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Mr. Bryan and Christian Education

All of Wm. Jennings Bryan's will is interesting reading because of the manner and character of his bequests, but that section of it dealing with Christian Education is worthy of especial attention. We quote it here-with:

"Eleventh—I have saved for the last my bequest for religious education. While I have devoted a large part of my time to the study and discussion of political questions, and have found an abundant reward in the reforms adopted with my humble aid, I feel more interested in religion than in politics because religion is the only influence that can control the heart out of which are the issues of life. Next to religion I am most interested in education because education can and should increase one's capacity for service. But education will not be a benefit to its possessor and a blessing to society unless it is wisely used: I am very anxious that each intellectual ship shall be equipped with a moral rudder sufficient to control its course on life's stormy sea. My chief interest is, therefore, in Christian education—the entwining of the spiritual with the intellectual. I had hoped to aid in the establishing of an academy that would embody my idea and serve as a model. Fearing that I shall not be able to carry out this plan during the years that remain, I am setting aside a fund equal to each child's share in my estate. After taking out the bequest to my wife and other bequests I desire to divide the remainder in four equal parts. One part, as I have provided above, shall go to each of my three children, the fourth part less \$50,000 will be set apart for Christian education. As I have recently given our Nebraska home, known as Fairview, to the Methodist church for a hospital, I feel that its value, conservatively estimated at \$50,000, should be deducted from the one-fourth set apart for Christian education and divided equally between my three children and my wife.

"With the amount left for this purpose—I estimate it at about \$50,000—\$100,000 less the \$50,000 deduction above mentioned—I would like to have it used to establish an academy for boys which shall be under the control of some unit of government of some evangelical church, Presbyterian preferred, but not absolutely necessary, so that it can be controlled by a recognized religious organization. I would like to have it cover the junior and senior years of the high school and the freshman and sophomore years of the college—those being the years when the student most needs religious supervision. I would like special attention given to citizenship and applied Christianity so that the graduates may be prepared for leadership in both state and church.

"It should not be conducted for profit; board should be furnished students at actual cost, tuition should be as low as possible, room rent should be same for all rooms so as to discourage classification according to wealth. Assignments of room should be made on basis of classes, senior, junior, sophomore and freshman and in

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Concerning Free, Frank and Open Discussion

F. S. Groner

There has been something said of late, a good deal, about "free, frank, and open discussion"; about "boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, democracy," et cetera. If this writer believes in anything under the stars or above the stars it is "free, frank, and open discussion," and democracy, and the rule of the majority. He believes in open covenants openly arrived at.

I believe the Baptists of Texas ought to have just what they want and the way they want it in the matter of plans and policies, and in the conduct of our denominational affairs. I sincerely believe every possible means has been employed to secure this. In an editorial of some two or three months ago Brother Routh suggested a meeting in which our laymen and preachers should be invited to come and have a "free, frank, and open discussion," about our work. Reference has been made to this editorial two or three times as if in writing it Dr. Routh had gone counter to the opinions of others who are in positions of leadership in Texas, but the contrary is true. I think the first suggestion of the editorial came from him, though he was not the first whom I heard mention it. The desirableness of such an editorial was discussed with approval in a meeting of our Executive Committee. Brother R. E. Burt and myself each considered the editorial with Brother Routh after it was written, made some minor suggestions which were incorporated in it, and it went out with the hearty approval of everybody so far as I know.

Our Board at its meeting May 26th by unanimous vote adopted the suggestions of the editorial and instructed the President of the Convention, the President of the Board and the Secretary to send written invitations to seventy-five laymen and seventy-five preachers other than Board members urging their attendance at a meeting to be held in Dallas, June 19. Through the Standard a general invitation was given to anyone and everyone. This writer did not select the names that were invited by special letter, but he did sign that letter along with the President of the Convention and of the Board, in accordance with instructions. In addition to the invitation above referred to a letter was sent to the various W. M. U. District Presidents urging their attendance, and as already has been suggested a general invitation was given to everybody through the columns of the Standard. This was done with the desire to secure the fullest discussion possible. The meeting was attended well and there was as free and frank discussion as I ever heard. All kinds of questions were asked and promptly answered. And then the following question was asked thrice, "Is there anything else that anybody does not understand about anything, or is there any other question in the mind of anybody?" This was the substance of the statement made. All indicated that they were satisfied.

