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WE NEED TO BE SERIOUS

Many today lack the sincerity they ought to have in regard to their souls welfare. The lure of the material things of life, the things we see and handle has caused many to become covetous of this worlds goods instead of being zealous for their masters cause as they should be. If only men would stop and think how short this life is and earnestly consider what will be their condition in eternity it undoubtedly would change the whole life of many nominal christians.

Christians should be careful in their living as they are being read every day by the unsaved folk that they come in contact with. If christians are careless in their living then the world can rightly come to the conclusion that there isn't much to christianity. Christians are not only responsible for their own lives but for those round about them for Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world." If the only light that the unsaved had in this world was the light shed abroad by some professing christians the pathway would be very, very dark indeed. How can we expect others to be enthusiastic over the gospel if the effect of it upon us does not make out lives stand out as different from others. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Take your christianity more serious and it will bring you more joy.

THE DRIFTWOOD ENCAMPMENT

The fourth annual sessions of the Driftwood Encampment to be participated in by the Perdenales, San Marcos, Austin, Bastrop and Burnet-Llano Associations will be held July 6-15. Three years ago the Driftwood Encampment was born, so this the fourth annual meeting.

Here the Mountain Remnant of Confederate soldiers have been camping annually for 25 or 30 years.

Driftwood is about 25 miles west of Austin and 20 miles north of San Marcos in the ever-engaging mountain scenery, the value of which has not yet been realized as an asset to the Austin country.

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ESSENTIALS TO CHRISTIAN FRUIT-BEARING

Rev. Ira H. Franz, Beattie, Kansas

Text: 2 Pet. 1:5-11.

The Bible abounds in figures of speech relating to agriculture, horticulture, and animal husbandry. The word "unfruitful" in this passage is such a figure. Peter here enumerates a number of Christian qualities as follows: Virtue, Knowledge, Self-control, Patience, Godliness, Brotherly-kindness, Love. The object of having all these qualities supplied in our faith is fruit-bearing. "They make you to be neither idle nor unfruitful." The verses immediately following give the results of lacking these things and also the reward for having them.

Modern agricultural science offers a striking analogy for this passage.

It has been found that there are just ten chemical elements essential to plant growth. These are oxygen, hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, calcium, magnesium, potassium, phosphorus, iron, and sulphur. Others may sometimes be taken up by the plants, but these ten are so essential that if one of them be

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THE STRUGGLE FOR HOLINESS

We have the same enemy to deal with that our fathers had. Our temptations are differentiated by our circumstances, but we have to meet the same vindictive enemy. Ultra-liberalism dismisses the devil with witches and various other superstitions, but the devil seems very real to some of us. We are still having Paul's experience, for when we would do good evil is present with us. How like our experience is to the experience of the men of old is finely illustrated by the following paragraph from John Donne, an English preacher who lived three centuries ago:

"I throw myself down in my chamber and call in God and his holy angels, but when they are there I neglect them for the buzzing of a fly, the rattling of a coach, the whining of a door. I pray on in the same posture—eyes lifted up and knees bowed down as though I really talked with God. But if God should ask me what I last thought about him in that

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GETTING THE BIBLE USED

By E. C. Sheridan

Pastor, Curtis Baptist Church,
Augusta, Georgia

This address was delivered at the Second Southwide Sunday School Conference at Greenville, S. C.

While this is a day of Bible publication it is not an age of Bible study. Men are reading many books about the Bible, but few are reading the Golden Book itself. And our task is to get the Bible used; "for it is the power of God unto salvation," when it is used.

Without discussing the place of the Bible in the school, or the need of the Bible, let us "cut" directly in to the question of getting the Bible used.

A Task for the Pastor of the Sunday School

This is a task which challenges the pastor of the Sunday School. He is the person who should lead the way. We take it for granted the pastor used the Bible. The good pastor does use the Bible and is qualified to lead in getting the old Book used in his school.

Perhaps, his first work will be to define, and re-define the purpose of the school, keeping before the corps of workers and the church congregation the fact that this service of the church has as its task the teaching of the Bible that souls may be saved and that lives may be won to service.

