 6.00
 June 16, Mrs. Robt. Jones for stamps 1.00
 June 18, Abilene Print Co. for Bible 4.25
 June 29, Mrs. J. B. Buckley for Bibles 6.25
 June 29, correspondence course W. M. U. 8.40
 June 29, Mrs. J. B. Buckley stamps 1.00
 Aug. 1, Gov't. tax on 2c on 12 checks .24
 Aug. 3, Mrs. J. B. Buckley for expenses to Ass'n. 6.70
 Sept. 1, University Florist for Dr. Cooper funeral 3.00
 Sept. 1, Gov't. tax on 2c on 4 checks .08
 Sept. 29, Gov't. tax on 2c on 4 checks .08
 Total \$63.50
 Oct. 1 Balance \$256.58

Baylor Belton Endowment

Receipts:
 Apr. 1, Balance \$ 00.00
 Apr. 12, Haskell Ass'n. 5.00
 Total \$5.00

Disbursed:
 April 15, State Treasurer \$ 5.00
 Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Baylor Maintenance

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance 0.00
 April 12, Haskell Ass'n. 2.50
 April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. 4.50
 April 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 1.00
 June 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 8.00
 June 28, Sweetwater Ass'n. 4.00
 July 8, Fisher Ass'n. 6.50
 July 9, Sweetwater Ass'n. 13.75
 July 9, Jones Co. Ass'n. 5.00
 July 16, Cisco Ass'n. 12.00
 Aug. 19, Stonewall Ass'n. 4.00
 Aug. 23, Sweetwater Ass'n. 4.00
 Sept. 5, Jones Co. Ass'n. 3.50
 Total \$68.75

Disbursed:
 April 15, State Treas. \$ 8.00
 June 15, State Treas. 8.00
 June 29, State Treas. 4.00
 July 16, State Treas. 20.25
 Aug. 26, State Treas. 25.00
 Sept. 19, State Treas. 3.50
 Total \$68.75

Act. 1, Balance 0.00

Bible Scholarship

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 April 12, Fisher Ass'n. 7.50
 April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. 6.25
 April 12, Jones Ass'n. 7.50
 April 12, Cisco Ass'n. 30.70
 April 12, Callahan Ass'n. 6.25
 Aug. 19, Stonewall Ass'n. 6.00
 Aug. 23, Sweetwater Ass'n. 18.00
 Sept. 5, Jones Ass'n. 3.00
 Total \$85.20

Disbursed:
 April 15, C. M. King Seminary Hill \$58.20
 Aug. 26, C. M. King Seminary Hill 24.00
 Sept. 19, C. M. King Seminary Hill 3.00
 Total \$85.20

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Breedlove Loan Fund

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 April 12, Callahan Ass'n. 1.00
 Total \$1.00

Disbursed:
 April 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 1.00
 Total \$1.00

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Buckner Orphan Home

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 April 12, Offering given at Dist. Meeting 34.08
 July 9, Sweetwater Ass'n. 9.00
 Total \$43.08

Disbursed:
 April 16, State Treas. \$34.08
 July 16, State Treas. 9.00
 Total \$43.08

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

First Baptist Church Loan Fund

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 April 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 7.47
 May 17, Sweetwater Ass'n. 12.90
 June 7, Sweetwater Ass'n. 12.32
 July 9, Sweetwater Ass'n. 6.74
 Sept. 10, Sweetwater Ass'n. for Aug. and Sept. 20.61
 Total \$60.04

Disbursed:
 April 15, First Baptist Church for S. U. \$ 7.47
 May 17, First Baptist Church for S. U. 12.90
 June 7, First Baptist Church for S. U. 12.32
 July 16, First Baptist Church for S. U. 6.74
 Sept. 12, First Baptist Church for S. U. 20.61
 Total \$60.04

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Foreign Mission Student

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$22.86
 April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. 2.50
 April 12, Callahan Ass'n. 2.00
 Sept. 5, Stonewall Ass'n. 3.00
 Sept. 21, Stonewall Ass'n. 1.50
 Total \$31.86

Disbursed:
 April 15, United Welfare Ass'n. for Ramon Torres \$27.36
 Oct. 1, Balance 4.50
 Total \$31.86

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Lueders Encampment

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 June 7, Sweetwater Ass'n. 15.00
 June 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. for debt 1.00
 Total \$16.00

Disbursed:
 June 7, Rev. J. Henry Littleton \$15.00
 June 15, J. E. Mansell 1.00
 Total \$16.00

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Miscellaneous

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 April 16, Sweetwater Ass'n. 3.00
 W. M. U. History 1.00
 May 17, Sweetwater Ass'n. 1.00
 W. M. U. History 2.00
 Aug. 23, Sweetwater Ass'n. 1.00
 W. M. U. History 1.00
 Total \$7.00

Disbursed:
 April 16, State Treas. \$ 3.00
 May 17, State Treas. 1.00
 May 25, State Treas. 2.00
 Aug. 26, State Treas. 1.00
 Total \$7.00

