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Looking Up and Going Forward

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We came away from the Convention with two distinct impressions,—that we must look up and go forward. We must seek the power and wisdom which come from above; with the resources of God made available we must use them to do his will unto the ends of the earth.

Much emphasis was placed on worship. Again and again, President Dodd would say, "Let us pray." Each day at noon, however urgent the business before us, the Convention would turn from everything else while Dr. Truett led us in a period of meditation. His first heart message was on the prayer which our Lord had taught us to pray, particularly on the petition, "Thy will be done on earth as in heaven." That petition precedes the petition, "Give us our daily bread."

We were reminded frequently during the Convention that we fail because of our own unbelief. Like the disciples who, defeated and perplexed, at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration, we must learn from our Lord, "This kind cometh forth only by prayer." The victory that overcomes the world is our faith. Nothing else will overcome it. We have no right to retreat in despair until we have exhausted the resources of heaven. The two things that characterized Paul were unceasing intercession and unflinching courage as his face was set to the future. In the storm at sea he said to the men on the ship, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good courage, for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken." In prison he wrote, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Our failures and fears come because we

slightly the receipts the preceeding year. The Convention has no other thought than that every cent of its debt must and will be paid. The Hundred Thousand Club got a good start at the Convention. A dollar a month from one out of every forty Baptists in the South will yield more than a million dollars a year to apply on Southwide debts. Let us average a dollar this month on O. B. U., then let us do our part as co-operative Baptists on Southwide obligations. If some church says that it did not make these debts and will not help to pay them, such argument may be made and is made by some individual members concerning debts of churches to which they belong. Jesus Christ could have said that he would not pay the debt of our sins because he did not make them. If we are co-operative Baptists and have any part in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention we will want to carry our part of the burden. The debt on the Foreign Mission Board, for instance, one of the biggest items of indebtedness, is for missionary work already done, for thousands of men and women who have already been led to Christ. Should we discriminate between missionary work already done and missionary work yet to be done?

On the question of our obligations we quote again from President Dodd's address:

"We will again assert our moral and financial responsibility for all debts. But, at the same time, we must face up to the fact that we have our obligations besides bonded indebtedness. We owe moral obligations to the workers, teachers and missionaries who are dependent on us for support, for themselves, and for our work in which they are engaged. If it is a moral obligation to meet our debts, there is also a moral obligation to take care of our work and workers."

We will go forward in our gifts to the Co-operative Program, for our state work and our Southwide causes. On this point we quote from the report of the Foreign Mission Board submitted this year: "The boards, institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are all bound up together in the Co-operative Program. The Foreign Mission Board has been loyal and consistent in its support of this plan of Kingdom work adopted by the Convention. We believe the principle underlying the idea of the Co-operative Program for the current support of all Southern Baptist Convention causes, is sound. So far as we see now it is the best plan devised or in sight for the systematic, sane and orderly support of the current missionary, educational and benevolent work."

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The discussion and spirit of the Convention were along this line. President Dodd, in his message, the Spiritual, Organizational, Financial, and Social problems that face us, put spiritual problems first. "Our first and supreme need is spiritual power." He quoted one of our editors who wrote, "Let us keep our heads, trust our God, and dare to follow where he leads. There is a way out of our difficulties if we will find the mind of our Master." The great sermon by Dr. J. L. White summoned us to look up, to rely upon our God. "The Slain Lamb Prevailing" was his theme. It was the Slain Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, who said to the suffering saint, "Fear not: I am the first and the last and the Living One; and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades." Renewed hope and courage and strength will be given us if we look away from all else unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. We must look up.

We must go forward. So far as we recall, there was no suggestion of retreat or radical retrenchment. In answer to the Virginia Memorial proposing certain consolidations, particularly of the seminaries and mission boards, the Convention answered:

"On account of the unsettled financial conditions and the general unrest in the minds of all people, we feel it would be unwise to disturb the minds of Southern Baptists by upsetting in any way the machinery of our denominational agencies. We, therefore, recommend that no institutions or boards be consolidated or eliminated at this time. Our seminaries are all doing splendid work and there seems to be urgent need for each of them, and, as time goes on, with our growing population and with our enlarged Baptist work, we shall need all of them to serve our constituency even more in the future than now.

