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## LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT BEGINS FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

As this issue of the West Texas Baptist goes to press, the fourth annual session of the Lueders Baptist Encampment is in full swing with a promise of a record breaking attendance and a constructive session from every standpoint.

Tuesday morning a north wind swept across West Texas, making the weather ideal for a great meeting of this kind. The program is being carried out as scheduled. Emphasis is being placed on both the evangelistic and the teaching phases of the encampment. Dr. Walter Alexander of Rock Hill, S. C. is bringing some great messages. This encampment is one great Christian army gathered from one of the greatest sections of the State to carry on for ten days for the constructive kingdom work of Christ.

The physical conditions for the encampment this year are ideal. The continuous rains for the past months have made the entire country a variable paradise. The camp grounds are covered with a splendid coat of mesquite grass, plenty of tents, cots and other camping equipment are on hand and everybody is happy.

The boy scouts, as usual are rendering a great service in carrying for the traffic. It is nothing short of marvelous the way these boys handle the thousands of visitors without a single mishap.

### WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS ARE BANNED BY BAPTIST COLLEGE

Drinking, dancing, wearing of short skirts, use of tobacco and excessive use of rouge are all under the ban of the Montezuma Baptist College, Montezuma, N. M. At a recent meeting of the board of trustees of that institution it was voted that any student or member of the faculty transgressing the rule barring any of these practices should be promptly dismissed.

### TEN LITTLE ROCK PERSONS OFFER SKIN TO SAVE LIFE OF HOSPITAL PATIENT

Indicating that there is still a lot of unselfishness in the world, ten persons at Little Rock, Ark., recently volunteered to furnish the extra skin necessary to save the life of J. Oscar Murphy, of Gillett, Ark., when he was severely burned as a result of a gasoline explosion at his home. More persons proffered their services then were needed, the physicians announced. The grafting was entirely successful.

### MEETING AT ROBERT LEE

I have just been in a meeting at Robert Lee where Brother S. E. Milam is pastor. We had 18 additions, 10 of them for baptism. Robert Milam of Brownwood did the preaching. He is one of the best young preachers I have ever heard in a meeting. He finishes his work in Howard Payne next year. He is a young man of great promise and possibilities as a preacher of the word.

I am now at Elliasville with M. F. Richardson, the pastor, doing the preaching. The work here goes well. On account of shifting dates I have August 1st to 15th open for a meeting somewhere. Also have some open dates later on.

Your West Texas Baptist is a real "Baptist News" paper, and is filling a long felt want in West Texas. Believe me, I like its "complexion" all the way round. Blessings on you.

Yours cordially,  
HUGH L. HIETT.  
P. S.—My next meeting after this is Eula, Texas, July 22 to Aug. 1st. Marcellus Watkins of Lorenzo will do the preaching.

### LOUISVILLE PASTORS ARE READY ORGANIZED FOR 1927

In order that everything may be in the best possible shape for the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville the first week in May, 1927, the Baptist Ministers' Conference of that city has already perfected organization and named the chairmen of its various committees.

Pastor H. H. Stephens of the First Church, Winters, filled the pulpit at the College Heights Church, Abilene, Sunday morning and evening. Pastor C. A. Powell of the College Heights Church, who was granted two months vacation to recuperate his health, was in Abilene a few days the past week. He expects to spend the next month on a trip to New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona.

### HOME BOARD ADOPTS AN \$835,000 BUDGET

DR. GRAY IS RE-ELECTED SECRETARY FOR 24TH YEAR;  
SEAY SUCCEEDS PURSER

With a budget of approximately \$835,000 the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will conduct its work this year. Of this amount there will be applied to co-operative missions and enlistment work, \$142,500; evangelism \$100,000; work in Panama and Cuba \$98,980; mountain schools \$97,809; independent and direct missions \$122,500; administration \$29,440; publicity \$14,000; National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, \$25,000; Bluefield College, Virginia, \$26,000; Jonesboro College, Arkansas, \$10,000; Southern Baptist Sanatorium, \$30,000; miscellaneous items \$57,750; and retirement of debt \$92,220.

Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Board for 23 years, was re-elected for the year, as were the other salaried employees of the body. Rev. W. M. Seay, of Atlanta, was chosen president of the board to succeed the late Dr. John F. Purser.

### HASKELL ASSOCIATION P. D. O'Brien

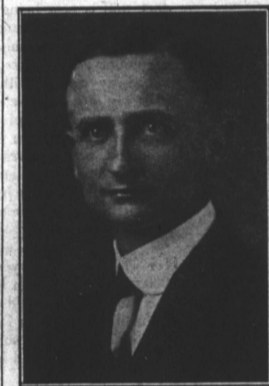
The Workers' Council of the Haskell Baptist Association met with the Smith Chapel church last week. The attendance was very satisfactory, considering the busy season of the year. Most of the churches of the Association were represented in the meeting. A very strong program had been prepared, and was carried out to the letter. As we are nearing the revival meeting season, the subjects discussed were grouped around the great pattern revival at Pentecost. Rev. I. N. Alvis discussed the place of Christ in the Jerusalem church. In a very strong address he showed how Christ was given His rightful place in this first church by being made the center of its worship, and all other activities. He was followed by Rev. V. W. Tatum, pastor of the Weibert Baptist church, who discussed the place of the Holy Spirit in the Jerusalem church. Brother Tatum showed us how it was by the power, wisdom and leadership of the Holy Spirit that the great work was done at Pentecost and afterward by the great first church. He was followed by Mrs. Whieker of Haskell, who gave a very able discussion of the woman's part in the work of the church. She reviewed the work of the women in the past few years, showing how, through organization and education, they have been able to raise millions of dollars for the cause, and do a vast amount of personal service, along with other vital causes fostered by them. She went to the Scriptures for her beginning and made some very apt applications of her texts. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. W. H. Albertson of Haskell discussed the place of prayer in the Jerusalem church. In this address he brought the morning service to a glorious climax, bringing to his discussion some well arranged and well thought out points on the all-important subject of prayer. Each of the speakers mentioned showed how the churches of today may profit by following the same lines pursued by the Jerusalem church. At noon a very sumptuous lunch was spread by the ladies of the Smith Chapel church. It was indeed an old-fashioned "dinner on the ground." And the crowd present made it unanimous in proving by their actions that they enjoyed this part of the program.

The afternoon session was given over largely to business. The devotional was conducted by Rev. R. Neal Greer of Rule. He gave a very helpful interpretation of the great seventeenth chapter of John. In the meeting of the executive board it was decided to wait until fall to take up the work of building the home for the missionary. Plans were perfected for a revival in each community of the Association during the summer. In many instances it is planned to use young preachers from the theological department of Simmons University in these meetings. It was decided that we shall not attempt to have another general meeting before the annual session of the Association which will meet the first week in September.