At the Lueders Encampment one

hour and fifteen minutes was given to an open conference on Friday afternoon. It was a wonderfully profitable hour. Several hundred were present and everybody was invited to participate and to ask any question that might occur to them or that they had heard raised about any phase of our work. Questions were asked. They came thick and fast. Brother C. M. Caldwell and this writer, along with others answered questions and explained about the work for one hour and fifteen minutes. It was a very interesting exercise and I have no doubt a profitable one. It was surprising to hear some things that some people had imagined, or rather had heard of others having imagined, for it was frequently that way about several matters. After the seance was over everybody was evidently satisfied. At least they so indicated.

Now, I am in favor of another talk fest and a bigger one than either of the above—a real large one. I am in favor of our Convention at its meeting in November taking an entire afternoon and if necessary an afternoon and an evening session for an open conference. Let us have a general free for all discussion of plans, policies, boards, commissions, bureaus (though I know of no commissions or bureaus in our Texas work), programs, designations, fixed charges, prorations, and anything and everything else that may relate to our work. I repeat that I have always been in favor of Texas Baptists having things just as they want them, and I do not know of any man or woman among us who has not had this attitude. At the meeting herein proposed let our Baptist people be assured that they have just the chance to secure just this thing. I must confess that I have never known of a time when they did not have that chance, but let it be everywhere understood that this is one time when there shall not be any question about it. It is entirely possible that in our regular conventions there may be timid brethren who have not ventured to express themselves because of sheer modesty. In fact I am quite sure this is true. But let the open conference suggested by this article be made so entirely democratic that the most timid will not only feel free to speak but will be urged and solicited to speak.

I have the profound conviction that the sort of free for all conference above suggested will do vastly more good than critical, accusing, and complaining articles in which well meaning men deal in hints, innuendoes, and unsupportable statements, though no doubt sincerely made. Take one example. It was recently said by a good man, faithful and true, in one of our papers, that "Yes, a man can designate his gifts but he soon finds that every time he gives and designates is charged against the allocation made to the cause and so every cause is benefited by his gift." I am sure the good brother who made this statement believed it, but if he had said that

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As to Policies

(The following editorial is taken from The Central Messenger, Brownwood, Texas. Pastor W. R. Hornburg is the editor, and Layman W. T. Curtis is the publisher. Editor Hornburg says this so well and vigorously, and it so expresses this editor's convictions that it is passed on to all our readers.)

There is no use for us to live in a fool's paradise. We can sit around and congratulate ourselves over the success of our work, but that will not pay our debts nor will it send out more missionaries. In our Texas work with an income of a bare \$30,000.00 per month and an expense account including "fixed charges" of \$90,000.00 per month a ten year old school boy can see where we will be in another twelve months unless things change. When we are threatened with a withdrawal of many of our missionaries and the abandonment of much of the field we have entered, it is time that provision be made for taking care of our world-wide work.

During the 75 Million period we collected 58 millions plus, we increased our indebtedness by 25 millions plus. (Texas owes 5 millions plus). It is true that we have millions in assets, in the way of buildings used by our institutions, a very small amount in endowment for some of the schools, but these buildings would not be worth the bricks that are in the walls unless they are to be used for the purposes for which they were erected. Unless the endowment of some of them is greatly increased within the next year they will close their doors or be reckoned as second class which is equivalent to closing. In our judgment we are facing the most serious time Southern Baptists ever knew. For any man to pursue a policy that is destructive is inexcusable. For our leaders to pursue a policy that would deliberately alienate a large part of our constituency is suicidal to the cause of Christ. We would like to say in the strongest language at our command that we have no time to "chase lizards," nor go on a "man hunt." To shoot even an arch enemy with a double barreled shot gun on a crowded street is to say the least of it dangerous not to say foolish. Some innocent bystander, who may wonder until life's last hour what the fight was all about, may be hurt. Or you may hurt a multitude of friends.