Oct. 1, Balance \$ 0.00

Home Missions

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 April 12, Haskell Ass'n. 20.23
 April 12, Haskell Ass'n. 45.08
 April 12, Cisco Ass'n. 43.82
 April 12, Callahan Ass'n. 14.47
 April 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 100.17
 Total \$223.77

Disbursed:
 April 15, State Treas. \$223.77
 Act. 1, Balance 0.00
 Total \$223.77

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

Foreign Missions

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 Total \$0.00

Disbursed:
 April 1, Balance \$ 0.00
 Total \$0.00

Oct. 1, Balance 0.00

State Executive Scholarship

Receipts:
 April 1, No balance.
 April 16, Sweetwater Ass'n. \$ 1.00
 Disbursed:
 April 16, State Treas. \$ 1.00
 Oct. 1, No balance.

Oct. 1, No balance.

Stonewall S. U. Fund

Receipts:
 April 1, No balance.
 April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. \$10.00
 Total \$10.00

Disbursed:
 April 1, No balance.
 Total \$10.00

Oct. 1, No balance.

A Nut for the Infidel to Crack

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." In the days of Joseph Parker, an infidel lecturer in a mining town in the north of England gave an address in which he thought he had demolished all the arguments for the Bible, Christ and Christianity. He concluded by saying: "Now I hope I have succeeded in explaining to you that the existence of Jesus Christ is a myth." As he finished speaking, a miner, who had entered in his grimy clothes, stood up and said, "Sir, I'm only a working man, and I don't know what you mean by the word 'myth'. But can you explain me? Three years ago I had a miserable home; I neglected my wife and children; I cursed and swore; I drank up all my wages. Then someone came along and showed me the love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ. And now all is different. We have a happy home; I love my wife and children; I feel better in every way; and I have given up the drink. A new power has taken possession of me since Christ came into my life. 'Sir'—and his face was all aglow—'can you explain me?'"

The lecturer had no explanation to give, but that working man sent people home feeling that the Bible was still the Word of God and that Jesus was anything but a myth, and that the Gospel was "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

—The King's Business.

Stewardship is not primarily to heighten the giving, but to deepen the living.

"I will place no value on anything I may have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ."

April 12, Callahan Ass'n. 5.00
 Total \$5.00

Disbursed:
 April 15, Draft to Bank for Rev. J. W. Moore \$ 5.00
 April 15, State Treas. 22.86
 Total \$27.86

Oct. 1, Debit Balance 22.86

Relief and Annuity

Receipts:
 April 1, No Balance
 April 12, Jones Co. Ass'n. \$ 4.30
 June 7, Sweetwater Ass'n. 13.25
 June 28, Sweetwater Ass'n. 2.00
 June 28, Stonewall Ass'n. 3.00
 July 8, Fisher Ass'n. 6.00
 July 9, Sweetwater Ass'n. 1.75
 July 9, Jones Co. Ass'n. 5.50
 July 16, Cisco Ass'n. 25.00
 Aug. 23, Sweetwater Ass'n. 3.00
 Sept. 5, Jones Co. Ass'n. 2.00
 Total \$65.80

Disbursed:
 April 15, State Treas. \$ 4.30
 June 15, State Treas. 13.25
 June 29, State Treas. 5.00
 July 16, State Treas. 7.75
 Aug. 26, State Treas. 33.50
 Sept. 18, State Treas. 2.00
 Total \$65.80

Oct. 1, No Balance.

Silver Anniversary Fund S. U.

Receipts:
 April 1, No Balance.
 April 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. \$50.77
 June 15, Sweetwater Ass'n. 3.48
 July 9, Sweetwater Ass'n. 61.44
 Total \$115.69

Disbursed:
 April 15, First Baptist Church for S. U. \$48.60
 April 15, Simmons U. 2.17
 June 15, Simmons U. from Univ. Ch. 3.48
 July 16, First Baptist Church for S. U. 51.44
 July 16, Simmons U. 10.00
 Total \$115.69

Oct. 1, No balance.

State Executive Scholarship

Receipts:
 April 1, No balance.
 April 16, Sweetwater Ass'n. \$ 1.00
 Disbursed:
 April 16, State Treas. \$ 1.00
 Oct. 1, No balance.

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Stonewall S. U. Fund

Receipts:
 April 1, No balance.
 April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. \$10.00
 Total \$10.00

Disbursed:
 April 1, No balance.
 Total \$10.00

Oct. 1, No balance.

April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. 7.50
 Total \$17.50

Disbursed:
 April 15, Simmons U. \$17.50
 Oct. 1, No balance.

Texas Bible Scholarship

Louisville, Ky.
Receipts:
 Sept. 5, Stonewall Ass'n. \$.50
 Disbursed:
 Sept. 19, State Treas. .50
 Oct. 1, No balance.

W. T. B. Sanitarium

Receipts:
 April 1, Balance \$.47
 April 12, Stonewall Ass'n. 2.00
 April 12, Callahan Ass'n. 1.00
 Linens 1.00
 Total \$342.37

Oct. 1, No balance.

