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WEST TEXAS ENCAMPMENT SEASON WILL OPEN SOON

CHRISTOVAL ENCAMPMENT PLANS GREAT MEETING AUGUST 5TH-15TH

A fifty-eight page booklet, announcing the seventeenth annual session of the Christoval Baptist Encampment is just off the press. The encampment is to be held August 5th to 15th. Dr. W. H. Knight, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark., is to be the encampment speaker. Dr. Knight for five years was head of department of missions in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and has only recently closed a four-year pastorate with the First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. Dr. Knight is one of the outstanding preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention. During his pastorate at Baton Rouge there were over 1,500 additions to the church. He is a great soul winner, Bible interpreter and his expositions of the Bible and great soul winning sermons will be a great asset to the spiritual side of the encampment.

The encampment is preparing for two great prayer meetings each day. The women's services will be led by Mrs. Geo. H. Lee of Houston and the men's services will be led by Judge O. S. Lattimore of Austin.

The bulletin announces a fine array of speakers and teachers. Among the number are: W. R. Hornburg, who will conduct the sunrise prayer meetings; Dr. M. E. Davis, of the Bible department, Howard Payne College; Dr. and Mrs. E. Godbold, Howard Payne College; Miss Millie Daniels, the Junior Story Hour; Dr. Samuel Judson Portor, pastor of the First Baptist church, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. F. S. Davis, president and Mrs. J. E. Leigh, corresponding secretary of the W. M. U. of Texas; Dr. F. S. Grozier, secretary of missions, Dallas; Dr. J. M. Price, of the religious education department Southwestern Seminary; T. C. Gardner of the B. Y. P. U. department; Hal F. Buckner, Dallas; President J. D. Sandefur, Simmons University, Abilene, Texas; Dr. S. P. Brooks, Baylor University, Waco, and Dr. J. C. Hardy, Baylor College, Belton.

L. A. Stulce, head of the department of gospel music of Simmons University will have charge of the encampment music. Prof. W. B. Moore, head of the department of sacred music of the Fort Worth Seminary will play the piano and teach a class in gospel hymn playing. Mr. E. L. Carnett, also of the Fort Worth Seminary will assist in the music and will teach a class and private lessons in voice.

The athletic department of the encampment will be under the direction of Coach Y. P. Kuhn, of the department of physical education, Simmons University.

The Christoval encampment is ideally located on the North Concho River, at Christoval twenty miles from San Angelo. A hard surfaced road leads from Angelo to the grounds. Beautiful shades, plenty of cool, fresh water, swimming, boating, fishing—a splendid program—in fact everything is ideal for a great encampment and the management is putting forth every effort to make this the greatest session of the encampment.

The officers of the encampment are: President, J. A. Whitten, El Dorado, Texas; vice-presidents, H. H. Stephens, Winters; Chas. T. Whaley, Sweetwater; Lee A. Stulce, Abilene; Edgar Godbold, Brownwood; Alvin Swendell, Hillsboro; R. A. Rushing, T. Z. Williams, Bert E. Low, Arthur Hoover, Ben Meckel, C. A. Spencer. The program committee is composed of D. R. Peveto, chairman, San Angelo; Bert E. Low, Winters; Edgar Godbold, Brownwood; Lee A. Stulce, Abilene; Mrs. L. D. Murray, El Dorado.

GOOD MEETING AT NECESSITY

I have just closed a great meeting at Necessity, Texas. There were thirty-one additions to the church, twenty-one for baptism. This church has been pastorless for some time. But they are now on the mountain top. They will call a pastor in the next few days.

We are now with the Frankell Church. The meeting here started off well. We had six additions to the church the first day. Brother John W. Reynolds has just been called as pastor here. The church here will ordain him the coming Sunday.

JOHN M. RIDDELL.

SANITARIUM STAFF HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING

S. F. Baucom.

Thursday evening, May 19th, a staff meeting of the Hospital was held which was well attended by the Abilene Medical profession. Plans were adopted whereby certain improvements around the hospital would be recommended, also constructive ideas or hospitalization. It was decided to hold scientific meetings regularly on each third Thursday evening to discuss various cases in the hospital thereby aiding each other in a scientific way for the treatment of our patients. This is a step which will make our hospital and its services second to none in the South.

To illustrate, if a case is out of the ordinary, the Medical Staff of the Hospital, some thirty or more, may be asked to see the patient and advise together what should be done and that would be without cost to the patient. I want to say without hesitation a movement carried out like this will bring patients from all parts of the country.

We feel that our people are fortunate in securing the services of L. A. Sanders as superintendent of the hospital. He with his good family will make a distinct contribution to the religious forces of this section. Mrs. Sanders is an active Sunday school and church worker. In Dallas she was director of a children's orchestra and last summer furnished music for a number of revival meetings. Their oldest boy, Olden, plays the trombone and Homer, 13, plays the cornet. They have been featured in radio programs of sacred music. Mrs. Sanders is a sister to Nellie Lowrey, the "Dixie Nightingale," known to radio fans.

We are glad to announce that this good family has agreed to go with the field representative to any community desiring their service, and render programs. We feel that a program of this nature will be worthwhile in any community. Miss Lovelle Thompson, the new superintendent of nurses, formerly with the Baylor Hospital of Dallas, will also be available to assist in such a program.

I had a good morning with Pastor Sibley at Tye, Sunday. He preached a fine sermon on building the altars in our lives that had been torn down. After the sermon he gave me a chance to speak for our hospital, our board members, and the president of the Woman's Society will go after \$1.00 each for the membership of the church.

HOME BOARD EVANGELIST IN REVIVAL MEETING HERE



Evangelist McKinley Norman

Rev. McKinley Norman of Dallas, recently elected as one of the Evangelists of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, is in a revival meeting this week with Pastor Scott W. Hickey and the Walnut Street Church, Abilene. Brother Norman, after finishing his work at the Southwestern Seminary, became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Graham. After a successful pastorate there he went to Oklahoma to one of the largest churches in that state. He is both a successful pastor and evangelist, and the Walnut Street church feels fortunate in prevailing on time to begin his work with the Home Board with that church.

BECOMES SIMMONS EVANGELIST



REV. W. C. ASHFORD

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Simmons University last week, Evangelist W. C. Ashford, a graduate of Simmons and of the Southwestern Seminary, was added to the evangelistic force of the university. Brother Ashford is one of our most successful young evangelists. He is consecrated, conservative, preaches the old time gospel with great power and depends unreservedly on prayer and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. At the present time he is in a great meeting at Eliasville.

