

Gleanings from the Field

Items of Interest Showing Kingdom Progress in the Harvest Field.

Rev. A. Loper, who some time ago accepted the call of the church at O'Donnell, has begun his work on that field. He moved recently from the city of Dallas.

Ministers of all denominations in Knox County met at Knox City this week and organized a ministerial organization. It is believed that a county-wide organization will be of mutual benefit to all the churches.

Bro. General Bristow of Rotan has just finished a meeting at the Cedar Hill church, east of Lockney on the plains. He reports a real revival among the people in that community.

Rev. P. D. O'Brien of the First Church, Colorado, is with Pastor Lawrence Hayes and the Tahoka church this week in a revival meeting. Services are being held each morning at 10 and each evening beginning at 8.

The girls quartet was in Rotan last Sunday morning and at Rule at night. Dr. D. M. Wiggins, dean of students in Simmons, spoke at the night service in Rotan. The pastor, Bro. Brannon, was in a meeting at the First Church, Pampa.

The women of the Lamesa Association are leading a movement to send several crates of eggs to Buckner Orphan's Home. The Lamesa First church alone is sending several crates, and the other churches in the association have been asked to join in the work.

The church at Sardis in Fisher County had a study course this last week. There were four classes taught, three BYPU and one Sunday School. The pastor, Roy Young, taught Building a Standard Sunday School; Irvin Keisler of that community taught Advanced Methods; Mrs. James Easterwood taught the Intermediate Manual and Mrs. Roy Young taught the juniors. The average attendance was thirty-two in spite of the fact that the rain came every night at 7 o'clock almost. The enrollment was forty-five.

Buffalo Gap Baptist Church reports good day last Sunday. Pastor Fred Moreland preached to a full house at both services. The church voted to set the fourth Sunday in May as Mission Day. It is hoped that every individual will have a part in that offering. The church voted to hold a study course the last week in May. Dr. Moore of Simmons University has been invited to teach the adult class and bring an inspirational message each night during the study course. The church also set the time for the summer revival and voted for the pastor to do the preaching.

WANAMAKER TELLS

John Wanamaker, world's merchant prince, companion of kings and rulers and presidents, began his career as a errand boy at \$1.25 a week. He became one of the largest purchasers of merchandise the world has ever known. But, what did he consider his greatest purchase? Hear ye him: "I have, of course, made large purchases of property in my life time, involving other millions of dollars, and the buildings and grounds in which we are now meeting represent a value approximating \$20,000,000. But it was when as a boy in the country my biggest purchase. In a little mission Sunday School of the Lutheran church I bought from my teacher a small red leather Bible about eight inches long and six inches wide. The Bible cost me \$2.75, which I paid in small installments as I saved up my money which I had earned.—The Watchman Examiner.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

Dr. Austin Phelps said: "If I were a missionary to China, my first and most important prayer would be for missions in America, for the sake of China." John R. Mott, speaking of the impact of home missions upon foreign missions, said "The ultimate triumph of pure Christianity in non-Christian lands depends absolutely upon Christianizing this impact." This is to say, that a Christianity which does not conquer at home will not be able to conquer abroad.

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Meditations and Comments by the Editor as he Watches the World Go By.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. S. TRAINING SCHOOL NOW IN PROGRESS

About fourteen churches in the Sweetwater Association are in an associational wide training school this week with Miss Grace Conn of Dallas directing. The final service of the training school will be held next Sunday afternoon at Merkel First Church, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, at which time the workers over the association will meet and receive awards and recognitions.

The churches participating in the school are Sweetwater First, Merkel First, Tye, Caps, Elmdale, Ovalo, and the following churches in Abilene: First, South Side, University, Immanuel, Sunset, Calvary.

Several courses are being taught in the Abilene First Church. Miss Conn is teaching a course for leaders, sponsors, and officers; Dr. Jenkins is teaching Modern B. T. S. Methods for Adults; Frank Burriss, Modern B. T. S. Methods for Seniors; N. J. Westmoreland, Wisdom of Soul Winning; Miss Wilhelmina Kropscott, Intermediate Plans and Methods; LaDola Harper, Junior Manual.

On next Saturday night the City B. T. S. Federation of Abilene will honor Miss Grace Conn, bride-elect, with a buffet supper at the Wooten Hotel. Miss Elizabeth Terrell will have charge of the general program. Miss Geraldine Hill will have charge of the program, Mrs. W. R. Derr, decorations, Max Lanford, sale of tickets, and Mrs. Jack Mosley, publicity. The color scheme will be green and white.

All associational members of the B. T. S. of the Sweetwater Association are cordially invited to attend this affair. The tickets will be fifty cents and the program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Those interested are requested to get in touch with the office force of the First Baptist Church, Abilene.

TAHOKA PASTOR IN REVIVAL AT MULESHOE

Have just come from Muleshoe where I have been in a two weeks meeting with Pastor Jenkins and his good church. There were 67 professions of faith, reclamations and additions. Forty-nine were added to the church. Others who were saved will join some of the other churches in the community. It was great uplift to the entire community. The business houses closed the last week for the morning services.

Bro. Jenkins has been on the field about four months. His people love him and he is leading them in a great way. Already their room is too small to care for the growing Sunday School. Some 260 odd were in attendance in Sunday School on Sunday the 8th.

The church launched a building campaign to put the top on their basement, and raised the pastor's salary at the close of the revival. The pastor and church are drawn together in love and the future is bright for growth, expansion and kingdom building. Bro. Jenkins is one of our most faithful pastors and his great church loves him and follows his leadership. They seem to mutually excel each other. We predict a great year's growth in teaching, training and soul-winning for them.—Lawrence Hays.

FINE SERVICE WITH CHURCH AT DRASCO

An all-day service was held at Drasco Sunday, April 15th, with dinner served in the basement of the church.

Sunday morning Rev. Kellam, the field representative of Buckner Orphan's Home of Dallas spoke. His subject was from the third chapter of Acts, Christ's Gift From a Penniless Man. After his sermon an offering of \$100.00 was raised for Buckner Orphan's Home.

At 1:30 in the afternoon Rev. Kellam spoke on opportunity. Following his talk Rev. Powell from University Church, Abilene, spoke. He made a good talk on Growing a Great Church. Sunday night between B. T. S. and preaching service a playlet was given. The name of the play was "The Happiness Hunt." Following the play the pastor, Bro. Young, gave an interesting report on the Sunday School convention, which he attended at Fort Worth. At the close of his sermon there were four additions to the church.

First Church Revival Begins Next Sunday

The revival meeting of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, will begin next Sunday morning with Dr. Roy C. Angell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, doing the preaching. Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the local church, has given out the following statement in regard to the meeting:

Let this be a day of preparation for the next 12 days, when the gifted and consecrated C. Roy Angell of San Antonio will lead us in our spring meeting. In looking for a man to lead in this revival, we sought for the best, and certainly Dr. Angell is one of the very best in all the land, and we are highly favored by the Lord in his coming. Prof. Clyde Garrett, head of the voice department of Simmons University, and efficient and much loved leader of our choir, will be in charge of the music. We could ask for none better. Miss Ruby C. Morris will preside at the instrument. The Simmons male quartet, and the Golden Girls will render delightful assistance.

Simmons University will join us in the meeting. With these two strong forces, our church and the administrative force, the consecrated faculty and fine student body of Simmons and Dr. Angell preaching with our pastor, deacons, choir, and all departments filling their places, this should be an epoch-making meeting. Morning services this week at Simmons, evening services at the church. All services the second week at the church.

Schedule of Services This Week
Monday, April 30, 7:30, at the church: Prayer and Meditation, led by Dr. N. A. Moore.

Tuesday, May 1, 10:00 a. m.: Dr. Angell, Simmons chapel. 7:30 p. m., Prayer and Meditation, led by Rev. S. J. T. Williams; 8:00 p. m., Dr. Angell.

Wednesday, May 2, 10:00 a. m., Simmons chapel, Dr. Angell. 7:30 p. m., at the church, Sunday School workers meeting, led by Dr. D. M. Wiggins. 8:00 p. m., Dr. Angell. Thursday, May 3, 10:00 a. m., Simmons chapel, Dr. Angell. 7:30 p. m., at the church, Prayer and Meditation, led by G. W. Waldrop. 8:00 p. m., Dr. Angell.