DETERS WRITE OF PROGRESS IN BRAZILIAN MISSION

(Continued from page one)

Why, when a person is over here people that were mere acquaintances at home assume huge positions in our lives and we are interested in them as though they were a bosom friend!

Dick and Mr. Deter say all the churches are doing splendid work and that much is being done. Money has been so scarce since I wrote you last that I have not been taken on any of the trips to the out of town churches. At the present time they—meaning Dick and Mr. Deter—are concentrating on the work at Ilterperasou. They are trying to get the work in shape to organize a church there. When they do Dick is to be the pastor. This place is only a few miles out and I can go with Dick all the time. I shall like this very much for we shall be beginning without anything and shall have

the opportunity to see what we can do in the way of building up a church in a community (a small one) where there has never been one since the beginning of time. It sounds like a big job doesn't it? We are so enthusiastic over it that we can hardly wait until the church is organized. Shall let you know how "OUR" church comes along.

This week makes a year since Dick left the States to come to Brazil. One whole year and he says it seems like six weeks! During this year he has received \$530 from different sources in the States. We are taking this method of thanking every one that has contributed to our support during the last year. Of course this amount has not nearly met all of our expenses but it has helped wonderfully to do so. In fact we could not have gotten along without it! We realize there is a depression in full sway at home and that makes us all the more thank-

ful. If we can receive this much during the next year we shall be doubly thankful. This work must go on—there is no going back! And without you folks at home we are as helpless as though our hands were tied behind our backs. The First church here in Curitiba is similar to any Baptist church at home; the chief difference being the difference in language. So you see when we can-

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GREAT REVIVAL SWEEPS NORTH CHINA MISSION

It may not be generally known that perhaps the greatest revival in the history of Southern Baptists in North China is now being experienced in many Chinese churches of our North China Mission. This has come as a result of EARNEST PRAYER, FAITH IN GOD, BIBLE TEACHING, and MUCH PREACHING on sin and godly subjects.

Numbers of Christians and churches are being revived. Restoration of money is being made; the Lord held back; sins confessed to God and to those who have been wronged; sick are being healed; devils cast out. Men and women, boys and girls are preaching with a power hitherto not known; hundreds are crying for mercy and are being saved. The devil is also at work, but there is great blessing and rejoicing in many places. Missionaries and Christians are marveling.

There were wonderful results among the students of the Shanghai Christian University. This institution adjoins the Baptist compound at Tsina. A hundred were saved the past year. Many were led to the Lord by a professor, also blessed in these meetings. Missionaries, pastors and others, willing formerly to work only as average Christians, became dissatisfied, put themselves on the altar anew, were filled with the Spirit, and now see the Lord in a different way.

They have a new joy in the Lord and a vigor in their work hitherto not known. The revival there, as at other places, began with the leaders. Some missionaries found that they were not with sin, and so did other leaders. These confessed their sins to God and to those whom they had offended, even though this often meant "loss of face" (embarrassment). The result is that many are being saved.

God's power came mostly during prayer services, while studying the Holy Spirit and His work, men and women meeting separately in rooms of the church. People were broken up and wept for their sins. There were then special manifestations of the Spirit's power and great rejoicing.

Nothing like it has been seen in the old Tsina. A young man many years only a nominal Christian, came forward confessing his sins and placed on the table the dollars which he had wrongfully received. Others also brought money which did not belong to them, and a number brought funds which should have been given to the Lord.

A wealthy man, who had been only an average Christian, has become a great leader, and so have others. These have now gone out in the city and country churches, some of which were almost dead, to conduct meetings. The churches are being revived and many saved.

The big gospel tent, unused for two years for lack of funds and workers, is now being taken over by the country by earnest Christians, bearing the expense and doing the preaching. The Tsina Church now pays all its pastor's salary, supports three theological students in the Seminary, and has made other advances in self support.

In the densely populated county of Fengtu, Shantung, where the revival began and the churches have been greatly revived, there are now villages in which every family has one or more saved persons, and in some villages nearly every one has accepted the Lord.

Is this not glorious news to all who love God our Saviour! Even during wheat harvest meetings were right on. Some who came into the meetings at night fell asleep from sheer exhaustion, desiring rather to pray than to rest. Chefoo, Shantung, China.

CHARLES A. LEONARD,
Missionary, Chefoo, China.

TUNE IN

Dr. Charles E. Maddy will broadcast over station KWKH from the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., Sunday night, November 13, from 9:00 to 9:30 (Central Standard Time), discussing our whole denominational program. Hear this vital message.

RAMBLING REMARKS

By Dick O'Brien

We have done much rambling but little remarking for the past four years. After that many years spent on the Plains we are back in Simmons territory, as pastor at Colorado. No preacher ever had a more pleasant ministry than we enjoyed at Floydada. We are more contented in our work here since the Floydada church has secured a splendid pastor in the person of Rev. S. R. McClung, who comes to them from Oklahoma. He begins his work at Floydada on November 1st.