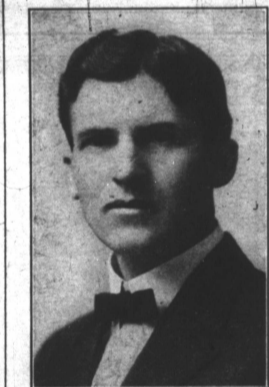
Rev. Scott of Crosbyton was present in the afternoon session and brought a word of greeting from his section. Also we were glad to have as our guest for the entire day Mr. Free of the Haskell Free Press. Mr.



PRESIDENT C. M. CALDWELL AND WIFE, ABILENE  
The success of the Lueders Encampment is due largely to the untiring efforts of its president, Judge Caldwell of Abilene, and Col. R. L. Penick of Stamford. The Judge makes an ideal presiding officer and he keeps everybody in good humor and the encampment machinery in good running order.



Rev. R. Neal Greer, Pastor of the First Church, Rule, who is in charge of the Women's Prayer Conferences and the prayer meetings.



J. CARTER KING,  
of Albany, one of the directors of Lueders Baptist Encampment.

### BAPTISTS WILL SEEK HALF MILLION TITHERS

Proposed Quotas in Accomplishment of This Task Suggested to Various States

Having been instructed by the Southern Baptist Convention to inaugurate a campaign for the enlistment of 500,000 tithers among Southern Baptists during the new Convention year, the Co-operative Program Commission, through its promotion committee of 12, has apportioned this objective among the various states comprising the Convention's territory.

The apportionment made upon the basis of the numerical strength of the Baptist membership in the various states, and the number of tithers which each state will be asked to enroll is as follows: Alabama 37,850, Arkansas 21,250, District of Columbia 2,000, Florida 13,650, Georgia 55,950, Illinois 8,700, Kentucky 42,950, Louisiana 16,800, Maryland 2,450, Mississippi 30,000, Missouri 31,400, New Mexico 1,500, North Carolina 50,000, Oklahoma 17,000, South Carolina 29,500, Tennessee 37,500, Texas 71,500 and Virginia 30,000.

Free had a few remarks to make concerning the singing school normal to be held in Haskell at the Baptist church, beginning the second day of August. Churches of this section are urged to send their leaders to this normal, as there will be a special class for leaders.—Haskell Free Press.

### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

The West Texas Baptist will not be published next week. There are two reasons for this. In the first place there are five publication days in this month, and we feel that it will not be necessary to issue the fifth number. Then, the editor will be extremely busy holding a meeting with his church at Wilmett, Runnels county, and attending encampments. The next issue will appear July 29. This will be right in the midst of the summer revival season, and we are anxious to have full reports of the meetings over this great Western section of the State. Brother Pastor and Missionary, will you not send in for that issue a report of your meetings? A post card will do the work.

The first issue in August will be a special W. M. U. number, and full reports of the women's work in the Abilene district will be given. We will also be glad to receive reports from W. M. U. work in other districts.

### SOME WORDS OF APPRECIATION

To the West Texas Baptist:  
I take this method of expressing my gratitude to the Brethren and sisters who manifested so much interest in us through our long months of intense suffering.

We can't forget the many phone calls, and letters that come assuring the interest and prayers of the senders; also the many who come to visit our home through these days, who were not admitted to the sick room.

Mention must be made of the kindness of Brethren, Malone, Pope, Lindly, Henry Munroe, Webb, and Henry Littleton, for looking after the church work at Lueders while we could not help ourselves.

We could not fail to mention the good churches of Tuxedo, Fairview, Anson, Hamlin, Bethel for their expressions of kindness and love.

We pray the blessings of Almighty God upon all of you, and assure you that we came out of those afflictions with an experience that is worth everything to me. The Lord does hear and answer prayers, and He is with us in our afflictions. One of the blessed experiences of those long weeks of awful suffering was to feel His blessed presence.

J. J. Gentry and Family  
P. S.—We must mention the fact that our own church at Lueders as well as our friends who were not members of the church were true and loyal.

It will not be out of place to mention our appreciation for the nice bouquets of flowers sent by the Anson Rebecca Lodge No. 8, and the many encouraging words from the Stamford Lodge No. 488. I. O. O. F.

By a bequest of Mrs. Sallie A. Culbertson, widow of the late U. S. Senator Chas. A. Culbertson of Texas, the charity fund of Baylor Hospital, of Dallas, comes into possession of \$25,000.

Missionary J. W. Read of the Haskell Association is assisting Pastor Edward Dickson and the Weaver Church in a revival this week. The missionary's large tent is being used for the services.



L. L. F. Parker, Pastor Spur, Texas, who is one of the encampment teachers.

### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MAKE FINE RECORD IN PAST 25 YEARS

Here are some rather startling and highly interesting facts revealed in a survey of Southern Baptist finances for the past twenty-five years—from 1900 to 1925—just completed by Dr. E. P. Allredge of the statistical department of the Baptist Sunday School Board:

1. The church membership has grown in that time from 1,957,996 to 3,649,330, a gain of 1,991,334 or 120.1 per cent.
2. Annual contributions to local church objects have grown from \$2,674,794.53 in 1900 to \$30,771,574.28, in 1925, a gain of \$28,196,779.75 or 1,095.1 per cent.
3. Per capita contributions to local church expenses have grown from \$1.56 in 1900 to \$8.43 in 1925, and increase of \$6.87, or 440.3 per cent.
4. Annual contributions to missions and benevolences have increased from \$881,219.40 in 1900 to \$8,255,435.08 in 1925, an advance of \$7,374,215.68, or 836.9 per cent.
5. Per capita contributions to missions and benevolences have grown from 53 cents in 1900 to \$2.26 in 1925, a gain of \$1.73, or 326.4 per cent.
6. Our per capita contributions to missions and benevolences in 1925 were \$2.26 as compared to \$8.43 for local church expenses. In other words, Southern Baptists are putting practically four times as much money into their local work as they are into the task of extending the Kingdom of God beyond their own borders.
7. Our per capita and total contributions to local church expenses are increasing rapidly in recent years, while our per capita and total contributions to missions and benevolences are declining each year. To illustrate, let us take the record of the seven years from 1919 to 1925 inclusive. The per capita contributions for local church purposes for those years were \$4.73, \$6.62, \$6.98, \$7.17, \$7.69 and \$8.43, whereas the per capita contributions to missions and benevolences for the corresponding years were \$2.47, \$4.45, \$3.54, \$2.92, \$2.86, \$2.75 and \$2.26.

That our people have the money with which to support the work of the churches is plainly shown by the rapid and steady growth in their gifts to local church objects. We are persuaded our people will greatly increase their gifts to missions and benevolences if our pastors and their helpers in the local churches will give themselves the fires of missionary and evangelistic passion.