Another method of the pastor is to hold up the dignity and strength of that task. A law of human nature is that what we find wonderful will kindle inspiration, and that out of our inspirations will come our ideals and aims of life. So if we would interest men of power, young people of abounding life, and growing children in study of the Bible in the church school, challenging facts relative to the glory of the Bible as the very Word of the living God must be presented to them, and the divine appointment of the Sunday school as teaching service of his church must be emphasized.

Interwoven with this means of getting the Bible used is that of exalting the textbook itself through the pastor's own preaching and teaching ministry. He may exalt it as the instrument which the Holy Spirit uses for convicting men of sin and calling

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GLEANINGS FROM THE HARVEST FIELDS

Bro. Sid Williams for twelve years Army camp worker announces that he is leaving the work for the Evangelistic field. Bro. Williams is much loved by the men of the army. He goes next week to Melvin, Texas for a meeting.

Bro. L. E. Owen former pastor of Theo. Ave. Church, will preach for Bro. Jessie Yelvington at Baptist Temple Sunday.

The San Antonio Association Workers Conference has been postponed one week on account of Alto Frio Encampment.

Evangelist Bob Baucom is holding a meeting at Mathis, with Pastor Roy Hutchins. There have been 39 additions to date. Bro. Baucom reports this as his best year in Evangelistic work. Next week he leaves the staff of Simmonds University to work as an Independent Evangelist. Bro. Baucom is a sound gospel preacher. No church will make a mistake in having him for a meeting.

Pastor Long reports a fine meeting in progress at Emmanuel Church, San Antonio, with Rev. W. S. Dixon, singing Evangelist leading.

At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Thursday of last week in the East room of the City Auditorium, the women enjoyed a splendid talk from Bro. Peachey of Calvary Baptist Church. He used as his text or scripture lesson, the 5th chapter of Daniel, and gave one of the best talks on the situation confronting us today, in a political way, that it has been the pleasure of this writer to hear for a long time. The

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W. C. T. U. asks that every Christian woman be much in prayer during this week.

Rev. Jesse L. Yelvington, is holding a meeting with the Baptist Church at Menard, Texas. From reports the meeting is highly successful and is proving a blessing to the people of that town. The first week there were 26 additions, of which quite a large number were by profession. With Bro. Yelvington is Buster Bryan of Baptist Temple, San Antonio, who is directing the singing. Buster Bryan has just lately surrendered to sing the gospel and he is now, with his splendid voice, making a success of leading and singing for his Master.

Beacon Hill Revival

The Beacon Hill Church, San Antonio, is in the midst of a great revival. During the past week there have been 43 additions and professions and 6 young people have given themselves for life service. Dr. Wm. H. Joyner, the pastor is preaching the gospel with great power, while Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blankenship lead the song service. The meeting goes on through this week.

Pastor Wooton of the San Jose Church recently closed a good meeting with his church in which there were 11 additions to the church, and several professed faith who have not joined yet. The San Jose church will commence the building of a pastors home at once.

Bro. J. C. Robinson, and the Riverside Park Church start a daily vacation Bible School this week.

At the motor show the salesman was endeavoring to interest a girl in a smart little two-seater on the stand. "Has it got every modern improvement?" she inquired.

"Everything, madam," he responded gallantly. "the only thing it lacks is a beautiful owner."

He held it.

When does a man sneeze three times? When he can't help it.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ALTO FRIO ENCAMPMENT. THE DATE IS JUNE 29 TO JULY 8TH.

LAST SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

Church:	S.S.	B.Y.P.U.	Add.
Alamo Hts.	44	28	1
Beacon Hill	350	140	21
Baptist Temple	413		
Calvary	350	107	2
Central	95	60	
First Baptist	811	202	15
Highland Park	265	79	4
Immanuel	83	14	
Lakeview	91	47	
Los Angeles	132	51	2
Pruitt Ave.	133		2
Riverside Park	336	47	6
S. San Antonio	163	100	1
San Jose	60	21	
So. Springs	61	90	
Somerset	60	20	
Mathis			39
Calvary Mex.	92	25	9

Why is a washerwoman the most cruel person in the world? Because she daily wrings men's bosoms.

"Come, go to bed, Eddie, you see it is sundown, and the little chickens all go to roost at that time." "Yes, aunty, but the old hen goes with them."