We feel at home in the Mitchell-Scurry Association. Brother Geo. W. Parks, of Roscoe, we consider our father in the ministry. It was our privilege to baptize A. C. Hardin, who is making things go as pastor of the Loraine church. And it was our honor and privilege to preach the ordination sermon for brother L. L. Trott, the efficient pastor at Champion and Looney. We knew Claud Allen well while he was a student preacher at Wayland college. He is the aggressive pastor at Westbrook, where Baptistically speaking, things are taking place. Then who does not know Philip C. McGahey, who is doing the work of his life as pastor of the First Baptist church, Snyder, and as district organizer for our denominational work. This, together with the other fine preachers we have met since coming to this section, has made it easy for us to fall in line with the swing of denominational progress.

In our quarterly meeting of the associational B. T. S. held at Colorado last Sunday afternoon there were twelve out of 30 churches represented by 150 young people. Westbrook won the efficiency banner with an average attendance of 55 out of an enrollment of 59 for the quarter.

Looney church won the attendance banner, having 35 present at the meeting. The two hour program was as fine as we ever witnessed at a district or state B. T. S. convention. Addresses were given by Rev. Marvin Leach, Roscoe, Mr. A. A. Bullock, Snyder, and Rev. A. C. Hardin, Loraine. Rev. Marvin Leach was elected president of the Associational B. T. S. and the next quarterly meeting will be held at Champion in January, 1933.

Rev. Cal McGahey supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist church Snyder both morning and evening, October 29, on account of his brother's inability to preach due to an operation for the removal of his tonsils the week before. Philip was able to attend and make the announcements and is expected to be back in his pulpit by next Sunday. Brother Cal has accepted the churches at Dunn and Union and will make his home at Snyder.

The Workers' meeting of the Lamesa Association will be held with pastor Cole and the Lamesa First Church, on Thursday of this week. The program is centered around the Every Member Canvass.

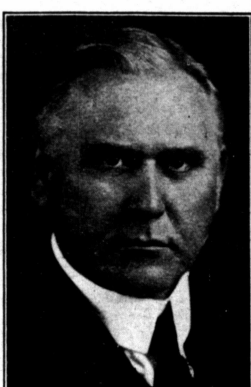
Rev. Graves Darby, who has been called by the church at Roscoe, is to give his answer this week. Rev. Willis J. Ray, who has served as pastor at Petersburg, since graduating from Simmons in the spring of '31, has accepted the call of the First Baptist church at Lockney, in the Floyd County Association. The church was without a pastor for thirteen months. They extended the call three times before he accepted. They have one of the best buildings on the Plains, also nice pastor's home, all free of debt. Knowing both the church and the new pastor as we do, we feel that God was in his going. It was our privilege to speak for the church at Matador on a recent Friday night in the interest of the Every Member Canvass. Rev. A. L. (Happy) Jordan, is pastor. He is doing a remarkable work at Matador. He will be remembered as a ministerial student at Simmons, graduating with the class of '26, after which he received his Th. M. degree from the Southern Seminary, and served two years as pastor in Mississippi. The Workers' meeting of the Mitchell-Scurry Association will be held on November 8th, with our church at Colorado. We invite the Editor, and other brethren from surrounding Associations to visit with us.

WANTED on dairy farm with Jerseys feed on grain; married help with clean life and habits. A good chance for the right couple. Want religious folks, no dancers or gamblers need apply. G. E. Kemp, Ballinger, Texas. Nov. 21st.

Convention Officers and Speakers



DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH
Ft. Worth,
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DR. GEO. W. TRUETT
Dallas
Dr. Truett will speak on Evangelism Friday Night November 18th.



DR. HOWARD WILLIAMS
Dallas,
Secretary State Mission Board.



DR. WALLACE BASSETT
Dallas
Pastor Oak Cliff Baptist Church.



DR. F. M. MCCONNELL
Dallas
Editor Baptist Standard.



DR. C. V. EDWARDS,
Vice-President
Baylor College, Belton.



DR. J. D. HARDY
President Baylor College,
Belton.

The Power of a Gold Piece
"He went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions."
A man once visited Robert Hall to make exception to some statement which the preacher had made in his sermon. It was evident that the man was in the grip and bondage of the love of money. When Hall had gauged the man's character he took a half-sovereign out of his pocket, and, opening the Bible, pointed to the word "God."

"Can you see that?" said Robert Hall.
"Certainly," replied the man.
Then the preacher took the half-sovereign and placed it over the word. "Can you see it now?" he asked.
The man immediately understood the symbol, and through it was led into the light. Gold hid God. Money blocked the vision. Love of mercy shut out the face of the Father. —The Sunday Circle.

ABILENE WELCOMES BAPTIST CONVENTION

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ination of Committees of Convention.

8. Annual sermon.
Adjournment.

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00-2:15—Song and Prayer.
2:15-2:20—Journal.
2:20-2:50—Report on Relief and Annuity.
2:50-3:20—Religious Literature.
3:20-5:00—Baylor College Campaign.