"The legal complications arising out of combining or moving trust funds would involve us in great difficulty. The same can be said with reference to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. It would be unwise to undertake to combine our Foreign and Home Mission Boards before the existing debts on both shall be fully paid—even if then. We feel that a great loss would be sustained if we were to place on the market any of the unused property belonging to our boards and agencies. We, therefore, recommend that all properties be retained until financial conditions improve and until the agency itself shall deem it wise to dispose of the same to its best interests."

Because the Convention is emphasizing a progressive, constructive program instead of radical retrenchment may be one reason why all institutions, and boards with only one exception, reported less indebtedness than a year ago. Including the Emergency Mission Offering last summer the receipts of both Mission boards exceeded

God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. Gen. 1:1, 26-27. That this is a true statement, I have not one shadow of a doubt. No other theory of the origin of humanity appeals to me in the least. Not that I am blind to reason, that prompts me to accept the Genesis theory: but that it is the only reasonable theory that I have ever read.

Thousands of saints in their yesterday; thousands of saints of today, did and do say with the Psalmist, I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Again the same writer puts us to the test, when he said, O taste and see that the Lord is good: Blessed is the man that trusteth in him. God will prove his Lordship to all who will trust and serve him.

"Thou must be true thyself, If thou the truth wouldst teach; Thy soul must overflow, if thou Another's soul wouldst reach! It needs the overflow of heart To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts Shall the world's famine feed; Speak truly, and each word of thine Shall be a fruitful seed; Live truly, and thy life shall be A great and noble creed."

For a number of years, altogether too many good men have been handing it out over God's sacred

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"I'll trust Thee for today, I'll trust Thee for tomorrow; I know not what the future hath Of pleasure or of sorrow, One thing I know, and on this rest, That Thou wilt give me what is best."

The following lines were written by a man who did not know God. He lived in a time when the people with whom he lived did not know God. But somehow, they knew that there was, or as we would have it, is a God.

"They need not the moon in that land of delight, They need not the pale, pale star; The sun is bright, by day and night, Where the souls of the blessed are.

They till not the ground, they plow not the waves, They labor not, never! oh never! Not a tear do they shed, not a sigh do they heave; They are happy for ever and ever."

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W. M. U. REPORT OF THE HASKELL ASSOCIATION

To The Convention of the 17th District, Convening in Haskell, May 9-10, 1933; Mrs. C. O. Davis, President.

Madam President, and Ladies of the 17th District:

We are happy to extend greetings and welcome to you from the women of the Haskell Association. We have looked forward to this day for many months. We have talked and planned in terms of this District meeting until it has become a part of us.

As we review the progress of the past year's work in our Association we gratefully acknowledge the work of the women and Young People whose excellent work in churches has made this

eral having a School of Missions last month, all being well attended. Many courses and awards are to their credit for the past year's work. We would like to pay special tribute of gratitude to Mrs. Leigh, for her untiring interest in our Lueders Encampment, that meant so much to our women this last summer. Eight completed the Young People's Leadership Course under her competent teaching. Buckner Orphans Home, and our Hospital at Abilene, have not been left out of our program. Many boxes and hundreds of jars of fruit and vegetables have been sent the Home. Each April and October we remember the Hospital with linens and canned goods.

On April 4th at Rule, we had our "Launch Out Luncheon" with seventy-five in attendance. We counted it one of the high days in

are too realizing the importance of mission study. Some of them are having great classes in Mission study. We too are stressing the great importance of all of our women reading the Baptist Standard and Royal Service. We have fourteen of the most faithful presidents in Cisco Association, and committee chairmen. In fact I have never seen a more loyal spirit anywhere than we have, so all that is done is done through their cooperation with me.

Several churches have sent crates of eggs to B. O. H. Also handkerchief showers and cash offering to the Home.

We have observed our Weeks of Prayer. Sent over \$300.00 Lottie Moon offering.

Home Mission offering—some of our churches are planning outside charity institutes. Served for Red Cross—all winter.

Workers Conference—once a month. We have afternoons. We have sent linen showers and cash offerings to West Texas Baptist Hospitals. Cash offering to hospital on Mother's Day—a part of our Baylor debt paid.

Eastland church has a Mexican Sunday School. Five we baptized last Sunday night.

Girls went to Y. W. A. house-party at Brownwood.

Had our Mission rally at Cisco. Miss Bertha Hunt spoke.

