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## A WAY OUT

Samuel N. Morris

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolved that we, the Baptist pastors and workers in this meeting go on record as being:

- In favor of encouraging the budgeting churches of this section to designate a part of their denominational remittance to Simmons University to be applied on her indebtedness.
- In favor of encouraging the churches of this section not on the budget to set aside a definite time for that purpose and take an offering directly to Simmons University.
- In favor of giving large space on our associational programs for the purpose of enlightening and enlisting the Baptist forces of this section for a direct support of Simmons.
- In favor of the publication of the facts brought to our attention by Rev. Sam Morris, in an article for distribution that our people may become better informed concerning our denominational schools and their peril.
- In favor of a copy of this resolution along with the article for distribution, by Mr. Morris, being sent to the Baptist Standard with a request for its publication in the West Texas edition of the Standard if possible, if not, in a later edition.

In 1915 there was launched by Texas Baptists a campaign for Christian Education. It contemplated the raising of \$250,000 annually for four years. It lasted three years and resulted in \$702,784.40 being applied to the liquidation of debts against our schools, to current educational demands, and, in some cases, to providing necessary added equipment." (Texas Baptist Annual, 1918, p. 141.)

But at the meeting of the Convention in 1918 there was still a debt of \$1,000,000 on the schools. This led to the floating of a Baptist Loyalty Bond in February, 1919, for \$1,000,000 with which to refund school debts. It took the debts off the schools and placed them on the Executive Board. It also cleared the schools participating in it, and they entered the Seventy-five Million Campaign free of debt. (See Texas Baptist Annual, 1918, pp. 67-70, for Bond Issue, and Annual, 1919, pp. 100-113, for schools benefitted thereby.)

In May, 1919, the Seventy-five Million Campaign was launched. It lasted five years and "the total actually contributed by the Baptists of Texas and expended by our board for Christian Education during these five years was \$2,157,000.00, and of this amount \$667,000.00 was applied to the principal and interest of our Baptist Loyalty Bond Account." (Texas Baptist Annual, 1924, p. 131). Simmons received \$137,000 of this, which left \$1,363,000 for the consolidated schools.

In 1926, the consolidated schools had a total indebtedness of \$3,125,825.21. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1927, p. 120.) The Conquest Campaign was launched. There were two drives. It contributed to the consolidated schools the sum of \$515,305.94. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1927, p. 117, and Budget Control Report of each school in 1928 Annual.)

Thus, during the thirteen years from 1915-1928 there was contributed to the consolidated schools by these special campaigns a total of \$3,581,180.34. In addition to this there have been various amounts contributed since 1924 by the regular cooperative program.

But these schools which started this period with an indebtedness of \$1,000,000 have on them today an indebtedness of \$2,769,418.03. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1928, p. 122.) This is more than two and one-half times as much as they started with. It is an average indebtedness of more than \$300,000 each. Then in addition to this personal indebtedness there are several hundred thousand dollars of indirect indebtedness being carried for them by the Executive Board.

### Our state denominational budget provides:

- \$320,100 for direct obligations of the board. This item receives first consideration and will be paid before any undesignated funds go to any other object.
  - \$341,000 for executive expense, State Missions, and Southwide causes, (Home and Foreign Missions, Seminaries, etc.) All undesignated funds above the first item will be used for this object until it is completed.
  - \$189,000 for the schools and hospitals. This item receives last consideration. It can share in no undesignated funds until after the first two items have been completed.
- Since the first two items require \$55,091.66 per month, and the past five months have averaged only \$43,860.24, there is a deficit in the budget, it is evident that the schools will receive nothing from our state work this year unless it is designated to them by the churches.
- The \$320,100 for direct obligations of the board, which receive first consideration, is divided as follows:
- \$150,000 goes to Whitley Central Trust Company debt.
  - \$101,500 goes to the payment of Baptist Loyalty Bond account.
  - \$4,800 goes to payment of Rusk College Bonds.
  - \$63,800 represents Executive Board deficit of 1928, Baptist Standard debt, and miscellaneous annuities, etc. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1928, p. 162.)
- Of the \$150,000 to the Whitley Central Trust Company a major part represents overdrafts, charged-off accounts, and assumed obligations belonging to the schools. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1923, p. 139; 1925, p. 154; 1926, p. 115; 1928, p. 106, for amounts included in the Executive Board debt refunded by the Whitley Central loan, on which this \$150,000 is an annual payment.)

The \$101,500 for principal and interest on the Baptist Loyalty Bond represents school debts taken over by the Executive Board when it issued the bond in 1919. (Texas Baptist Annual, 1919, p. 100-113.)

The \$4,800 to be paid on Rusk College Bonds is a school debt against that institution which closed last year.

Thus we see that most of the direct obligations of the board, which receive first consideration from this year's budget, represent school debts. This item is thereby in reality primarily a debt-paying project for the schools thus represented. Consequently, our state denominational budget, in so far as it will materialize, is about equally divided in its contributions to school debts and Southwide causes.

Let no one misunderstand us. We are raising no complaint here. It is, perhaps, the best our brethren can do with the present school policy and this information is not offered in the spirit of destructive criticism. Neither are we taking this occasion to "brag" on Simmons and her policy. We are frankly and fraternally examining the situation as it faces us today. We believe there will be a more hearty response from our people when we take them into our confidence and give them a frank, open, and impartial review of our denominational situation. There is no use in any one of us being sensitive or seeking to dodge the issue. Our schools are in a pitiable plight and because of their other causes are suffering. We are seeking to clear away the fog and point out a solution to this humiliating embarrassment.

Now, let us consider the case of Simmons. She has never been a member of the correlation. Her charter prohibits it. She stands for the same high scholarship, is just as orthodox in her teaching, and cooperates with all denominational causes as do the consolidated schools. But, she has contended that education and missions should be separated, and that each school should be responsible for its own debts and be supported by its friends on its own merits.

Consequently, Simmons did not share in the campaign of 1915-1918. She did not share in the Baptist Loyalty Bond Issue. Neither did she share in the first drive of the Conquest Campaign. From the Seventy-five Million Campaign she received \$137,000. She shared in the second drive of the Conquest Campaign, inasmuch as everybody knows the contributions in this drive were negligible. It totaled only \$197,895.52 to all causes combined. (Baptist Standard, November 1, 1928, p. 6.)

In spite of the fact, however, that she did not share in three of these campaigns, Simmons, during these fourteen years, has expanded in valuation, endowment and enrollment. Her valuation in 1915 was about \$500,000; today it is \$1,250,000. In 1916 she had no endowment; today it stands at \$500,000. Her enrollment in 1916 was 641; last year it was 1,412. In 1916 she graduated 28; last year she graduated 136. The Executive Board is carrying little, if any, indebtedness brought upon it by Simmons. Her indebtedness is for less than the average indebtedness of the consolidated schools, and most of them are junior colleges. It is carried by her trustees, and if she were to close, Texas Baptists would not have to pay any deficit that she might leave. If either of the consolidated schools should close, any deficit it leaves will have to be taken care of by the Executive Board. (We are doing this now on Rusk College, which closed last year. Texas Baptist Annual, 1928, p. 162.)

From this review of the facts, it is evident that the correlation of our schools, instead of solving our school problems, has hindered other causes and encumbered us with an educational debt that threatens Texas Baptists with insolvency. We may as well face the facts. It is also evident that the policy advocated by Simmons, instead of being selfish in spirit and detrimental to denominational causes, as has been contended by some who have differed with her, is sound in application, healthful to denominational causes, and is a feasible solution of our school situation.

It is further demonstrated by the fact that the other schools are adopting it. Instead of depending upon the denomination as they have in the past, they are now turning to their friends. The Greater Baylor Campaign is to continue indefinitely among the friends of Baylor. Baylor College is pleading for help from those who will respond to her call. Howard Payne College, the College of Marshall, Burleson College and Wayland College are all conducting campaigns in their respective territories. Each school must save itself or perish. This seems to be the only way they have of saving themselves.