Evening Session

7:00-7:30—Song and Prayer.
1. 7:30-8:30—Simmons University.
2. 8:30 to Adjournment—Buckner Orphans' Home.

THURSDAY—SECOND DAY

Morning Session

9:00-9:15—Song and Prayer.
9:15-9:30—Journal.
9:30-9:50—Report of Committees to Nominate Trustees:
Baptist Hospitals
Baptist Standard
Correlated Schools
Buckner Orphans' Home.

9:50-10:00—Report on Obituaries.

10:00-10:40—Report on Woman's Work.

10:40-11:40—Report of Mission Board and Address by Sec. Williams, Ex. Secty., Dallas.

11:40-12:00—Address by Sec. C. E. Maddy of Promotional Committee of Southern Baptist Convention.

Afternoon Session

2:00-2:15—Song and Prayer.
1. 2:15-3:45—Report of Committee on Home Missions by Dr. M. T. Andrews, Texarkana.

Talks by Home Missionaries and an address by Secretary J. B. Lawrence.
2. 3:45-5:15—Report on Laymen's Work—Address A. D. Foreman, Sr.

3. 4:15-5:00—Report on Civic Righteousness. Address by Hon. Pat M. Neff, President Baylor U., Waco.

Evening Session

7:00-7:15—Song and Prayer.
7:15-7:45—Report on Baptist Foundation.

8:30 to Adjournment—Report on Foreign Missions, and Address by Dr. W. R. White, Fort Worth.

FRIDAY—THIRD DAY

Morning Session

9:00-9:15—Song and Prayer.
9:15-9:25—Journal.

9:25-9:55—Report on Christian Education.

9:55-10:15—Report on Baylor College.

10:15-11:00—Report on Baylor University.

11:00-11:40—Reports: Southern Seminary and Baptist Bible Institute.

11:40-12:30—Southern Seminary Address: Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

Afternoon Session

2:00-2:15—Song and Prayer.

1. 2:15-2:30—Report on Committees to Nominate Executive Board—Time, Place, Preacher and Singer for next Convention.

2. 2:30-3:15—Report on Hospitals—Houston, Waco, Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, Harlingen.

3. 3:15-4:30—Reports from Howard Payne College, College of Marshall, Decatur College, Wayland College, San Marcos Academy.

Evening Session

7:00-7:30—Song and Prayer.
7:30-8:00—W. J. Work and Simmons Choral Club.

1. 7:30-8:30—Evangelism—Report of Committee and Address—Dr. Geo. W. Truett.

Signed:

W. W. CHANCELLOR,
S. H. FRASIER,
MILLARD A. JENKENS,
Committee.

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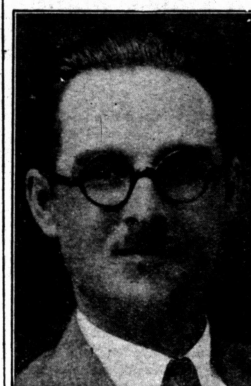
The present pastor of the church

GEO. J. MASON

Treasurer Baptist General Convention

Dallas, Texas

SANITARIUM HEAD WELCOMES MESSENGERS



E. M. COLLIER

I take this opportunity to extend to the messengers and visitors who will attend the Baptist State Convention a hearty invitation to visit our institution while in the city. Abilene is planning to make every effort to make your stay enjoyable and profitable.

E. M. COLLIER, Superintendent
West Texas Baptist Sanitarium.

ABILENE FIRST CHURCH CONVENTION HOST HAS INTERESTING CAREER

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thus it fell to his lot to "board the preacher." On April 28, 1882, the Rev. L. S. Knight was called to serve the church until a regular pastor could be secured. The Rev. W. A. Whittle, missionary, supplied for the church for a few Sundays in the summer of 1883.

The next minutes of the church were dated Nov. 25, 1883, showing at that time that the Rev. Bennett Hatcher was pastor. He resigned as pastor on March 24, 1886. On April 7, 1886, the church called the Rev. G. W. Smith, one of the founders of Simmons and in whose honor Smith Hall, girls' dormitory was named. On October 30, 1889, the church recalled Brother Smith, but on November 27 of the same year he declined the call of the church.

On Jan. 25, 1890, the Rev. J. C. Wingo accepted the call of the church. On Jan. 26, 1892, the church again called him but he declined.

The next pastor of the church was Dr. R. T. Hanks, who died recently at the home of daughter in Dallas. Dr. Hanks was called by the church on March 9, 1892, and served the church for seven years. This was right after the founding of Simmons College, and it was during the leadership of Dr. Hanks that the church began to make rapid strides forward. Dr. Hanks resigned on November 13, 1898, effective January 1, 1899.

Dr. Isaac Sellers, who died a few years ago at his home in Fort Worth was the next pastor and served the church from Jan. 11, 1899 to March 27, 1901. A son, Eugene Sellers and a daughter, Mrs. Lee Signor, still reside in Abilene and are members of the church.