The "Statement of Faith" adopted at Memphis was ample so far as we are concerned. But we believe that it was a blunder that we will live long to regret that the leaders refused to have a simple resolution presented and adopted that was plain enough that the folk at the forks of the creek could understand that we do NOT believe in evolution in the sense that man came from any lower order of life. Some times you can win a fight and thereby lose a great victory. Personally, we think it was a blunder for our Texas Board to plunge our Secretary into a personal fight that would bring down upon his head all the criticism that can be heaped upon anyone. We are for the State Board and our noble Secretary. No truer heart ever beat than beats in the breast of Frank Groner. We simply believe that

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Men and Movements

—Pastor C. S. Wroten is home again after a trip to Paisano and other points west and north in quest of rest.

—Pastor J. R. Hickerson of Mercedes is back home after a vacation trip of some weeks and some meetings held in North Texas.

—We sympathize with our sister city, Falfurrias, in the destructive fire she suffered on Tuesday night of this week. The property loss is reported at \$110,000.00.

—Evangelist Raleigh Wright is to help C. S. Wroten and the Harlingen saints in a revival beginning this coming Sunday, the 19th. Prospects are good for a revival.

—Pastor J. M. Reynolds of Nixon is to help Pastor Perritt at Charco from Friday of this week through next week.

—Missionary J. P. King of Corpus Christi Association spent last Sunday and part of this week with the churches at Annarose and Mote Valley where he recently held revivals.

—It is only normal now for the morning paper to carry a headline, "—teen Pardons Granted Yesterday." Ma's prison economy is doing much to break down all respect for law. Punishment of crime is essential to maintenance of reverence for law.

—An associational B. Y. P. U. meeting for all Corpus Christi Association is to be held at London Church on August 30. It will be a meeting of much interest to all B. Y. P. U. folks and those in sympathy with that phase of church life.

—We have promise of an article each week for this paper after next week from the facile pen of I. E. Gates, the most popular preacher of any faith in Southwest Texas. Readers can be sure that they will be full of good humor, common sense, sound truth aptly put.

—A Mexican Baptist church is scheduled to be organized at Springfield, seven miles west of Alice, Saturday the 15th instant. Brother Danell Delgado of Corpus Christi, is leading in the work.

—Pastor M. E. Weaver is to help Pastor R. T. Deel and the San Benito saints in a two-weeks meeting beginning Sunday the 17th. Pastor Weaver calls it his vacation. It is a good way to take a vacation, but it does not mean cessation of work. Many pastors take their vacations in just that way.

—Pastor J. E. Stack of Elgin was called during the week to Rio Grande City where his mother suffered a severe accident by falling down a stairs and breaking her arm and leg. It is hoped that the aged mother may soon be recovered.

—Pastor A. H. Clark of Cuero is on a short vacation and visiting in the

editor's town during the present week. It was good to see him and greet him. Drouth is seriously hurting the work in the Cuero section, but still the pastor is hopeful of better days.

—Pastor M. H. Godfrey, Luling, writes: "My work goes on in a fine way, but I can't see how it goes. There is not a sprig of anything growing. O my, how dry! Our Sunday school is bucking hard the 300 line. Some of the best men of the town are being saved and coming into the church."

—The campaign in the Valley has been divided and two campaigns are being pursued, one for the Hospital at Harlingen and the other for Carroll College at McAllen. The division was made through an understanding and agreement on the part of all concerned. We wish for them each a fine measure of success.