It is said of Woodrow Wilson that the secret of his great life was hidden in three words, "I Am Ready." Dr. Newton tells us that in answer to every call that came to that great man he responded, "I am ready."

Then one day when the shadows began to lengthen upon his

report is so small. However I am not going to dwell on the things we have not done, except to say that our lack of a glowing report is due to the churches who have failed to do their part. There are three W. M. U.'s in our association

who have met all the apportionments, observed all the weeks of prayer, held their regular meetings, studied missions, and done everything that a real W. M. U. should do. To these three churches (Continued on page 4)

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CISCO ASSOCIATION

From September to May

I Bring You Greetings from Cisco Association:

We have 43 churches in our Association, 14 of which have W. M. S. and Young People's organizations.

It is our plan to organize as many societies in these remaining churches as possible. We have given these 14 organizations one or two churches to go out and organize a W. M. S. in that church.

Our association has an old minister, Brother Ponder. We take care of him by letting a church take care of him for a month. Some of the smaller churches go together for a month.

Our association sent a carload and a half of groceries, feed and clothing to B. O. H. We have met all of our apportionments.

We had our "Launch Out Luncheon" in front of Lake Cisco with about two hundred present. Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Francis were also there. Our women are endeavoring to launch out into the deep for the Master's cause.

Mrs. Francis spoke to us on Launch Out in Deep Through the Youth of Today. The W. M. S. organization is coming to realize the importance of educating our young people in the Master's work. We have had more new organizations in the last few months than we have had all year.

The 14 W. M. S. organizations

Wilson challenge by day as we watch for the open doors that are in God's plan for our lives.

ANNUAL REPORT OF JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. GIVEN AT HASKELL MAY 9, 1933

I bring "Greetings" from Jones County association. I have only served the association as president since October, so I feel that my report will be amateur both in presentation and in activity.

I am certain that nothing really spectacular in progress can be reported in this year's work; I think if I could point out all the handicaps and pressing difficulties in our work in Jones county that everyone would understand why our

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One of the things of interest in our Associational work has been our most interesting and inspiring programs at the regular Workers Conference each month. We have an hour on every program for some phase of the work fostered by the W. M. U. The program committee planned the year's work in advance to be printed in the Associational minutes. The men of the Association have co-operated with us in making their programs along the same line, thus strengthening both and making them more effective quarterly meetings.

Then our Young People's work has gone forward in a great way, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Joe Averitt of Knox City. In co-operation with their leader they rallied wonderfully to our Stewardship Declaration Contest. We had our Associational elimination at Knox City, with more than five hundred people in attendance, which gave us opportunity to present the doctrine of Stewardship to many people. We had six to go to Abilene, to the District contest. Three out of the six winning and going to the State Contest at Fort Worth.

Our interest in Missions has been quickened by increased numbers of women attending seasons of prayer. Each of our societies observed them all. Special emphasis was placed on our Lottie Moon offering. A Missionary Rally Day being observed with Miss Bertha Hunt from Brazil, as principal speaker, and our beloved President Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, and other District officers taking part, making the day complete.

Mission study has been emphasized in most every church. Sev-

W. M. U. DEPARTMENT Cont.

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goes the credit of this report. One or two other churches have done a little at one time or another, but they have not done much.

When I accepted the work I wrote each church which had a missionary society and invited myself to visit them. At various times since then I have gone to the churches that accepted my invitation. I and my very efficient corresponding secretary, Mrs. Littleton, have been in seven churches during the past six months. The purpose of these meetings was to go over the work and confer about it. I felt that each meeting was profitable. I met more ladies personally than I could have met in any other way. As far as I know we have only seven missionary societies in Jones county; out of the thirty-three churches. Only three are full-time churches. I can't find it out and I have certainly made a desperate effort to get in personal touch with them. I was informed that there was a society in one other church from whom I had never heard; so I wrote the fourteenth letter to this place and enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for an answer. I haven't heard from them yet; so I say we have seven societies with four making reports and three doing all the work.

I think my first official act was to call the women of the county together for a rally in behalf of December Week of Prayer. At this meeting the Anson church acted as hostess and brought to us a devotional that was inspiring. Then our beloved district president, Mrs. Caldwell gave a talk on

School and we are hoping that several of these seniors will attend Baptist schools next year.