"Don't trouble yourself to stretch your mouth any wider," said a dentist to a man who was extending his jaw frightfully, "as I intend to stand outside during the performance."

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CHRIST SHUT OUT

"Behold I stand at the door, and knock." Rev. 3:20.

"Come with us and we will do you good." The Woman's Missionary Union extends such an invitation to every woman not now enlisted. We need you and your help. We lovingly, tenderly invite you. This invitation is an opportunity to you to serve Christ. Will you embrace it? Long ago Miss Heck gave eight reasons why you should accept such an invitation. They still hold good today. May I present them for your consideration?

1. Affords an opportunity to obey Christ's commission—"Go ye"—"He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me."

2. An opportunity to pray unitedly. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest," and "If any two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father in Heaven."

3. An opportunity to study the Mission Fields.

4. An opportunity to help save the World. "To every man his work." He died for the world. Shall I, by my idleness, keep back part of the price?

5. An opportunity to give according to my ability.

6. An opportunity for Christian Fellowship.

7. An opportunity for Personal Service.

8. An opportunity to share Christ's presence.

No Church is Christ's Church unless it has the world view. For "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

Dear women, may I plead with you again to send in news items, or interesting articles for this page? I feel that I need your help, and that with more variety we could make our page a much more interesting and helpful page. Procrastination is the thief of time—send it today.

Reports are now due for this quarter. Chairmen of all committees will please take notice.

Four weeks ago I traveled across the Canadian prairies, and I sat in amazement at the immensity of the unbroken fields. What remote horizons stretched around the entire dome! Surely, if there is pure air anywhere, it is away out on those vast stretches of country where there is not a single ministry of pollution. And yet, as I moved through the train, there were cars in which the heavy, unclean air almost choked and smothered me. We were rushing over the prairies, and we were swathed about with immeasurable volumes of glorious air. It beset us on every side. But the people would not have it in! I suppose that out in mid-Atlantic the air is as clean and sweet as you will find on the face of the planet. But if you go into many a cabin, on any one of the great liners, you will find a closeness and an uncleanness of atmosphere which will smite you like a stench. We are enveloped by forces of besieging, wholesome air, which has been washed and sweetened by its trackless journeyings over countless leagues of sea; but the people will not have it in! The clean flood waits just outside the port-hole, but the travelers will not have it in!

I. And we can have the breath of God, the mighty energies of grace, the power of the Holy Spirit all about our lives, and yet we may not let it in. It is round about us like the air we breathe, but we will not take it in.

II. We may share the triumphs of our Lord if only we would let him in. I can shut out the caressing, wooing, nourishing air of the Canadian prairies. I can shut out the air that roams and broods over the Atlantic floods. I can shut out the triumphant Christ, the Lord of glory!

III. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock!" That is where we keep the Master. He will not force the lock. He will never enslave our wills. I must open the door to him, and I must open of free and spontaneous choice.

Longfellow was capable of making a joke at his own expense, as he showed one day when he was introduced to a Mr. Longworth. The introducer commented on the fact that the first syllables of their names were the same.

"Yes," said the poet, "but in this case I fear Pope's lines will apply: 'Worth makes the man, the want of worth the fellow.'"

THE DRIFTWOOD ENCAMPMENT

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A large permanent tabernacle is built in the midst of beautiful camping places, beneath the oak, the cypress, the pecan, the sycamore that skirts the clear silver stream which will furnish ample bathing facilities and usually good fishing. There are open spaces for various sports and games. Cold spring water in abundance. Water is piped over the grounds.

Camping

Camping is rendered easy where one has an automobile. With a blanket or two it is easy to improvise a tent with your car.

Of course, all will be self-supporting, and most anything you will want in the way of eats can be had at the ground or the village close by. We anticipate a large number of campers from the towns and all the country for counties around. Make your plans now to camp. Try to plan your vacation to include the date—July 6-15.

Program

Driftwood Encampment, July 6-15, 1928. Friday, July 6—Opening Day.

8:00 p. m. Prayer and praise—Luther Langston.
8:30 p. m. Sermon: Preparation—M. A. Gary.

Saturday, July 7.
Erecting tents and group prayer meetings.

8:00 p. m. Prayer and praise—Luther Langston.
THREE—BAPTIST
8:30 p. m. Sermon: Co-operation—J. C. Dodgen.