## POST BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SESSION

### S. S. BOARD APPROVES RETIREMENT PLAN

Budget of \$402,000 for Denominational Work for Year Adopted by Publishing Agency

Inaugurating a new policy among Southern Baptist organizations the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at its recent annual session voted to establish an early date a retirement allowance for the employees of that organization. Dr. I. J. Van Ness, corresponding secretary and treasurer, was instructed to work out a proposed schedule of allowances and report this to the next annual meeting of the Board.

Appropriations in the sum of \$402,450 were made to various forms of denominational work during the new Convention year, this being the largest budget of denominational service that has yet been made by the Board. This budget will be directed as follows: Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. departments, general field work and statistical work \$226,000; cooperative work, general and state boards, churches, etc. \$142,000; miscellaneous \$34,250.

Dr. Van Ness was authorized to continue to represent the Sunday School Board in cooperation with Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, president of the Baptist World Alliance, in the production of a motion picture of Baptist history from the ministry of John the Baptist to the present time.

### Hold S. S. Conference in January

The Board gave its cordial approval to the recommendation of the secretary that there be held in Memphis, January 1 to 21, 1927, a Southwide Conference for workers in all departments of Baptist Sunday school work. The conference will supersede the Organized Class Conference that has been held for the past four years. While the conference will have several mass meetings for inspirational purposes, there will be group meetings for every department of work represented in the local Sunday schools. It is expected this gathering will bring together several thousand workers from every section of the Convention's territory.

### MEETING AT CROSS PLAINS

I am at present with Pastor H. O. Hearn and the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains in a meeting. Indications are that God is going to give us a great revival of religion. There were five professions of faith last night, with a spirit of deep conviction present. Thursday night a group of us tarried till two o'clock in the morning in prayer at the tabernacle. God gave us the victory at that time. This being an oil town makes it exceedingly difficult but our God laughs at difficulties. I am speaking four times daily. Each afternoon we have street services and have good crowds to hear God's word there. Miss Wilmer Tripp is rendering excellent service at the piano. Brother Dennis is assisting in the conducting of the music.

Blessings on you and your West Texas Baptist.  
Sincerely,  
William C. Ashford

The second annual session of the Post Encampment which closed Sunday was a great success from every point of view, according to Dr. E. B. Atwood of the Bible department of Simmons University, who was one of the teachers in the encampment. There were some two or three hundred campers on the ground and the largest attendance reached above one thousand.

Dr. M. T. Andrews of Texarkana, the encampment speaker brought some great messages on "The Holy Spirit." Dr. Atwood conducted the daily quiet periods, giving the campers some good messages on the Psalms. Secretaries Harold and Gardner were on hand to look after the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. The enrollment was good in all the study classes, and constructive work was done. Mrs. Whitaker of Post conducted the W. M. U. work in a creditable manner.

The athletic events were in charge of Coach Y. P. Kuhn of Simmons University, and in his characteristic way he made everybody have a good time.

Pastors Dick, Ball, Hardesty, Shepherd, Bowen and others contributed much in making the encampment a very successful event. Pastor W. D. Bowen of Lubbock is president of the encampment for the coming year and John P. Hardesty is secretary-treasurer.

The date for next year's encampment was set to begin July 18.

### SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION Jno. W. Newsom

Brother Reynolds of McCaully recently closed a meeting with the Lamar Street Baptist church of Sweetwater in which there were 19 additions to the church. Brother W. I. Taylor of Simmons University conducted the song service.

Brother W. Henry Haney, Association worker for Sweetwater Association has been busy this summer in training schools. He has one more date which is not taken. If you want that date you had better get in touch with him at once.

Rev. Chas. T. Whaley reports 43 additions to the church in Sweetwater in the last three Sundays. This good church is in a continual revival these days. This is a normal condition for a church.

Evangelist John G. Winsett begins his third meeting with the church at Roby, Texas third Sunday in July. Not many evangelists who can go the third time to the same place for a meeting.

The Avelon Church in Fisher County will begin their Summer Revival the fourth Sunday in August. Brother J. L. Mitchell of Simmons University is the pastor.

The Caddo Church in Stephens County has recently called two of our best men from this Association, Rev. E. K. Dougherty of Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, and Rev. J. L. Mitchell of Abilene, Texas, but neither of them accepted the work.

Rev. Walter Alexander, of Rock Hill, S. C., who is the encampment pastor for the Lueders Encampment this week, preached at the First at Stamford Sunday. Brother Alexander is a former pastor of that church.

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### "WHAT IS THE MATTER?"

Have you heard any one ask that question in the last year, having reference to our Baptist work in Georgia and throughout the South? If you have not, you have evidently been traveling in distant lands and have not yet been at home long enough to take off your hat and eat a meal. Everybody is asking this question. Nobody is answering it.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a brief statement from Mr. Frank Burkhalter, quoting from a recent statistical survey of the past twenty-five years by Dr. E. P. Alldredge. We hope everyone who reads anything in this week's issue will read that statement from Mr. Burkhalter, and, having read it, ponder what it signifies.

It is encouraging to see how much more we are giving in 1925 than we were giving in 1900. The figures vary with varying conditions each year during the quarter of a century, but for the period there is a healthy increase in the amount of money given to church work. It is true that in the last few years we have suffered the decline in gifts to missions, education and benevolence which accounts for everybody's asking "What is the matter?"

As a matter of fact we must answer this question as individuals and not en masse. A brother was riding on the train the other day and had gathered about him several Georgia Baptists. He was ripping and rearing about the decline in receipts. He attributed the decline to "the lack of faith in our leadership." One of his listeners asked him who "the leaders" were. He did not answer. We are not helping the situation any by raising questions in the minds of our people about somebody else not doing his or her duty. If there are persons employed by the denomination who are not doing their duty, they should be dealt with directly by the committees under whom they operate and complaints should be lodged with such committees.

No. We can't settle it by laying the blame on somebody else. The majority of our people do not know who the so-called denominational leaders are. They are not interested in them. They are interested in this attractive world which is getting so close to them from so many directions. They are thinking about the sort of motor car in their personal garage rather than their obligation to further the cause of Christ to earth's remotest bounds. It is personal, intensely personal.

How are you going to remedy this situation? How are you going to get the people to give their money to missions and education and benevolence?

By telling them about the needs of the world for the sort of service which these agencies render. That is the only way. Preachers can do more than anybody else to change the drift of our people toward local goals and personal pleasures. If the preachers of Georgia would go back to preaching missions like they did for a few weeks in the fall of 1919, we would see a vast change in the receipts. If the teachers of our organized Sunday School classes would acquaint their classes with the actual facts regarding our work in missionary, benevolent and educational endeavor, it would work wonders. If our deacons and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. groups were more explicitly and disinterestedly taught the facts regarding the world's need of Christ, they would not only respond in their gifts of money, but they would go out to do personal work as never before.

What is the matter? It is simply the matter of you and I getting deeply in earnest before God to find out what it is we must do in our own hearts and lives to satisfy His expectation of us as His children. If it is to preach the whole gospel let us do it now. If it is to obey the whole gospel, let us do it now. But let us be very, very certain that we begin in our own hearts and lives.