Evangelist R. G. Baucom of San Antonio is the other evangelist representing the university. These two men will make a team worthy of a great Christian educational institution.

Evangelist Ashford will continue to make his headquarters at Abilene. Churches desiring his services will be able to reach him by addressing him at Abilene.

DR. J. C. BURKETT OBSERVES FORTIETH YEAR AS PASTOR

SOME FRUITS OF DR. BURKETT'S MINISTRY

Preached on over 1000 themes. Delivered 10,000 sermons and addresses.

Baptized 2,500 people. Married 1,000 couples. Conducted 1,200 funerals. Visited 10,000 sick people. Raised for all purposes, \$150,000. Received on salary \$52,500. Given to churches, schools, missions, hospitals and other causes, \$6,000.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yet, I have a goody heritage.—Ps. 16:6.

Using the above passage as a basis of his sermon, Dr. J. C. Burkett, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church, Abilene, commemorated his fortieth anniversary as a pastor by preaching a sermon on "The Bright Side of a Forty Year's Pastorate."

Dr. Burkett has spent fourteen years of his ministry as pastor in Abilene, first of the College Heights Church and later of the South Side Church. Before coming to Abilene he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Midland for twelve years. During the past twenty-five years he has been a trustee of Simmons University.

At the beginning of the Sunday morning service President J. D. Sandefur of Simmons spoke for twenty minutes on the value of the pastor to the church and community. Mrs. L. B. Howard of Hamlin, Dr. Burkett's daughter, sang "The Holy City."

"There are some mountain peaks in every man's life," declared Dr. Burkett in the beginning of his sermon. "It is always best to look on the right side of everything."

REV. W. C. ASHFORD BECOMES EVANGELIST SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Rev. W. C. Ashford's services have been secured by the trustees of Simmons University, and he will be known as Simmons University Evangelist.

Brother Ashford is an honored graduate of Simmons, holds a Th. M. degree from the Southwestern Theological Seminary, and has had many years of experience in Texas and other Southern States as an evangelist. The trustees and the management of Simmons University commend him to pastors everywhere, as a young man unusually well equipped to do the work of an evangelist.

Brother Ashford is not only capable but furthermore, he is humble, consecrated, loves the lost, and is a real soul winner. He will ever be found sympathetic and co-operative to the last degree with all of our Baptist programs and constructive whosoever pastors open the way for him to assist them in strengthening their work and assisting them in leading the lost to Christ. Any courtesies shown him by our Baptist brotherhood will be duly appreciated by the management of this institution. Those desiring his services can reach him in care of Simmons University.

J. D. SANDEFUR.

LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT BEGINS FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION JULY 11TH

ATHEISTIC SOCIETY CLAIMS OVER 100,000 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

WILL MAKE ORGANIZED EFFORT TO PUT CHURCH OUT OF BUSINESS.

The May issue of the Worlds Work carried an interesting interview story on the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. This organization which is only eighteen months old, claims an active membership of 100,000. The active promoters of the organization are Charles Smith and Freeman Hopwood of New York City. The organizers claim, within the past eighteen months to have established atheistic chapters in twenty colleges and preparatory schools; founded a Junior Atheist movement, sent out organizers in thousands of communities in this country, Alaska and the Panama Canal zone.

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A THEISM BIDS FOR YOUTH

(An Editorial)

In this issue of the West Texas Baptist is carried a story on the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, an incorporated organization with headquarters in New York. The object of the organization, according to its promoters, is to destroy Christianity, close all churches and destroy the Bible. "In three hundred years from now," say the organizers, two young "highbrows" in New York, "there will not be a church left in America." Sounds interesting, doesn't it? We recall that when atheism got such an impetus a few decades ago in Europe, and especially in France, the prediction was made that within one hundred years there would not be a Bible left. The results are that today the Bible is being printed each year by the millions in every language of the world. Yes, the Bible has survived but most of those nations that tried to destroy it became engulfed in crime and immorality.

There need be no great alarm over this organization that has claimed 100,000 membership in eighteen months. They will perhaps secure a large following within the next few years, but Christianity will not suffer as a consequence.

We have far more respect for a group of men of this sort who openly come out and deny the Bible, God and immortality than we have for a bunch of wolves in sheep's clothing who are eating out of our church and school treasuries with one hand and trying to destroy faith in the Bible with the other. Yes, a man of Bob Ingersoll's type, who will stand before an audience with a watch in his hand and defy God to strike him dead, is far more respectable than a preacher or teacher who will betray the trust committed to him by teaching modernism in the pulpit and school room.

A man has the privilege of being a modernist, if he wants to; we have no fuss to make with him about that. God has given every one of us the blessed privilege of making our own choice. But when a modernist creeps into the fold and feeds the sheep on food that destroys faith in the Bible and in the Son of God, then in the eyes of honest people his position becomes far worse than that of a rank atheist.

We are well aware that in some quarters it is very unpopular for an editor or preacher to discuss evolution or modernism. It brands him as a "Norrissite," or a denominational disturber. Not long ago a good friend took us to task because we occasionally made a few feeble remarks on these subjects. He said in doing so we cast reflections on some of our Baptist brethren and institutions. The charge has been repeatedly made that President Sandefur of Simmons University was taking his decided stand against evolution and modernism in order to capitalize on the situation existing among Southern Baptists. We are not undertaking here to defend President Sandefur. We feel sure he is entirely capable of taking care of himself.

If any reasonable thinking man will take time to study the situation he can readily see that the most terrible menace to orthodox Christianity is the menace of modernism. It has its stronghold in the institutions of higher learning and its leaders are quick to brand any man or institution who opposes it as lacking in scholarship.

We feel sure most of our preachers see and realize the danger, yet they have not the courage to speak out lest they be misunderstood. Our preachers need to read and study carefully the 33rd chapter of Ezekiel. In the 16th verse God says to Ezekiel:

"But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hands."

The charge is being repeatedly made that Christianity is losing its grip upon the world. The charge is untrue. The trouble is our preachers are losing their grip upon the people. We are becoming ministerial cowards. We are afraid of ecclesiastical authority; we are afraid to denounce sin in the church lest it offend a few brethren who are living ungodly lives; we are afraid to preach the great doctrines of the Bible lest it offend some of our friends who disagree with us. What we need now is a ministry that is unafraid; honest-to-goodness he-men who will stand in the pulpit and fearlessly preach on hell, sin and the modern evils of the day. An overwhelming percent of our present-day preachers are refusing to face the issues and are hunting greener fields. What we need to do is clean out our present fields and thus do the work God has called us to do.