From the foregoing review it would seem that a solution of the school situation is in letting each school shoulder its own obligations, and stand on its own feet, as Simmons has sought to do. And yet her policy has not been fully tried. She has been greatly hindered by opposition from those who advocated the policy of consolidation. Because of this opposition, she has never really pressed her claims among the churches of this section. But since the

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## Southern Baptists Hold Constructive Convention in Memphis

By Dr. E. C. Routh, Editor  
Oklahoma Baptist Messenger  
(Continued From Last Issue)

The first place, the pall-bearers who have carried other nations to their graves, wait outside our doors.

The response to the address of welcome was given by President W. W. Hamilton of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. He commended Southern Baptists to tread the path of the will of God and so behold with clear eye the revelation of the power and purpose of God. He told us of a woman whose sight was recently restored by a New Orleans surgeon after she had been blind 48 years. He pictured her joy as she beheld the beauties of the world about her. It is possible for us to have eyes and not see; to have ears and not hear.

The Convention sermon was preached by Dr. W. L. Ball of Spartanburg, S. C. That message which will appear in next week's Messenger, brought us the Scripture teachings on Hope, its origin, its object and obligations. It was a clear message but would have been more effective in delivery if the preacher had not used his manuscript.

One of the most important questions coming before the Convention was that concerning New Mexico. The Baptists of that state have a school, Montezuma, located near Las Vegas, on one of the most beautiful sites in the country. Their missionary, educational and benevolent agencies are bound up together. If one fails, all fail. New Mexico Baptists have been carrying a crushing load and have reached the point where without the assurance of help from other parts they would have to give up all their work. In spite of the fact that, except for Maryland and District Columbia, New Mexico Baptists are the largest per capita givers in the South. Last year they gave \$15.27 per member. There are only 11,381 Baptists in New Mexico. It is distinctly a missionary field. It is the only state all the problems are missionary problems. The Convention adopted the report of the Missionary Committee that the Executive Committee be authorized and directed to procure a loan for the purpose of consolidating the indebtedness of the New Mexico Convention, to be supported by the annual appropriations of the property or properties of the New Mexico Convention. This amount will retire out of annual appropriations to New Mexico, not to exceed \$40,000 a year. This amount is not far in excess of the annual appropriations which have been made from year to year to New Mexico. Dr. T. V. Neal, who made a stirring speech before the Convention in behalf of New Mexico, has rendered invaluable service to New Mexico Baptists by working out plans to save the situation in that state.

Thursday and Saturday nights were given to missionary mass meetings. Thursday night was given wholly to the missionaries, home and foreign, and Saturday night to the Indian workers, among them Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hancock and little Wanda Hancock, D. D. Cooper, William Burgess, Orlando Johnson, Miss Gladys Sharp and George Wilson, were on the program. They are just Baptists. They have some differences of policy and not of doctrine. They have some splits just as do white Baptists. On a recent Sunday the Catholic churches in Chicago, confirmed 500 Negroes. Dr. Williams, a native of Alabama, and reared in Texas, is pastor of the largest Baptist Church in the country, the Olivet Baptist Church. This church has a membership of 9,600, with 22 paid workers.

The Sunday School board was authorized to appropriate \$2,500 a year to the Baptist World Alliance. In connection with this appropriation the following paper was adopted:

"As the Baptists of our world deal with questions and relationships beyond the proper sphere of the Sunday School Board, therefore, that the Convention refer this matter to the Executive Committee, and that the Convention refer this matter to the Executive Committee, and that this Convention be authorized at its discretion, to draw upon the Sunday School Board for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 annually for the purposes stated. That in making this gift to the Alliance, we reaffirm our belief in the fellowship of all real New Testament Baptists, of like precious faith. That our relation to the Baptist World Alliance shall not in any way be construed as an endorsement of any of the unscriptural views that may have been or hereafter may be expressed by any of the speakers, whether in general or sectional meetings. That we urge all of our brethren everywhere to lovingly and earnestly contend for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints."

The Committee on Resolutions considered a number of memorials and resolutions, among them: (1) a memorial from the District of Columbia asking for a thorough revision of the Constitution of the Convention, so as to insure a more equitable representation in the Convention wherever it meets. This was referred to a committee to report next year. (2) A resolution from the Kentucky General Association protesting against the invitation to Mrs. W. J. Cox president of the W. M. U. to address the Convention. This was referred to this elsewhere. (3) A resolution by Dr. Len G. Broughton, asking the appointment of a commissioner of evangelism, and suggesting that the Convention be given relief to the amount of \$1,229,181.54. The Board has no indebtedness except for current accounts payable and for annuity bonds and memorials. While the receipts for relief work have been decreasing for several years, there has been a material decrease in the amount paid to 11 beneficiaries. This was made possible by the income from invested funds. The great objective of this board was set out by Secretary Watts. It has a commission to provide worthy relief to aged and disabled preachers or their widows and children.

Among the fraternal delegates who had been announced to speak was Dr. John McNeil of Toronto, president of the Baptist World Alliance. For some reason he was not present and no message had been received from him, explaining his absence. Dr. H. Rushbrooke of England, General Secretary of the World Alliance was heartily welcomed. He paid a high tribute to the sainted Mullins who carried on his heart the burdens of Baptists throughout the world. Dr. Rushbrooke has been a visitor several times among Southern Baptists. He has rendered a great service in his ministry in behalf of the suffering Baptists who have been persecuted in Roumania and Russia. At the devotional hour Friday evening, he told us something about the crisis which now faces Baptists in Russia. A few days ago Dr. Rushbrooke presented President Hoover with a resolution adopted recently by British Baptists commending President Hoover for his expression at Geneva, through Mr. Hugh Gibson, concerning world peace and disarmament.

Dr. D. J. Evans of Kansas City, brought greetings from the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Evans is a Welshman. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, and teacher of one of the largest men's Bible classes in the world.

Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the National Baptist Convention (colored) represented that body. There are 3,515,542 Negro Baptists in the United States. While Negroes number only about one-third of the population of the United States they furnish nearly one-half of the Baptists of our nation. If the white people furnished the same proportion of Baptists, we would have nearly fifty million Baptists in the United States. Eight per cent of the Negroes are still in the country. They face the problem of maintaining an edifying country fund. Negro Baptists have no Fundamentals or Modernists among them. They are just Baptists. They have some differences of policy and not of doctrine. They have some splits just as do white Baptists. On a recent Sunday the Catholic churches in Chicago, confirmed 500 Negroes. Dr. Williams, a native of Alabama, and reared in Texas, is pastor of the largest Baptist Church in the country, the Olivet Baptist Church. This church has a membership of 9,600, with 22 paid workers.

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## Is Elected Director for Derthick Class Work of Simmons University



MISS LUCILE AUTEN

Miss Lucile Auten has accepted the directorship of the Derthick classes in Simmons, having been elected at a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

The first class is being organized now, but the initial meeting will not take place until the beginning of the summer quarter, which opens June seventh.

Miss Auten's election to this position came about as the result of a suggestion by Dr. Derthick himself, who designated her as one fitted by nature, education and experience to carry on his work in colleges.

Miss Auten holds an A. B. and B. Mus. degree from Baylor college and has done graduate study in both Chicago and New York. Her major in literary is English poetry, while piano and voice vied for first place on the musical degree. She has devoted three years to a study of speech arts and has spent some time in the study of art. Miss Auten will assume her duties in behalf of the Derthick work in Simmons at the beginning of the summer term.

The class will meet twice per week and the programs will be one hour in duration.

The university has been chosen by Wilbur M. Derthick, well known educator, author and originator of the Derthick classes in Correlated Arts, as the first college in the United States to have these classes as a part of the regular curriculum, carrying two term hours of college credit.

The course consists of a series of programs, correlating the three arts, Music, Painting and Poetry, in a unique manner, and represents a lifetime of painstaking research on the part of educational leaders. These programs will be presented by professional and semi-professional talent.

The class is not confined to students of the university and it is expected that many who are interested in things cultural will take the course. The work will be concentrated and intensive, the entire series of programs being given in twelve weeks.