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### A DISTINCTION

Did you ever think of the difference between religion and salvation? There is a vital difference, salvation is the gift of God. Rom. 6:23, Eph. 2:8; Religion is what one does, right or wrong. The Christ-denying Jew is religious, but he does not have salvation. The Christian Scientist is religious but if true to his teachings, he is not saved; the Mohammedan is very religious, but he is far from being a child of God through faith in Christ. The heathen people that heard Paul preach on Mars' hill were religious for Paul said to them, "I perceive that in all things you are very religious," but they were unregenerate sinners.

With this distinction in mind, it is easy to see that one may lose his religion. I never heard of this being denied, did you? But salvation which is God's gift to the sinner on condition of repentance and faith in Christ can never be lost, John 3:18-36; 5:24; 10:27-29; Rom. 8:1; 35-39. True Christians work because they are clothed by grace of God; religionists work that they may be clothed. These first leaf aprons that Adam and Eve made did not hide nakedness; they had to have garments provided by the Lord. And so must you, my friend, before you can ever stand acceptably before God. We frequently lose our fellowship with God.—Land.

### BEGINNING OF EVIL

When Achan stole the Babylonish garment and 200 shekels of silver, and the wedge of gold, the record says he first saw them, and then he coveted them, and then he took them, and last he hid them. His eyes went wrong then his heart, then his hands, and then his feet. If at first he had minded his eyes he would have escaped the whole tragic business. It is a parable with present day applications.

I am sick of opinions. I am weary to hear them. Give me solid, substantial religion; give me a humble, gentle lover of God and man; a man full of mercy and good faith, a man laying himself out in the work of Wesley. Ex.

"A rich man's son prepared himself to become an architect and contractor. When he was ready his father gave him his first contract. The young man thought he would make a big haul on the old man by putting in shoddy material. When all was finished, he presented his bill for the mansion to his father. The old man promptly paid the bill and then handed to the son a deed to the property: "This is your part of the inheritance," he said. With bitter regret the young man realized that every effort to cheat the old father had recoiled upon himself.

JUST SO, EVERY EFFORT ON THE PART OF A CHRISTIAN TO CHEAT GOD BY GIVING LESS THAN ONE SHOULD TO MISSIONS, or to live a compromising, worldly life recoils on the man or woman who does it. "The way of the transgressors is hard."—News and Truths.

### YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL IT—THEY KNOW IT

You don't have to tell how you live each day, You don't have to say if you work or you play; A tried, true barometer serves in the place— However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the deceit, that you bear in your heart Will not stay inside where it first got the start; For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace— What you wear in your heart you wear in your face.

If you've gambled and won in the great game of life, If you feel you have conquered the sorrow and strife; If you've played the game fair and you stand on first base, You don't have to say so, it shows on your face.

If you dissipate nights till the day is most nigh There is only one tattler, and one that won't lie; Since your facial barometer is right in its place— You don't have to tell folks, it shows in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live, For not what you get, but how much you can give; If you live close to God in His infinite grace— You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

Church Chimes,  
First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

political faith of our nation that we would oppose the compulsory reading of the Bible in our public schools. The rights of Catholics, and Jews, and even Pagans, if there be such among us, must be safeguarded, and if they oppose the reading of the Bible in the public schools, to force its reading contrary to their wishes would be to rob them of their religious rights.

### Some Recent Happenings

"Now in the light of all this, let us review some recent happenings in this country. There has recently been held in this country a worldwide Eucharist conference. Eucharist simply means what Baptists call the 'Memorial Supper of our Lord,' and what others of our Christian friends call 'The Communion.' Our Catholic friends claim that the bread is miraculously changed into the actual flesh of Jesus, and that the wine is like manner changed into the actual blood of Jesus. This we do not believe, but our Catholic friends have the right to believe and teach that if they want to. They have a right to hold a Eucharist conference when and where they want to. Tolerance is granting religious people who differ from you the right to their views and free exercise of the same, the same as you would ask of them.

"But here is where tolerance becomes intolerance. When Cardinal Bozanzo, personal representative of the Pope, and the other cardinals left Rome for the Eucharist conference in America, Mussolini, the Catholic well-nigh dictator of Italy, who has closed all Masonic lodges, and many of our Protestant churches, and has so hampered others that their work has become well nigh impossible, staged their departure as a great political event. The newspapers of Rome freely spoke of the political significance of the mission of these men and of the great conference itself to America.

On the arrival of Bozanzo and his cardinals at New York, they were received in state in the aldermanic room at the city hall by Mayor Walker and Governor Smith.

Genueflected and Osculated "The papal representative ascended the throne according to the newspapers' account of it and both the Mayor and the Governor 'genueflected,' and kissed the cardinal's ring. When you look up the word 'genueflected' you will find it to mean 'to kneel as in worship.' These officials knelt as in worship, and kissed the papal ring.

"One bowing in worship and one kissing was not enough for the Governor, so he later received him 'in the Governor's room,' and there 'genueflected' again, bowing in worship and kissing the ring.' Now these gentlemen have a perfect right to bow and worship the Pope or his representatives all they please, and do all the kissing they like as individual religionists who believe in that sort of thing, and we would defend that right, but when it comes to that sort of thing in an official capacity, it slaps in the face the glorious doctrine of religious tolerance in this country and becomes intolerance itself. As a great American editor has said, 'Every one who knows anything about it well understands nothing of the kind could have possibly occurred in connection with the visit of any Protestant ministers or ecclesiastics from abroad.'

"Officials should receive in kindness and dignity all honorable visitors regardless of what their private interests may be, religious or otherwise, but when it comes to enthroning the Pope's representative, and worshipping him, and kissing the ring blessed by the Pope, and doing it not as an individual but the representative of a great city as its Mayor, and of a great State as its Governor, there is where tolerance breaks down. Such conduct in America is intolerable.

### Intertwined Flags

"But the worst of this affair took place when the Stars and Stripes were intertwined with the Papal flag, the flag that represents the Pope's temporal power, a thing which does not now exist in fact, but which he has never surrendered in theory, and which he hopes to regain. No wonder a storm of oppression arose in Virginia against Gov. Al. coming to that State on July 4th to speak on the democracy of Thomas Jefferson. In the language of one of Virginia's great editors: "Can any one give a good reason for such procedure? Altogether, it is not about time for the country to sit up and take notice of what is going on in New York?"

### Tool of the Wets

"And this is the same Mayor Walker who has been making visits to the South in the interest of Al Smith for the Presidency. And this is the same Al Smith, tool of the wets, who would destroy prohibition and who wants to be President. If the Democrats of this nation are stupid enough to nominate him, then good-bye to 'solid South.'"

The Starnes-Cohen meeting with the First Church, Lamesa, was one of the greatest in the history of the church. Up to Thursday of last week there had been 125 additions to the church. The meeting closed Sunday night.

### RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Runnels County Association held its regular monthly workers' meeting with the Miles Church on Tuesday of last week. The editor of the Bronte Enterprise, who attended the meeting, gave the following good report of the proceedings:

The Enterprise editor had occasion to be in Miles Tuesday and while there attended part of the session of the Workers Meeting of the Runnels County Baptist Association, which was held there Tuesday.

The Association is comprised of Runnels county and part of Concho and Coke counties. Fort Chadbourne, Robert Lee, Bronte and Tennyson are included in the Association.

The day's program, as far as we were privileged to attend, was inter-

esting, dealing with the problems of the churches and their work, in a denominational way.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. M. Reynolds, pastor of the Baptist church at McCauley, who was passing through en route to Richland Springs, by invitation of the program committee, preached and brought a most splendid and helpful sermon, which was enjoyed by all who heard.

The executive board of the Association had a meeting in the afternoon in which Rev. J. R. McCorkle, the associational missionary, made a report of his work, which was interesting and showed that he has not let "the grass grow under his feet." Rev. McCorkle has been on the field ten months and his report showed that he has visited and preached at 32 different places during the time. He has made arrangements for summer revivals to be held at twelve dif-

ferent points, where there are no churches and regular worship. That sounds almost "heathenish," doesn't it?—that there are twelve communities in this section where religious worship is not held regularly. But, that's the work of the missionary, and Rev. McCorkle is measuring up to the requirement of his work.

The treasurer's report shows a healthy financial situation. All indebtedness had been met and there was a small balance in the treasury.

The good ladies of the Miles church served lunch, picnic style, in the Baptist parsonage, which was a sumptuous feast. The church is pastorless and hence the parsonage was vacant and the ladies of the church converted the residence into a dining hall.

Most of us wish we were some other place, but most of us would wish for same if we were.

## From Congressman Upshaw of Georgia "The Baptist Evangelist"

Washington, D. C., June 3, 1926.

"Rev. Millard A. Jenkins,  
"Pastor First Baptist Church,  
"Abilene, Texas.

"My dear Jenkins:

"Knowing your natural admiration for spunky loyalty to the things that are highest and best, I feel like I must congratulate you in particular, and the people of your Congressional District in general on the superb and heroic work which has been done and is now being done, by your hard working, plucky and able Congressman, Judge Thomas L. Blanton.

"You will remember that when I spoke several times in Abilene and the surrounding county, I paid frequent tribute to Blanton declaring, frankly, that while I had not always agreed with him on everything, that I must hand it to him as one of the most vigilant and useful members of the house. But since then Blanton has grown marvelously. His poise, his amazing industry, and his utter abandon to his concept of public duty, have become more and more the inspiration of every member of Congress, who believes in the triumph of personal and national honesty.

"Blanton's revelations in the case of Commissioner Fenning have caused a succession of sensations in the Nation's Capital, and in them he has practically stopped the method of his enemies and positively commanded the respect and admiration of the entire House.

"He has done a work lasting through many weary days and weeks, and months, for which some lawyers would have been paid anywhere from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00 if it had been handled from that standpoint. But with unselfish devotion to the cause of truth and humanity, he has exposed fraud and championed the cause of unfortunate veterans in a way not only to force remedial legislation in Washington, but to act as a wholesome deterrent against evil officials all over America. And your city and District, and indeed the whole State of Texas, ought to be proud of Thomas L. Blanton.

"With warmest greetings to all my Abilene friends, and praying God to make you and your great church an increasing blessing to Abilene, to Texas, and to the world, I am,

"Cordially yours,

"Wm. D. UPSHAW"

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## Could You Save a Life?

This is the time of year when the old swimmin' hole is at the height of its popularity. There is nothing quite so refreshing as a plunge into cool water in the heat of the dog days. It is great sport. But, like most other sports, swimming is fraught with danger. And in your newspaper nearly every day at this season of the year you may read where some life has been lost through carelessness or mischance in the water.

Many, many of those who are lost in this manner every year could and would be saved if prompt and intelligent rescue and first aid were at hand.

Every boy and girl, every man and woman should know first of all how to swim. And in addition every one of them should know how to rescue others from the water and what to do to revive a drowned person.

If you do not know how to go about reviving a victim of drowning, learn how. Learn how by all means! On your knowledge may depend some day the life of a friend or a brother or a little child.

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## Al Smith and the Pope, or When is Tolerance Intolerance?

As a prelude to the sermon on "Re-making a Man" last Sunday night at the First Baptist Church, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Abilene, spoke on "Al Smith and the Pope, or When is Tolerance Intolerance?"

"First of all," said Dr. Jenkins, "I want to remind you of the historic position of Baptists on religious tolerance, the right of every human being in the world to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. All along centuries Baptists have pioneered in this. They have always been in the fight, and always will be, for the right of every man, whether he be Catholic, Protestant, Jew or Pagan, to his own religion, and its free exercise under the law.

### Some Historic Examples

"The year the King James version of the Bible was printed, Edward Egan, an English Baptist preacher, stood with his church and two hundred converts on the banks of the river, and read from the flyleaf of the King James Bible the command of the King that it be read and expounded in all the churches. This preacher said, 'This is a church assembled here, the church of which I am pastor, and in obedience to the command of my King, I will read from this Bible.' He read the account of the Savior's baptism in Matthew 3, and that of the Ethiopian in Acts 8, and what Paul had to say about it in Rom. 6, and said, 'Instead of expounding this scripture I will illustrate it,' and led the two hundred candidates into the river and baptized them. When he came out of the water he was arrested

for reading the scriptures in disobedience to the law, and the final result was that he was executed, dying a martyr's death for the cause of religious freedom.

"In Oliver Cromwell's army, which struck not only at political tyranny, but also for religious freedom were Baptists by tens of thousands. John Bunyan, a Baptist preacher of Bedford, walked forty miles to join Cromwell's army. John Bunyan, the converted renegade of Bedford, while pastor of the Bedford Baptist Church, was arrested by the sheriff 'for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.' I have in my possession a copy of the original warrant which I have seen myself. Bunyan said, 'You know me when I was a drunkard and a libertine, and you have known my life since I have been serving Jesus Christ, and now why do you arrest me?'

"It is the command of the King," John Bunyan said, 'I will not be a party to such religious intolerance,' and threw his 250 pounds on the ground and it took 12 men to carry and drag him to jail. The first week in jail he made a dozen converts. His church met each Sunday by the jail and he preached out of the window. Then a wall was built by the authorities and a pole with a handkerchief tied to the end of it was lifted above the wall, and a placard which read 'when you see this handkerchief, your church will be assembled outside this wall; preach at it.' And for twelve years John Bunyan preached at it, and 14,000 converts were baptized into the Bedford Baptist Church by a deacon elected by the church for that

purpose, and John Bunyan wrote the 'Pilgrim's Progress' and the Holy War books that rank next to the Bible.