A friend a few days ago was lamenting the fact that this editor had killed himself denominationally because of the fact that he dared to express his humble opinions on some matters. If we could have a few more denominational suicides right now the cause of Christ would be greatly advanced in the earth. We are not bothering one whit about being denominationally dead. We believe that our authority to preach came from God, and it is unto Him that we shall give a final account.

The West Texas Baptist is an independent Baptist newspaper. We believe that in the final windup of things its editor will have to give a final accounting to God; and we are serving notice that from here on out, as long as the paper is under its present management, we are going to try to be faithful to the trust that has been committed to us in this stressful time in which we live. To our preacher brethren in the West who believe our policy is right and who are not afraid, we ask your cooperation and support. Like Gideon we would say, "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and start early."

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A Lueders Encampment boosters rally will be held on the encampment grounds on June 23-24, and every pastor and worker in the encampment territory is invited to be present. The rally will be in an outing-picnic affair at which an attendance booster campaign will be launched with the end in view of making this years encampment the best and largest attended in the entire South. The Lueders Encampment, while only four years old, already holds the record for encampment attendance in the state. Again this year Dr. George W. Truett will be the encampment speaker which means that thousands of West Texans will journey toward Lueders July 11-22 to hear this outstanding champion of the cause of Christ.

Workers attending the rally June 23-24 are urged to bring their fishing outfits and spend a couple of days and nights on the Clear Fork encampment grounds. Besides the fine outing which can be had at this time, speeches boosting this years encampment will be made and plans looking forward to the betterment of the encampment will be made by the visitors.

The Lueders Encampment booklet, announcing this years program is just off the press and is being distributed all over this section of the country. The Encampment this year is laying special stress on two fundamental things. Evangelism will, of course, have its proper place in the great messages of Dr. Truett. Then the encampment program committee under the leadership of Walter Jackson, educational secretary of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, has secured a great group of teachers and trainers of young people, and the educational program this year will be one of the best ever put on by an encampment in Texas.

Some of the speakers and teachers for the encampment this year are the following: Dr. George W. Truett, encampment pastor; Mrs. George W. Truett; G. S. Hopkins, of the Sunday School Board; Dr. E. B. Atwood, of the educational department Simmons University; Mrs. E. B. Atwood; Mrs. J. E. Leigh, State W. M. U. Secretary; Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Merkel; Dr. Homer L. Grice, daily Vacation Bible School, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; George F. Brown, Midland; J. C. Parks, Rotan; Charles T. Whaley, Sweetwater; Mrs. G. G. Flourney, Waco; Mrs. Walter Jackson, Abilene; C. R. Shirer, Breckenridge; W. R. Underwood, Albany; Miss Lewis Bray, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Wilma Robertson, Merkel; Miss Sallie Moore, Abilene; J. H. Bunch, Stamford; Joel V. Grimes, Avoca; Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Abilene; Miss Ruth Rosser, Abilene; Miss Alvan Moore, Eastland; Wendell Foreman, Abilene; Mrs. Chas. T. Whaley, Sweetwater; President J. D. Sandefur, Simmons University; Dr. C. C. Rister, of the History department of Simmons.

The encampment music will be under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Turner, who have charge of the music of College Avenue Church, Fort Worth. Mr. Turner will teach a course in practical church music.

The swimming and athletics will be under the direction of Y. P. Kuhn, director of physical education in Simmons and Miss Glenna Faye Grant of Abilene.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Will every pastor and other friends of our West Texas Baptist Sanitarium know this if they feel that they are not treated right in their business transactions, don't go away and complain. You see our superintendent, L. A. Sanders, or George Anderson, chairman of the Board of Directors, and they will be glad to correct anything if it can be done. I am glad to say I have never heard one word against the service given by the hospital and its faithful nurses. Remember we are majoring on service, not cheapness; the rule is all must pay or arrange negotiable paper who do not come as charity patients. We are anxious to serve you and at the same time keep your friendship.

S. F. BAUCOM.

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BRUCE BARTON TURNS THEOLOGIAN

One of the outstanding writers of the day is Bruce Barton. During the past few months he has contributed a number of articles in which he sets forth his views concerning the Bible, theology, the Church, and things pertaining to Christianity in general. One of these articles was on "The Book Nobody Knows." In this series of articles Mr. Barton displayed a knowledge of the Bible possessed by few laymen. No person reading these articles would deny that he possessed the power to think and also the power to express his thoughts in a way possessed by few men of his day. Another article which recently appeared in magazine form and later syndicated was on "The Man Nobody Knows." In *Colliers Weekly* under date of May 21 he has an article on "Is There Anything a Man Can Believe?"

In these recent writings Mr. Barton very boldly denounces the theologian and relegates theology to the "junk heap." Now Mr. Webster says that theology is the science which treats of God and of man's duty toward him. It is derived from the Greek word, theologia—theos, God, and logos, a treatise. According to this definition Mr. Barton must class himself with the very same class of men he so boldly denounces.

We admire Mr. Barton for his brilliant mind and his ability to write, but before swallowing his brand of theology we would like to know from whence comes his authority to speak in such matters, and to pose as a world reformer in religious matters. He complains that religion has become taboo—that intelligent people of today do not accept the Bible account of creation, the fall of man, the atoning death of Christ on the cross. The development of science and evolution, he says, have exploded these old ideas of creation and of God. He evidently accepts the evolutionists view of creation and development, and rightly infers that if evolution be true, then the fall of Adam, the atonement of Christ and kindred views of the Bible cannot be true. Mr. Barton further complains that religion is not progressive. Science, he says, has constantly progressed, but religion alone clings fast to the "faith once delivered to the saints." When we compare the church of today with the church of a few generations ago, we are inclined to think that the church has been rather progressive. As to clinging to the "faith once delivered to the saints," some of our religious bodies would perhaps have to plead guilty of being rather obstinate in clinging to the old Bible doctrines. Herein lies the hope of the church.

Mr. Barton is evidently what we would term a theistic evolutionist or modernist. Of course he would not accept the Bible as the infallible word of God, yet he quotes freely of the Bible to prove his points. He agrees with Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick that the thing that got Jesus into trouble with the Jews of his time and caused his crucifixion was his condemnation of the sins of the time rather than the claim by Christ that he was the son of God. It is certainly refreshing to have "theologians" of Mr. Barton's type to set us straight on matters of this kind.