## Baptist Students Will Gather For Fourth Annual Retreat At Ridgecrest, N.C., June 28-July 5

By Frank H. Leavell, Student Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.

For the fourth year Baptist students will gather this summer in their annual Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, seventeen miles East of Asheville. The attendance has exactly doubled each successive year at this meeting. The goal this year is four hundred. The slogan is "Meet the Four Hundred at Ridgecrest in the Land of the Sky". Delegations are expected from Maryland to New Mexico—from Missouri to Florida. The dates are June 28 to July 5, eight great days.

### The Program

Intensive classes and discussion groups under leaders who are real specialists will cover the following subjects, vital to student life on the campus: Methods in Baptist Student Union activity, Up-to-date Missions, Vocational Guidance, Christian Student Problems, Poster Making and Recreation. Some of the South's greatest inspirational speakers will support the program. Some of them are Dr. Lincoln Hully, President of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, one of the outstanding platform men of the nation; Dr. Henry Alford Porter, of Charlottesville, Virginia, one of the most popular of all speakers for students; Dr. John L. Hill, of Nashville, Tennessee, who knows students and their life as do few men of America; Mr. William Hall Preston and Miss Ethel McConnell, student Secretaries of Southwide acquaintances and popularity. Others to be announced later.

A special feature will be "Officers Training Hour" for officers of the B. S. U. and exclusive conferences for student secretaries and prospective secretaries. A socialist will have direction of outing, bathing, boating, hiking, camp-fire conferences, fishing, golf and games of various kinds.

How They Will Come

For those who are so sedate as to ride on trains a special rate has been offered. Leaving home on the

### A WORD TO ALL OUR PREACHERS

Brethren, let the announcement go out from all your pulpits that there is no such thing as free service in our sanitarium. It may be free to the individual receiving it, but rest assured some one is paying for every service rendered. The hospital gives one-fourth of every charity case; some one must pay three-fourths of the bill, and just now we do not have anything in our sanitarium for such work. In the last year we have done a marvelous work of this character and largely it was the product of the liberality of one good man and his fine wife. Won't you lead your people to help us carry on?

May God bless every helper.  
S. F. Baucum.

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SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS

Our readers attention is called to the articles in this issue of the West Texas Baptist, "The Way Out" by Sam Morris, field secretary for Simmons University. In this article the writer stresses again the idea of separating our hospital and educational institutions from the general missions budget as a means of reviving interest in both our education and missionary enterprises.

This idea of the local appeal and designation of monies has met the opposition of some of our best brethren over the state who feel that the unified budget is the best means of carrying on a great world wide program. They feel that after while the churches can be led to adopt this method of financing the work in a way that will be adequate to care for all our needs.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Graduating exercises for the nurses and anesthesia graduates of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium were held at the First Baptist church, Abilene, on Sunday, June 2. The exercises were held at the evening service under the direction of Rev. S. F. Baucom, field secretary of the institution.

There were three graduates in the class of nursing. They were: Thlma G. Schneider, Virgie E. Rape and Ovelia L. Largent. The two graduates in anesthesia were, Allie Mae Campbell, R. N. and Vergie E. Rape. There are at the present time twenty-five student nurses in the institution.

The main address of the evening was given by Judge C. M. Caldwell, who brought a very practical message to both the class and to the friends of the institution. The presentation of diplomas was made by Geo. S. Anderson, president of the hospital board. While the institution has had hundreds of friends, this good man has meant more, perhaps, than any among them.

SIMMONS COMMENCEMENT

The thirty-seventh annual commencement of Simmons University was held on Tuesday of last week, an occasion which marked the twentieth year of President Sandefer's connection with the institution. In the next issue of the West Texas Baptist will appear an interesting story of the development of Simmons under the leadership of Dr. Sandefer.

The commencement sermon was delivered at the First Baptist church by Dr. M. T. Andrews, a digest of which appears in this issue. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. C. E. Friley dean of A. & M. College, and son of the first president of Simmons. The alumni and ex-students banquet was held at the university cafeteria on Monday evening. The cattle round-up idea was carried out at the banquet, the details of which we will publish next issue.

FIFTEEN PER CENT INCREASE ENJOYED SUMMER SCHOOL AT SOUTHWESTERN

A check of figures at the Southwestern Seminary reveals an increase of fifteen per cent in the summer enrollment over previous year. Already between one hundred eighty and ninety have registered as compared with one hundred and sixty-two of the previous session.

Over a period of four years "Southwestern" has had a steady small increase. Two tendencies have been noted by those close to the administration.

First, while each year has not always experienced an increase over a previous year, no year has fallen below the minimum of five years ago which means that the increase has been safe and beyond the possibility of unfavorable re-action.

Second, an improved personnel has been noted. There have been a greater number of college men and women and a more serious seeking after scholarship and real spiritual training.

Dr. J. D. Ray, director of the school has assembled about him fifteen teachers, and the school is offering major courses in theology, missionary training, sacred music and education.—L. A. Myers.

LUEDERS ENCAMPMENT

The next issue of the West Texas Baptist will feature the Lueders Baptist encampment which is to meet at Lueders on the Clear Fork river July 16-23. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Seminary, is to be the encampment speaker this year. A strong faculty has been selected for the training work and a large attendance is expected. The next issue will not only feature the encampment but will also have some interesting information about the work in the Jones, Cisco and Sweetwater associations, the three organizations nearest the encampment that are helping make possible the success of the institution. Several thousand copies of the issue will be distributed in the encampment territory.

NEW ALTARS

By Thomas Curtis Clark
Forsaken are the altars of our sires—
Faith, hope and love, the reverent thought of God.
For men no more esteem His guiding rod;
They hail new faiths, beside new-kindled fires:
The flame of passion warms their hearts today.
Though golden doors they seek his high abode
Whom they revere; he speaks no mystic code.
This god they serve; no rapt, supernal way
Leads to his blessed place. On open roads
They ply their worship—the god of lust!
The ancient shrines are prostrate in the dust
And conscience yields at last to carnal goals.
Men can no longer pray!—and manlike beasts
Have turned to sate themselves at fleshly feasts.
—Christian Century.

WHAT WILL BE PREACHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A questionnaire was sent out recently from the Northwestern University to hundreds of Protestant preachers and theological students. The answers received tell their own story. We are especially interested in the way the theological students answered the questions on vital Christian doctrines. We give them herewith:

Question—Do you believe that the idea of evolution is consistent with a belief in God as Creator? Ninety-four per cent answered in the affirmative.

Question—Do you believe that the devil exists as an actual being? Ninety-one per cent are uncertain about it or expressed their disbelief.

Question—Do you believe that the New Testament is and always will remain the final revelation of the will of God to man? Eighty-two per cent are either in doubt about it or expressed disbelief.

Question—Do you believe that Jesus was born of a virgin without a human father? Seventy-five per cent were either uncertain or expressed their disbelief. Fifty-one per cent were against such a belief.

Question—Do you believe that Jesus' death on the cross was the one act which made possible the remission of man's sins? Seventy-one per cent either expressed disbelief or are uncertain about it.

Question—Do you believe that heaven exists as an actual place or location? Eighty-nine per cent expressed disbelief or doubt about it.

Question—Do you believe that hell exists as an actual place or location? Eighty-nine per cent are unwilling to believe this.

Question—Do you believe in the resurrection of the body? Eighty-two per cent expressed themselves negatively or uncertain about it.

Question—Do you believe in a visible bodily second coming of Jesus to establish a reign of righteousness on earth? Ninety-two per cent doubted it or expressed themselves against it. (75 per cent of the latter.)

Out of fifty-six items the Lutherans agreed on forty-four; the Episcopalians on twenty-five; the Evangelicals on twenty-one; the Presbyterians on sixteen; the Baptist on sixteen; the Congregationalists on fourteen; the Methodists on eleven only. The Lutherans therefore show the greatest unity of belief and the Methodists the least.