Sunday, July 8.
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Sermon: Revival—W. S. Parker.

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prayer, I could not tell. Sometimes I forget what I am about, but when I began to forget I cannot say. A noise in mine ear, a straw under my knees, a memory of yesterday's pleasures, a fear of tomorrow's dangers—all trouble me in my prayer." How shrewd our enemy is thus to disturb and make inefficient our prayers!

—Watchman-Examiner.

BOOKS AS FRIENDS

Books, like friends, should be few and well chosen.—Puller.

VARIETIES

Arms have they, yet toil not—Chairs.

CHILDRENS PAGE

THE WONDERFUL CAVE OF UV

(Continued From Last Week)

"There is," exclaimed Yrneh, after a moments inspection, "As best as I can make it out it says, I open the door to the enchanted Princess, Good luck to the finder." Essej was right, there is an enchanted Princess."

"Well, I don't know about that," remarked Oravla somewhat soberly, "We'll have to see."

"Won't Essej say 'I told you so' when we get back," remarked Yrneh as he and his father made their way back to the mysterious hole in the mountain where they had left Essej on guard. He was so certain that there was an enchanted Princess somewhere. Really I can't make myself believe all I've seen today—its all too fantastic."

"Time will tell, time will tell," answered his father. "Our next problem is to find a way to get down into that shaft or cave or whatever it is. That's going to be a hard job too because there seems to be no bottom to the thing until you go down hundreds and hundreds of feet."

By this time they had reached the crest of the mountain and Essej came running to meet them.

"What did you find" he shouted excitedly.

"Only a key," answered Yrneh trying not to appear the least bit excited.

Essej took the key and read the inscription on it. "I knew it I knew it. "There is an enchanted Princess," "But father how are we going to rescue her."

"That is just what is puzzling us, Essej. The only way I see that we can succeed in getting down that hole is to make a rope ladder, secure it to a beam placed across the top of the hole—then

we can climb down. But that will take hours of work. Are you willing to do it."

"Sure" affirmed both boys at once.

"I'll leave you two boys here while I go back to the village and get some strong heavy rope. I don't see why we didn't think of getting it while we were down there a while ago."

As Oravla started down the mountain Essej and Yrneh began exploring the trees and undergrowth of brush about the mouth of the cave.

"Father said that we would have to have a heavy beam to place across the top of the hole so we could tie our ladder to it" said Essej. "So lets see if we can find a big log that will answer the purpose."

"Well you go that way and I'll go this," returned Yrneh, "And when we find one we'll shout so that the other can know to come and help roll it back to the cave."

As the two boys parted Yrneh remarked to Essej in a very elderly brother voice "Be careful of snakes, Essej, and don't shout unless you find a really big log."

"Of all things," muttered Essej, "Does he think I'm a baby?" I just hope I find a log so big that he will have a hard time rolling it to

Finally after what seemed hours to both the boys Essej shouted, "Yrneh I've found one."

As Yrneh made his way to where Essej seemed to have found a log he said to himself, "I hope that boy has really found one. It isn't pleasant work to push your way through all this underbrush just for nothing."

"That's the time," exclaimed Yrneh as he came in sight of Essej, who was standing proudly over a huge log.

"Now our next step is to get it back to the cave," said Yrneh as his eye roved over the huge bulk

of the log. "Something tells me that is going to be 'some job.' You take that end and I'll take this and we'll roll it till we get tired and then we'll rest awhile and then roll again."

After about a half hours rolling and then resting they finally brought it to the mouth of the cave.

"Won't father be surprised," exclaimed Essej, as the boys dropped down in the shade of a tree exhausted from their work in the blazing hot sun.

"Uhuh," murmured Yrneh, stifling a yawn. "I'm sleepy—you keep watch Essej, I'm going to take a nap." Patting a bunch of moss into a comfortable mound he placed his head on it and in a few minutes was sound asleep.

"Well I'm not going to sleep. There's too much excitement, and anyway I want to show father I'm grown up enough to wait a long time without getting tired and sleepy."

The minutes passed and soon it was an hour since Yrneh had gone to sleep. The quietness and long waiting was beginning to tell on Essej. His eyes began to droop in spite of his heroic efforts to keep them open. Finally with one last nod he was sound asleep.