Mr. Barton says he does not understand why a loving God should choose such a cruel process as evolution by which to bring creation up to higher levels; he does not understand why the heartless struggle for existence; why pain, suffering, the blasting of hopes, the striking down of righteousness by ill health and trials undeserved. We would suggest that this brilliant thinker and writer train his thoughts for a while on one phase of Bible doctrine for a solution of this problem. The solution is involved in one small word—a word generally overlooked by the evolutionist—the word S-I-N. Mr. Barton's argument for the existence of God and the immortality of the soul and the life hereafter is matchless, but he fails to reckon with the terrible reality of sin.

Some of our religious leaders see no occasion for alarm in the present activities of the modernists. When we stop to consider, we find our magazines all over the nation are full of propaganda such as that issued by Mr. Barton. It is well written, makes good reading and goes into millions of our homes. Our educational leaders all over the nation are quietly instilling into our youth the evolutionary theories that will ultimately destroy these young people's faith in the Bible. The public press and our educational institutions are two of the mightiest powers of influence in molding the opinions of our people, and the man who thinks they are not putting in their deadly work right now is certainly deluded.

The present-day fight is centering around the proposition of whether or not the Bible is the inspired, infallible word of God, or whether it is just an ordinary book recording the history of religious affairs. If the Bible is not the infallible word of God, then what the modernist is pleased to call our old foggy views of salvation, sin and redemption are ready to be relegated to the junk pile.

ABOUT THAT WEST TEXAS CONVENTION

Some good brethren in the central and eastern part of the state still seem to be a little panicky about a movement in the West to start a West Texas Convention. We believe the editor of this paper is in position to know the sentiment of the West in regard to this matter. We repeat what we said a few months ago that the brethren in the West are not wanting a West Texas Convention, are not thinking about a West Texas Convention and the subject of a West Texas Convention is not being discussed in this section.

In the first place the people of West Texas are not quitters. It would certainly be cowardly and unchristian for the Baptists of West Texas to try to take out now when our great old denomination in Texas is in such a predicament. No sir, we are standing hitched; our people are going to help pay our debts. Some of us may feel that the plan we are pursuing in trying to pay them is not the best one, but we are Baptists, and as long as our Texas Baptist brethren want to try the present plan the West will do its share. So far in the game, we feel that West Texas is just as loyal as any section in the state, beginning with Dallas or Tarrant counties, on out to the end of the state.

We feel that the situation in Texas is already too serious for our brethren in the east to go to getting panicky over something that does not exist. What we need to do now is keep sweet, do a lot of praying, depend on the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and quit feeling that everyone who does not see things just like we do is a bolshevist and a denominational disturber. Our people are discussing our great problems; they are to continue to discuss them. Let us discuss them in a Christly, gentlemanly spirit. It won't do at this stage of the game to start a free-for-all Baptist fight. It would be just too bad.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE ADVANCE

Beginning with the first of September the subscription price of the West Texas Baptist will be increased to one dollar per year, for single subscriptions. In clubs of five or more the price will be seventy-five cents, and in clubs of ten or more, fifty cents. This month we are sending out statements to all delinquent subscribers. Up to the first of September we are going to make a special subscription offer. During this time, for one dollar, we will renew your subscription and send the paper for one year to your friend. Or for one dollar we will renew your subscription for two years. Or better still, if you send us three new subscriptions at the regular price of seventy-five cents we will renew your subscription one year.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL STAFF

The announcement made by S. F. Baucom, field representative for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium in his news notes this week to the effect that the hospital staff, composed of over twenty-five of the leading physicians and surgeons in Abilene, will have regular scientific meetings in which the welfare of the hospital and its patients will be discussed, will be gratifying to the friends of the institution in the west. It will mean a great deal to a patient coming here to know that if his case demands it that he will have advantage of the skill and wisdom of a great group of physicians, surgeons and specialists. The hospital authorities are proud of its splendid staff and the fine spirit of cooperation these men are manifesting.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The poetic composition here reproduced was picked up by A. P. Green, of Auburn, Indiana, in Corinth, Mississippi, May 20, 1862, when the Union Army occupied that city following its evacuation by Confederate troops. It was printed on an excellent quality of satin and dated July 4, 1823. The author of this poem remains unknown.)

Thou to the mercy-seat our souls doth gather
To do our duty unto Thee

OUR FATHER

To whom all praise, all honor should be given,
For Thou art the great God

WHO ART IN HEAVEN

Thou, by Thy wisdom, rul'st the world's whole fame;
Forever, therefore

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Let nevermore delays divide from Thy glorious
grace, but

THY KINGDOM COME,

Let Thy commands opposed be by none,
But Thy good pleasure and

THY WILL BE DONE

And let our promptness to obey be even
The very same

ON EARTH, AS 'TIS IN HEAVEN

Then, for our souls, O Lord, we also pray,
Thou would'st pleased to

GIVE US THIS DAY

The food of life, wherewith our souls are fed,
Sufficient raiment and

OUR DAILY BREAD

With every needful thing do Thou relieve us
And of Thy mercy, pity

AND FORGIVE US

All our misdeeds, for Him whom Thou did'st please,
To make an offering for

OUR TRESPASSES

And, forasmuch, O Lord, as we believe
That Thou wilt pardon us

AS WE FORGIVE

Let tha love teach, wherewith Thou dost acquaint us,
To pardon all

THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

And though sometimes, Thou find'st we have forgot
This love for Thee, yet help

AND LEAD US NOT

Through soul or body want, to desperation,
Nor let earth's gain drive us

INTO TEMPTATION

Let not the soul of any true believer
Fall in the time of trial

BUT DELIVER

Yea, save them from the malice of the devil,
And, both in life and death, keep

US FROM EVIL

Thou pray, we Lord, for that of Thee, from whom
This may be had

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM

This world is of Thy work, its wondrous story
To Thee belongs

THE POWER AND THE GLORY

But will remain forever and
And all Thy wondrous works have ended never

FOREVER

Thus, we poor creatures, could profess again,
And thus would say eternally,

AMEN.

SIMMONS GRADUATE WINS HIGH HONORS AT STATE UNIVERSITY



W. T. Reid, son of Pastor D. G. Reid of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, has just received his M. A. degree from the State University at Austin. He completed his Masters degree, which ordinarily takes twelve months, in nine months time, and by his high record of scholarship has won a \$1,000 fellowship in the university.

Young Reid and his father both received their A. B. degrees at the same time at Simmons a year ago.

COLLEGE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
The College Heights Baptist Church voted recently to make plans for the raising of funds for a new educational building. The plan adopted is the share plan. Judge Lee R. York was elected "sales-manager" for the

church. College Heights begins at once to raise money for a much needed educational building. The continued progress of the church and Sunday School demand more room, and a better place to meet.