What is going to be preached when these young students are released and sent forth to preach their infidel notions? Surely the predicted apostasy is upon us. If there shall be another generation what conflict awaits that generation.—Our Hope.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ADHERE TO DEMOCRACY

The Southern Baptist Convention has just come to a close in Memphis, Tennessee. It was a good convention from their own standpoint and from the standpoint of the man in the gallery. Of the things that would specially interest disciples, that of defeating a motion to merge the Home and Foreign Missions Boards will provoke most thought. Last year by the tragic defalcation of its treasurer the Home Board lost \$900,000. Nothing known to us is finer than the way the members rallied and replaced this staggering loss. The Southern Baptists evidently believe in distributed, intensive work, and are not restless to break into new orders and ways unless there is genuine promise in doing so. The position commends itself in a very large degree. It is certainly good New Testament democracy not to overcentralize power and responsibility. Big business they say does it, but it is not suitable for the church. The Southern Baptists deserve to be studied. They are going ahead.—Christian Evangelist.

Mitchell-Scurry Association

The Workers Conference met Tuesday, June 4, with the Pleasant Valley church. There was a good attendance and an inspiring program throughout the day. Rev. G. W. Parks of Roscoe, W. F. Ferguson of Snyder, and Geo. E. Alexander also of Snyder, being the principal speakers. With Rev. J. E. McDermitt of Westbrook, bringing a report on the Southern Baptist Convention.

Very enthusiastic and encouraging reports came from practically all the churches of the association. The work, generally, seems to be on a higher plane than it has been in some time. Under the leadership and direction of our good missionary, Brother W. D. Croon, who is just starting his third month on the field, there has been planned an evangelistic campaign for the summer that will reach every part of the association and it is hoped will be far reaching in its results.

The next regular meeting of the Workers Conference will be on Tuesday after the first Sunday in July, with the Wastella church. These conferences are proving a blessing and inspiration to those who are attending.

Palacios Encampment

Just thirty days and a host of Baptist young people will be trekking toward Palacios-by-the-sea for ten days from July 10 to 19. We will gather there by the seashore not only to rest our bodies, but to improve our minds and our spirits by the fellowship we will experience and by the listening to the teachers and speakers who have been provided. Dr. Truett, Dr. Jno. L. Hill, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Bob McCollum and a number of teachers will make our program a success by the help of God's Holy Spirit.

There are hard surface roads now all the way to Bay City. The road from Bay City to Palacios has been graded and is in good condition, unless an exceptionally hard rain comes. However, it is dry within twenty-four hours after a rain. The contract for paving fourteen miles of the distance from Bay City to Palacios has been let.

We are expecting some mountain-top experiences such as we have experienced from year to year for the past twenty-two years at this famous seaside retreat. Some of the greatest and our spirits by the fellowship we have in Texas got their inspiration at the encampment at Palacios and every church in Texas would do well to send one or more of their young people to this encampment. While the grounds belong to the State B. Y. P. U. Convention and the program is under its supervision, every phase of church work is promulgated. W. M. S. Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., laymen and the pastor problems are all studied and almost solved.

Come to Palacios, July 10 to 19. Write Mr. J. F. Barnett of Palacios, for reservations. Robert Jolly.

A MORAL MENACE

The cussler is a moral nuisance. Nothing is more stupid than profanity. Certainly it is not the mark of a gentleman nor a lady. It shows lack of good breeding and mental impoverishment, disregard for the sensibilities of others, and a humiliatingly low standard of the circles of society in which it obtains.

George Washington issued the following general order on July 8, 1776: "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a view heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms, if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

The Christian Index remarks: "We wish that this appeal from the first president of our country might be framed and hung in every boy's bedroom in the land. If he could read this every morning, he would likely not take the name of the Lord on his lips that day in profanity. Fathers and mothers are entreated to watch their tongues and to guard against

the pitfall of speaking profanely before their children. Then when some thoughtless person comes along and swears before your children, they will resent it rather than condone it.

"We have lately heard of men and women in public life using profanity in the presence of ladies and children. It is a sad hour when a man or woman will sink to the levels of speaking profanely in the presence of a lady or a little child or a gentleman. And for one to presume that there are no ladies and gentlemen left in the world is a presumption that deserves severe rebuke.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." People of clean speech are needed today.

No use for Texans to weep crocodile tears over "The deplorable liquor situation, and the effect it is having upon the younger generation," while they retain the legal refuge for bootleggers known as the "search and seizure law," and permit doctors and druggists to prescribe and sell it. Weeping over the product will not stop the process. All doctors and druggists don't abuse the prescription law, but some do. Both the doctors and druggists have asked in their conventions for the repeal of the law. Now let the legislature act or be acted upon.

Haskell Association

The Workers' Conference of the Haskell Baptist Association met with the Haskell church Monday of this week in an all day session. A large attendance was present and a splendid program was enjoyed. The congregational singing was directed by Rev. O. L. Dennis, pastor of the Sweet Home Baptist church, after which Rev. E. J. Barb of the Plainview community conducted an inspirational devotional service which was followed by Rev. C. B. Stovall, pastor of the Smith's Chapel and Gillispie churches, telling the story of the life of "John the Baptist." This was a splendid talk and the congregation enjoyed the message.

Rev. J. A. Kinser delivered an able message on "Jesus Christ as a Soul Winner." Rev. Kinser is pastor of the Pinkerton and Brushy churches and a large number of the members of these churches were in the congregation.

Rev. E. J. Barb substituted for Rev. Joe W. English of the Knox City church who was to have spoken on the subject of "The Things That Made Paul a Great Christian." Brother Barb made a wonderful talk on this subject which was very much appreciated by the large audience.

Dinner was served in the basement of the church at 12:30 by the Haskell ladies and all were bountifully fed with plenty of tea and coffee on the side. This was a great feast and the ladies received many compliments on the servicing of the good dinner.

At 1 o'clock the Baptist band called the congregation together in the main auditorium with a number of well rendered pieces of music after which the Free Sisters by request rendered a vocal duet accompanied by the band. Reverend Dennis again took charge of the congregational singing and a great song service accompanied by the band was enjoyed.

Following this splendid musical program Reverend W. H. Albertson of Munday, and C. E. Ball of Rule

made brief reports of the things which took place in the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, which they recently attended.

Mrs. J. O. Bowden, president of the woman's work, took charge and Mrs. E. M. Ammons of Munday, made a wonderful talk on "Christian Growth" followed by Mrs. Edgar Lowe with the subject of "My Favorite Character of the Bible," and Mrs. I. N. Simmons of Haskell, made an impressive talk on "What God Expects of Us as Soul Winners." These three ladies

received much applause on their great messages.

The attendance banner was awarded again to Gillispie church in a close contest between a number of the churches. This makes the second time in succession they have won the banner.

Rev. Sam Malone, editor of the West Texas Baptist of Abilene, was in attendance and also George Myers, a Jewish missionary, and Reverend Hardesty, also of Abilene, were here. Reverend Meyers and Malone made short talks at the close of the meeting. Rev. I. N. Alvis, a pioneer preacher of the association, was moderator.

The next meeting will be held at the Munday church, June 24.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MEET IN MEMPHIS

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gesting that more emphasis be put on evangelism. This was also referred to a committee to report next year. (4) A proposal to both the Southern and Northern Conventions to meet in Washington City one week, and the other the next week, within the next two or three years. (5) Approving the stand of President Hoover on peace and law enforcement. This was covered in the report on social service. (6) Fraternal messengers were asked to represent the Southern Baptists at the National Baptist Convention (colored). (7) No action was taken on the Near East Relief as the American Commission on that work will complete its commission next month.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Theological Seminary, held during the Memphis Convention, Dr. John A. Sampey, acting president of the Southern Seminary since the death of Dr. Mullins, was elected president. He has been a member of the faculty of the Seminary forty-four years. He is sixty-five years of age, only four years beyond the average age of the men whom President Hoover selected as members of his cabinet. In recent years, Dr. Sampey has made three trips to Brazil, where his daughter is a missionary, and each trip led hundreds of Brazilians to accept Christ in evangelistic services. His heart is aflame with the missionary passion.