—Rev. A. B. Carlisle has been employed by the State Board to begin work at Rio Grande City among both Americans and Mexicans. Brother Carlisle is an efficient worker and wherever he goes gets hearty welcome from the Spanish-speaking peoples. He served under the Foreign Mission Board for some years in Mexico.

—"Things go slowly here at Nixon, but we are in the midst of the most serious drouth I ever saw," remarks Brother J. M. Reynolds, pastor at Nixon. The wonder is that church work could move at all with drouth so serious that in many sections teams are being given away and range cattle cannot even be given away, according to reports.

—The Valley cotton crop is exceeding forecasts and will soon be beyond the one hundred thousand bale mark. In addition is the prospect of a top crop that may run the figures even beyond present forecasts. It is hoped that Valley Baptists will devote a tithe of their part of the cotton crop to the causes of a needy Kingdom and that their hearts will be responsive toward a world-wide program of evangelization and benevolence.

—Homeseekers come by train loads into Southwest Texas every week, most of them to the Valley. But other sections of the Southwest are getting their share also. The Winter Garden section is attracting people. Reclamation projects along the Rio Grande and the new irrigation projects make room for many new people with assurances of ample water supply. Many Baptists are coming along with the throng. To them we all give welcome and hope they will take hold of the work in the Southwest and help to conserve it all for the Lord.

—We neglected to record the death of Brother T. D. Butler of Agua Dulce, which occurred the 27th of July at Robstown. This editor knew Brother Butler at Coleman and was his pastor for some years. He was a really good man, always interested in the work of the Kingdom, always standing for the things that were forward-looking, hopeful of the best. We shall miss him. He leaves a number of children and the wife. For them we express our sincere sympathy and commend them to the grace of the Lord that faileth not in hours of sorrow.

—Rev. B. S. Franklin has resigned his pastorate at Alice and has accepted the place of secretary for the Hospital at Harlingen. It will be his duty to collect money through the Valley and adjoining sections for the relief of the Hospital. During his two years'

pastorate at Alice Brother Franklin has done a very fine work and his brethren regret to lose him. The Corpus Christi Association and whole area regrets to lose him, but prays God to speed him as he goes to this new important task. During the two years Brother Franklin served Alice the membership practically doubled.

—Miss Nathalie McKey of Taylor has been employed jointly by the First Baptist Church of Kingsville, and the Baptist Student Union, a department of our State Board, as student secretary to work among students at The South Texas State Teachers College at Kingsville. She will commence her work at the opening of the fall term, September 22. Miss McKey is an alumna of Rusk College and Howard Payne College, and has a fine record behind her as a worker in the B. S. U. She will be given a very hearty welcome in Southwest Texas, and we are hopeful that her experience in this end of the world will be profitable to the Kingdom and pleasant to her.

—Now isn't this news that comes from Missionary R. L. Cole of Guadalupe Association: "Victoria is making wonderful progress. They have about completed the first unit of their new church building and it is a thing of beauty and utility. Carson is preaching to crowded houses and receiving new members all the time. The church is on the budget with all debts paid every month and money in the treasury. Some mighty fine laymen here are being developed and are coming to the front. This is Carson's first pastorate. He would be hard to duplicate." Victoria has been regarded as an almost impossible Baptist situation, but this turn in the tide is reassuring. Pastor A. J. Carson went to work and laid out the work on an orderly basis and kept everlastingly at it with this fine result.

—Pastor O. J. Cole of Bishop, was in the State capital during this week meeting his daughter, Miss Mary, as she returned from North Texas.

—Dr. Leander S. Keyser of the Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, made a speech before a fundamentalist gathering at Chicago the other day in which he stated that fundamentalists and modernists will never be able to agree and that the breach will grow constantly wider between them. His reasons given were, "modernists place human reason above the Scriptures, while fundamentalists believe the Bible is supreme; and because of the six fundamentalist beliefs that modernists scoff at, namely: the full deity of Christ, the virgin birth of Christ, the atoning death of Christ for the transgressions of the people, the existence of angels, the existence of evil spirits, the visible second coming of Christ." It is increasingly evident that Christians are destined to divide upon this issue and in time become two distinct bodies. The slough from Baptists in the South will be slight; in the Northern Convention it will probably be more serious.