### Planting Religious Liberty in America

"It was Roger Williams, a Baptist preacher, who planted the seed of religious liberty in the virgin soil of America. It was Patrick Henry who rode horseback sixty miles to defend a Baptist preacher who was being arraigned by the courts of Virginia for preaching the Gospel. Elder Walker, whose great grandson used to be a deacon in my church in Kentucky, and his five associates languished in Culpepper County jail, Virginia, for the high crime of insisting that they and every other citizen should have the right of freedom in religion. And my own great great grand dad, a sturdy Welch Baptist gave up his life at the end of a hangman's rope in those same early Virginia days of religious tyranny, a martyr to cause. In Russia today Baptist numbers have grown into millions and are permitted by the Bolsheviks to exercise their religion because the Bolsheviks have become convinced that these millions of Baptists stand for a complete separation of church and state and obedience to the laws of their country.

"Our own national position is well known. Under our constitution the right of freedom of conscience is religion is the right of every one, no matter what his creed, race or color, and it is this that is the crowning glory of our republic. So jealous are we Baptists of this tenet of the

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Mrs. E. B. Atwood, Editor.

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## LADIES OF ABILENE DISTRICT, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!

We still have on hand names of some aged ministers who may be cheered and helped by the women of our District W. M. U.

Will each auxiliary wishing the name of an aged minister or the widow of an aged minister, please write me at once.

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### W. M. U. Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Stonewall Association, met in regular session on Saturday afternoon at Center View Baptist Church. The meeting was well attended, there being representatives from Beulah, Mt. Pleasant, Valley View, John Chapel, Double Mt., Center View, Aspermont, Peacock, and Jayton. A fine spirit permeated the meeting and good interest was manifested in the work. "Oh How I Love Jesus," was the opening song. Sister A. C. Turner of Aspermont, led the devotional, her subject being Stewardship; many fine points were brought out as to how we must give an account to God for the ways we use our time, talent, influence and money. The main subject for discussion was "Systematic Giving." Several scriptures on the subject were read and splendid talks were made by Sisters Coats, Featherston, Tarrance, Corder, Turner, Couch, Lancaster, and White.

We found quite a number of tithers among our women and several others pledged themselves to begin tithing. Six of our Aspermont girls—Vera Featherston, Arlene Huling, Delores Tillotson, Tossie Forgas, Hazel Stafford, and Elizabeth Herring sang "When Baptist all Learn How to Tithes."

It was announced that our State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Leigh, will visit our Association on July 11th, or 12th and the Aspermont Church invites the women of the Association to meet at Aspermont to hear Mrs. Leigh. The exact date and plans for the meeting will be announced later.

The next W. M. U. meeting will be the last meeting of the Associational year and will meet with the Old Glory Church during the annual meeting of the Association.

### JONES COUNTY W. M. U. HAS QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Jones County Associational W. M. U. met with the First Baptist Church at Stamford, June 22, 1926. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. H. Wright, the president, at ten o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Littleton of Hamlin, conducting the devotional which was succeeded by Mrs. J. W. Dohoney of Stamford, who welcomed the visitors and fellow workers, also outlined the plans of the day's meeting. Mrs. M. Y. Wilson of Hamlin responded to the address of welcome, and we all felt that the Hamlin church had a wonderful leader in their W. M. U. president, as Mrs. Wilson's remarks were extemporaneous, taking the place of Mrs. W. T. Hamor of Anson, who had not arrived.

Mrs. Herbert Carter favored the visitors with a solo, "Just a Little Bit of Love," after which, Mrs. Wright asked permission to set aside the regular order of the program, relegating the routine business to the afternoon session, and she then announced the inability of Mrs. E. B. Atwood of Abilene, who is our District President, to be present, and in place of Mrs. Atwood's address Mr. Bancum gave a very comprehensive talk on Hospitals, our own West Texas Hospital in Abilene being particularly stressed.

The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Littleton, of Hamlin, and his subject was, "Relationship of the W. M. U. to the Church." His address really made all the women wish they were workers in his church, or falling that, that their own pastor could express like sentiments in their various churches in giving due credit to the work of the women, and their importance in the life of the church, and the on-going of the kingdom.

Lunch and fellowship hour was a welcome diversion and at two o'clock Mrs. Ernest Hyatt representing the Oak Grove W. M. U. S. led the devotional which preceded the business session of the afternoon. The reports from the churches were called for, and from these reports, some coming from entirely newly organ-

ized societies, it was seen by those present, that our president, Mrs. W. H. Wright, had been a very busy woman in the work, having organized quite a few new societies, besides helping weak societies to make greater efforts. Mr. Wright made an appeal to those present to go back to their societies and help those who are struggling with the problem of carrying on the financing of the Mexican mission work in Anson, sending money to get bibles, and announcing the arrival of Bro. Ruiz, the missionary who will labor among the Mexican population of our county. Miss Penick gave a talk on the Leaders Baptist Encampment. Mrs. George Flournoy talked on our "Calendar of Prayer." Mrs. Dohoney made a plea for the use of our Missionary Magazines in Baptist homes, stressing Royal Service, Home and Foreign Fields. Baptist Standard, and West Texas Baptist.

What really amounted to a sermon, was the address of Mrs. J. E. Burnam, of Abilene, whose subject was "Enlistment." "To Your Tents O Israel, and Find How Many Enemies Abide Therein!" Many women are members in our churches, but not all are enlisted. Mrs. Burnam gave many practical methods of organization in enlisting enthusiastic workers, and she spoke for forty five minutes to an intensely interested congregation. By request of those present, Mrs. Burnam will allow others to read her paper, through the columns of the West Texas Baptist.

Little Miss Blanche Penick and Master Tom Penick of Wichita Falls favored us with readings, after which our president announced the annual meeting to be held the second week in September at the Prairie View Church which is about six miles south west of Anson. It was the will of those present that Mrs. Wright prepare the program for the meeting, assisted by any whom she may call upon as a committee.

At the annual meeting, which will be held at the Prairie View Church there will be the election of officers for the coming year, and Mrs. Wright outlined some of the work accomplished during the past year, made helpful suggestions towards bettering the work during the coming year, announced her inability to succeed herself as president, appointed Mrs. J. H. Littleton of Hamlin, as chairman of the nominating committee, with local presidents as assistants who were to report at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30. Mrs. P. P. Shepherd, Reporter.

### BAPTIST WOMEN HOLD AN ALL-DAY MEETING

The women of the Big Spring Baptist Association, together with visitors from other Baptist churches in this district held an all-day session at the First Baptist church in this city on Tuesday with about fifty out of town visitors in attendance.

Mrs. J. E. Leigh of Dallas, State Secretary of the W. M. U., Mrs. E. B. Atwood of Abilene, District President of the Association, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers, Associational President, and Mrs. Goldsmith of Midland, Corresponding Secretary of the Association, were present and principal speakers of the meeting.