A resolution was adopted deploring the persecution of Baptists by Soviet Russia, and protesting against such persecution. Dr. Rushbrooke advised us that arrests and exiles are now very frequent. Places of worship and religious schools are closed, licenses to print Bibles have been withdrawn, no prayer meetings are permitted for women and children, ministers are subject to a clerical tax, and the country is dominated by those who are materialistic and atheistic in their views of life.

Baptist women did a great work in the South last year. They led tens of thousands to Christ. In the Ruby Anniversary goal of 40,000 new members to their missionary societies, 40 per cent increase in the number of societies, and \$4,000,000 in offerings, 16 of the states reached the goal of new members, 11 the goal of 40 per cent increase in societies, and ten their goals in finances. We rejoice that Oklahoma Baptist women led by Mrs. Spooner and Mrs. McMillan reached the highest mark of any state and won a banner for their achievement. Last year the Baptist W. M. U.'s of the South contributed for all purposes \$3,500,166.59. Of this amount over \$1,200,000 was given to Home and Foreign missions. The Lottie Moon offering alone, Christmas, for Foreign missions, amounted to \$218,784. If the brethren would do as well proportionately as do the women, we would pay a part of our missionary debts and send a host of missionaries to mission lands. If the brethren studied missions as do the women they would give more.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and the Baptist Bible Institute did the best work last year of any year in their history. A Jewish rabbi was one of the graduates of the Southern Seminary. The Southwestern Seminary had 539 resident students. Next week 76 students will be graduated from this institution. Southwestern is in great need of large endowment. During the year the students have won thousands to Christ. There were 210 students enrolled in Baptist Bible Institute. The 108 ministerial students reported 1,898 additions to the churches served by them, 1,244 being received for baptism. As indicated elsewhere the Convention approved a special campaign to meet an emergency at B. B. I.

The Baptist Bible Institute, because of the acute financial crisis which it faces, imperiling its existence, was given the authority to make an emergency appeal to the denomination. This institution is one of the greatest missionary forces Southern Baptists have. Not only have Baptists in New Orleans more than trebled since the institute opened eleven years ago, but missionaries have gone out from the Institute into the regions roundabout and won thousands of souls to Jesus Christ.

During the past year the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, cared for 5,935 patients, reported net profit of \$32,492.32 for the year, rendered \$36,643.42 worth of charity service, and reduced its indebtedness to \$29,812.57. This is a very gratifying report. Dr. L. J. Bristow deserves much credit for this showing. Altogether, the twenty-eight Baptist hospitals in the South treated 130,543 persons last year and did \$721,823.65 worth of charity work.

President Truett made a happy choice of leaders of the devotional hours. Among the men selected for this service were Fred Brown, W. Eugene Sallee, J. H. Rushbrooke, T. W. Ayers, D. D. Cooper, W. H. Knight, Louie D. Newton.

Oklahoma gave \$52,129.73 this year to Foreign Missions (\$16,158.17 designated), as compared with \$49,636.87 (\$20,521.15 designated) last year. Texas gave \$117,255.37 this year, as compared with \$149,351.61 last year. Oklahoma gave \$14,248.12 to Home Missions, general, designated, and week of prayer; and \$14,141.98 Baptist Honor Day. Altogether Oklahoma gave to Home Missions \$31,474.82, compared with a total of \$16,497.74 last year. Texas gave altogether to Home Missions (including \$57,468.89 Honor Day) \$101,919.62; last year \$60,582.27.

Dr. A. J. Holt read the report on Preservation of Baptist History. He referred to illustrious men in the past who made Baptist history. He referred to the address of Dr. John A. Broadus, at the Convention forty years ago, in which he compared Baptists to a herd of wild horses that made progress and kept together, but "reared, plunged, kicking, biting, but made progress and kept together." "If even the briefest record of the great revivals of religion held by Baptists could be published, it would make a series of volumes of Pentecostal progress and power. If all the history of their missionary endeavor could be published it would make a library on Missions; and if a correct summary of all the money given by Baptists for the cause of Christ could be published, it would bankrupt the numeration table. All the dishonest treasurers of Baptist bodies who have stolen the Lord's money from the days of Judas Iscariot until now were enumerated, you could, no doubt, count the number on your fingers; while if all the good, honest, faithful treasurers of Baptist bodies, who have handled billions and billions of dollars of the Lord's money, from the days of Epiphroditus until now, were recorded, the record would fill a volume as large as 'Who's Who in America' with illustrious names."

At the Convention, Judge Rice Maxey and Mrs. Maxey of Sherman, Texas, entertained at dinner the living pastors who have served the First Church, Sherman, J. W. Gillies, Forrest Smith, Fred T. Brown, T. L. Holcomb, and J. A. Ellis. These brethren are all doing a distinguished work. The First Church, Sherman, is one of the greatest churches in the land. Last Sunday week the B. Y. P. U. of this church surpassed all attendance records with nearly 1,600 in the various B. Y. P. U. organizations.

Several cities made a strong bid for the 1930 meeting of the Convention, but New Orleans was selected. Time, Wednesday, May 14, 9 a. m. Preacher, Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis; Alternate, Dr. S. W. Melton, Virginia.

Every possible provision was made for entertainment of the Convention messengers and visitors. The overflow throngs were entertained in the homes of the city.

There were 239 messengers from Oklahoma. The list which was compiled by Fred McCauley will be published next week.

The Convention adopted appropriate resolutions thanking Mrs. Botoms of Texarkana for her magnificent gift to the Home Mission Board which will provide more adequate equipment in Havana.

Last year the Convention voted to abolish the Education Board although it will continue to be a legal entity until the transfers of its assets, liabilities and obligations to the Executive Committee shall have been completed. During the past year an Educational Commission with an operating budget of \$2,500 has functioned in educational matters that concern the whole convention.

Professor Harry Clark of Furman University, Chairman of the commission, made a plea Friday evening for the 1841 teachers in our Baptist Colleges. His human interest stories of students and teachers who are doing their work in the face of tremendous odds gripped our hearts. The Sunday School Board was requested to devote one Sunday each year to lesson on Christian Education. Professor Clark asked that some one else serve as chairman this year of the commission, and that responsibility was put on Gaston Duncan of Missouri.

The Cooperative Program of Southern Baptists was presented Friday night by Brethren Austin Crouch and L. R. Scarborough. Cooperation is a Scriptural doctrine. Paul urged the saints in Macedonia and Achaia, as in Asia, to co-operate in benevolent work for the famine-stricken brethren in Judea. Let the churches, all of them follow the New Testament teaching concerning regular systematic giving, and a new day will come. Whenever we give to the Cooperative Program we are giving to missions, Christian training, and benevolence,—to the whole program of Christ. Do not let specific causes be lost in the program, in the thinking of the people.

Dr. A. J. Barton, a recognized leader in the strengthening of sentiment for prohibition and other civic and moral movements for the betterment of humanity read the report of Social Service. In the report was a very clear discussion of the fundamental principles embodied in the character, functions and acts of Baptist bodies, also some fundamental principles of our government and some facts and principles in the relation of government and religion. A paragraph was given to the significance of the agreement between Italy and the Vatican. President Hoover was commended for his firm stand on law enforcement. Continued support was pledged to the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. C.

During the past year the two secretaries of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South have stressed a well balanced church budget throughout the territory of the Convention, and have sought to enlist deacons in assuming larger responsibility for the conduct of church finances. By their work in a number of churches, just preceding the conduct of the every-member canvass, these two men succeeded in enlisting these few churches in increasing their offerings to the Cooperative Program of the denomination by \$40,000.

Study classes for men have been conducted practically every week during the year, some of these classes featuring mission study and others the duties of deacons. Many new tithe-bearers have been enrolled and everywhere the duty of church members bringing their tithe into the church treasury on Sunday morning has been emphasized.

So anxious are some of the negro candidates for the Baptist ministry attending the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, to secure an education that they are denying themselves some of their meals that they may remain in school. Dr. O. L. Halley, field secretary, reported to the Southern Baptist Convention that the Southern Baptist Convention White Baptists of the South have erected the buildings of that institution and aid the churches of the National Baptist Convention (colored) in the operation of the institution.