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PRESIDENT SANDEFER EXTENDS GREETINGS



DR. J. D. SANDEFER,
President Simmons U.

As president of Simmons University, it is my happy privilege to extend sincere greetings to the Baptist General Convention of Texas. I represent the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and the student body of the institution when I say to each of you that we feel greatly honored to have you as our guests for these few days.

I am expressing the hope that your visit to Abilene on this occasion may be constructive in many ways. At such times as you can do so without missing the fine, worthwhile programs and sessions of the Convention, I am extending to you a most urgent and cordial invitation to visit Simmons University. You will enjoy a drive around our campus and a brief inspection of at least a part of our buildings. We want you to feel free to come and go as you will.

We join gladly with all Abilene in welcoming you to our city and to Simmons University.

Cordially yours,

J. D. SANDEFER.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, began his work with the church in November, 1915. On November 10, the church plans to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of Dr. Jenkins' ministry. These have been years of glorious achievements and progress. From a struggling little band of seventeen members back in 1881 to the present membership of 3,264. There has been received into the church during Dr. Jenkins' pastorate 5,679 members, and the total money received for all purposes is \$955,146.11.

PASTORS-LAYMEN MEET FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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8:00 to 8:30—The Bible and Missions, E. D. Head.

8:30 to 9:00—Repeal of the 18th Amendment—M. T. Andrews.

Tuesday Morning—Missions

9:00 to 9:30—Devotional Service—M. M. Fulmer, Preacher.

9:30 to 10:00—Christian Education and Missions (Baylor College)—A. C. Miller.

10:00 to 10:30—Stewardship and Missions—Judge Geo. T. Wilson.

10:30 to 11:00—The Layman and Missions—Judge C. M. Caldwell.

11:00 to 11:30—The Pastor and Missions—Geo. J. Mason.

11:30 to 12:00—Promoting Missions on Foreign Fields—R. A. Clifton.

Tuesday Afternoon—Pastoral Problems

2:00 to 2:30—Devotional Service—A. D. Foreman, Jr., Preacher.

2:30 to 3:00—Pastoral Leadership—W. W. Melton.

3:00 to 3:30—Pastoral Ethics—W. M. Wright.

3:30 to 4:00—Open Discussion—Pastoral Changes, Unemployed Preachers, etc.

4:00 to 4:30—Miscellaneous Items and election of officers.

Tuesday Evening

7:00 to 7:30—Devotional Service—R. B. Stanton, Preacher.

7:30 to 8:00—The Pastor and His Men—J. T. Henderson, Knoxville, Tenn.

8:00 to 8:30—Inspirational Address—B. M. Jackson.

Committees: E. H. Hutcheson, Millard A. Jenkins, C. R. Shirer.

Rev. Henry Weldon, pastor First Baptist Church Carlsbad, N. M., was a visitor in Abilene last week.

The Annual Baptist State Convention of New Mexico is in session this week. The meeting is being held at the First Baptist church, Albuquerque.

Educational Building, Abilene First Church Will House Many Baptist Convention Activities

Much of the activities of the Texas Baptist convention which convenes in its 84th annual session at Abilene, November 15-17, will be held in the magnificent \$150,000 educational building of the First Baptist church. The building was furnished in the spring of 1930.

Covering 82 by 140 feet and containing 150 rooms and assembly halls, the building has capacity for more than 2,700 persons and is recognized by the Southern Baptist Sunday school board, Nashville, Tenn., as the only separate educational building meeting full requirements of the Sunday school program. The Sunday school boasts an enrollment third or fourth largest in the South.

Planned in accordance with the Sunday school's organization, on an age basis, the new structure contains individual departments for each group, ranging from the nursery for infants to the separate departments for men and women.

Furnishings are adapted to the needs of the various groups and installation of equipment is made to secure the maximum of service and efficiency.

Each department has its own assembly room, ranging in capacity from 100 to 400 persons, and class rooms for each department are located conveniently about the assembly quarters.

Interior Finish

Interior of building is of rough plaster, the color shading from rich tan at wall base to ivory ceiling finish. Woodwork is white pine in natural finish.

The structure is connected by two hallways with the church building, the entrances being between third story of the educational building and balcony of the church and second story of the new structure and auditorium of the church.

First step toward establishment of the new building was taken April 28, 1926, when the church in conference voted to raise funds to the amount of \$150,000 for construction of an educational building.

The building committee perfected organization June 26, 1927, with C. M. Caldwell chairman, T. T. Harris, vice chairman; Thomas E. Brownlee, secretary. Other members of the special committee were O. D. Dillingham and Walter Jackson, who is educational director of the church.

Dedication of Site

Services for dedication of the building site was held November 18, 1927, and excavation work was started by the Balfanz Construction Company, January 3, 1928. Plans for the building were drawn by Nichol & Campbell, Abilene architects, with assistance of church architects in both the north and the south.