—American Methodists have a movement on foot to build a great central university for their denomination at Kansas City at an aggregate cost of five million dollars.

The present generation says a great many things to hear itself talk—and then it goes ahead and does just about what folks have been doing for a couple of thousand years.

He does most to Christianize the world and to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God who does most to make thoroughly Christian the United States.—Josiah Strong.

GOOD NEWS FROM GUADALUPE ASSOCIATION

By Missionary R. L. Cole

Our work in Guadalupe Association has made substantial growth this year. Former Missionary King, now of your association, left his tracks here.

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Bloomington under the leadership of R. I. Woods is rounding out a year of constructive work. They have purchased a beautiful pastor's home, made substantial payment on a fine church building, and kept up their part on denominational programs.

Brother Hollan preaches at Crescent Valley, and Lone Mott, Crescent Valley, has built a beautiful meeting house. Brother Storms, an ex-pastor, assisted in a good meeting there. Brother Herbert Reynolds preaches at Seadrift, and has wrought well there for two years.

Brother S. C. Othrum of Port Lavaca is out of the hospital after a serious operation, and is preaching again. The church recently closed a good meeting.

A. H. Clark is doing a good work at Cuero. No better man anywhere. The church set aside the building program on account of drought.

Warren Mailer, one of our young men, preaches at Edgar, Hebron and Drift. God is graciously using him.

Parker preaches at Hochheim, and Concrete. Hochheim has built a modern pastor's home, is on the budget and growing all the time. Concrete has been pulled back together and a number of good people have been baptized.

The work at Yoakum under Kellam and Moore is growing steadily. Moore's church has made a substantial increase in pastor's salary.

E. W. Griffith, ordained last spring, has evangelized all over Lavaca county, and has been wonderfully blessed. He is a remarkable man, and would be heard with interest anywhere. Brother Green, recently from Baylor, is getting the work under way at Hallettsville. He has made a fine impression on all.

Andy Moy preaches at Red Bluff. L. C. Garrison assisted him there in a good meeting.

Edna so far as I know is our only pastorless church. Garrison held a good meeting there.

The Association has been evangelized throughout this year, and a good report will be made at the Association. The Association meets at Cuero September 24th. Come and be with us.

The Missionary recently sustained the loss by death of his youngest son in Galveston. He was a Christian and a member of Broadway church.

The church has no rival, because it is divine.

The fire of the Lord will not consume a sacrifice which is not on the altar.

If you want to know what boys and girls really are, watch them at play; if you want to control what they are to become, direct their play.

Young People's Activities

L. L. LEGGETT, Editor

Were you ever on the program?
No, you must not read your part!
And I know you stay for preaching,
Is this work right on your heart?
Shame on you old lazy members—
Have you done your very best?
Oh, I know you're very busy,
But not more than all the rest.
Read, O read, your Bible daily!
Study up your lesson, too!
We're as good as any Union.
There's not a thing that we can't do.
—Adapted.

Director McDonald of the First Church Corpus Christi reports the organization of a Primary Union in his church. This gives him the five departments in the graded program and marks another step in his march toward the Standard of Excellence for his Unions. Mrs. H. N. Satterwhite is the leader of the Primary Union and a splendid membership and high class of work is expected. About twenty members will compose the class. McDonald is surely full of pep and working at his job—and is getting results, of course.

London is beginning to get ready for the Associational B. Y. P. U. meeting on August 30th. They are expecting a large crowd from all over the association, and they will be disappointed if every union is not represented. Let's make this a fine-spirited representative meeting.

It is hoped to have an unusually good program at the London meeting. No doubt the program committee is working out something out of the ordinary. If they call on you, be sure to Bring Your Part Up.