No tuition charge is made the students, and the cost for meals and rooms has been brought down to \$4.50 per week, Dr. Halley reported. But even at this low cost many of the men have difficulty in remaining in school without outside assistance, and he is devoting his time largely to the raising of a student aid fund to help

the ministerial candidates complete their course of training.

Dr. T. B. Ray, acting executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told of the achievements in the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists. During the past year 12,264 were baptized. From one field, Roumania, came the thrilling report of 4,525 baptisms. Of the 1,392 churches in foreign fields, 960 have their own houses of worship, and 744 are self-supporting. These churches have 147,648 members. These churches gave more (\$575,000) for native workers last year than did Southern Baptists (\$540,000). The debt of the board was reduced last year from \$1,145,000, January 1, 1928, to \$802,560.88. But at what a cost! Last year we sent \$283,000 less to the foreign field than the year before. In the homeland are many missionaries who cannot return, and very few missionaries have been sent out the past year. There was never such an opportunity facing Southern Baptists. The day in China is just beginning. Idols are being destroyed, and temples are being used for schools. Over half the members of the Chinese cabinet are Christians. In 1924 we had 860 schools; now there are 486 schools. Less than 100 of these are being supported or aided by Southern Baptists. For the most part they are self-supporting. It is estimated that \$300,000 will be realized this year from sale of property, reducing the debt to \$500,000. Suppose we divide this into 100 blocks of \$5,000 each. The women of the South propose to take twenty of these blocks, in the Lottie Moon offering. Who will take the other eighty?

The operation of the Nuyaka School is transferred from the Executive Committee to the Home Board.

The debt of the Home Board has been reduced from \$248,380.93 on August 2, 1928, to \$882,981.19, April 30, 1929.

The debt of the Foreign Mission Board has been reduced the past year from \$1,145,729.74 (January 1, 1928) to \$802,560.88, May 1, 1929.

The following Oklahoma churches have A-1 full graded W. M. U.'s: Cleveland, Commerce, First Lawton, and First Sapulpa.

Oklahoma led again this year in the ratio of baptisms to members, 1 baptism to 12.2 members. Texas was 1 to 16 and Georgia 1 to 26.3.

The number of white and Indian Baptists in Oklahoma increased from 138,763 in 1927 to 143,398 in 1928. There were 11,729 in 1928 compared with 12,053 in 1927, a loss of 325 from the preceding year.

The gifts to local church expenses in Oklahoma last year amounted to \$1,925,728.17, a gain of \$179,332.01 over 1927, while gifts for missions, education and benevolence amounted to \$280,638.93, an increase of \$8,840.10 over 1927. While Texas increased its gifts last year to local church expenses \$390,081.25 over 1927, it gave \$263,265.77 less to missions, education and benevolence than in 1927.

The total gifts of Southern Baptists last year to local church expenses amounted to \$32,525,121.80, a gain of \$51,537.05 over the preceding year; to missions, education and benevolence a total of \$7,402,788.48, or a loss of \$440,863.48! We spent nearly \$600,000 more on ourselves and nearly \$500,000 less on others.

Every state, with the exception of Arizona, Illinois, Missouri and District of Columbia reported a loss last year in the number of baptisms.

The per capita gifts last year of Oklahoma Baptists to missions was \$1.95. The average for the South was \$1.99.

Since 1920 the per cent of gifts to missions, etc., by Southern Baptists has fallen from 43 per cent in 1920 to 18.54 per cent in 1928. Here is the descending scale: 43.1 per cent (1920); 33.9 per cent (1921); 30.7 per cent (1922); 27.3 per cent (1923); 26.4 per cent (1924); 21.3 per cent (1925); 20.5 per cent (1926); 19.3 per cent (1927); 18.54 per cent (1928). What will it be for 1929?

Last year 7,069 Baptist churches in the South (29.13 per cent) gave nothing to missions. Of these 1,000 were in Oklahoma (39.41 per cent of Oklahoma churches). In the South, 3,508 churches (14.45 per cent) gave through the cooperative program only (32 in Oklahoma—3.15 per cent of Oklahoma churches); 5,938 (24.46 per cent) gave to designated objects only (277 in Oklahoma—27.29 per cent); 7,786 (31.96 per cent) gave both to program and designated objects (306 in Oklahoma—30.15 per cent).

Oklahoma has a larger percentage of population not holding membership in churches than any other state in the South. With a population of 2,342,474, there were in 1926, 1,761,391 or 75 per cent who were not members of any church.

There are 99 Baptist schools in the South with a total enrollment the regular team, of 24,403. Of those enrolled 2,086 are ministerial students. Last year 2,363 ministerial students were reported. The total property and endowment amounts to \$60,120,451.72.

Dr. J. S. Rogers has accepted the presidency of Central College, Conway, Arkansas.

Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon of Louisville, Ky., was elected Professor of Homiletics and Christian Sociology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, succeeding Dr. C. S. Gardner, retired.

Secretary Alldredge estimates that of the 41,584,077 population in the South, 31,070,877 or 74.72 per cent are not in any Sunday school.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness gave us a resume of the report of the Sunday School Board. The receipts for the past year amounted to \$1,870,853.94. For the first time in the history of the board, the total receipts were less than the preceding year. This decrease was practically all in the merchandise department. There was a gratifying increase in the business

represented by Sunday School periodicals. Out of its earnings the Sunday School Board put \$522,548.50 the past year into various phases of denominational work. The total net assets of the board are \$1,924,430.66. There have been improvements in the appearance of periodicals, with no increase in cost. The name of the Kind Words periodical has been changed to Challenge. Thirty-three periodicals are being issued by the Board, with a total circulation last year of 29,387,250. Twenty-one books were published the past year. These books were:

Southern Baptist Handbook, 1927, 1928, E. P. Aldredge; Rainbow Gleams, Rosalee Mills Appleby; This Is My Church, Fred F. Brown; Why and How of Woman's Missionary Union, Wilma G. Bucy; Our Church and Ours, P. E. Burroughs; Studies in Mark, Homer L. and Ethel H. Grice; Wisdom in Soul Winning, W. W. Hamilton; Faith Lighthouse, Haud Jackson; Missions in Principles and Practice, W. H. Knight; Trail-Makers in Other Lands, Ina S. Lambdin; B. Y. P. U. Year Book, 1929; L. P. Leavell; Stewardship Applied in Church Finances, J. B. Lawrence; Pioneer Women, Una Roberts Lawrence; Building the Intermediate Department, Mary Virginia Lee; George White McDaniel; Douglass Scarborough McDaniel; Points for Emphasis, 1929, Hight C. Moore; Signal Fires on the Mountains, J. W. O'Hara; The Diamond Shield, S. J. Porter; Paul and the Intellectuals, A. T. Robertson; Songology for Young People, Cornelia Rollow; The Bride of Christ, W. W. Weeds.

The membership of the B. Y. P. U. is given as 500,563. Only two states, Mississippi and Texas, reported larger gains in enrollment last year than Oklahoma. Mr. Lambdin discussed the place and value of the B. Y. P. U. in the church life. A very large per cent of the young people first lead in prayer in the B. Y. P. U. Here they begin to tithe and learn to study the Bible. A Southern B. Y. P. U. Conference will be held in Memphis, December 31, 1929-January 1, 2, 1930. The keynote will be "There is No Other Name." Mr. Redwine made an announcement concerning Boys' Camps at Ridgecrest. The distressing announcement was made of the critical illness of Mr. E. E. Lee. The student work of the South is being conducted under the direction of the Sunday School Board, with Mr. Frank H. Leavell, as secretary. The Baptist Student Union secretaries are doing very effective work in the various institutions. Mr. Leavell gave some interesting facts showing that men have the mold of their religious lives set in college. What they are in college, religiously, they are likely to be after they leave college.