Friday, May 4, 10:00 a. m., Simmons chapel, Dr. Angell. 7:30 p. m., at the church, Prayer and Meditation, led by Thomas E. Roberts. 8:00, Dr. Angell.

Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a. m., Simmons chapel, Dr. Angell. No service at the church Saturday night.

Sunday, May 6, will be a great day. Dr. Angell will continue with us through May 11.



C. Roy Angell, D.D., pastor First Baptist Church, San Antonio, denominational leader, and preacher of the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

HOME COMING AT PLEASANT VALLEY

There is to be an all-day home coming service at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, five miles north of Loreine, the fifth Sunday, April 29. The program is to begin at 10 a. m. with Rev. Marvin Leach, a former pastor, leading the devotional. Then Rev. W. I. Taylor, of Lamesa, will bring a message on "The Christ of Prophecy." At the 11 o'clock hour, Rev. N. E. McGuire, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, San Angelo, a former pastor will deliver a sermon on "The Birth and Life of Christ." At the noon hour dinner will be served to all present.

In the afternoon a former pastor, the Rev. McGaha, will speak on "The Resurrection of Christ." The final message will be delivered on "The Final Home Coming," by the Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater.

Texas Baptist Co-operative Program

J. Howard Williams

WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS:

During the month of April, 1,000 churches gave to the co-operative program. This was an increase of 394 over the same month a year ago. The goal for the state has been set at 1,500 for April.

Goals Are Being Reached

\$30,000 wanted for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and we received \$37,000.

\$10,000 wanted for home missions—received \$11,100.

750 giving churches wanted in February; 783 gave.

900 giving churches wanted in March; 1,060 gave.

1,500 is the goal for April.

Budget Being Reached

Our minimum budget calls for \$26,510 per month; our receipts have averaged \$27,891.11 the first five months.

During the first five months of this convention year we have sent \$39,150.45 to causes outside of Texas.

Earth's population, 1,900,000,000. Number of Baptists, 12,000,000. A

program 100 times larger than ours would be too small. "The field is the world." The Texas Baptist Co-operative Program is the best plan we have yet devised for carrying on Christ's work. It is Scriptural, practical, workable in large and small churches in country, town and city.

DISTRICT 17

There are 190 Baptist churches in district 17. We have seven associations and eleven counties. During the months of March 59 of these churches gave to the co-operative program. Our goal for the district for April is 100 per cent giving. Some of the associations say that every one of their churches will give to missions during April. I certainly hope every church in the district will do something for missions during this month. Our seven associational organizers are working at the job of enlisting all of the churches. Our pastors in this district have a fine spirit toward the work.

Pastors, let's win for the sake of Christ Jesus this month! Faith will conquer! Prayer will win!

—E. D. DUNLAP.

Summary of Churches in District 17

Association	No. Churches	No. Churches Giving Jan.-Feb.-March				Amount Given during months of				Total Amount Given
		Jan.	Feb.	March	Total	Jan.-Feb.-March	April	May	June	
Cisco	44	7	11	14	32	\$156.04	\$155.02	\$299.37	\$611.43	
Callahan	16	1	2	6	9	4.50	6.74	46.55	57.79	
Fisher	20	7	5	9	21	95.18	95.31	180.34	370.83	
Haskell	31	4	4	6	14	72.65	68.63	231.48	372.65	
Jones	31	5	7	8	20	121.02	118.02	189.14	428.18	
Stonewall	14	1	4	5	10	6.16	21.05	27.05	54.26	
Sweetwater	34	9	12	14	35	530.61	565.15	697.71	1693.47	
Total	190	34	45	59	138	\$986.05	\$1029.92	\$1671.74	\$3687.71	

ELMDALE CHURCH MAKING PROGRESS

Elmdale church, under the leadership of Rev. T. L. Nipp, is making progress. We went into our new building the first Sunday in April with a Standard Sunday School. This is the first time in the history of the church the school has attained the Standard. Our attendance on that day was 121, as far as the records show, a record attendance. The attendance last Sunday was 119.

For the three Sundays in April there have been four conversions and seven additions to the church, all from the Sunday School. We are thoroughly convinced that a Standard school is a better school.

The Lord is wonderfully blessing our church through the leadership of our good pastor.

You will hear more about our building later. The Workers Conference meets with us next month.—Wendell Foreman, S. S. Supt.

HATCHELL CHURCH HAS HOMECOMING

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Hatchell Baptist Church was celebrated by home-coming last Sunday. The church building was dedicated on April 24th, 1910 and they celebrated the event this year on April 22nd. There were nineteen charter members present and four who have been members for twenty-five years. Especially was it a great privilege to enjoy the presence of Mrs. J. R. Holliday, wife of the late J. R. Holliday, who was the senior deacon and a very influential worker in the early church.

Rev. John P. Hardesty, present pastor at McCauley, and the church's first pastor, brought the anniversary sermon. Rev. M. A. Quindlen, another former pastor, and Rev. W. D. Wiley, the first Sunday School superintendent, were also present. Rev. Quindlen spoke in the afternoon on "Heaven." Dr. N. A. Moore, head of the Bible department of Simmons, spoke on the subject of "Christian Education." President Sandefer spoke on that same subject at the meeting twenty-five years ago.

Special music for the day was furnished by the Simmons girls trio, composed of Rosemary Malone, Edna Ardis and Mary Alice Short.

RURAL CHURCH WILL DEDICATE BUILDING

Plans have been completed for the dedication of the Dougherty Baptist Church, near Floydada, Sunday, May 6. The services will last all day and dinner will be served on the grounds. All the former pastors will be present and have a part on the program as well as the dean and president of Wayland College. The latter two are among the outstanding Baptist laymen in the Panhandle.

The Dougherty church is among the younger churches of the Floyd County Baptist Association but already it is out of debt and has recently been redecorated on the inside. Plans are being formed to buy a new Delco lighting plant to replace the lamps now used.

Last year the church was carrying on its affairs much like many rural churches do in the way of finance. The deacons met in conference and adopted "The Budget System" and today the church is in better condition, financially, than it has ever been. Among the items included in the budget is "The Texas Baptist Co-operative Program" signifying that it co-operates with the Baptist General Convention.

Only four pastors have served the church, showing that the people co-operate with their pastor in the work to be done by them. The records show that about fifty percent of the membership attend Sunday School.

REVIVAL AT PAMPA

The First Baptist Church, Pampa, just closed a great revival in which there were 72 additions, and 61 other professions of faith who did not join that church during the meeting. Rev. C. E. Lancaster is pastor. Rev. J. D. Brannon, of Rotan, did the preaching, and Mr. Ira M. Powell, of Luling, Texas, lead the singing. The Rev. Mr. Brannon will hold another meeting at the First Baptist Church, Perryton, Texas, beginning May 27, where Rev. J. M. Sibley is pastor.

Dr. John W. Brown, state health officer, has exploded several theories concerning rattlesnake bites and remedies. The doctor declares that rattlers do not always rattle before striking their victims. Some of the cautions given by Dr. Brown are: If bitten by a snake, do not run or get overheated; do not take alcoholic stimulants; do not use potash permanganate (which is now known to be of no value as an antidote) to cauterize the wound; and do not depend on home remedies.

In his charge to the jury a few days ago District Judge Bates Cross of Comanche said there appeared to be a wave of disintegration of civilization throughout the world and that the greatest danger to our government was from enemies within, and he urged a return to the religious faith and respect for law of our fathers as a remedy. Ten times as much money, he declared, is being spent annually for the enforcement and the attempted enforcement of the law as is spent by all the churches of the United States combined.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

The workers conference of the Lamesa Association met April 11th, with Pastor Shipley and the church at Key. The topic for the day was "How We May Show Our Loyalty." All the speakers that were on the program were in Fort Worth, attending the state Sunday School convention, but others were asked to take their places. The spirit was fine throughout the day. Pastor Shipley and his people were at their best in caring for the visitors. The next conference will meet with Pastor Markham and the church at Seminole.