In last week's issue of the Baptist Standard there appeared an appreciation of our beloved "Big Chief" Gardner, as given him at the Palacios Encampment this year. It is a beautiful tribute to our leader and well deserved. We join with all other admiring followers of our enthusiastic leader in saying that we love him, we appreciate his life and work, and we wish for him another ten years of constructive leadership in Texas. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon him.

All B. Y. P. U. Secretaries, take notice. Bring with you to the London meeting a complete report—of your Union and its activities since the last report. These are very necessary.

SURPRISING RECEPTION

This editor has been flooded with letters this week commending his reply to Secretary Groner in last week's issue. Our dear Secretary and brethren leaders would open their eyes if

they should see some of these letters. From whom do they come? From bolsheviks who do not co-operate? Not a one of them is from such a person. Every one who has written is a brother in good standing through all the years and now and always co-operant with our Baptist state work. Their work has proved their loyalty through all the years. What ails them? Have they suddenly gone mad? Nothing of the sort—they are Baptists and insist on the rights of Baptists, particularly the right of Baptist free speech. 'One leading brother says, "I think it a pity that a Baptist leader should get so excited because a Baptist editor dared question his wisdom at one point." Another whose service has been for a term of years almost equal to the lifetime of this editor, says, "And you have it right when you say that brethren are afraid to speak out. They will be marked and ostracized." A prominent layman writes, "We are surprised at (Secretary) Groner's attack on your editorial, which was short and to the point and very fair." And so it goes. If this editor is wrong, he is in a big rowd that is wrong, but we all keep co-operating and helping to pay the bills of the State Board, and shall continue.

PAISANO ENCAMPMENT By I. E. Gates

We had a great Encampment at Paisano, although it rained almost every day while the Encampment was in progress. But we had great crowds throughout and especially on the closing Sunday. The collection on Sunday morning for the expenses went beyond \$10,000 in cash, including what the directors would add to the offering of the congregation, the congregation giving \$4,250 in cash. We had quite a number of conversions.

MR. BRYAN AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Continued from first page)

classes according to scholarship, where possible and by lot until scholarship is tested. I would like the boys to wear a uniform made of blue and gray to symbolize the reunion of the North and South. If it is impossible to establish such an academy then the trustees of this fund shall distribute it among boys' schools, selecting schools as nearly like the one described above as possible, care being taken to see that the money is given only to schools that are firmly committed to orthodox Christianity, including the making of man by separate act of God's image, the Virgin Birth and the bodily resurrection of the Savior. I regard supernatural and revealed religion as given in the Bible as the only religion that exerts a controlling influence on our lives. If this money is divided among several colleges, I would like to have it invested and the income loaned to needy students—not over one-half his annual college expenses, so that he will earn the other half—and when collected return to the revolving fund."

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PRAYING FOR RAIN

"Plain Talk-News" published semi-monthly at Caldwell, publishes a call in its last issue for a citizens' mass meeting at Caldwell for the 14th to pray for rain. So serious is the drouth condition that heaven is being besought to relieve the distress. The whole south half of the state is in the grip of one of the worst drouths it has ever suffered. No general rains have fallen in two years and in many quarters the people are in pitiable plight. Men are urging that the legislature assemble to grant relief to the devastated areas.

We do not know what effect praying for rain will have in relieving the situation, but certainly it is a time to pray. There is no question in this writer's mind but that disasters come on people in order to make them thoughtful and cause them to look up toward God and spiritual things. Pastor Judd Holt expressed our feeling when he said that God has so arranged things that the mad plans of men come to nought when they forget Him. If drouth enriches us spiritually, then it has worked blessing, and the price is not too much to pay. It is a pity that human souls must feel the pinch of want before they turn away from the material to the spiritual, but it is glorious that our heavenly Father so arranges things that we do feel need and in desperation turn toward the source of all good and power. Blessed be drouth, then, and may heaven grant us grace to learn our lesson and get everlasting profit out of disaster.