WINSETT PARTY AT SWEETWATER, TEXAS

The Winsett evangelistic party have been conducting a big tent meeting in Sweetwater for the past six weeks. The first three weeks we were on the south side with the Lamar Street Baptist church, then moved to the north side where for the past three weeks, the largest crowds ever gathered for a religious service have been coming each night. An effort to close the second week of the last series met with a standing vote of protest by more than eight hundred people. A thousand people have been in attendance the past three nights. Winsett has preached the truth and has had the endorsement of a great company of Christian people who still love the Old Book and believe in the return of the Lord Jesus. People were turned away from the tent last night when Winsett preached on "The Buzzard's Roost." One business man who had contributed \$90.00 said, "I would give a thousand dollars to have that sermon preached in the hearing of every church member in Sweetwater. Brother Winsett has a new mes-

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH AT VALLEY VIEW COMPLETED

The Baptist church at Valley View has completed the new building that was started about a month ago. It is located just east of the school grounds, across Lone Wolf creek. It is a modern and up-to-date church building and is probably the nicest rural church building in the county. This new church has a seating capacity of 250 and is conveniently equipped. This splendid Baptist organization built the structure and equipped it from funds raised by popular subscription and it is entirely free of debt. The church is to be congratulated on this latter feature, especially. The Rev. Joe Lockhart of Abilene is pastor of the church and fills the pulpit on the fourth Sunday in each month.

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# A Way Out

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other policy has demonstrated its inability to cope with the situation and since the other schools have turned to their friends, we feel at liberty to task our friends and the churches of this section to give Simmons their undivided support.

She needs it. At the close of the Seventy-five Million Campaign, we found ourselves in debt about \$125,000. Compared with debts on other schools, this was not large, but it was our first of any consequence. Had Simmons been free to call upon her friends, we believe this debt could quickly have been cleared up, but instead it has increased each year, until it looks now that it will exceed \$150,000 by the end of this school year. This demands an interest account that would practically meet our annual deficit on running expenses. This must not continue.

It need not continue. If the friends of Simmons, and the churches of this section will face the situation frankly, and respond liberally, this debt can be quickly liquidated. Why not do this, and save the greatest educational institution in West Texas, its noble president, a deserving faculty, and the capable board of trustees from further worry, by removing this heart-crushing burden?

The budgeting churches of this section might follow the example set by one prominent church in this section. Since nearly 50 per cent of the denominational budget represents school debts, since the other schools are receiving support from the churches of their sections, and since Simmons has her own growing debt, for which she alone is responsible, this church designates 50 per cent of its monthly denominational remittance to Simmons. The other 50 per cent is designated to Home and Foreign Missions, etc. It might not be wise for all the other churches to follow this same percentage, but it is nothing but fair and will help to save the institution, if they will agree upon some definite percentage, and designate it to Simmons. The denominational debts must be taken care of, and the churches of this section will do their part, but in so doing no one can object to their trying to care for their own institution, out here, which has no other resources. It would be preposterous to expect them to pay debts on other schools and neglect their own. Or they could do as some other churches and include some amount in their budget along with their local items.

The churches not on the budget may give us an annual offering by designating October, November or December, as "Simmons Month," and in that month, take a collection for Simmons, and stick to the plan for it, and stick to the plan. If we wait until all other matters have been taken care of, Simmons will never have a chance.

Then, there are men and women of wealth all over this section who believe in Simmons. Many of them have promised to help her for years. Let them be encouraged to fulfill those promises by making a definite contribution to this institution, and include the school in their wills. Many people can be thus enlisted for Simmons who cannot be reached by any other school. Shall they be denied this privilege and lose the blessing thereby?

Through the personal solicitation of finances by Dr. Sandefur, faculty members, and the alumni, Simmons can be adequately cared for. This will, at the same time, generate an encouragement that will enforce and strengthen all of our other causes.

## Dr. Andrews Preaches Simmons Commencement Sermon Sunday, June 2

"The sorest evils under which men suffer today are not the evils of ignorance, but those inflicted upon the educated by educated scamps," said Dr. Andrews in his sermon before the graduating class of Simmons University at the First Baptist church last Sunday. "It was not ignorant men," according to the commencement preacher, "that brought on the bloodiest war in history, but the world's greatest scholars, who behaved for four years like brutes."

Dr. M. T. Andrews is pastor of the First Baptist church of Texarkana, Texas, and is one of the outstanding figures among Southern Baptists. In the large group of graduates before him as he delivered his sermons, was his own daughter, a popular member of the 1929 class.

The speaker read the Scriptures from Isa. 32:2. "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of waters in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land," from which he deduced the subject, "A Human Personality God's Opportunity."

"The sorest evils," declared the speaker, "are not the evils of ignorance, but those inflicted upon us by educated scamps. Those were not ignorant men who brought on the bloodiest war in history. They were the world's greatest scholars and boasted of their 'Kultur' and yet these men behaved like brutes for four years. A group of consummate idiots from the insane asylums could not have got the world into a worse predicament than these scholars did. The greatest menace to human welfare is an educated man with a bad heart. A civilization without God in its education is doomed. The worth of an education depends upon the quality of man behind it. If he is not a man after God's own heart, his education will be a hurt and not a help to humanity."

"Our Greatest Task" the speaker concluded, "the sublimest task of life is making the right sort of men. The consensus of the great minds that wrote from 1914 to 1918 was that we had a more splendid material civilization than we had manhood. We had gone further in making guns than in making men. Had we had better men, we would not have needed the guns. To build institutions that create an atmosphere in which men and women can be saved, and grown into high moral leaders is the sublimest task that earth knows."

In so speaking Dr. Andrews voiced the ideals of the institution whose guests he was, ideals which account for her great growth, and far-reaching influence.

Democracy a Menace in Hands of Evil Men  
The eloquent speaker further applied his principle to democracy. A monarchy with the right sort of a monarch was better than a democracy in the hands of thugs and thieves. "There is a type of democracy in our day that wants to interpret liberty to mean license," according to Dr. Andrews. "When we infringe upon what they conceive to be their personal rights, they say we are trying to make men good by law. What they really mean is that they want the right to debauch and damn men by law. They say progressive democracy is a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of waters in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land," from which he deduced the subject, "A Human Personality God's Opportunity."

### REVIVAL MEETING WITH WEST SIDE STAMFORD

My meeting with the West Side church, Stamford, was a church revival as well as one of soul winning. It was one of the best short meetings that I have been privileged to be in. Brother T. L. Kildatrick is the pastor. He is a fine worker and his people love him.

Although the church had been split over the moving of the church building and I did not get there until Monday night, we had seven conversions and reclamations that night. The meeting closed the following Sunday night and the visibly results were: Thirty-six conversions and reclamations, 28 additions, with 19 for baptism. There were many who rededicated their lives that were not counted. One of the fine young boys and an elderly man surrendered to the ministry.

At the close of the meeting, the church refused to accept the pastor's resignation, paid up what was owing on the church budget, and gave the pastor a pounding and a new suit of clothes.

The papers in Stamford gave the meeting some good advertising.  
—E. D. Dunlap.

### HOLDS GREAT REVIVAL WITH SOUTH DAKOTA CHURCH

God is wonderfully blessing our labor in South Dakota. I recently held a revival meeting in my church which resulted in forty conversions and four renewals of faith. The church was greatly revived.

We are hoping to soon be able to raise a \$100,000 debt due on our building. We have a magnificent church edifice on which \$27,000 has already been paid.

A new day for Baptists is dawning in South Dakota. Many churches are reporting spiritual revivals. We are on good financial basis, and peace and harmony exists throughout the state. Our state secretary is a wonderful leader. He is spiritual and a great believer in his denomination. He cannot tolerate unionism.

Will my many friends there, pray for us here.  
S. A. Jones, Trent Baptist Church, Trent, South Dakota.

"They tell me you were in Venice recently."  
"Oh, yes."

"Did you see the gondolas?"  
"Yes; I had dinner with them."