We have had two showers for W. T. B. S. consisting of linens and canned foods. Our offerings to B. O. H. have been small, but that worthy institution has not been forgotten.

One church reported that the intermediate G. A.'s had quilted a fan quilt and sent to the Seminary to be used by district seventeen's scholarship girl. These girls are "Fans for the Seminary," all should be.

One society reported they were studying mission books, Royal Service and then they were having circle programs from Home and Foreign fields. I think this is a splendid plan as we need more missionary information.

Our Young People's organizations are the hub of our work. I feel that each society that is fostering one or more organizations is making history that eternity alone will disclose. My one desire is that we may have Young People's organizations in every church.

We had our quarterly meeting in January built around the theme of "Launch Out." Each officer and committee chairman used this theme in bringing her reports. We did not have the L. O. luncheon but used this idea in the meeting.

One fine thing about our association we have faithful officers. Our Cor. Sec., Mrs. Littleton, keeps a perfect record and understands the work. She always gives a report that is educational and I think after she talks to us we know what apportionments etc., are. Our Recording Secretary, Miss Colbert, is grand. She not only keeps the

ership of our young people's leader, Mrs. Pierson. We find our young people's leaders untiring in their efforts and appreciate very much our district young people's leader, Mrs. Buckley, and the help she has been to us in our association, having come to our association and taught a class on young peoples leadership, nine taking examinations. We won first place in the district Y. W. A. Stewardship Declaration Contest, through the efforts of Miss Elva Greenway. Nineteen of our girls attended the Y. W. A. house party at Brownwood, and we feel we can go forward with our young people's work in a greater way this year than we have in the past.

We have had four all-day Quarterly Meetings with good attendance, good reports, and very inspirational. Mrs. E. M. Francis being our inspirational speaker at our last meeting. She made us feel that we must and can do greater things for the Master thru our W.M.U., that we must keep on.

Each Missionary Society in our association observed the three seasons of prayer, with an offering for each. We went over the top with our apportionment for Lottie Moon Xmas offering, having with us Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Bertha Hunt and we believe with their coming they left some of the spirit of our missionaries. They inspired us so by their talks that we will be more willing to work for the missionary cause.

Four missionary societies and four young people's organizations have had mission study classes, receiving ten certificates, and seals. We only lack one subscription having quota of 10 periodicals. We have the number of the Association.

Master we must go to Him who is the source of all our strength.

After returning from the annual meeting at Breckenridge we were better prepared to make plans to try to accomplish more than we had in previous years. In reviewing the past year's work we find in some of our plans we have failed and perhaps fallen short of many privileges and opportunities. Yet we feel we have had a small part in helping to carry on the work of District Seventeen. We can report no new societies, but believe each organization has been strengthened through study and prayer. The work of the young people has grown. Two new Junior G. A.'s and one Junior R. A. has been organized. The young people seem to be ready to enter into the work with more zeal than ever before.

There has been increased interest in Mission Study. Mission Study classes have been held in every Society. One School of Missions was held in which seven Mission Study classes were taught.

The three seasons of prayer were observed. The women over the Association came together at Roby for one day's program during the week of prayer for Foreign Missions. It was our privilege to have with us at this meeting our District President, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Bertha Hunt, a returned Missionary from Brazil.

We reached our full quota in the Lottie Moon offering. We have stressed Christian Education and done our best to influence the young people who go away to school to attend Christian Colleges. Two banquets were given to High School students. The quarterly meetings have been very well at-

thing, grain and various other farm products were sent to Buckner Orphans Home.

Our report would not be complete without a word about personal service. The word spoken to the stranger, the hungry fed, the sick ministered to, the comforting word to the sorrowing, are but little deeds, and yet Christ said when ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me. Let us not become discouraged, but hope and pray that ere another year comes we may be able to launch out and do greater things for the Master.

MRS. D. G. REID.

OBITUARY

On April 22, 1933, one of the most loyal and devoted members the Bronte Baptist church ever had entered into eternal rest. Homer R. Wilkins was born Dec. 21, 1876, at Plano, Texas, coming to Coke county in 1900 where he had since resided.