As the sun was nearing the horizon Oravla came toiling up the mountain loaded with coil upon coil of rope. As he came into the clearing around the mouth of the cave he saw his two boys sprawled upon the ground in the shade of a giant tree that stood near by.

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What is it which is black, white an read all over? A newspaper.

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them to Christ for eternal life. He may secure its use by indicating its wonderful power in transforming the lives of men, and making the world's greatest men realize that the need of the world is a true knowledge of the Bible.

A Task for the Superintendent

Getting the Bible actually used in the Sunday school is largely the responsibility of the general superintendent, and of the department superintendents where the school is large. The superintendent wants his school to be a good one. If the superintendent would have a good school, he will help get the Bible used.

He will give it the supreme place.

The superintendent will give it the supreme place by emphasis. If there were no God, there would be no Bible. If there were no Bible, there would be no Sunday school. The school is the educational institution of the church which used the Bible only as a textbook. Such emphasis is needed again and again, just as the evangelistic message is needed over and over to win each generation.

The superintendent is a member of the nominating committee and has a fine opportunity to pick as teachers men and women who love the Bible and who will teach it.

He has a fine opportunity for encouraging the use of the Bible in working with the secretaries, using the Six Point Record System, which has as one of its points the requirement that the Bible shall be brought and our observation is that where this system is used and where the superintendent makes use of the secretaries' report in calling attention to the number of Bibles brought that the results are gratifying.

In resorting to all means possible to accomplish his purpose the superintendent will surely not fail to use the Standard of Excellence which has as its fifth requirement, "The Bible shall be used in the school above the Primary department by at least seventy-five per cent of the teachers and pupils." It was our joy to watch the school grow from an enrollment of 100 to an enrollment of 1,034 within a brief period of three or four years. It would have been without the characteristics of a real school had it not been for the Standard of Excellence which was constantly kept before the school. It attained the Standard while growing in membership which meant that the Bible was kept in its place and used.

The Department Superintendent's Part

The department superintendent

has a great opportunity to make the Bible central. One Primary superintendent takes peculiar joy in training primaries in Bible study in a simple way, working with those under her leadership until the last moment of her touch with them and presenting a Bible to each one when he is promoted to the Junior department. What is the result? After about five years of such definite work we find that practically all the Juniors of that school have and use Bibles. We recommend the custom.

What of the Teacher's Responsibility?

The teacher leads others to use the Bible by setting an example. The teacher cannot hope to teach until he or she has studied the Book. There can be no inspiration for teaching until those who teach drink at that well; until they sit at the feet of the Master and are themselves taught.

The teacher who stands before a class with an open Bible has a tremendous advantage over one who does not have the Book. He has the confidence of the class.

Recently we have asked a number of teachers how they used the Bible in their classes. The good teachers were able to immediately tell of having the lesson read by different class members. Each teacher who had some conception of the place of the Bible had some plans for getting the class to read and study it.

You read the description of the monument erected on the rocky, New England coast where the earliest settlers landed. The lower part of the monument is a pedestal upon the four corners of which are figures, one representing law, another morality, a third freedom, and on the fourth corner a figure representing education. In the center of the group stands a tall shaft of marble, which bears upon its summit a figure representing faith. Faith's right hand is pointing to the unseen God above, while upon the left hand is supported the open Bible. That is a wonderful depiction of the nature of America. The things for which we stand and which we love are dependent upon the use of his Word and upon abiding faith in him.

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Alto Frio Encampment Program

The daily program for each day except Sunday, when Sunday School will be held in the morning and B. Y. P. U. in the evening.

- 8:00-9:00 A. M. B. Y. P. U.
 9:00-10:00 A. M. Sunday School.
 9:00-10:00 A. M. W. M. U.
 10:00-10:30 A. M. Recess.
 10:30-11:30 A. M. Inspirational address by one of the pastors present. Held at Tabernacle.
 11:30-12:30 A. M. Sermon, Dr. I. E. Gates.
 12:30-6:30 P. M. Recreation.
 6:30-7:30 P. M. Vespers Service.
 7:30-8:00 P. M. Song Service—Rev. S. C. Hubener leader. Special music by all visiting soloists.
 8:00 P. M. Evangelistic preaching by Dr. R. L. Powell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM REV. E. F. WALKER IN CHARGE Each Day from 9:00 to 10:00 A. M.