The morning session opened at ten, with Mrs. C. E. Carter of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring extending words of welcome to the visitors. The response was given by Mrs. Mason of the Knott Baptist Church. Following a few remarks by the president, Mrs. Paul T. Vickers introduced the distinguished guests, Mrs. Leigh of Dallas, Mrs. Atwood of Abilene, and Mrs. J. E. Willson, a prominent W. M. U. worker from Arkansas.

Mrs. Leigh was principal speaker of the morning, and her address was interesting and instructional to all present. Her duty, as State Secretary of the W. M. U., keeps her holding these meetings all over the state and busy at encampments during the summer months.

Lunch was served to all present by the ladies of the First Baptist church, in the basement at the noon hour and a delicious menu enjoyed.

The session reconvened again at 1:30 o'clock and the feature of the afternoon program was a talk by Mrs. Atwood. Special music was given by Miss Loula Cardwell. A round table discussion was held, conducted by Mrs. Leigh, which proved of great value to every one present. Business details were disposed of and the meeting adjourned.

Representatives from the follow-

ing Baptist churches attended this all-day session:

Midland, Coahoma, Prairie View, Greenwood, Knott First Baptist, Big Spring; and East Third Street Baptist, Big Spring.

Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Atwood left Tuesday night for Lamesa, where they will conduct a similar meeting.

—Big Spring Herald.

### THE RADIO AND CHURCH

Many people now give as an excuse for not attending church that they can stay at home and hear better sermons over the radio. Perhaps this is true, but it is also true that you won't listen very long to the radio-sermon. You twit the dials around in search of something else, and finally give attention to some band or orchestra that is dispensing jazz music. But even though you listen in on the radio sermon from beginning to close, and even though the radio sermon is a masterful effort by a big city preacher, we say the sermon of your home preacher will do you more good. One will come as a novelty, as a triumph of man over the air; the other will come as a direct appeal, from a man who knows you, to your heart. The preacher must look you straight in the eye if you are to receive full benefit of the message. Tune in at week time and hear all the jazz and lectures you wish, but when Sunday comes "neglect not the assembling of yourselves together." The radio is great—it is truly a wonder—and will do much for the world, but if we must depend on the radio for conversion of the world, the kingdom of light will be a long time overcoming the kingdom of darkness.—Honey Grove Signal.

### BIG SPRING ASSOCIATION

W. D. Green, Missionary

The workers meeting of this association which met with Greenwood Baptist Church, which has just completed and dedicated a beautiful house of worship for the Lord, brought a blessing to all who attended.

The service opened with song and prayer, Miss Lula Cordwell, directing the singing. Rev. A. Ryan of Stanton conducted our devotional. The Rev. Geo. F. Brown of Midland brought us a heart thrilling message on the mission of the church.

In the absence of Rev. B. G. Richburg, who was to preach for us at 11 o'clock, the conference selected the beloved D. H. Heard first church, Big Spring, to bring the message from God's book which was greatly enjoyed by all.

After our souls had been fed with the message of love, the good women called the company out side the church where we found a table spread with everything heart could wish to satisfy our bodily hunger. Bless God for good women.

After noon Rev. Wilcox, the Baby pastor of the Association, led our devotional. Every speaker in the afternoon as they spoke on our denominational work and the need of our evangelistic campaign thrilled our hearts and led us to believe that God expects the Baptist in a large degree to win the world to Christ.

So I wish to say to the readers of the West Texas Baptist, the best paper to be had:

Let us as God's harvesters, under the power of His spirit, go reap the harvest for truly the harvest is ripe and day by day the golden grain is falling and down to eternal waste; as I pen these words the undertaker called and said: a mother has fallen, come let us go to the city of the dead. So I pray you my brethren, my sister, as workers together with God, let us go out to win.

The writer closed a good meeting on the 3rd Sunday of last month with Vincent Church. Six people accepted Christ as their Lord and Master, and followed Him in Baptism.

Preached every night last week at Richland and thank the Lord, one fine young man had the faith and courage to step out and confess his Lord as Savior.

I have just returned from Post Encampment where I met many old friends and I trust made several new ones.

I must say the man of God, Dr. M. T. Andrews, who spoke morning and evening, is one of the best on Texas soil. Thank God for such men.

I am to begin my summer campaign tonight at Carlsbad, Tex., with eight meetings before me, I wish I might have the prayers of God's people while in this battle for lost souls!

I shall appreciate a word from any one who will pledge yourself to pray once each day for the power of the Holy Spirit to bless and save the lost. Surely out of the host of friends, of more than a thousand whom I have buried with my Lord in baptism during my brief ministry, will be at least 50 answer this request. Will you?

Rev. W. D. Green, who has been serving as Associational Missionary of the Big Spring Association for the past few years, has notified the board of that association that he will close his work as missionary on September 15. Brother Green has done a splendid work in that association. We consider him one of the best missionaries in the entire state. We feel sure that some good field will open to him by the time his work with the Big Spring Association ends.

Rev. Sam Morris of Abilene is doing the preaching in a meeting with Pastor D. G. Reid and the Potosi church, beginning Friday evening of this week.

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The Propeller, official organ of the First Church, Graham, gives a glowing report of the revival in that church by Dr. H. E. Dana, professor of New Testament in the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Dr. Dana is one of the South's greatest Bible scholars and preachers, and no doubt this church is greatly strengthened as a result of the meeting.

The pastor, W. A. Foster, is doing the preaching in a meeting which begins Friday evening with the Ovalo church.

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#### ENDOCTRINATE CHURCH MEMBERS

One of the woeful needs of our churches today is the indoctrination of the members. Some of this work can be done from the pulpit. But after all is said and done, if we are going to get very far with this important matter, we have got to get into the organization of the Sunday School. The B. Y. P. U. is doing much along this line, but it must be made more universal. Are we standing for great Christian principles? Are we content to base our eternal hope on what we believe as a denomination? Do we believe we are measuring up to the teachings of the New Testament better than other denominations? Do we know enough about what we believe to defend our beliefs against opposing beliefs?

It is not our thought to base our opinions on the foundation of prejudice, but on the foundation of Christian principles as taught by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To use the old hackneyed phrase that "one church is as good as another," is a false presentation of one of the most vital fundamentals of the gospel. Such presentation usually comes from those who know little or nothing of the beliefs of any of the churches. Another phrase is like unto it and that is, "I am broad minded," thereby bidding for popularity with all beliefs. That kind of a phrase is a bid for ignorance. There are religious leaders giving their time and thought and prayers for their respective denomination. They would be hypocritical to make out that they did not think their denomination was the best. If they really in deed and in truth believed such an absurdity, then it could possibly make no difference to which church or denomination they belonged.