SELF-DEFENSE UNDIGNIFIED

One of our policies, speaking editorially, is never to resort to self-defense. It appears undignified. Our friends know us and do not need it, and our enemies would not believe what we say. So we do not waste any time on self-defense.

Self-defense is a partial acknowledgment that one is in the wrong. The sincere man will never get off half-primed, but will measure his words before he utters them. Having said them with conviction backing him, then there is nothing to take back, nor is it needful to justify them. One may be wrong in his premises and hence in his conclusions, and as a result may do harm to a cause or a person. No soul can be infallible, and information must be trusted where it cannot be positively verified; the character of the persons through whom it comes makes the information reliable or unreliable.

What if one discovers that he is in error? There is but one honorable thing to do in such cases and that is to acknowledge such error and seek to mend whatever hurt has been done. There is real dignity in confession when confession is justified.

It may be that explanations of why one does a given thing should be made so that one should not be misjudged and a cause suffer. We can imagine cases where a newspaper should explain its utterances for the sake of fairness. We can see how any person in public leadership could properly explain any action when such action would be capable of misinterpretation.

An education should include knowledge of what to do with it.

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CONCERNING FREE, FRANK AND OPEN DISCUSSION

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the money when given was put in the fire and burned or put in a bag and a rock tied to it and sent to the bottom of the Atlantic he would not have missed the mark much farther. Our campaign principles as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, and our State Convention, and State Executive Board, and our various associations over Texas, provide that designated funds shall go to the cause to which they are designated, and that that cause shall receive this amount in addition to its regular allocation. This policy is followed out literally, conscientiously, and with unflinching consistency here in Texas. No other cause participates even to the extent of one dollar or one dime or one penny in such designation. No other cause in any wise, directly or indirectly "is benefited by such gift." For instance, during the present calendar year several thousand dollars have come to our office designated to Foreign Missions, and this amount has been sent to the Foreign Mission Board as an "over and above" and no other cause has received any part of such donation.

This shows how easy it is to do the cause a grave injustice. The statement above referred to was circulated over a certain section of Texas, and other statements equally as incorrect, though no doubt conscientiously made. If such statement or statements were made in a general, free for all conference like the one here proposed we would have the opportunity then and there promptly to correct same and brethren would not go away with such an idea in their minds.

In an article in the Standard of July 30 it was said by another brother that people have balked at having someone to stand by and say, "Here! Here! Drop it in this bag or you will not get credit for it. We will divide it as we want it to go. You have no right to say in the matter." Now, think of the seriousness of this statement. "You will not get any credit for it." Every church and every brother receives credit for every remittance that comes to our Dallas office, and I am sure that due credit is given for every remittance that is sent direct to any cause or any institution. "We will divide it as we want it to go. You have no right to say in the matter." Our office does not divide it as "we" want it to go nor have "we" any say about it. We divide it all as we have been instructed by the Convention itself and by the associations according to the percentage basis adopted by the various associations in Texas last year. The fact is, "we" do not have the say as to where it shall go but "you" and "they," the Baptists over Texas, are the ones that have the say and our Board and its Executive Office divides all funds received according to instructions given by the Baptists of this state.

Let us have at least one-half day, and as much longer as may be necessary for such a general discussion of the work. Let us ask and answer and meet and consider all such questions and all such reports as the above. I believe it will do untold good. One thing I am sure of, and that is that our Baptist people do not want to believe things about their brethren or about the work which are untrue, therefore we ought to give everybody an opportunity to inquire about, to learn about, to know about, and to know all that can be known about our work.

MODERN ROMANCE

The story of Leopold Schepp is worthy of repetition. Mr. Schepp manufactured coconut products and his name was well known in every American kitchen. He has established a Foundation and the ideals and plans of it are worthy of earnest consideration. Its main purpose is to help boys. But read the story as the newspapers carried it:

Trustees of the Leopold Schepp Foundation, organized to administer a \$2,500,000 gift by Mr. Schepp to aid boys, have adopted a pledge to be subscribed to by boys desiring to share in the benefits of the foundation.