Sunday, April 15th was observed in many churches in the Lamesa Association as laymen's day. Bankers, merchants of all kinds, and lawyers spoke in many churches. Judge Price of Brownfield spoke at night for the Wilson church in Dawson county and did a good job of it.

Pastor E. F. Cole is at this writing in a meeting at Lancaster. Bro. Cole will feel at home there as he spent several years there as pastor of the church.

Pastor W. K. Horn of Meadow, Texas, is preaching at night this week for Pastor Vincen and the church at Fairview.

Bro. Willis J. Ray, missionary for district 8, is on the field and hard at work. He preached last Sunday at 11 o'clock for the Midway church and at night for the church at Key. He will be with the Lamesa church and Pastor Cole in a Sunday School revival the week following the 6th Sunday in this month. Every one seems to be happy over the prospects of success of our missionary.

The work in this part of the world is looking up. The people seem to have a better spirit.

There were even one dozen from the Lamesa church who attended the Sunday School convention at Fort Worth. If any other church was represented there I haven't heard of it.

—J. J. Gentry.

HOME COMING AT BLACKWELL MAY 6

Rev. J. F. Steele, pastor. 10:00—Sunday School. 11:00—Sermon, L. B. Owen. 12:00—Lunch. 1:30—Song and Praise Service. 2:00—Reminiscences, L. Overman. 2:30—Missions as Related to Church and Denominational Life, Rev. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater. 3:15—Stewardship as Related to Missions, Rev. W. T. Hamor, Winters. 4:00—Good Literature as an Asset to the Christian Life, Rev. M. A. Quindlen.

WILSON W. M. U.

The Wilson W. M. U. met at the home of Mrs. Harrison, in an all-day service, for our March week of prayer. We studied the book "Nigerian Missions." We enjoyed it very much. There were 10 to take examinations. There are just a small bunch over there, but they are doing things. We are proud of them.—Mrs. J. J. Gentry.

The meeting at the Salvation Army hall, which has been going on for two weeks under the leadership of the preacher students in Simmons, came to a close last Sunday night. There was good interest throughout the meeting.

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Important Notice to Our Old Subscribers

During the past two years or more the West Texas Baptist has not made aggressive efforts to collect back subscriptions and add new subscriptions to our list. We have fully realized that the depression was making it hard for most of our people to get by. Consequently, the paper has struggled along, carrying the heavy burden of publishing a religious periodical during one of the worst financial crises the world has ever known. Three months ago we changed the frequency of publication from semi-monthly to weekly and raised the subscription price to one dollar per year. We have given our old subscribers the weekly paper this long in order that they may judge as to the merits of the publication. For two reasons, we will not be able to continue to carry these past due subscriptions: In the first place the postal authorities will not permit it, and that is certainly a sufficient reason. Then, in the second place, we are not financially able to carry this extra load. The costs of a weekly publication are heavy, and we are asking our readers, who wish to continue to receive the paper, to come to our aid at this time.

A LIBERAL OFFER

During the month of May we are going to make the following liberal offer to all our old subscribers. Here it is: Regardless of how far behind you are with your subscription, send us one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) and we will mark up your subscription one year in advance. This pays all past due on the paper and pays your subscription one year in advance. You can look on the label of your paper and see just how much of a bargain you are getting. All subscribers who do not accept this offer by June 1, will be dropped from our mailing list. We are hoping every one of you will take advantage of this liberal offer. We are going to try hard to make the West Texas Baptist a real readable religious newspaper fostering all the causes dear to the heart of every Southern Baptist, and we are counting on you to help us out along this line. Send your remittance direct to the West Texas Baptist, and it will be handled promptly by the office force of the Abilene Printing Company. Please do not send either subscriptions or news items to the editor. Address them simply to the West Texas Baptist and they will be delivered to the downtown office. The editor's personal mail goes to the branch post office at Simmons University, and thus mail intended for the paper will be delayed if sent there. Fill out the following form and send it in with your remittance:

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SAM MALONE, Editor.

SPREAD OF ATHEISM

The article in this issue on "The Spread of Atheism in Our Higher Institutions of Learning" should be read thoughtfully and prayerfully by every one of our readers. It is alarming to think that only from fifteen to thirty per cent of the professors referred to by Dr. Moore in this article believe in a personal God. Is it any wonder that this present generation is aimlessly drifting toward the rapids of social and moral disintegration? Not only do we find a great many of our professors in higher institutions of learning with the atheistic and agnostic attitude toward God, but the scientific text books our public schools, many of them, ignore any reference whatever to a supreme being as creator and lord of the universe. Then, again, name of the scientific books, written for the entertainment and instruction of our children, and finding their way in so many of our homes, accept and teach the evolutionary hypothesis. Two such sets of books came to the observation of the editor only this week. These books are very interesting and instructive, but they are not likely to produce a very wholesome attitude in the minds of our youth toward eternal values.

It seems to us the only answer to this flood tide of unwholesome teaching is Christian education and proper Christian literature. Thousands of parents send their boys and girls to institutions other than Christian on the ground that it is cheaper. We believe this idea is unfounded; but granted that it is some cheaper, what have we gained, if in trying to save a few paltry dollars, we have had the faith of our boys and girls undermined. In the words of Jesus we would ask, "What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and then lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Sam Jones, the great Methodist evangelist, said he would rather have a child of his in Heaven learning his ABC's than in Hell reading Greek and Latin; and we believe Sam Jones was right about it.

OUR W. M. U. CLUB PLAN

On the W. M. U. page of this issue we are setting forth our subscription club plan, which the W. M. U. of district 17 so generously agree to accept. We appreciate the attitude of our women in the matter of increasing the subscription list of the West Texas Baptist. We can feel assured that when the W. M. U. of this district gets behind this or any other undertaking, they will put it over. It is the aim of this paper to make the woman's department serve the cause of Christ in the greatest way possible. To do this it will be necessary to place the paper in the homes of the people and co-operate with the editor in sending in news items from the various churches.

The Spread of Athesim In Our Higher Institutions of Learning

DR. N. A. MOORE,

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One of the alarming things in our modern educational system is that it produces too many educated devils, and too few saints. Crime is everywhere rampant, and the disclosures of dishonest business methods high and low make sorry reading. The question of grave concern to serious minded people is can our boasted civilization go on at the present rate of poor quality output from our national educational set-up. We have much scholarship, but sterling, honest-to-goodness-tell-the-truth-pay your-debts-live-clean character is too conspicuous by its absence.

In the early days of our country, education was strongly founded on religion. The text books were manuals of conduct and morals. The religious ideal lay back of the founding of practically all of our higher institutions of learning, such as Harvard, Yale, Brown, Princeton, but with the rise of state supported schools, the tide turned toward the materialistic emphasis. Scholastic and scientific achievements were hailed as the summum bonum. The big matter thrust before the youth was not what character one may develop, but how much can one earn? The gods of gold, brass, and clay have now in most of the larger colleges and universities replaced the God of the Universe. The Bible is scouted, religion is a relic of savagery, and man's ascent from the beasts is the orthodoxy of the times. Sin, or whatever is wrong with us, is but the unpurged hangover of our natures retained from the days when we swung by hand through the treetops, or ate our coconut breakfast as we hung by our tails from a swinging limb. The remedy is prescribed as more education, sanitation, modernization, and socialization. It is not time to raise the question as to whether or not these things of the kind now on the market are the cause of our tragic conditions? Can the view that man is only an improved beast with no past or future life of which he can be sure, capable of making a race of people that regard life as sacred or the rights of man as something to be respected? The extent to which atheism and infidelity have penetrated into the heart of our great schools of learning was determined a few years ago by one of the foremost scholars in the field of psychology, Professor J. H. Leuba of Bryn Mawr. He made a thorough scientific study of the religious attitude of the leading teachers in our American universities, and reached the conclusion that beliefs in a personal God and in personal immortality are disappearing from the thinking of those who are recognized as America's greatest teachers. Under the leadership of these teachers, the students are brought to the same rejection of Chris-

tianity's two fundamental tenets. "Students are grovelling in darkness. Christianity as a system of belief has utterly broken down and nothing definite, adequate, or convincing has taken its place."