Contracts for the structure were let in three units, the first including foundation the skeleton framework; the second, brickwork, outside doors and windows, and the third, inside finishings.

Starts With Nursery

First floor of the building is for beginners and primary departments. A mother's class room with accommodations for 35, a nursery for infants up to 2 years of age, cradle roll department for tots from 2 to 4, and separate departments for beginners of 4 and 5 years, primary students of 6, 7 and 8 years, and juniors of 9 years are on the main floor.

Beds, baskets and various devices for entertainment equip the nursery, where the youngest members of Sunday school families are taken care of.

Low tables with benches and chairs to fit them, sand tables, black boards and various charts are found in the cradle roll department, where tiny tots are taught how to work and play.

Assembly rooms for beginners and primaries are of 100 capacity and class rooms, six or eight in number are grouped about the assembly rooms. Built-in benches adapted to the ages of the children are used for seats in class rooms.

Where Officers Work

Second floor contains offices for educational department officials, a committee room and library, a general assembly room, women's department and men's department. General assembly room, with capacity for seating 400, is used

for prayer meeting, assembly room for men's classes and other general meetings not requiring space of the church. Men's class rooms are near this auditorium.

Women's department contains assembly room accommodating 350 ten class rooms and a serving room equipped with stove, cabinets, sink and 20-foot drainboard.

Third floor of the building includes young people's departments, a 350-capacity assembly room and ten class rooms for those from 17 to 21, 250-chair assembly room and six class rooms for those from 21 to 25 and up.

Ten-year-old junior students also are accommodated on third floor, their assembly room seating 100 and eight class rooms provided.

Juniors of 11 and 12 years and intermediates from 13 to 17 years have accommodations of the fourth floor, each group having separate assembly room and class rooms.

The Roof Garden

The roof garden, an ideal place for summer concerts and social affairs, is protected by high railing.

First Baptist Sunday school was organized in the spring or early summer of 1881, a few months after organization of the church, with 17 members. Two of the charter members retain their membership here. They are R. A. Miller and J. R. Spaulding.

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins present pastor of the church, has served the congregation 17 years. Mr. Jackson, who has been in close touch with all plans and construction work of the new building, has held the office of educational director for 6 years.

Pastor Jenkins and Abilene First Church Extend Welcome

(Continued from page one) kitchens, refurnished the whole inside of the auditorium, rebuilt baptistry, choir loft, and pipe organ, re-roofed the building, purchased three adjoining lots giving her the whole east front of the block, and erected a Sunday School building that is about the last word in that line of Christian endeavor. This building houses a Sunday School of 19 departments, and has a Roof Garden 83x145 feet which furnishes a delightful play ground for our fine Young People. Our church welcomes Texas Baptists to a church plant with 172 rooms, 21 auditoriums, 6 offices, 10 rest rooms and 2 1-2 acres of floor space, making it an ideal place to hold a convention. Her auditorium with foyers and galleries offers the largest seating capacity of any auditorium in the city. During this time she has received into her membership around 6,000 souls, and contributed to the Master's cause beyond \$1,000,000.00. She now has a membership of 3,264. As Baptists you may all feel at home for every fifth person of our population is a Baptist.

The host church invites Texas Baptists to an enterprising, growing city of 25,000 population of progressive citizens, with up-to-date business houses, modern hotels, Christian schools and the center of a network of modern transportation including railroads with commodious train service, paved highways with the best, bus service and regular schedule airplane service with one of the best airports in America.

The material growth of our city has been sensational, and owes its source largely to the Christian schools and churches that years ago found their stride of development. McMurry College fostered by our Methodist brethren was unthought of 19 years ago, Abilene Christian College was but a struggling Junior College, and Simmons University had not seriously thought of at any time soon joining the University class. Now Abilene Christian College and McMurry College are of A-1 rank, and Simmons an accredited university sits like a sceptered queen over the realm of the Imperial West that rolls its billows of green towards the setting sun.

But it is to her hospitality, Christian fellowship and the heart's best love of her membership that the First Baptist Church welcomes Texas Baptists most. To you all she says, "Come; walk in, and hang up your hats." She welcomes you because of who you are and what you stand for; because she is one of you and one with you in faith, program and purpose. She

welcomes you because your burdens are her burdens, your joys are her joys, and your victories are her victories. Her endeavor shall be to continue her utmost to your happiness while you are here, and her prayer shall be that this shall be a Convention Spirit-baptized, and aflame with a passion for souls that will kindle anew and cause to break into flame an evangelistic and missionary passion that will send all our churches on the greatest crusade for souls, at home, and to the uttermost part of the earth, that Texas Baptists have ever known.

GROWTH OF ABILENE HAS KEPT PACE WITH WEST

(Continued from page one) Del Rio, Texas, cross in Abilene. The public school system consists of one high school and ten grade schools, with an annual enrollment of nearly 6,000. 173 teachers assure each student of individual attention.

At Abilene are also Simmons University, Abilene Christian College, McMurry College, Draughtons, National and Gail Business colleges, St. Joseph's Academy, and a Nurses' Training School. These institutions have an annual enrollment in excess of 4,000.