While yet a youth he gave his heart to God and served Him faithfully until his death. He became a member of the Bronte church in 1901. Several years ago he was elected church clerk for life and in September, 1931, was ordained deacon. Brother Wilkins was the pastor's friend and helper; always dependable and always in his place at all church meetings. A Sunday school teacher of rare ability, he will be greatly missed by the Men's Bible class.

Surviving him are the wife, Mrs. Mae Cumbe Wilkins, two brothers and three sisters. A vacancy which cannot be filled is left in the family circle, the church and

The discussion President Donk being asked to resign as a missionary her heart overflowed and she really gave a challenging appeal. Our association was apportioned one hundred and fifty dollars on the offering. We took in sixty-sixty-one and 61c.

At our county meetings we always have a stirring missionary sermon then we have a message from some one out of the association on some part of our work. Our county meetings are well attended in numbers but five societies are the most we have ever got to a meeting at one time.

We are very proud of one church in the association which trained its young people in the Stewardship Declaration contest. As there were no other contestants in the county the ones from this church represented us at the district meeting and came away with first place. Second and third place. The first place was won by an Intermediate R. A. and he represented district seventeen at the state meeting where he won third place. This accomplished alone is worth striving a year for because the value of molding young life can never be estimated. I feel that in the Stewardship Declaration contest that Jones County should have credit for the winner in the Y. W. A. contest. I am sure Mrs. Whitaker will report this winner from Stonewall Association, as Miss Elva Greenway was teaching in that association when she entered the contest rally though she is our girl and we feel that she won for us in another association.

Six young ladies from our county attended the Y. W. A. house-party at Brownwood. They were thrilled and inspired. Each of them determined to go next year and take all the members with them.

Two of our societies have entertained the Seniors in our High

ing. Her memory is marvelous and her minutes are good. Each of our committee chairmen gives an inspirational report of their work for the quarter and gives the secretary a copy of their report.

Our aim in Jones County is to organize more missionary societies and make the ones we have more missionary. MRS. TATE MAY, Association President.

REPORT FROM STONEWALL ASSOCIATION

Madam Chairman, Co-Workers and Friends:

It is a joy to be with you and I bring you greetings from the Stonewall Association. As we launched out into our year's work, with all possibilities of a large draft, thinking of the sea, all the boats we had to sail, all the nets we had to let down, considering the draft we brought, I am afraid we did not get as far out in the deep as we hoped for, the waves have been pretty high, perhaps not faith enough to go into the still deep waters. When we think of the morning Jesus walked by the sea and the meal he prepared for the fishermen, I wonder if we are worthy of the meal he has prepared for us, but, when we look about us and see the large drafts our co-workers have brought, we take new courage and thank God we had a small part in the W. M. U. work of District Seventeen. We appreciate very much the help and co-operation our district officers have given in this year's work.

We have ten active churches in our association, with two hundred eighty-four women as members, five Missionary societies, with two of these being new. Forty-nine active members in W. M. S. Twelve Young People's organizations with others planning to organize soon.

We had one all-day meeting for our young people under the lead-

ership of our young people's leader, Mrs. Pierson. We find our young people's leaders untiring in their efforts and appreciate very much our district young people's leader, Mrs. Buckley, and the help she has been to us in our association, having come to our association and taught a class on young peoples leadership, nine taking examinations. We won first place in the district Y. W. A. Stewardship Declaration Contest, through the efforts of Miss Elva Greenway. Nineteen of our girls attended the Y. W. A. house party at Brownwood, and we feel we can go forward with our young people's work in a greater way this year than we have in the past.

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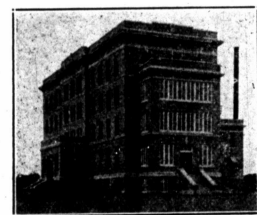
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DR. JENKENS RETURNS FROM EUREKA SPRINGS AND OCCUPIES PULPIT

Dr. Millard A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, has returned from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and occupied his pulpit Sunday, June 11th, morning and night. Dr. Jenkins underwent a serious operation in March and Sunday was the first service he has conducted since that time. There was a large congregation present to greet him on his return home and sixteen additions to the church, three by baptism.