In Professor Leuba's survey, he found only 34.8 per cent of the eminent men who teach physics have a belief in God. The other two-thirds are either agnostics or disbelievers. Of the biologists, only 16.9 per cent believed in God. The others were doubters, skeptics, and atheists. Professors of history made a showing of 33 per cent who believed in a personal God. The remainder were either doubters or disbelievers. The sociologists claim to be seeking in a scientific way to solve the ills of society and fix what is wrong with us. They could muster but 19.4 per cent of their teachers who believe in a personal God, or His Divine sovereignty. The others were agnostics, skeptics and doubters. Psychologists are supposed to be leading in the field of education, and every one is required by law to study thoroughly this subject, yet of thirty-eight eminent men, who deal in this field, only five believed in a personal God; and only three, in either conditional or unconditional immortality. They stood at the bottom of the list.

He found the students increased in skepticism as they passed upward from class to class until "each believes as he can and few seemed distressed at being unable to hold the doctrines of the churches." Thus under the guise of education, culture and learning the teachers and the unfavorable atmosphere around the institutions in which they teach little by little from the day of entrance to graduation the faith of the students in God, the Bible, Christ, heaven, hell, and salvation is being undermined and destroyed. The young scholar may come out with high attainments but without God or hope. Can this condition produce the highest happiness, the best citizens, the safest homes for the next generation, honest, virtuous men and women for every walk of life?

Dear parent, this comes home to you and me when we begin to decide on the school we choose for John or Susie. One godless, scoffing, skeptic teacher may undo for them in one brief four years all that your love and home and sacrifices have done in twenty. A mistake made here will be a life mistake. They are young but once, they go to college but once, and the ideals, especially of these college years, are rarely changed. That which is cheapest in dollars may be paid for in the priceless things of Christ. Think long and earnestly and pray much at this point.

Mission Tidings

"Since the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, D. C., last May, the Foreign Mission Board has received \$21,777.16 from the 100,000 Club."

The number joining the 100,000 Club is increasing monthly. Surely every Southern Baptist who loves the Lord and his work will soon join the 100,000 Club and have a part in this great movement for Kingdom progress.

Foreign Mission hour at the Southern Baptist Convention this year will be Friday evening, May 16. Secretary Charles F. Maddy has great and interesting plans for this service. Everyone attending the convention will want to be present for this hour.

The missionaries now on furlough are eager to teach in Schools of Mission, to speak in local church, city-wide, associational or district meetings, to do anything else they can to promote a deeper interest in missions.

On Sunday, February 11, Memorial services for Dr. Lockett were held both in Abeokuta and Lagos.

In Abeokuta all the churches met together at the First Baptist Church at Ijaiye and Rev. Adediram, who was associated with Dr. Lockett in Abeokuta from 1910-1913, preached the sermon. There was excellent attendance and deep interest.

"In April we will have our women's Bible conference. This will be the third year we have held it. Last year there were nearly 100 women. We hope for that many or more this year. It is held in the girls' school building. This conference has proved a great blessing to many women in the two years that we have already had it, and we are praying very much for the one this year. It lasts a whole month."—Mrs. D. F. Stamps, China.

Wise Sayings of "Uncle Gideon"

Sayings of Dr. J. B. Gambrell, compiled by O. E. Bryan, and published by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

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Important Notice to Our Old Subscribers

During the past two years or more the West Texas Baptist has not made aggressive efforts to collect back subscriptions and add new subscriptions to our list. We have fully realized that the depression was making it hard for most of our people to get by. Consequently, the paper has struggled along, carrying the heavy burden of publishing a religious periodical during one of the worst financial crises the world has ever known. Three months ago we changed the frequency of publication from semi-monthly to weekly and raised the subscription price to one dollar per year. We have given our old subscribers the weekly paper this long in order that they may judge as to the merits of the publication. For two reasons, we will not be able to continue to carry these past due subscriptions: In the first place the postal authorities will not permit it, and that is certainly a sufficient reason. Then, in the second place, we are not financially able to carry this extra load. The costs of a weekly publication are heavy, and we are asking our readers, who wish to continue to receive the paper, to come to our aid at this time.

A LIBERAL OFFER

During the month of May we are going to make the following liberal offer to all our old subscribers. Here it is: Regardless of how far behind you are with your subscription, send us one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) and we will mark up your subscription one year in advance. This pays all past due on the paper and pays your subscription one year in advance. You can look on the label of your paper and see just how much of a bargain you are getting. All subscribers who do not accept this offer by June 1, will be dropped from our mailing list. We are hoping every one of you will take advantage of this liberal offer. We are going to try hard to make the West Texas Baptist a real readable religious newspaper fostering all the causes dear to the heart of every Southern Baptist, and we are counting on you to help us out along this line. Send your remittance direct to the West Texas Baptist, and it will be handled promptly by the office force of the Abilene Printing Company. Please do not send either subscriptions or news items to the editor. Address them simply to the West Texas Baptist and they will be delivered to the down town office. The editor's personal mail goes to the branch post office at Simmons University, and thus mail intended for the paper will be delayed if sent there. Fill out the following form and send it in with your remittance:

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The article in this issue on "The Spread of Atheism in Our Higher Institutions of Learning" should be read thoughtfully and prayerfully by every one of our readers. It is alarming to think that only from fifteen to thirty per cent of the professors referred to by Dr. Moore in this article believe in a personal God. Is it any wonder that this present generation is aimlessly drifting toward the rapids of social and moral disintegration? Not only do we find a great many of our professors in higher institutions of learning with the atheistic and agnostic attitude toward God, but the scientific text books our public schools, many of them, ignore any reference whatever to a supreme being as creator and lord of the universe. Then, again, name of the scientific books, written for the entertainment and instruction of our children, and finding their way in so many of our homes, accept and teach the evolutionary hypothesis. Two such sets of books came to the observation of the editor only this week. These books are very interesting and instructive, but they are not likely to produce a very wholesome attitude in the minds of our youth toward eternal values.

It seems to us the only answer to this flood tide of unwholesome teaching is Christian education and proper Christian literature. Thousands of parents send their boys and girls to institutions other than Christian on the ground that it is cheaper. We believe this idea is unfounded; but granted that it is some cheaper, what have we gained, if in trying to save a few paltry dollars, we have had the faith of our boys and girls undermined. In the words of Jesus we would ask, "What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and then lose his own soul; or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Sam Jones, the great Methodist evangelist, said he would rather have a child of his in Heaven learning his ABC's than in Hell reading Greek and Latin; and we believe Sam Jones was right about it.

OUR W. M. U. CLUB PLAN

On the W. M. U. page of this issue we are setting forth our subscription club plan, which the W. M. U. of district 17 so generously agree to accept. We appreciate the attitude of our women in the matter of increasing the subscription list of the West Texas Baptist. We can feel assured that when the W. M. U. of this district gets behind this or any other undertaking, they will put it over. It is the aim of this paper to make the woman's department serve the cause of Christ in the greatest way possible. To do this it will be necessary to place the paper in the homes of the people and co-operate with the editor in sending in news items from the various churches.

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One of the alarming things in our modern educational system is that it produces too many educated devils, and too few saints. Crime is everywhere rampant, and the disclosures of dishonest business methods high and low make sorry reading. The question of grave concern to serious minded people is can our boasted civilization go on at the present rate of poor quality output from our national educational set-up. We have much scholarship, but sterling, honest-to-goodness-tell-the-truth-pay your-debts-live-clean character is too conspicuous by its absence.