The plan adopted by the church for the raising of the money is the share plan. Each share is worth five dollars, and the time for payment is extended over five years. The shares were put at five dollars in order that every boy and girl could buy at least one share.

The church elected Judge Lee R. York to manage the selling of the shares. Judge York is an active, enthusiastic member of the church and can get the cooperation of the entire membership in such a worthy enterprise. It is hoped that dirt may

be broke for the new building within the next few months.

A. F. Davis has been selected as special B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School worker for the summer for Runnels County. He is from Missouri, and a graduate of Williams Jewell College, and has had two years training in the Southern Baptist Seminary.

Rev. F. C. Dick has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Van Alstyne effective July 1st. He will spend a month in Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico, and after August 1st will be open for work. We would be glad to see some good church in West Texas locate Brother Dick out this way. He is one of our best.

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WINSETT PARTY HOLD MEETINGS IN OIL FIELDS

The Winsett Evangelistic Party of Abilene, Texas, have recently closed successful campaigns at McCamey and Odessa, Texas. Both places are large growing centers in the great oil fields of West Texas. The party used their large water proof tent for these campaigns and were able to secure large hearings from the people gathered from all parts of the country in these centers. Both meetings were town wide cooperative efforts resulting in much good to the cause of Christ in general.

At McCamey 248 people responded to the different invitations, and at Odessa there were 185. All denominations received members from the meetings, and a general retuning of religion was felt by all. Winsett's preaching was of that type that gives new courage to the forces of righteousness in battling against sins so well known in the oil centers. Pastor McReynolds at McCamey and Pastor Wells at Odessa are leading their churches in a great way.

The party are now in a great meeting with Pastor Joe Grizzle and the First Baptist Church, Portales, New Mexico, which will continue till June 19th. They ask the prayers of the brotherhood for their work. God is greatly blessing them.

SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

The Missionary has just closed a good Training School at both Merkel and Tuscola. There were a number of awards in each of the schools. Brother Ira L. Parrack has been called to the church at Chillicothe, but he has not signified his intentions as yet.

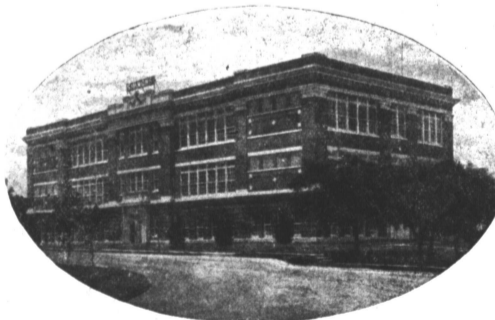
The meeting at Blair was a great meeting in that there were a number of conversions additions and other things of an upbuilding nature. Brother M. G. Ellis is the pastor. He is a preacher who has come from Burleson College to us for another year.

There is not a church in the Association without a pastor. This is a condition which does not obtain in many associations. We are trusting that there will be a meeting in the most important points in all the country this summer.

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DIGGING OIL, WELLS FOR GOD

An address delivered before the Big Spring Associational Workers Convention at Garden City, and published by request of that body.

Mrs. E. E. Mason.

This week I picked up The Literary Digest, and my eyes fell on this heading, "New Oil Fields Under Old." So that you may understand the thought I got I want to read a few lines of that piece. "The Petroleum Reserves of the nation lie not entirely in the discovery of new fields of oil, but also in finding new supplies below existing fields through deeper drilling," says The Standard Oil Bulletin. (San Francisco).

The perfection of drilling apparatus now makes it possible to penetrate the earth to depths which seemed impossible a few years ago, and in a number of fields throughout the country, new supplies of oil have been found under old ones, says this authoritative journal.

The first oil well in 1859 was 69 ft., today there is in California one 8,046 feet. It is not unreasonable to suppose the future will see wells 10,000 to 15,000 feet. We that have lived in and near oil fields, know what the first steps are in beginning an oil field.

1st. Leasing the Land

I want to give you some scriptures to show you that God already has a lease on our lives.

1 Cor. 6-20. For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirits which are God's.

2. Pet. 2-1. But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, and denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Rev. 5-9. And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

We see by these scriptures that we belong to God. He has bought us with his precious blood, and not only us but every kindred, tongue, people, and nation.

We have had that so plainly shown to us in our Mexican work at Big Spring. How God has blessed Mrs. Morrison in her work with the Mexicans.

Are we going to let Him use our

lives for His glory, or will we be like a lot of the folks, that won't lease their land?

They are waiting for higher prices, so are letting many rich fields lie untouched. So it is with some of our Christian people, their talents lie buried, rusting out, instead of keeping their bright and shining, by use in God's service.

And when that last great day comes, and we meet Christ face to face, we will hand Him our old rusty talent, and say, take it, it is thine.

2nd. Location of the Well.

After we realize we have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, and that we are His; where should the Christians place their lives? Shall we continue on in the world? No! No! Christ set up the church for His saved people to live in, so they would be separate from the world.

The first thing you see, after they get the derrick up, is a light way up high, so it can be seen many, many miles away.

So Christ said to His followers: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Do not put your light under a bushel, but put it on a candle stick, high upon God's derrick where it can be seen all over your community."

John says, "Love not the world, neither things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Wherefore come out from among them, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean things; and I will receive you."

How can we let our lights shine? By keeping ourselves unspotted from the world, watch our conversation, talk clean, walk clean, and live clean lives.

3rd. We Begin to Drill.

How deep are we going to dig this oil well for God?

Shall it be as the first oil well, 69 feet, or shall we learn to dig deeper and deeper into the knowledge and wisdom of God? Are we going to get into the church, and say, I am saved, what more shall I care for? And set wit hfold hands? Oh, no; let's read Rom. 11-33: "O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom, and knowledge of God: How unsearchable are his judgments, and His ways past finding out."

God's love, God's grace, God's wisdom, and God's knowledge are so deep we have to dig and go deep, if we want to get the best out of our Christian life.

After we read, and study, and pray,

and dig, then we haven't begun to understand how wonderful God is.

When the fisherman goes out to fish, they don't play around the edges in shallow water, but they go to the deep water. When the pearl hunters go to hunt pearls, they go to the bottom of the sea. So if we want to be happy in Christian service, we must study God's book, we must be found often at God's throne of grace in prayer, and whatsoever our hands find to do, do with our might.

We must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

4th. The Joy the Well Brings.