One of the following speakers will give an inspirational address each day and a round table discussion will follow:

- Mr. C. A. Shimp, San Antonio, Baptist Temple.
 Mr. Frank Cunningham, First Church, San Antonio.
 Dr. I. E. Gates, Pastor First Church, San Antonio.
 Rev. E. F. Walker, Waelder, Texas.
 Mrs. E. F. Walker, Waelder, Texas.
 Rev. Walter T. Davis, Pearsall, Texas.
 Rev. E. C. McDonald, Yoakum, Texas.
 Rev. Tallie Williams, Nixon, Texas.
 Judge Lattimore, Austin, Texas.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM Rev. Jesse L. Yelvington in Charge June 29 to July 8

- 8:00-9:00 A. M. Daily—except Sundays—a course will be taught for Intermediate, Junior and Primary workers by the state worker—Mrs. J. D. Calloway. All others will attend lectures as follows:

Friday, June 29th:

- 8:00-8:45 A. M. Address—"History of B. Y. P. U. Work in Texas," Rev. S. C. Hubener.
 8:45-9:00 A. M. Conference led by state worker—Mrs. J. D. Calloway. (This conference will be held daily)

Saturday, June 30th:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. Address—"B. Y. P. U. Records".....Arthur Johnson
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Round Table.

Sunday Evening, July 1st:

B. Y. P. U.'s directed by Rev. S. C. Hubener.

Monday, July 2nd:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. Address—"The B. Y. P. U. as a field for discovering ourselves".....Rev. J. H. Peachy
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Testimony meeting as to how the B. Y. P. U. helps us find our place of service.

Tuesday, July 3rd:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. Address—"The Associational B. Y. P. U."
 —Rev. Jesse L. Yelvington.
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Round Table.

Wednesday, July 4th:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. Address—"Ways in Which Our B. Y. P. U.s May Be Made More Efficient Training Camps for Christians"
 —Wm. H. Pieper
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Round Table.

Thursday, July 5th:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. "The Value of the Social Life of the B. Y. P. U. to the Youth of the Church"
 —Rev. G. W. Crobb, Junction, Texas
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Round Table.

Friday, July 6th:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. Address—"The B. Y. P. U. as a Source of Power and Life to the Churches"—Rev. R. W. Merrill, Kerrville
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Round Table.

Saturday, July 7th:

- 8:00-8:30 A. M. Address—"The Contribution of the B. Y. P. U. Toward Forwarding the Whole Program of the Baptists"
 —Rev. Walter T. Davis, Pearsall, Texas
 8:30-8:45 A. M. Round Table.

Sunday, July 8th:

B. Y. P. U.s directed by R. W. White, Beacon Hill Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas

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Who speaketh forever of Thee;
 Till I hear the celestial singing,
 And learn the new song of Thy
 grace;

And then I shall tell forth the
 marvels

I learnt in Thy secret place.

Thy marvels, not mine, far surpassing

All thoughts of my heart they must
 be;

I can but declare the glad tidings,
 As thou hast declared them to me.
 —Richard Rolle.

Bridget: "The new neighbors
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Dear Brother Wolfe,

Answering your circular letter we shall address you because we do not know your Associates.

We want you to know we hold you in high esteem as a Christian layman. We love you for the good works you have done and the wholesome influence you have wielded in the past years. Neither for one moment do we question your sincerity of purpose or love for the cause.

We also recognize the right of any Baptist, layman or preacher, to register disagreement with the policy and practice of the majority. The earnest protest and brotherly criticism of a respectable minority helps, and is even now aiding Texas Baptists to find themselves.

We are well aware of the need of greater co-operation on the part of many Texas Baptist churches. If the Baptist cause is to go on Baptists MUST stand together. Your anxiety therefore to see this happy result is highly commendable.

However we do not believe you have the solution. We do not understand how a new convention purporting to do the same work, in fact "to reinforce the Baptist General Convention of Texas," will render co-operant those churches which do not now share in our work. Presumably they do not support our work either because they do not believe in the causes we foster, or they have merely become apathetic. In either case we fail to see how a new convention will arouse much enthusiasm for these same causes.