In the early days of our country, education was strongly founded on religion. The text books were manuals of conduct and morals. The religious ideal lay back of the founding of practically all of our higher institutions of learning, such as Harvard, Yale, Brown, Princeton, but with the rise of state supported schools, the tide turned toward the materialistic emphasis. Scholastic and scientific achievements were hailed as the summum bonum. The big matter thrust before the youth was not what character one may develop, but how much can one earn? The gods of gold, brass, and clay have now in most of the larger colleges and universities replaced the God of the Universe. The Bible is scouted, religion is a relic of savagery, and man's ascent from the beasts is the orthodoxy of the times. Sin, or whatever is wrong with us, is but the unpurged hang-over of our natures retained from the days when we swung by hand through the treetops, or ate our coconut breakfast as we hung by our tails from a swinging limb. The remedy is prescribed as more education, sanitation, modernization, and socialization. It is not time to raise the question as to whether or not these things of the kind now on the market are the cause of our tragic conditions? Can the view that man is only an improved beast with no past or future life of which he can be sure, capable of making a race of people that regard life as sacred or the rights of man as something to be respected? The extent to which atheism and infidelity have penetrated into the heart of our great schools of learning was determined a few years ago by one of the foremost scholars in the field of psychology, Professor J. H. Leuba of Bryn Mawr. He made a thorough scientific study of the religious attitude of the leading teachers in our American universities, and reached the conclusion that beliefs in a personal God and in personal immortality are disappearing from the thinking of those who are recognized as America's greatest teachers. Under the leadership of these teachers, the students are brought to the same rejection of Chris-

tianity's two fundamental tenets. "Students are grovelling in darkness. Christianity as a system of belief has utterly broken down and nothing definite, adequate, or convincing has taken its place."

In Professor Leuba's survey, he found only 34.8 per cent of the eminent men who teach physics have a belief in God. The other two-thirds are either agnostics or disbelievers. Of the biologists, only 16.9 per cent believed in God. The others were doubters, skeptics, and atheists. Professors of history made a showing of 33 per cent who believed in a personal God. The remainder were either doubters or disbelievers. The sociologists claim to be seeking in a scientific way to solve the ills of society and fix what is wrong with us. They could muster but 19.4 per cent of their teachers who believe in a personal God, or His Divine sovereignty. The others were agnostics, skeptics and doubters. Psychologists are supposed to be leading in the field of education, and every one is required by law to study thoroughly this subject, yet of thirty-eight eminent men, who deal in this field, only five believed in a personal God; and only three, in either conditional or unconditional immortality. They stood at the bottom of the list.

He found the students increased in skepticism as they passed upward from class to class until "each believes as he can and few seemed distressed at being unable to hold the doctrines of the churches." Thus under the guise of education, culture and learning the teachers and the unfavorable atmosphere around the institutions in which they teach little by little from the day of entrance to graduation the faith of the students in God, the Bible, Christ, heaven, hell, and salvation is being undermined and destroyed. The young scholar may come out with high attainments but without God or hope. Can this condition produce the highest happiness, the best citizens, the safest homes for the next generation, honest, virtuous men and women for every walk of life?

Dear parent, this comes home to you and me when we begin to decide on the school we choose for John or Susie. One godless, scoffing, skeptic teacher may undo for them in one brief four years all that your love and home and sacrifices have done in twenty. A mistake made here will be a life mistake. They are young but once, they go to college but once, and the ideals, especially of these college years, are rarely changed. That which is cheapest in dollars may be paid for in the priceless things of Christ. Think long and earnestly and pray much at this point.

Mission Tidings

"Since the Southern Baptist Convention in Washington, D. C., last May, the Foreign Mission Board has received \$21,777.16 from the 100,000 Club."

The number joining the 100,000 Club is increasing monthly. Surely every Southern Baptist who loves the Lord and his work will soon join the 100,000 Club and have a part in this great movement for Kingdom progress.

Foreign Mission hour at the Southern Baptist Convention this year will be Friday evening, May 16. Secretary Charles F. Maddry has great and interesting plans for this service. Everyone attending the convention will want to be present for this hour.

The missionaries now on furlough are eager to teach in Schools of Mission, to speak in local church, city-wide, associational or district meetings, to do anything else they can to promote a deeper interest in missions.

On Sunday, February 11, Memorial services for Dr. Lockett were held both in Abeokuta and Lagos.

In Abeokuta all the churches met together at the First Baptist Church at Ijaiye and Rev. Adediram, who was associated with Dr. Lockett in Abeokuta from 1910-1913, preached the sermon. There was excellent attendance and deep interest.

"In April we will have our women's Bible conference. This will be the third year we have held it. Last year there were nearly 100 women. We hope for that many or more this year. It is held in the girls' school building. This conference has proved a great blessing to many women in the two years that we have already had it, and we are praying very much for the one this year. It lasts a whole month."—Mrs. D. F. Stamps, China.

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20 scarfs from the Home Makers Class, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

50 cans of food and 2 bath towels from the McCaulley Baptist Church, McCaulley, Texas.

A fine box of linens from the W. M. S., Mrs. J. A. Brown, president, Rotan, Texas.

9 bath towels, 1 scarf, and 2 pillow cases from the W. M. U., Mrs. Walter Taylor, president, Tuscola, Texas.

\$4.31 cash from the University Baptist Church, Abilene.

50 pillow cases and 28 scarfs from the W. M. U., Mrs. George Phillips, president, Midland, Texas.

2 chickens, 5 lbs. butter, and 2 pillow cases from the Buffalo Gap Baptist Church.

We received a check from the executive board of the Baptist General Convention to the amount of \$38.04, which we have accredited the following churches:

80c. Gail Baptist Church.

\$16.00. Merkel Baptist Church.

\$19.24. Abilene First Baptist Church, Abilene.

\$2.00. Immanuel Baptist Church, Abilene.

We want to thank the above mentioned churches for their splendid co-operation and assistance.

E. M. COLLIER, Superintendent.

PATIENTS IN AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALS STAY HALF AGAIN AS LONG

An American hospital administrator recently was invited by governments of Australia, New South Wales and Victoria to make an intensive study of hospitals of these countries and his report recently made public contains a great many facts of interest to those who are anyway interested in hospital service in the United States.

The most significant statement this expert made was that when a patient goes to a hospital in the countries he visited they may expect to stay anywhere from one-half to one-third longer in the institution until they are discharged, as the patient in the average hospital in the United States. This means that an Australian patient when he goes to a hospital expects to be there 16 or 18 days, compared to eight days which approximate the average length of stay in hospitals in the United States.

The outstanding feature of a report of this expert was his recommendation that the hospitals of these countries pattern themselves after the American system and provide various types of accommodations for patients who are in different financial circumstances. In Australia and the other countries the hospitals have but one grade of service for which a patient pays a fixed sum or nothing, according to his circumstances. This results in an increasing deficit to hospitals and means a greater burden on the taxpayers of the different countries, particularly since many of the patients are well-to-do and can well afford to pay cost for the service they receive.

Still another marked difference between hospital service of the United States and that of the countries visited was that in this country the work of treating the patients, medical, surgical or otherwise, is in the hands of physicians and surgeons and other specialists who devote all their time to this work. In Australia the man who has charge of the operation of the hospital, including the purchase of fuel, of food, the cleaning, painting, etc., also has general charge of the medical or surgical treatment of patients and actually prescribes medicines, performs operations, etc. One can easily imagine that such a person cannot begin to offer the class of service that is obtainable from a man who makes a life study of one particular phase of medicine and who is not burdened with the details of management of such a complex institution as a hospital.

This expert found a number of excellent features in connection with the hospital program in the different countries, especially as regards the proper location and distribution of hospitals in order to serve the countries most effectively.

In his recommendations to the government, however, he emphasized the various advantages of the American system.

Rev. W. H. Hornburg, pastor of Coggan Avenue Baptist Church, Brownwood, is doing the preaching in a revival meeting with Pastor S. B. Culpepper and the church at Stephenville. L. C. Gayles, assistant pastor of Seventh and James Street church, Waco, is leading the singing.

Simmons University News

(From The Simmons Brand)

Editor Says Annual Will Be Out May 15

McGraw and Ponder Editors Of Quirt Section, Say "It's Mild"

May 15 has been set as release date for the Bronco, according to Martin Murdock, editor. After a chapel dedication service on that day, this year's annual will be distributed to the students.

The book lacks about 60 pages being as large as last year's book, but as to content it is not any smaller. It contains more pictures than did the 1933 annual, and the editor claims that more students are represented than ever before.

"Although highly condensed, nothing was left out," says Mr. Murdock. "Realizing that the reading matter in an annual is rarely read, we tried to replace that with pictures, thus making the book more interesting."

A new plan of financing is being tried this year. Instead of charging each club for its space as was done for several years, or assessing each student 25c for each time his picture was printed, the staff this year will ask each club to assess its members enough to pay for the engraving, and any member not paying such assessment will be charged the 25c fees when he gets his book. It is felt that this plan will be more economical for the student in the end and cause better feelings toward the staff.