We hear folks say: "O! if I were rich I would be happy."

Some are thinking, now in Howard county, when our well comes in, we will be happy. But riches do not bring happiness. James 5:1-3 says: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth eaten."

"Your gold and silver is cankered and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire."

It is not earthly riches that will bring us joy and happiness but let us lay up treasures in heaven where moth nor rust doth not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

What are some of the treasures we can lay up in heaven?

Our prayers for a lost world. Revelations teach us that the saints prayers are bottled up in heaven. Souls we have won to Christ. Dan. 12-3: "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Are we digging for diamonds in the rough, or are we going up to meet our Saviour empty handed?

Sometimes we feel so weak and unworthy, we feel we are not fit to try to win souls to Christ. Of course, we can't do it alone, or in our own strength, but Jesus said, "I follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." I cannot do it alone.

The waves run fast and high. And the fogs close chill around, And the light goes out in the sky; But I know that we two Shall win in the end,

Jesus and I.

Coward and wayward and weak, I change with the changing sky; Today so eager and brave, Tomorrow not caring to try; But he never gives in

So we two shall win— Jesus and I.

Strong and tender and true, Crucified once for me! Never will I change I know, Whatever I may be!

But all He says I must do, Ever from sin keep free, We shall finish our course And reach home at last—

His child and He.

—Mrs. E. E. MASON, President.

BIG SPRING ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. MEETS

May 24th was spent in a very pleasant and profitable worker's conference with the Garden City Church, Brother Richberg presided and a good program was rendered by the ministers present during the morning. In keeping with a covenant made one month previously, several persons fasted and prayed during the noon hour. But a bountiful dinner was spread on the Court House lawn for all who cared to eat.

In the afternoon the ladies heard a very splendid address made by their associational president, Mrs. E. E. Mason. Only five societies were represented so it was decided to postpone the discussion of "reports" one month. We had a very inspirational and touching talk by Mrs. Reagan of Big Spring on the condition of our mission work in Africa as reported by her daughter, Lucille. Mrs. Mason then discussed the possibility of having each town church sponsor a mission study class in two nearby rural churches. This plan was left open for study and discussion until our next regular worker's conference which is to be held with the Knott Church on Tuesday, June 28th.

MRS. TROY N. EILAND, Publicity Chairman.

SHOULD I BE CALLED

M. A. J.

Should I be called upon today? To stand before the throne. To answer there before my Lord, For every deed I've done; Would I appear with shamed face, Or joyfully acclaim The wonders of His saving grace, The glories of His name?

Would I ascend in raptured bliss, To those blest portals fair? Or sink into that dark abyss, The regions of despair? O Christ of God plead Thou my cause, And by Thy saving grace, Let me as one who loved Thy laws, In heaven find a place.

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TWO EFFECTS FROM READING

By J. O. Heath.

A little while ago I read two books, and I am writing concerning the effects they had on me.

One book dealt with the world's ruins. On its graphic pages those ruins that mock ambition's vanity and pride, became picturesque even in their vanished splendor. With the author I visited ancient wastes and walked over desolated grounds beneath which lie buried the magnificence of former ages. I went with him into distant lands and together we traveled over barren sands for whose control proud and opulent dynasties had waged destructive wars. We visited temples that had been dedicated to religious devotion and had strange feelings as the passing winds sang mournful dirges in their deserted and decaying halls.

Where ever we went we found evidence that a material grandeur had once occupied the place where melancholy ruins now cast depressing shadows. We also found convincing proof that avarice had flourished, that social inequalities had abounded, and that wanton pleasures had wrought mental and moral ruin in the earth. But in order that I might know more about the world's awful ruins, I went with the author to the homes of the poor and noted that the despoilers' heavy hand had marred God's image in them. Then sadly we wended our way to the palatial dwellings of the rich and I saw them greedily indulge in those enervating luxuries which produce physical and moral ruin. We also journeyed to those resorts where pleasure provides entertainment for the young, and saw depravity suggesting evil to gay and thoughtless youths. We saw indecency contaminate integrity. We saw that folly was joy to those who were void of wisdom.

We saw native instinct so perverted and the heart so debauched, that moral ruin overwhelmed the hopes of the soul and left it to wander in an ever enlarging circle of devastation.

It was here that I said the book's gloomy pages, you have permitted me to see the world's frightful ruins and I have been so long among them that my heart is weary and discouraged. In fact my soul was faint within me because of the wide-spread ruin upon which I had looked. Then out of my prostration I asked the book if it had any principle or power to present whereby man may be saved from a disaster that is universal? The book pointed in a certain direction and in pursuing that way I came to its declaration as to how society might be renewed and stabilized. But it proved to be a system of human vagaries, permeated by an infidelity which if accepted would lead the soul to an inevitable and endless ruin. Under the book's deleterious influence my faith faltered and my heart felt benumbed in the presence of a spiritual ruin for whose recovery it offered no reliable remedy.

From that book I turned to one on the Resurrection of Jesus. It was like passing from darkness to dawn. This book's atmosphere was clear and invigorating. Its faith in God was serene and certain. Its teaching was wholesome and in its citing of the facts of the resurrection, you receive light from radiant verities. It gave "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." For it gathered up the world's poignant woes and found a solace for them in the resurrection of Jesus. It touched

broken, sinning and despairing humanity and made it to hope again, because "Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father." How different the effects of those two books on me! One dispirited me, the other animated me. One made me doubt and left me to grope despondently among the world's ghastly ruins. The other led me to trust in God more implicitly and to believe that out of humanity's fearful wreckage, Jesus would fashion for Himself an "eternal excellency." One encouraged me to work for the improvement of the races of men, the other disposed me to lie supinely under the Juniper tree and bemoan the world's sad plight. The philosophy of one book was eat and drink, then rise up and play, for death ends all; but the other said rise and shine, for the glory of the risen Lord is in the land.

From the effects of those two books on me, I am concluding that much of the present tumult and distress have their source in the pernicious books and magazines which the people are reading. We are greatly effected by what we read. Just now the earth is

MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCES

J. D. Sandefur

I have been asked to write a brief word touching one or more mountain-top experiences, having spiritual meaning, that I have had during my eighteen years as president of Simmons. I believe I can do this more effectively by a contrast than any other way. We really appreciate or do not appreciate values by contrasting experiences.