Our people ought to know the fundamentals of the faith as our denomination practices them, and then if they cannot agree with them, certainly they ought to get out and find a denomination that would better suit their interpretation of the Bible. For a person to claim to be broadminded in the sense that that term is often used is to infer that every religious leader is small and narrow.

We ought to remember how Christ exhorted his followers to walk in the straight and narrow way. The world has been irreparably ruined on the basis of "broadmindedness." Such men as our great historian Wells and our great scientist, Edison claim to believe that the world has gone to seed on religions and advise that the good should be taken from all religions and a new religion formed for the healing of the nations. These men fit exactly the meaning of "broadmindedness." We can not question their intelligence for both are rendering service to mankind along their chosen lines. But it does look like any one with an ounce of Christianity would know that Jesus Christ

gave to the world just two thousand years ago all the good there was in all the religions of the world. It looks like they would know that no religion, except Christianity had lifted burdens from the backs of men and exalted women to a place of love and honor.

Now the point is this: "Broadmindedness" is a system of continuous compromise with the opinions of others, and the logical conclusion is that in a short time it will mean nothing more nor less than no religion at all. The heathen doubtless reached their exalted state of wretchedness through a system of sublime philosophy based on the principle of "Broadmindedness." It sounds good, but underneath its sugar coating there is the gall of bitterness and the basis of unbelief.

To overcome the dearest wish of the devil it behooves us today to teach our children the gems of Christian belief. But how can they be taught if our teachers themselves have little or no knowledge of these great principles. Then let our churches everywhere exalt the training of our teachers, and not our teachers only, but whosever will, let them come and drink from the fountain of the study classes that they may go out and render a service of merit in the ongoing of the kingdom of God.

#### THE IGNORANT PASTOR

We often run upon the pastor who is himself ignorant of the great principles of the organized Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. When organization is pressed in his respective church or churches he sometimes rises with a great serious countenance, as if all the wisdom of the world lay beneath his clouded brain and says:

"Brethren, I fear we are getting too much organization in our work and too little spirituality. So many of our churches are organized to death. Better have less organization and more spirituality."

That little sermon sounds good. But it is strange that these anxious brethren never fall into the habit of wanting organization and spirituality too. We know something of organization, and we know that any proper organization must call for greater spiritual exertion, therefore, we can but infer that these beautiful little sermons are made to cover the ignorance of the speaker, or perhaps he is afraid he will have to work harder. We believe a wide awake pastor is for organization that multiplies effort and increases activity in kingdom work.

#### TRAINING SCHOOL AT COAHOMA

Brother McDowell, one of the S. S. Board's special workers has just completed a S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Institute at Coahoma.

My Brethren and young people praise him much.

At the close of his work there, the

church voted to grade the S. S. Bro. Baucom's meeting and the Institute have had, has increased interest very much in Baptist affairs at Coahoma. Our meetings will soon begin at Prairie View and Acherley, Dawson County.

Two of the best ministers in the west are to be our helpers in these meetings. I refer to Brother D. G. Wells and Brother Ross A. Smith.

We need the readers' prayers for these men and their meetings.

Blessings on the Editor and all the readers of the West Texas Baptist.—E. E. Mason.

#### FINE TRAINING SCHOOL AT SYLVESTER AND PLEASANT V.

Miss Mable Magee, State B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School worker for Fisher, and Miss Marion Hopkins, worker for Jones County, have been with me at Sylvester and Pleasant Valley Churches the past week and have both done great work.

The resident membership of Sylvester is 147. Miss Magee had 125 enrolled, 63 taking the examinations. We take it that this sets a record for the entire Southland. She filled the pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour last Sunday and brought a great evangelistic message. A number answered the call for special service and three united with the church for Baptism. Miss Magee's work is thorough, practical and constructive. She is truly a builder for Christ and His Kingdom. Every department of our church is greatly benefited by her having come and all are enthusiastically working for the accomplishing of greater things in the cause of Christ. C. E. McEater of McCaulley, our Associational Sunday School Superintendent, and his good wife ably assisted Miss Magee in her work.

Miss Hopkins, who had two weeks off before beginning her work in Jones County, has been assisting in this association. She did a great work at Pleasant Valley. It is a fourth time church with about 60 resident members and in spite of the fact that the people were busy in their crops there were 27 in regular attendance and 20 took the examinations. She is also a tireless worker, enthusiastic and practical. We are

truly thankful that these consecrated workers came our way.

C. F. BRYANT, Pastor

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#### A GROUP OF TITHING SONGS BEING USED BY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

#### PAY THE TITHE

Tune: "Send the Light."

There's a call comes ringing through your heart and mine. Pay the tithe! Pay the tithe! 'Tis a call of duty from a voice divine, Pay the tithe! Pay the tithe!

#### Chorus

Pay the tithe, the blessed Gospel tithe, It will shine on every shore, Pay the tithe, the blessed Gospel tithe, It will bless you ever more.

May the grace of giving everywhere abound Pay the tithe! Pay the tithe! And a host of tithers everywhere be found, Pay the tithe! Pay the tithe!

Let us not grow weary with our gifts of love, Pay the tithe! Pay the tithe! Thus we'll gather jewels for our crown above, Pay the tithe! Pay the tithe!

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee.

#### WHEN BAPTISTS ALL LEARN HOW TO TITHE.

Tune: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart!"

What a wonderful change in the world will be wrought, When Baptists all learn how to tithe, We will then reach a goal for which long we have sought, When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

#### Chorus

When Baptists all learn how to tithe, When Baptists all learn how to tithe, Oh, the dollars will roll, bring joy to each soul, When Baptists all learn-how to tithe.

By our schools and our hospitals then we will stand, When Baptists all learn how to tithe, We will build them and make them the best in the land, When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

Not a child will be homeless or wanting a friend When Baptists all learn how to tithe, And the old preachers' sorrows will all have an end, When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

Not a soul will be left to its darkness and woe When Baptists all learn how to tithe, But of God and is love every creature shall know, When Baptists all learn how to tithe.

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee.

#### JESUS WANTS ME FOR A TITHER

Tune: "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam."

Jesus wants me for a tither, To help Him all I can, Giving one-tenth of each dollar: It is the Bible plan.

#### Chorus

A tither, a tither, Jesus wants me for a tither, A tither, a tither, I'll be a tither for Him.

He gives me strength for my labors, He gives me loving care, I must tell others about Him And all His blessings share.

Many the cries of the needy In sin and want and woe: I must go tell them of Jesus, That they His love may know.

I'll be a tither for Jesus, No mite will I withhold, I'll give my time and my talents, My silver and my gold.

—Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Tennessee.

There were twelve baptisms as a result of the revival meeting with the First Church, Tuscola. Rev. W. A. Foster of Abilene assisted Pastor D. G. Reid in the meeting.

Rev. A. Ben Oliver supplied the pulpit at Novice Sunday in the absence of the Pastor, Scott W. Hickey, who was in a revival with the Walnut Street Church, Abilene.



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