Preparations Made For More Than 1000 Visitors Saturday

Local WMU Sponsors Picnic Here On Campus April 28

Seniors of high schools within a radius of seventy-five miles from Abilene will be honored by Simmons with a picnic on the campus next Saturday, April 28.

The affair is sponsored by ladies of local Baptist churches led by the W. M. U.'s working through missionary societies in the various West Texas towns.

A program in the university chapel at 10:00 Saturday morning, planned to interest the high school students, is the first thing scheduled for the day. Following this, demonstrations and games will be conducted on different parts of the campus in which both college and high school students will be interested.

Seniors will be conducted about the campus by guides from various student organizations. Band men and Cowgirls will be in uniform all day. Transportation to and from the campus will be furnished.

The program will be climaxed by a lunch served on the campus to guests and students. Among the entertainment given will be a physical education demonstration by the men's and women's departments, and a "stunt" by the Cowgirls.

"This is the first affair of this kind we have ever given," says Dr. Wiggins, director of the picnic. "It looks now as if we will have more than 1,000 visitors. We are hoping that every student will do what he can to make it a success."

Campbell Addresses YWCA Session Mon.

Miss Irma Campbell, professor of English in Simmons, was the first speaker presented Monday night in a series of book reviews sponsored by the education department of the Young Women's Christian association of Abilene. She reviewed "Of Thee I Sing," and its sequel, "Let 'Em Eat Cake," by George Kaufman and Morris Ryskind.

Second in the series will be presented April 23 when Miss Pauline Chapple, instructor in Abilene Christian college, will review "Anthony Adverse."

Approximately 1,200 addresses and present names of alumni and ex-students of Simmons university have been checked and definitely determined thus far, under the direction of Prof. E. M. Landers.

The list when completed will contain around 15,000 names and addresses, a complete list of all students who have attended Simmons since its opening in 1892.

Albany, San Angelo, And Breckenridge, To Hear 'Mikado'

Entire Company Will Make Trip April 26 and May 11

The "Mikado" which was such a success with Simmons students will be presented in three out of town performances within the next few weeks. Dates have been booked for appearances at Breckenridge and Albany, and tentative plans have been made for one performance at San Angelo.

The entire chorus and orchestra will make the trip to Breckenridge for a matinee Thursday, April 26, and on to Albany for an appearance Thursday night. Tentative date for the San Angelo performance has been set at May 11, but final arrangements have not yet been made.

Richardson Reviews Book To History Club

Dr. Rupert N. Richardson, head of the history department of Simmons reviewed his recently published book, "The Comanche Barrier to South Plains Settlement," at the regular meeting of the history club Thursday afternoon.

This book, which is a description of the life and customs of the plains Indians and an account of their resistance to the advance of the whites, was recently reviewed by the Boston Transcript, one of the oldest and most widely read Boston papers.

Westmoreland Is New BSU Choice

N. J. Westmoreland, Anson, was elected president of the Simmons B. S. U. for 1934-35, Thursday.

Other officers named then are Gladys Foley, first vice-president; Clara Welch, second vice-president; Ray Mathis, third vice-president; Jack Moore, choirister; Jessie Merle De Loach, pianist; Rosa Crockett, recording secretary; Paul Wright, extension secretary; Mildred Dutton, corresponding secretary; Frank Burruss, treasurer; Louise Creed, general S. S. representative; Fred James, general B. T. S. representative.

Cearley Reed Kinard, First Church representative; Harry Benson, First Church BTS representative; and R. T. Barton, University Church BTS representative.

Quartet Leaves On Trip to New Mexico

Simmons' widely traveled girls quartet left this morning on a three days tour into New Mexico. They will give their religious program, "Sermon in Songs" at three different churches, at Portales tonight, at Clovis Sunday morning, and at Tucumcari Sunday night.

The quartet returned Friday 13 from the Texas State Baptist convention at Fort Worth where they were the guests of the convention. They made several appearances, and booked engagements for the rest of the year.

Artists Exhibit Work To Be Sent To Austin

Work by the six members of the Simmons university Art League will exhibit their pictures in Austin during the annual meeting of the Texas Fine Art association to be held on May 4 and 5, was exhibited in chapel Thursday morning.

Pictures presented were: "Autumn Sunshine," a naturalistic study in pastels by Robert Finney; "Abilene Hall," water color, and "Sentinel Pines," a creative work in oil, by Milton McKenzie; "After the Shower," and "A Study in Green and Purple," creative works in oil by Lois Rister; "Lake Abilene," a decorative technique in oil, by Mollie B. Stokes; "Autumn Poppers," a creative subject in oils by Thelma Morgan.

Tentative plans for the annual Cowgirl homecoming to be held on the Simmons campus June 1, 2, and 3, were made at a joint meeting of the ex-Cowgirl and campus committees Monday night at the gym.

An outline of the activities for the three day reunion, to be held in conjunction with the official Simmons homecoming, was made, and plans of the entertainment and social committees were approved.

Band Contest Date Changed To April 27

Irons, Betts, and Wiley Have Been Chosen To Judge Contestants

The date for the annual band contest for high schools of West Texas sponsored by Prof. D. O. Wiley and the Simmons Cowboy band, has been changed from April 28 to the 27, due to conflicting dates.

Fourteen bands have already registered for the contest. Bands which will compete in the class A division are Breckenridge and Abilene. Class B participants are Midland and Wink. Albany, Monahans, and Levelland have registered in the class C department. Wink, Brownwood, and Abilene will also enter bands in the junior division. Class D bands which are beginners, entering are: Odessa, Snyder, Loraine, and Big Spring.

Soloists from Wichita Falls, Henrietta, Panhandle, Lubbock, Coleman, Iowa Park, and Sanderson, have entered, besides those who have registered with the bands.

Judges for the contest will be: Earl D. Irons, Russell L. Wiley, and Wilson T. Betts.

Earl D. Irons, director of the band at North Texas Agricultural college, has been director of that band for eight years, and has built up one of the best bands in Texas. Two of the compositions which will be used as contest numbers were written by him.

Russell L. Wiley, who is a former student of Simmons university, is the younger brother of Mr. D. O. Wiley, director of the local band. He has been director of the Phillips university band for the last five years at Enid, Oklahoma. He is the chief promoter of the annual tri-state band contest that is held there. This festival, which is one of the largest in the United States, attracts such judges as Edwin Franko Goldman, Austin A. Harding, Dr. Carl Busch, and William F. Ludwig.

Wilson T. Betts is dean of the summer band school in Simmons. He is from Marlin, Texas.

On the night of the contest 250 high school musicians formed with the Cowboy band as a nucleus there will play a massed band concert under the direction of the judges and Prof. Wiley. The concert will begin at 8:15 and there will be no admission.

The program to be given is as follows:

"Tribute to Sousa," Goldman. "Cabins," Gillette (Wilson T. Betts).

"Finlandia," Sibelius (Wiley). March, Manuscript by Irons.

Overture, Manuscript by Irons.

"Huldigungs March".

After the concert awards will be given to winners of the contest.

There will be ten loving cups for the winning bands and thirty or more medals for winning soloists and ensembles.

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At 1:30 that afternoon all bands that have completed their work in competition will meet down town and parade. About twelve bands will take part in the parade.

Delegates Chosen For TIPA Meeting At ACC Next Week

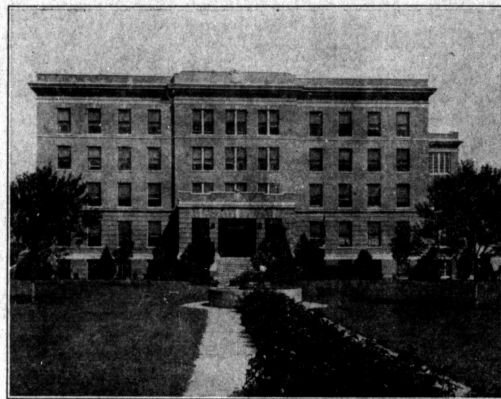
Tarpley and Flynn Elected To Represent Simmons

Dan Tarpley and Ivan Flynn, editors of the 1935 Brand and Bronco, were chosen to serve with Frank Junell as official Simmons T. I. P. A. delegates Thursday afternoon at a meeting of the press club.