I have never given any publicity to it before, but my first two or three years at Simmons, though I did not sound a low note outwardly, had many hours, days and even weeks of mental and spiritual depression. I came from a state institution against my own judgment, an institution quite well equipped, and one that I had organized much to my own liking. Simmons did not hold out to me at the time a field for service such as I had visioned for myself as president of a state institution. In fact, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who was then with the Seminary, and Dr. C. C. Coleman, who was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Abilene, visited me and made an appeal to me to which I ultimately yielded. Other members of the board joined with them in hours of pleading and prayers, such as I had not been accustomed to at that time.

In contrast with the above, there began to stand out before me possibilities that at first were not at all in evidence. Along with some material and other improvements, speaking from the standpoint of the faculty and the physical plant, came some experiences during our college revivals that compensated me somewhat for the valleys of gloom and despond that had characterized my first years at Simmons.

I take it that all heads of Christian institutions would alike bear experienced by them have been those things that they have seen dozens, scores of young men and women at chapel periods find Christ as their Savior and Lord. Really, we have never held a meeting in Simmons chapel when we did not have an outstanding hour or hours where these spiritual results were not manifest and outstanding. There is nothing that warrants our investments in Christian education comparable to the evangelistic results that follow our college meetings. This spirit really ought to be manifest during every day in the year and every hour in the day when teachers are presenting to their students truths from their respective fields of study and research.

In our Simmons University meeting held in January by our own evangelist, Bob Bacon, we had some two or three hours equal to any that I have ever seen here or elsewhere. There are always in our larger institutions groups of students where it is easy for misunderstanding and bickerings to arise. If they do not arise from class rivalry, then from some other sources. Simmons is no exception to this rule. On the occasion just referred to, with the spirit of the hour rich from the Throne where hundreds of prayers had been sent up, young men and women, forgetting their petty differences and seeing a new and a heavenly vision of lives and relationships worth while, and emboldened with a desire to let God have His way in their lives, responded to the evangelist's appeal in a way that must have made the angelic hosts express themselves in hosannas and hallelujahs. Along with this beautiful reaction came practically every unsaved young man and young woman, along with the great throng, and yielded themselves to Him who is the author of Christian education and Captain of our salvation. This hour and a few others similar to it in the years gone by have committed me irrevocably with all the energies and powers of which I am capable to the dedication of whatsoever energies I have left to the cause of this type of Christian education.

I mention two other experiences more briefly. I sometimes feel that the friends of our Christian schools are not sufficiently thoughtful of the burdens and responsibilities upon our presidents. A few years ago when the outlook seemed dark financially, two good friends, husband and wife after much prayer and with the presentation of the case before them as effectively as I could put it, agreed to make me a donation of \$100,000. I think I did not quite succeed in restraining the tears of joy that came into my soul. If I did, I know I did not when I left their home. I gave way to my feelings of gratitude and to expressions of joy that would have made me appear ridiculous to any one not being able to appreciate my past and present experiences.

Again, when following the burning of Cowden Hall, several years elapsed before moneys were in sight for a new hall, and I had been in the hospital for weeks and had worried much about this hall that had barely had the foundations laid. I sent for friends a real friend. I was then convalescing.

I laid the matter upon his heart. He agreed to give me \$50,000 and then later another \$50,000 and then some more, and I experienced some more feelings of inexpressible spiritual meaning that no one can understand who has not found himself similarly despondent and depressed before being lead out onto the beautiful heights that lie out before one who had gone through "the valley of shadow of death."

I must add this other word. When without an organized campaign, not an officer of any kind, we succeeded in securing our pledges, most of them from friends in Abilene, to enable us to add \$300,000 to our endowment, I experienced again joys unbounded. However, when pay day came and the slump in cotton had caused a shrinkage in these pledges and when friends, consecrated and worth-while friends, made possible this deficit, which enabled me to know that the additional endowment was secured, I again had feelings of unlimited gratitude and joy difficult of explanation. I trust that no one who reads this will ever offer a criticism against the old First Church of Abilene, sometimes called the mother of Simmons University. It was due largely to the membership of this church that more than \$100,000 in cash was made available for us to secure our \$300,000 endowment the last week of December. What it did on this occasion and what this church has done before and since ought to mark it as a church whose many virtues are worthy of emulation by others.

I close by saying that I am happy beyond adequate words of expression that in some indefinable way this institution and her friends have been able to accomplish some things commendable and worth while and in addition thereto have supported generously every other of our kingdom enterprise. I pray that some one who reads this will be impelled to do more than she or he has done for some one or all of our causes, yea, even maybe Simmons. Years ago we outgrew our chapel. Years ago we outgrew our dormitory space. At present our teaching space is embarrassingly congested. Will not God move upon the hearts of those to whom He has entrusted much or little of this world's goods to come to the rescue of His causes that merit His love and favor?

I wonder if the sentiment herein expressed by Thomas Curtis Clark is not appropos to the experiences and lives of many of our Christian college presidents and teachers as they have journeyed along the way seeking to serve as best they could with the many limitations that oftentimes ought not to be, but nevertheless are a handicap. God took a piece of common human clay; Planted therein ambition's vital seed; Placed him, a youth, beside the common way; That he might learn the common human need.

Made strong by strife, he faced the storm of wrath; Love made him wise, a nation's cause to plead; He walked with God, though in a yeoman's path, And siezed on fame by an immortal deed.

DR. J. C. BURKETT OBSERVES FORTIETH YEAR AS PASTOR (Continued from Page 1)

live in such an attitude before God and man that I could say as did Paul, "I am pure from the blood of all men."

"The greatest measure of my joy in the ministry has been from the fact that God gave me a wise woman as a constant companion during these forty years. Every man who expects to succeed must have the right kind of a wife.

"Certainly lives have fallen to me in pleasant places when I regard that the hand of God has been with me in causing me to have a certain degree of success in these years. May I mention the following:

"I have preached on more than 1,000 themes. I have delivered 10,000 sermons and addresses, I have baptized 2,500 men, women and children. I have married a thousand couples. I have had 1,200 funerals, I have visited 10,000 sick people, I have raised \$150,000 for all purposes, I have received on my salary \$52,500 and have never wasted a dollar of it, for I never chew, smoke, nor drink, I have given to churches, schools, missions, hospitals and other causes, \$6,000. I have left every church where I was pastor without any debt against it. Also left every town without owing any man a dollar.

Visit to Holy Land "Another thing that contributed a great joy in my ministry was the fact that the good church and people of

Midland made it possible for me to go abroad and visit the 'Holy Land,' and nine different countries, during 1910. "Put the greatest joy of it all is the fact that all of our seven children have been saved and are out in active life, save one who died in France for our liberty, during the World War, and who is now in Heaven.