LAMESA ASSOCIATION

J. J. Gentry

The workers conference of the Lamesa Association met May 11, with the First Baptist Church and Pastor Ed F. Cole of Lamesa. The topic for the day was "Evangelism." The spirit was fine throughout the day. Brother Leonard Burdine, one of our young preachers, started the service off right with the devotional service based on the first few verses of the 2nd Chapter of Mark and then such topics as "The Place of the Bible in Soul Winning," "The Place of the Holy Spirit in Soul Winning," "How to Prepare a Church for Soul Winning," "Jesus as a Soul Winner," and then at 11:30 Brother Mat Hale of Brownfield preached a great sermon. Brother Hale has found his way into all of our hearts by his frequent visits over here. The women had a short service in the afternoon, and the conference adjourned so all could go to the school auditorium to hear the concert by the "Cowboy Band" of Simmons University. Pastor Cole and his people were at their best in caring for the visitors.

I understand that the "backbone of the depression" has been broken with Pastor W. I. Taylor and the Saints at Sparenburg, as they are planning to tear down their church house and build a stucco building with a basement. We congratulate Taylor and his good people.

Brother Cole has just returned home from a meeting with his brother in Arkansas which resulted in 302 additions to the church, and 222 of these coming by baptism and also over 300 rededications. To say that this humble pastor is happy over this great victory is stating it mildly. Some how the good Lord is using this pastor to win the lost. There are conversions and baptisms all along in his services.

All of our pastors are making plans for the summer meetings. We are praying for victory.

Mrs. Gentry went with the writer to Florey over in Andrews county the first Sunday inst. and organized a W. M. S. Had sixteen charter members, and that night a young man was converted.

On the 18th of April some of the women of the Wilson Ballard and Five Mile churches met in the home of Mrs. J. J. Gentry and spent the day in studying, and taking the examination on the Book Eavrap and the Gospel. Mrs. Dr. Nix came out from Lamesa and taught the Book. Our women have a great helper in Mrs. Nix. She knows just how to put over a program.

For fear these notes will be too long I will quit for this time.

PLACING A TAX ON WEAKNESS

By J. O. Heath

Every citizen is to some extent affected by the policies which his government adopts. That being true, it is not presumptuous for him to suppose that the lawmakers being intelligent and patriotic, will pass only such measures as will promote the best interests of the people. As he is involved, he has the right to presume that his country's idealism will be subserved when policies are formulated for the purpose of supplying revenue for his government. Being a part of the government he also has the right to be disillusioned and indignant when for taxes a beer bill is authorized which makes a sordid appeal to low and enervating appetites.

There is nothing unfair, then, in affirming that the beer bill is predicated on human weakness. It obviously rests for success on the degrading desire the people have for intoxicating drink. For, as a means of producing revenue, the bill is dependent on the quantity of beer consumed. It is sad to know that there are multitudes who have a pathetic weakness for alcoholic stimulants. It is a weakness that can and does disqualify

people for rendering worthwhile service to themselves or to their country. The perverted taste for drink can so enfeeble their wills and reduce their earning powers as to make them heavy liabilities on society. Yet the beer bill, strangely ignoring that tragic fact, would capitalize an appetite that is calculated to destroy the tax-paying ability of the citizen. It would place a tax on a grievous weakness for strong drink. And when the weakness does not exist, it would by the subtlest workings create it and make the individual a wastrel in liquor's dark and sodden realm. For a tax, the beer bill would convert manhood's royal empire into a thirsty and howling waste. For revenue, it would encourage and confirm the tippler in his debauching habits. But the budget must be balanced. Therefore, weakness is to be exploited and degradation taxed. Now, I am of the opinion that to balance a national budget out of money derived from haunting frailties and poignant miseries would reflect no honor on the Government.

Moreover, there can be no right-

eous strength in a monetary policy that is allied with forces that "frame mischief by law." "The liquor traffic is inherently lawless." It does not fear God and has no regard for the physical, mental or moral welfare of the nation. The people constitute the government and it would devastate them. We are admonished to pray that iniquity may not have dominion over us. The liquor designs are sinister and the beer bill is only part of a deep laid plan to bring this Government into subjection, to whiskey's insolent reign. As far then as possible, let us keep the government from the snares which liquor has laid for it. We are in a serious hour. We are witnessing the travail of a nation. We are in the midst of an economic frenzy and are deranged enough to tax beer and wine, expecting thereby to make drunkenness profitable to all things. And when liquor seizes control of the government and a nation staggers in its mad flow, then our hope of national sobriety, stability and renown will perish in an inebriated land.

Garden City, Texas.