In addition to these three, six non-voting delegates will represent Simmons as the convention which meets with A. C. C. April 26, 27, and 28. They are Martin Murdock, Dorris Garrett, Grace Carol Ponder, Myrtle Eugenia Haggard, Lloyd Parmelly, and Kathryn Duff.

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for Jehovah thy God, is with Thee."—Joshua 1:9.

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HOSPITAL-MOTHER'S DAY ISSUE

The next issue of the West Texas Baptist will feature the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium in connection with some Mother's Day features. Thousands of these papers will be placed in the hands of the W. M. U. organizations of the churches in District 17. It is to be hoped our churches will remember the hospital on Mother's Day with substantial offerings. This institution has done a worthy work for suffering humanity during these stressful years and it is deserving of the support of our churches.

Annual Report for Your People District No. 17

Rev. Motie Martin of Africa tells of a man who came to him searching for a teacher who would go with him to a distant village and teach his people the Word of God. There was no missionary to send so he was refused. So persistent was he that he asked the second and third time. Rev. Martin said "You must wait." The man cried out in his broken heartedness, "How long must we wait? Oh, Teacher, ask the white man, how long must we wait?"

I come to you today representing the great host of Baptist Young People in District 17 who cry—How long must we wait for leaders to council this great host of young people who need to be organized in missionary work. We need leaders who want to see the work put over to such an extent that they will sacrifice for it. This isn't a criticism against the leaders we now have, because you can't find a group more loyal and faithful, but it is against the great host of women who refuse to help us. We do not have more organizations, not because our young people aren't waiting, but because we do not have leaders. Young people come to me constantly pleading for organizations but our hands are tied until we find leaders.

How long must we wait before the W. M. S. in our district will really foster our young people's work? Almost 90 per cent of our W. M. S. think that the word foster means only to organize. We are pioneering in this work the same as you did years ago. Did you not find the road hard? So are these young people. Why not help ease their path? We plead for support—co-operation, and how often we receive nothing. I can name two churches who are quite strong in young people's work simply because the W. M. S. fosters these young people as the word foster demands.

How long must we wait before we can educate the women and churches concerning our young people's work? Few W. M. U. chairmen realize that they are to function in each young people's organization as well as the W. M. S. How many W. M. U. chairmen visit and help put over their work in our young people's organization? All this falls on the shoulders of the young people's leaders and councilors. No wonder they feel the load is too great and quit. Will you not realize your full responsibility as W. M. U. chairmen by helping us in our young people's work?

How long must we wait to show an increase in the number of our organizations? At the close of last year we had 101 organizations—now we have only 91 organizations, with 23 Y. W. A., 18 Intermediate G. A., three Intermediate R. A., 17 Junior G. A., and eight Junior R. A.'s and 22 Sunbeam Bands. Continually we have reported new organizations in fact we have had 40 this past year. Forty added to 101 should give us 141 organizations. Where are those missing 50? They are dead—oh! how many deaths for one year! How long before you will doctor these and keep them from dying? Once you let organization die it is twice as hard to reorganize and start again. Won't you help us save these remaining 91 organizations from dying? Included in our organizations we have a Grace McBride Y. W. A. composed of the nurses at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and an Ann Hastline Y.

W. A. composed of girls from Simmons University. These two organizations report more work done and greater zeal and interest than ever before.

How long must we wait before we can enlist the greater majority of our young people in these missionary organizations? At present we have 1,185 in our organizations, 422 Y. W. A., 202 Intermediate G. A., 30 Intermediate R. A., 205 Junior G. A., 71 Junior R. A. and 255 Sunbeams. This is only a small part of the available group—yet a great host compared to the number of leaders and councilors we have. We will enlist our young people only when we enlist the women to help us.

How long must we wait before all these organizations will attain the A-1 Standard of Excellence? They attain it because it is impossible to reach, but because they know not. Many organizations do not own a standard, many do not even know what it is, yet many are trying to attain it. Some have attained it, showing a small gain over that of last year. We feel that there will be even a greater gain next year due to increase in interest.

In this group of young people we have many who are true stewards for Christ remembering to magnify Him not only with their lives, their talents, but their money also. There are 130 titheers, 68 in Y. W. A., 23 in Intermediate G. A., 17 in Junior G. A., eight Junior R. A., four Sunbeams.

These young people have been faithful in observing the three weeks of prayer. There were 67 out of 91 organizations who observed the September week of prayer, taking an offering for state missions. In December there were 60 organizations to observe the Lottie Moon week of prayer. In Sweetwater, Callahan, and Jones associations, the young people organizations were 100 per cent in observing this week of prayer. A goal of \$220 was set in our district for young people, and they gave \$237.91, going over our goal \$17.91. The following is the goal and amount given by each association.

	Goal	Gave
Callahan	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
Cisco	\$55.00	\$23.00
Fisher	\$25.00	\$25.00
Haskell	\$35.00	\$25.69
Jones	\$30.00	\$ 7.23
Stonewall	\$10.00	.00
Sweetwater	\$55.00	\$151.99

Thus Sweetwater and Fisher reached their goal. There were 52 organizations who observed the March week of prayer. We are teaching our young people to make their offerings love gifts to Christ.

Many of our councilors have received the leadership diploma this year—there being 18 who reported last quarter as holding the diploma. I have taught the leadership course this year four times, issuing 42 diplomas and to classes totaling 100 women.

Our Y. W. A. cried, "How long must we wait before our district will give us a Y. W. A. house-party? To answer this we had our first district Y. W. A. house-party at Lueders August 8, 9, and 10. There were 20 towns in our district represented with a total enrollment of 240-217 camped on ground the entire time. Six Y. W. A. classes were taught with 180 awards given. Cisco association had greatest number present, sending 67. Jones followed with 56. Inspirational addresses were given by Mrs. J. L. Winter and Mrs. E. M. Francis. The camp was self-financed with the exception of one \$5.00 gift. All expenses were paid with a balance of \$4.00 left in the treasury. We are

praying that this will be an annual affair.

How long must we wait before we can have associational young people's councils? In January, with the assistance of Mrs. J. E. Leigh, councils were organized in Cisco, Jones, Haskell, Stonewall and Sweetwater association. These were received very enthusiastically by the young people. In each association except Jones, the associational young people's leader is president of the council. Miss Mary Boyd is president of Jones association. Their second meeting was held in this month, which was well attended by young people, showing a decided gain over the organization meeting. We feel that these councils will prove to be a great benefit to our work.

How long must we wait before all seven associations will send representatives to the stewardship declamation contest? The district contest was held February 18 with four associations, Jones, Haskell, Sweetwater, and Fisher associations, having entries. This is the first time for Fisher association to enter the contest. There was a total of 19 contestants with the following winners.

George Ann Harrell, Hamlin, Sunbeam.

Stella Mae Lagow, Rule, Junior G. A.

John Roger Greer, Rule, Junior R. A.

Willie Pearl Smith, Anson, Intermediate G. A.

Warren Nobles, Hamlin, Intermediate R. A.

Frances Moore, Rule, Y. W. A.

Wilhelmina Kropscott, Simmons, College Y. W. A.

We were represented at state by Wilhelmina Kropscott, who won first place in college contest, and Mary Frances Moore who won second place in local contest.

I have visited all associations twice this year, attending the annual meeting of each association. I have traveled in the interest of young people's work 2,829 miles since our last district meeting. I have delivered 11 addresses—as you called them—on young people's work, and have taught in three associational mission study institutes—also many mission books. I assisted in organizing five councils, two Y. W. A.'s and one G. A. I was hostess in your Y. W. A. hut during the Leuders encampment, having 70 girls living in the hut, most of them staying through the entire encampment.

The councilors and young people's leaders have worked hard, and tried to make you proud of your young people's organizations. We have had wonderful co-operation from all district and associational officers. We have had co-operation wherever there is interest in our work. But there are so many who aren't interested. Can't you hear this great host of young people—1,185 cry out to you?—How long, how long must we wait?

How long, how long must we wait? The laborers still are few, Our Lord has need of you How long, how long must we wait?