In addition there are private schools teaching primary courses, and music, expression, etc. There are numerous school activities outside of regular courses, covering athletics, dramatics, etc.

Three theatres, showing sound pictures, with a seating capacity of 2,400; a City auditorium and hall with a combined seating capacity of 2,800; a Zoo; two playgrounds; the West Texas Fair; a Little Theatre organization; college and university lyceums; school athletic contests, and other recreation.

A total of 1,000 rooms with two recently constructed buildings, both considered among the finest hostilities in the state.

Availability of conveniences and city comforts; the fact that superior educational and cultural advantages are afforded and the mild climate and central location of Abilene all combine to make it the outstanding home community of West Texas.

Many people with no local business connections, but with interests in various parts of the state have selected Abilene as their permanent place of residence on account of its livability, congeniality and comforts.

There are 36 buildings in Abilene, valued at \$2,332,046, used for school purposes.

Twenty-six churches, representing the following denominations: Apostolic, Baptist, Catholic, Church of Christ, Christian, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Scientist, the Church of God, Gospel Mission, Pentecostal Mission, and Salvation Army.

Abilene has two first-class modern hospitals and the Abilene State Hospital for epileptics.

Abilene has a free public library with over 12,000 volumes.

Four public parks; one country club; five golf links; two swimming pools; city club; rifle range and polo club.

Abilene has a developed water supply of ten billion gallons, with an additional half a billion Utility reservoir. A site sufficient for impounding more than twice the present capacity has been provided, and also a greater capacity for Utility use.

The daily consumption of water is now two and a half million gallons.

The extremely low rate has enabled Abilene to become a place of pretty homes, well kept yards, and attractive parks.

During the past ten years building permits totaling more than \$21,500,000 have been issued for

construction inside the municipal limits.

Postoffice receipts in Abilene in 1931 were \$144,646.47; in 1920 they were \$67,280.

Property values 1920, \$10,664,545; 1931, \$24,940,255.

LOCKETTS GIVE THRILLING STORY OF MISSION

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they can't give much time to study. We are trying to encourage many to come and are hoping to have more soon. Our Sunday meetings are well attended, and many women come out early of mornings during the weeks of prayer.

We have been having very peculiar weather the past few months. It has been much cooler than usual, and for ten weeks when we should have had rain it was absolutely dry. The rains have started again for which we are exceedingly thankful, but it is still cool. I am sure that many of the natives are suffering from cold when we feel that it is just pleasantly cool. We have sweaters and blankets while most of them do not have. Our boys have blankets and most of them have cotton sweaters for cool days. Many of the natives possess only one garment besides a loin cloth or short skirt, and that is a sleeping cloth about the size of a sheet in which they wrap their bodies at night and wear in the day time.

Those who attend school or church come very simply dressed, but they wear sufficient clothing to hide their nakedness, and usually look neat. The school boys wear dark blue shorts and a white jumper, and the girls wear a one piece light blue dress trimmed in white. In the Day School the girls from the first standard through the sixth are taught sewing, and washing and ironing. Every Yoruba knows how to wash out a garment at the river by beating it out on the rocks, but usually they aren't what we call clean. For some time we have made our own lye soap using the palm oil produced by the natives for the fat. We expect to teach the girls in school how to do the same.

All products shipped into Africa are very high in price; such as soap, flour, sugar, lard, tinned milk and butter. We are not profiting by the low prices in America and Europe. Imports are even higher this year than they were a year or two ago. There is now a high duty on food stuffs. At one time there was no duty at all.

During the rainy season we grow a great many vegetables and fruits. It is necessary to enrich the soil where we live, and expend a great deal of labor on gardening, but it is worth the effort. Gardening is a great deal like our spiritual lives. If the spirit isn't fed with spiritual food, and cultivated a bit it languishes.

We have two Baptist missionaries visting in Ogbomoso, one a Pennsylvania woman and the other from New Jersey, who have been working in the French territory in the desert at Miami. Both are here because they broke down in health there, and are trying to recover. They are improving. Dr. Lockett operated on Miss Waely last Thursday. She is in the nurses' home and is getting on nicely. While she is recuperating she is going to help in the hospital of office. Mrs. Ollis had heart trouble in Miami because it was so low there. She had improved wonderfully since she has been here. I have never thought of Ogbomoso as a health resort before, but I suppose it is compared with the desert. At least the climate here has agreed with these two women. They are both devout Christian women and we welcome them in our midst.

There are so many people of various faiths coming to Africa now. Two Russelites are the latest addition. Many false prophets arise from time to time who claim to have had visions direct from the Lord. Our most recent prophet is now in prison because of poisoning so-called witches. It seems so unfortunate that when the people are willing to turn from their idols and seek the Lord that they should be misled. We could use dozens and dozens of our Southern Baptist Missionaries right here in Nigeria if they could only be sent out. The natives are begging for white leaders. "The harvest truly

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