Gifts of \$200 for each boy faithfully keeping the pledge for three years, and provision for five annual collegiate scholarships, are made available from the fund. The cash gifts are designed to help the boys get started in business for themselves or to advance their education.

Mr. Schepp started in business 65 years ago with a cash capital of 18 cents and has accumulated several millions of dollars.

Following is the pledge to be taken: "Desiring to share the benefits of the Leopold Schepp Foundation, I hereby pledge my best efforts to be worthy of the aid and encouragement which it offers.

"First—To remember my accountability to my Maker, and endeavor with God's help to keep His commandments and daily seek His favor.

"Second—To be loyal to my country, to obey the laws of the land which I live in, or in which I may sojourn.

"Third—To honor my parents and all to whom honor is due.

"Fourth—To be honest in all my dealings and endeavor to observe the rule: 'Whosoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.'

"Fifth—To abstain from all intoxicating drinks and harmful drugs.

"Sixth—To avoid the practice of gambling in any form.

"Seventh—To shun evil companions and avail myself of such moral and religious influences as are within my reach.

"Eighth—To cultivate those manly qualities which will fit me for good citizenship and for an honorable life.

"If I am prospered in my career I shall count it a duty and a privilege to return to the foundation what it has expended on my behalf, in order that it may extend like privileges to other deserving boys."

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIDE

Says the Atlantic City Evening Union: "Let one of the opposition advance a proposition, and instantly bigoted partisans pronounce it unsound—not because it analyzes unsatisfactorily, but simply because it is fathered by one of the opposition camp." "Bigotry Rampant" is the editorial this quotation is taken from, and the editorial as a whole deals with political bigotry especially, though mentioning religious bigotry.

Which reminds us that a rule obtains with many people to choose their side of a question by taking the opposite of some other person. That rule is often used in politics, and in matters related to religion. Is it a safe rule? It may result disastrously. One may become so obsessed of dislike for another that he can see no good in anything the other person does or advocates. In the last analysis such persons take a position as a matter of antagonizing the one they dislike.

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AS TO POLICIES

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It is always a mistake for the Board to declare war and then leave it to one man to do the fighting, and incidentally to take all the blame. Practically all our Texas Baptists are fundamentalists if the term be properly applied. To attack all the group because some brethren "with unsavory reputations" espouse the cause is a mistake.

My plea is for a policy that will enlist and not alienate. In our present predicament we need every Baptist with all the influence he can muster to help us pull out of the difficult situation in which we find ourselves. Of course, we do not want to compromise where there is principle involved, neither do we wish to divide over inconsequential differences of opinion. If we would spend less time trying to keep somebody from going somewhere or doing something, and spend more time trying to get somebody to go some where or do something, we would ourselves go further and do more. Let's adopt an inclusive policy and not an exclusive one.

Patience and a mulberry leaf will make a silk gown.—Chinese Proverb.

without ever weighing the merits of the situation.

It looks like this rule has been worked in many cases in our own denomination, both in Texas and in the Southern Baptist Convention. If any one of a half dozen men advocate any given thing, or mention it, other Baptists will immediately take the opposite position.

Baptists ought to take positions that will bear the scrutiny of reasoning. This is true with respect to doctrinal utterances, denominational policies, methods of work. Above all Baptists ought to refuse to let a feeling of aversion cause them to take any given position on any given question.

GATES GOES TO COWBOY ENCAMPMENT

I go next week to the Skillman Grove Encampment in the Davis Mountains proper. This meeting has been going for thirty-six years. I am expecting a great time out there with the cowboys of the West. This will be my last meeting for some time, as we open our new church in September. Our church is about finished. We are now ready for seating it and I will certainly be glad for the opportunity of preaching in that great auditorium.

—I. E. GATES.

Kickers don't pull and pullers don't kick.

It seems almost criminal to haggle over state rights versus federal rights when the only determining factor should be children's rights.—Christian Work.

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