Annual Report of Chairman of Education, Mrs. Oscar H. Cooper, Abilene, Texas.

APRIL 1933 TO APRIL 1934

Mrs. C. V. Edwards, our state chairman of education, outlines the qualifications for one who serves as chairman of this phase of our work. She says this chairman must be one who believes thoroughly in Christian education; one who loves young people and one who sends her own children to our Baptist schools.

Judging from the reports that have come to me, as your chairman, we know we have only a partial report of the past year's work. My aggregate report tells of 296 senior Baptist students in high school. 132 students in colleges not Baptist. 113 students in Baptist colleges. Letters and talks to students, 21. Banquets, two. Boxes 26. Programs on Christian education 19. Talks 18. Scholarships in our training school two. Five special funds, representing gifts of money for Simmons University are reported. These are:

1. Sweetwater Associational Memorial Fund.
2. Blanche Rose Walker Fund of Jones Co. Association.
3. Floy Hawkins Fund of Haskell Co.
4. Rupert N. Richardson Fund, Cisco Association.
5. Stonewall Associational Fund.

The report shows only a small per cent of our Baptist students, seniors in high school last year, are attending our Baptist schools this year.

We do not believe these figures tell the whole story, but they make us realize we must organize the forces about us. We must develop a larger consciousness of responsibility toward our Baptist schools. Christian education is one phase of our work that is especially dear to the hearts of the

West Texas Baptist---W.M.U. Subscription Club Plan

During the recent annual meeting of District 17 at Abilene, the editor of the West Texas Baptist submitted to the body a subscription club plan which was heartily accepted by the organization in its closing session. The plan, briefly, was that the West Texas Baptist would give the W. M. U. all the space necessary for the promotion of their work, and where clubs of ten or more members was formed, the subscription for each club member would be at the rate of five cents per copy for month, which would be only sixty cents per year for each subscription.

A SUGGESTIVE ORGANIZATION

As a working basis to put over the subscription club campaign, the following suggestions are made:

1—The general supervision of the campaign to be in charge of Mrs. J. E. Burnam, 1141 Grape Street, Abilene, who is periodicals chairman of District 17.

2—That the campaign in each association be directed by the associational periodicals chairman, or some other person designated. This chairman will see that each local W. M. S. in the association is given an opportunity to organize a subscription club.

3—Each local W. M. S. where a subscription club is organized to designate some member as treasurer, said treasurer to secure a list of the club members and send them in to the West Texas Baptist, together with the first quarterly subscription payments. Statements and receipts will be sent from the West Texas Baptist office to each local W. M. S. treasurer.

COST OF CLUB PLAN SUBSCRIPTIONS

The cost of the subscription plan will be at the rate of five cents for each subscriber, per month, where as many as ten subscriptions are secured. For example, if there are twenty members of a local club who want the paper the cost for the twenty subscriptions will be only one dollar per month. It is preferred that these subscriptions be paid quarterly (15 cents per member per quarter), in advance; however, a club will be allowed to pay monthly, if it prefers.

While the plan is meant primarily for District 17, any other W. M. U. in West Texas will be allowed to organize subscription clubs on the same plan. The club plan is simple enough. It just means that any local W. M. U. in West Texas can secure a list of names of those wanting to subscribe for the paper, send the list in with a remittance at the rate of five cents per month per member. The names will be placed on our mailing list and the paper sent each week to the club members. Statements will be sent to the designated treasurer of the group, who will collect the subscriptions and remit.

A GOAL OF 2000

The West Texas Baptist would like to have 2,000 subscriptions from the W. M. U. on this club plan during the next thirty days. Organize your club now. Also appoint a publicity chairman to report the news from your society, and in return the editor promises to make the paper serve constructively in the promoting of the W. M. U. work, and all other phases of our Baptist work.

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women, for we feel that in aiding this cause we are helping the whole program for carrying forward the work of the Master's Kingdom.

Christian education aims to train those in our Baptist schools to put the highest values first and to mold life by the light and power of Christian faith. To such strength of soul Christian education should lead the youth of today, for "civilization marches forward on the feet of the young people."

Realizing that our Christian schools can so train the youth of our land we turn our eyes toward these fortresses of faith and hope our struggling Christian colleges and universities. We realize anew how deeply significant they are for the perpetuation of religion and of the higher values of life.

One of the most important readjustments which has come during recent years is the education vision. Baptists are experiencing an awakening on the subject of Christian education. They are now putting Christian education hand in hand with missions and are giving it a place in the church budget.

All honor to our Baptist schools, our Bayers and all others. Shall we not say the past in Texas belongs to our Bayers, and all Texas honors them, not alone the Baptists, but all who know the history of Texas and the work done by the Bayers from the days of the Republic of Texas until now. Their past is glorious, their future limitless. When the center of Baptist influence moved northward from Independence to Waco and Belton in the latter half of the 19th century, it came northward and westward to this splendid country of which Simmons University is the Baptist educational center. Upon us here in the central west rests the high responsibility of realizing to the fullest measure our golden opportunities to make Simmons a really great university. If we fail whom can we expect to build Simmons University into a mighty tower of strength and a veritable lighthouse of hope. But we will not fail, and as we build our own there shall be no spirit of littleness or jealousy toward our older sister schools, the Bayers and other Baptist schools.

Their achievements are a challenge to us, calling for the widest vision, deepest consecration and closest co-operation. May no blight of unbelief ever fall upon Simmons University. May no maiming hand ever be laid upon her activities. May she continue to grow in love, in service and in spiritual power 'til Christ shall come again.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. OSCAR H. COOPER,

Chairman Christian Education, Dis't. 17.

YWA Pageant Given For District W.M.U.

District W. M. U. members, convening in Abilene Monday and Tuesday, were entertained in the Simmons auditorium Monday evening by a pageant presented by Mary Frances YWA members, under the direction of Miss A. M. Carpenter.

Wilhelmina Kropscott carried the principal part, that of Revelation; Jesse Merle DeLoach was Consecration and Maxine Higgs took the part of Opportunity.

Foreigners seeking Revelation's secret were: Louise Creed, Grace Carol Ponder, Elo McCrory, Gladys Foley, Clara Welch, Mollie B. Stokes, Louise Johnson, Pauline Shiller, and Jo Bryan. Martha Rowland played the part of the pioneer mother, with little Lois Arrant as her daughter.

Sally Eakin, Glynn Floyd, Alberta Sturgeon, Anna Maude Taylor, Esther Rogers, Frances Eddie Beck, Mary Lou House, Rosa Crockett, Estelle Hancock, and Eula Mae Virden were pilgrims who came seeking Revelation's light.

Tommie Boren, Eva Nell Arnold, Cecelia Clay, Belle Francis, and Myrtle Eugenia Haggard acted as Hindrances to put out the light of Revelation.

Vocal effect was furnished by Lois Jackson, Pauline Melton, Louise Bolton, Tabitha Atkinson, Rosemary Malone, Dorothy Doughty, Natalie McClure, and Edna Ardis. Eloise Norred was pianist.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, God beckoned, and one of our teachers, Mrs. Mack L. Wyatt, crossed over the border into His glorious presence to live in her mansion prepared for her in the Father's house and to serve Him whom she delighted to serve down here, and, Whereas, she was a consecrated

Christian, loyal and faithful to all the work of the Church, an efficient teacher, rightly dividing the word of God to those whom she taught, a strong and capable leader, a wise and sympathetic counselor to the troubled in spirit and a sincere friend to all, and,

Whereas, she has given of her time and talent to every responsibility and to the performance of every duty to help build and strengthen the Woman's Department of our Sunday School.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the teachers, officers, members of her class, and every member of the Woman's Department, prove our devotion to her and our faith in God by striving to carry on, in the spirit of the Lord, the work of the department which she has helped to build, and

Therefore, be it further resolved that we, the Woman's Department, express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and be spread on the minutes of our department.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following candidacies for public office are subject to the action of the democratic primary July 28, 1934.

For District Attorney:
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For Sheriff of Taylor County:
DAVE BOOTH
W. R. (Ruck) SIBLEY

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GRADY PARMELEY (re-election)

For Constable, Precinct 1
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