"I close by saying that I am now pastor of one of the greatest churches in Texas, and I thank God and give unto Him all the glory and take courage."

ATHEISTIC SOCIETY CLAIMS OVER 100,000 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP (Continued from Page 1)

The following educational institutions, the promoters claim, have organized atheistic societies: University of Rochester, Colgate University, Brown University, University of Colorado, University of Kansas, Cornell University, University of Tennessee, New York University, University of Chicago, Clark University, Phillips Exeter Academy, City College, Detroit, George Washington University, University of Denver, University of Texas, University of Kentucky, University of Wisconsin, University of California.

The official organ for the organization is "The Truth Seeker," published in New York. Besides the 100,000 active members, the association claims as potential members the forty million people in the United States who are not affiliated with any church, who do not attend church, and to whom God—they say—means nothing. The association also claims many college and university professors who are afraid to come out openly and champion the cause, but who are secretly working on the minds of young students and undermining their faith.

Unique names have been selected for the local atheistic societies in different sections of the country. For instance, in the University of Rochester, (a Baptist institution), the chapter is called the "Society of Damned Souls." A California society is called "The Devils Angels."

The Association boasts that in three hundred years there will not be a church in America. There are nine objects this organization is striving toward. They are:

1. All churches shall be taxed.
2. Chaplains in congress, legislatures and in the army and navy shall be done away with.
3. Appropriations for public money for sectarian use shall be stopped.
4. The Bootlegging (their phrase) for the Bible and religion in public schools of America shall cease.
5. No religious festival or fast shall be recognized by the State.
6. The Bible shall no longer be used to administer an oath.
7. Sunday as a religious Sabbath shall no longer be enforced by law.
8. Christian morality shall be done away with. In its place be natural morality, equal rights and impartial liberty.
9. "In God We Trust" shall be taken off coin.

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Courses in all departments of the church will be taught this year at the Lueders Encampment, July 11-22, by the very best teachers in each department. Work for diplomas and seals may be completed in the ten days.

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It is earnestly desired that every church in the Lueders Encampment territory, (and that includes a wide area of this section) will have as many as is possible for you to have, to take advantage of this splendid opportunity. Pastors, urge your members to attend this encampment.

The South Side Church, Abilene, has just completed a very successful B. Y. P. U. training school. The awards were made at the regular meeting last Sunday. At this time a few words on B. Y. P. U. efficiency were spoken by S. T. Gray, after which Pastor J. C. Burkett spoke a few words of praise. There were 32 seals and 82 diplomas awarded.

RAMBLING REMARKS

By P. D. O'BRIEN

Rev. J. W. Moore, home from his mission station in China until July or August, has been with the churches of the Haskell Association for the past week, giving lectures on China and our mission work there. Brother Moore is a fine speaker, and has a number of interesting picture slides that make his talks the more interesting. He asked to spend two weeks in the association and such an itinerary was arranged for him, but he was obliged to leave after one week for a revival meeting with Pastor E. L. Mayfield and his church at Crowell.

Pastor H. R. Whatley has been in a meeting at Groom, on the Plains, for the past two weeks. Brother Whatley is certainly doing a fine work at Haskell, and has greatly endeared himself to the entire section.

Dr. E. Godbold of Howard Payne College, was to have delivered the commencement address for the local high school graduating class, but was hindered because of rainy weather that made it impossible to hold the exercises. Dr. Godbold came through from Brownwood in his car, and was compelled to return that same night on account of the opening of the summer term of his school the following day. This was one of the finest exhibitions of faithfulness to an engagement on the part of a speaker we have ever known. Our whole community appreciated it very much, and we were all greatly disappointed that we did not get to hear his address. We are going to invite him back some day.

Rev. Joe W. English has been away from his church at Knox City quite a good deal lately, but the work has gone steadily onward under the leadership of Miss Lulu English, assistant to the pastor, and other noble workers in the church. The program put on at the Fifth Sunday meeting by the Choral Club of the Knox City Church, under the direction of Miss Lulu English and Miss Louise English, the pastors daughter, was one of the very finest we have ever enjoyed. Not only the musical numbers rendered, but the fine spirit of the forty youngsters taking part, showed evidence of superb training.

The 5th Sunday meeting at Brushey was one of the best attended, and most spiritual meetings we have ever attended. Pastor J. A. Kinser and his people entertained the visitors in a most royal way. The sermons and addresses were up to a high standard, the music of the meeting was the best ever, the fellowship of the brethren and sisters was sweet and unbroken, and a spirit of spiritual optimism prevailed throughout. Sermons and addresses were given by Brethren J. F. Mason, C. E. Ball, H. R. Whatley, J. F. Curry and others. On Sunday Rev. L. S. Jenks preached an evangelistic sermon which resulted in the conversion of four. This was a fitting climax to a great meeting. An old fashioned sing-song was had in the afternoon, and Missionary Read preached the concluding sermon Sunday night.

Rev. Luther Jenkens has been called to the church at Bombarton. He has not yet indicated his decision. In

order to take the church there he would be forced to resign at Sweet Home, which he feels reluctant to do. We trust the Lord shall have His way in the matter.

A Stewardship Conference was recently held at the First Baptist Church, Haskell, in which Rev. L. E. Finney was the chief speaker. The conference lasted two days and was attended by quite a number from over the association. Pastor J. R. Balch is planning for a similar meeting in his church at Seymour next week, in which Brother Finney will be assisted by Dr. F. M. McConnel and several speakers from this section. These

stewardship meetings are doing great good.

We are planning to have an old fashioned homecoming service here at Monday on the fourth Sunday in this month. The meeting will continue all day and ex-pastors of the church will preach. All who have ever been members of the church here may consider this a special invitation to attend this service.

Rev. J. H. Garrett has resigned the work as Missionary of the Milan County Association to become educational director of First Baptist Church, Vernon. He is now located on the new field.

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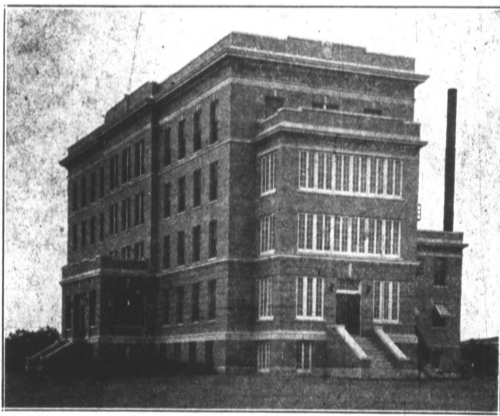
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