## Caleb, the Giant Fighter and Man Who Wouldn't Quit

Brief of a Sermon By Dr. Millard A. Jenkins

"It takes courage, faith and perseverance to make a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ," Dr. Jenkins asserted in a recent sermon at the First Baptist church, Abilene, on "Caleb the Giant Fighter and Man Who Wouldn't Quit," from the text: "The land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord thy God" (Joshua 14:9). The word Caleb means dog. In the case of the old fighter of giants it must have meant bulldog, for Caleb wouldn't take out, it mattered not that the odds were against him, he held on with bulldog grip, and refused to quit. There's a man for you. May his tribe increase. On such a progressive list of our churches wait today. Of quitters there are a plenty, and loiters in pleasant valleys not a few, but God is calling for men who will go forth to fight the giants, and storm the hills."

The Work of the Discouraged  
"This text is a part of the biography of a great man," said Dr. Jenkins. "And the last phrase is the key that unlocks the treasures of his great life. When the ten spies returned to Moses at Kadesh-Barnea with the report that the land promised them by the Lord was not good, and fortified that it could not be conquered, and that in the eyes of the giants over there, they were but as grasshoppers, and as grasshoppers were they in their own eyes, Caleb speaking for himself and Joshua replied that Israel was abundantly able to conquer the giants, and subdue the land, and proposed that they go up immediately. No grasshopper business for him.

But one discourager can do more damage in a day than a dozen encouragers can undo in a week. Israel refused to listen to Caleb and Joshua, and turned back into the wilderness where they had forty years to regret what they had done, and where all above twenty years old died. Because of Caleb's spirit Moses prophesied that he should one day possess the land of Hebron that had put Israel in retreat. Such was the case forty years later when eight-five years of age with eye undimmed and strength unabated, he led his army to the conquest of Hebron where the giants dwelt.

Wholehearted Followers  
"We have here a striking lesson of what it takes to make a wholehearted follower of the Lord. The first requirement is courage. Many fail to become Christians at all for lack of courage. That he should one day possess the land of Hebron that had put Israel in retreat. Such was the case forty years later when eight-five years of age with eye undimmed and strength unabated, he led his army to the conquest of Hebron where the giants dwelt.

Education Without God Hurtful  
Here the World war was cited as an example of what education does to leaves out God will do. "If mere education would save a country, it had its chance in Europe; but, behold, Europe worshipping at the shrine of learning hurled over the precipice of hate into a sea of blood."

By T. C. Gardner  
The group organizations.  
4. Advertise to reach all of them. Use posters, written invitations, news paper articles, etc.  
5. Visit to reach all of them. Observe a weekly Visitation Day. Sunday afternoon is a good time to visit prospective B. Y. P. U. members.  
6. Pray to reach all of them. Pray as if everything depends upon God and work as if everything depends upon you.

ANNOUNCEMENT  
Rev. J. A. Newsom of Oklahoma, whose headquarters is Britton, Oklahoma, calls the attention of the Baptist pastors of Oklahoma and Texas, that he has open dates for meetings and lectures, during June, July and August.  
Reverend Newsom is known throughout the South as a captive of the savage Indian when a little child, and it is said by all who have heard him tell the story of his early life with the Indians, that it is most interesting and educational. For seven years he has lectured in high schools, colleges and churches throughout the country. He has spoken in a number of our Texas schools and colleges, among them were Simmons University, McMurry College and the great school system of Fort Worth and Dallas. He delivers a series of six lectures to churches, the subject of his lectures are as follows:  
No. 1—"The Borderland."  
No. 2—"Should the Bible Be Read and Taught in the Public School?"  
No. 3—"From a Religious, Political and Moral Standpoint, Is the World Growing Better?"  
No. 4—"The Unseen Hand of America."  
No. 5—"What the Gospel of Christ and Civilization and Education Has Done for the American Indian."  
No. 6—"The Story of His Personal Life as a Captive Among the Indians When a Little Child, Dressed in Full War Costume as the Primitive Indian."

Who Should be Trained?  
The need in our Baptist churches today is a trained, consecrated, dependable membership. It is the continual, perpetual, training, the effort to better the best that gives significance to our lives, satisfaction to our efforts and joy to our hearts. The psychological time to begin training for heroic Christian service is at the beginning of our Christian experience.

Who Should be Enlisted?  
A place has been made in the Training Service for every member of the church family. All the boys and girls, men and women, who are members of a Baptist church should be enlisted in the Training Service. The Primary Union is for boys and girls eight years of age and under. The Junior B. Y. P. U. is for boys and girls nine to twelve years of age; the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. for young people thirteen to sixteen; the Senior B. Y. P. U. for young people seventeen to thirty and the Adult Union for all those thirty-one years of age and above.

How to Enlist Them  
If we are to enlist 100 per cent of our Baptist people in the B. Y. P. U.'s, we must as leaders make a place for all of them in our hearts, in our organizations, and in our prayers. Surely we all believe by now that all of our Baptist people need training, and that the best of organizations is the Training Service, the best organizations to provide that well-rounded, well balanced Christian training that we need. The following suggestions if followed up, will help in the enlistment of all our people.  
1. Aim to reach all of them. We never do more than we aim to do.  
2. Plan to reach all of them. Take a religious census or make a survey of the church members.  
3. Organize to reach all of them. Utilize the membership committee and

## ROCHESTER CHURCH HONORS FAITHFUL DEACON AT SERVICE

An extraordinary man, you say. No, not an extraordinary man, as the word would measure him. But an ordinary man, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, with a soul conviction as to how a Christian man, pastor and deacon ought to live. Underneath it all is an old rugged Kentucky character. Such a character undisciplined by the grace of God, ought to make a great man or woman any where. The subject of this sketch, Mr. J. F. Speak, more familiarly known as Uncle Jesse, Senior, deacon of the First Baptist church at Rochester, has just passed his seventieth mile stone along life's years, and having recently undergone a very serious operation, under which his life was despaired of for several days, and out of loving gratitude for his coming back from the gates of death, the service was held.

The children, twelve in number, purposed to surprise him with a birthday dinner and home coming. It was known that he would be able to attend church when he came in at the 11 o'clock hour, Sunday, May 26, 1929, the pastor, seeing him first, shouted "Bless the Lord," there comes Uncle Jesse." The whole congregation repeated, "bless the Lord, Oh my soul and forget not all his benefits."

In the absence of Brother R. C. Pender, who was to have occupied the hour in the interest of our dear Buckner Orphan's Home, the writer, a former pastor and intimate friend of many years, tried to preach. After the service, which closed at an alabaster service, the twelve children, of loving tender words, of a gold grand children and a few old friends prepared to the family home where a sumptuous dinner, having been prepared by the children, was served and a great feast of social fellowship was enjoyed.

A most unique feature of the day was the presentation to each of the twelve children, with appropriate, loving and tender words, of a gold quarter eagle, as a keep sake for a memento of the day and a reminder each time they looked at it, of dad, as he was on this, perhaps their last unbroken home coming, as he felt he would not live to pass another mile stone.

Each child responded in an appropriate and affectionate way that left all present in tears. This feature was closed by a prayer by the writer.

The following is a list of the children, in-laws, grand children and friends present:  
J. D. Speck, wife and four children, Mintie (Mrs. B. E. Hancock), husband and one child; C. M. Speck, wife and two children; Maney (Mrs. Jack Stevens of Lorens), husband and two children; J. C. Speck, wife and three children; Lottie (Mrs. Geo. Rister, Abilene) and one child; T. M. Speck, wife and one child of Aspermont; Pearl (Mrs. Leo Ballew, Abilene) husband and two children; McKinley Speck, Abilene, Joe B. Speck, wife and one child of Littlefield; Robert Speck and wife; Pato Speck and wife; grand children eighteen, great grand children five.

Others present: Pastor T. L. Heath and wife, E. L. Carr and wife, W. C. Graham and wife of Aspermont; Mrs. Pee Taylor, sister-in-law of Brother Speck; Roy F. Bruce of Davenport, Iowa, Rev. Ben F. Roberts, and the writer from Haskell.  
Ben Speck is a great citizen, a great husband and father and a great deacon. May his tribe increase and may our loving Father spare him to see many other birthdays.  
This writer was his pastor, 1905 to 1909, and has enjoyed loving fellowship with him all these years.  
—I. N. Alvis.

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