Neither do we understand how progress can be made in debt paying by increasing our expenses. Another convention will mean salaried men at its head, and money for office expense and propaganda. This is a time of all times when we should be simplifying rather than multiplying machinery.

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We regard as exceedingly unfortunate that a decisive movement should be suggested at a time when all Texas is rejoicing in the happy ending of the Baylor controversy. That a question so nearly tragic could be so amicably settled electrified all Baptists and filled them with the hope that we were nearing the end of disagreement. Can it be possible that hope is about to be dissipated?

We urge you if at all consistent with your conscience to seek as earnestly as you may the co-operation of all our Baptist people through existing denominational machinery, either through the Dallas office or direct to the boards or institutions that they may wish to support. We further urge you by voice and pen to seek to correct any evil you may see in any of our denominational machinery.

Regardless of the course you and associates may pursue, we here and now pledge ourselves anew to the support of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and all of Christ's Causes it so nobly fosters. Baptist must stand together or they will perish by disintegration.

Yours in the bonds of Christ,
Calvary Baptist Church,
John F. Peachey, Chairman,
W. C. Riley, Clerk.

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lacking plants will not grow. The last two are found in sufficient quantities in all soils and may therefore be disregarded, as may also the first three, which are obtained from the air and water. But the farmer must see to it that the other five are present in his soil in sufficient quantities, else his crop will not thrive. Poor soil means poor crops, and poor soil is simply a deficiency (seldom a total absence) of one or more of these essential elements of plant food. The scientific farmer who finds his soil unproductive, finds out what is lacking and then supplies those ele-

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9:00-9:30 A. M. Institute, according to request from State Board. Book—"Baptist Missions in Nigeria," using project method as far as possible. All women requested to bring any good pictures, charts, maps, short interesting articles, or other matter bearing on Africa.

9:30-10:00 A. M. Conference. Each day there will be a conference on a different phase of W. M. U. work, with discussion, questions, etc. Short inspirational talk on topic for day, to be assigned after reaching the Encampment.

A brief devotional will be given each morning. The first morning this will consist of scripture verses bearing on our new Watchword,— "Enlarge, spare not, lengthen, strengthen." Each morning thereafter scripture verses or lessons to be assigned.

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ments in the form of fertilizer.

Now Peter has given us here a list of character-elements, or faith-elements, essential to spiritual productiveness. If one be lacking even though the others abound, the spiritual fruitage will be small. A study of each characteristic separately will show it to be an essential element in a fruitful faith. Faith that has not the qualities here mentioned will not be productive. Go over the list and imagine a Christian faith minus each one of them in turn.

The following is told by Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins in his book, "The Story of the Soil." The Illinois Experiment Station established an experimental field in the southern part of the state on some black, peaty swamp-land of which there are many thousands of acres scattered in small areas over Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. This soil is very rich in nitrogen, phosphorus, and other elements except potassium, of which there is practically not any. The application of a small amount of potassium fertilizer makes it a very productive soil, but without the fertilizer treatment it will not grow anything. At the experiment field they had the treated and untreated plots side by side. On the treated plots the corn yielded forty-five to seventy-five bushels per acre, while on the others it was a complete failure. A

man living a few miles away whose land was all of this kind, heard of the experiments and came one day with his family to see them. As he stood looking at the luxurious growth of corn on the fertilized plots and the familiar puny stalks on the others, he broke down and cried like a child. He had put the best part of his life into that kind of land. "It looked rich," he said, "as rich as any I ever saw. So I bought it and drained it and built my home on it. The first crops were fair, and we hoped for better; but instead they grew worse every year. We raised what we could on a small patch of sandy land, and kept trying to find out what we could grow on this black, boggy soil. Sometimes I helped the neighbors and got a little money. But my wife and I and my older children have wasted twenty years on this land. Poverty, poverty, always! How was I to know that this single substance you call potassium was all we needed to make this land productive and valuable? Oh, if I had only known this twenty years ago, before my wife had worked like a slave, before my children had grown almost to manhood and womanhood in poverty and ignorance."

How sad to come to the close of one's life and realize that it has been a failure and totally unfruitful for lack of self-control, or Godliness, or some other of these essential elements! May this possibly explain the fruitless lives of many Christians?

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