DR. AND MRS. W. J. MCGLOTHLIN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

In an automobile accident en route to the Convention, Mrs. W. J. McGlothlin was killed and Dr. McGlothlin was injured. For a few days there was some hope that he would survive, but last Sunday, May 9, he answered the Master's call.

Southern Baptists have lost one of their most beloved leaders. He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention three years, his last service in that office being rendered at St. Petersburg. He was a well-poised and impartial presiding officer.

Dr. McGlothlin was born in Tennessee near the Kentucky line and received his academic training in Bethel College. He was an alumnus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and was a teacher in that institution twenty-five years. He was recognized as one of the greatest authorities on church history. He received his Ph. D. degree from Berlin and was given honorary degrees by Bethel, Furman, Wake Forest, and Baylor.

In 1919 he was elected president of Furman which position he filled with unusual success and distinction.—Baptist Messenger.

Blonnye Foreman Writes of Work In Brazilian School

(Continued from last week)

Decreased Mission Receipts
Because of the decrease of offerings for Foreign Missions, the Board had to "cut" us again this year. At present we are getting \$29.00 a month to run our "nine-teacher" school on. When you consider the fact that this has been the main source of our income, and that two of our teachers use more than this amount, and that the matriculation fee is so small that it counts practically nothing, you begin to see what we are facing. When we received word that this would be our appropriation for this year, we felt that we should have to let some more of our teachers go (we let three go last year). But after much consideration and discussion, and prayer, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and I decided not to diminish the number nor the salary of the teachers, and even decided to employ two more teachers, to relieve Mrs. Crouch and me of the heavy teaching that we did last year. We decided to take care of the salary of the extra two, and also some of the rest.

It seems that the Lord was just waiting to prove us, for no sooner had we decided to take the responsibility of these teachers, this year, than we began to receive money from you good friends. I have already received enough to take care of what I promised, for at least half of the school year, besides some to be helping some students. Fortunately, it has not been necessary for me to travel much this year, so my expenses have been reasonably low. So you see the Lord is working at both ends of the line.

School Opens

School opened the first day of this month. 47 enrolled the first day, which is 17 more than the first day last year. At present we have 65 enrolled. From all indications, I think we shall have close to 150 this year, which is more

than any other year in the history of the school. Wish there were time to tell you about many of our students, several of them coming from between four and five hundred miles afoot, arriving here with nothing but the clothes they wear. Others whose parents came here to find aid from the drought, and stayed, and are now working to put their children in school. One man made a trip of several days to bring his daughter to school. When I told him I would arrange work for his grown son to pay his way, he said he would go back and make arrangements, and send his boy in June to attend the Baptist Encampment, and then to go on in school. But perhaps later I'll write a whole letter about some of the students.

Evangelistic Work

Would also like to tell you about the evangelistic work some of our preacher boys are doing, going out on week-ends and preaching. We now have several preaching points. I opened a new one two weeks ago, about four miles from here, and plan to go out twice a month, while Brother Crouch is here to take care of the local church. I went alone, and sang some songs. The folks promised to have a much larger crowd next time. I have never preached to a group that showed more interest than those folks. Two preacher boys walked about seven miles last Sunday to a new community, preached, and walked back for B. Y. P. U. A few weeks ago a group of five or six walked six or eight miles to another community to hold services. They had around fifty percent, and almost the entire number said they had never heard an evangelistic sermon before. They begged the group to return. But I must wait until later to tell you about this work too.

Doctor Needed

Over a year ago, the young man who has been our pharmacist for

some years, left us and went back to his folks, where he has been practicing since. He visited here the other day. Some of us talked with him about coming back. Sad to say, at present the Institute is not able to pay him to come back, and sadder to say, the people who need his services so badly, are not able to pay him for his services. But I believe that if we could guarantee him even \$15.00 or \$20.00 a month, he would come back. He is such a splendid young Christian, and is an unusually good combination of pharmacist and physician. If I should get sick, I would rather have Dr. Mariano than many doctors I know. He does the best he knows and then asks the Lord to do what he cannot, and gives the Lord credit for it all. Just to know that he has charge of a patient gives the patient more confidence of his recovery. Some have been bad sick, unto death even, and seemingly without any hope, but immediately on knowing that Dr. Mariano was coming, took hope, and began to improve. We need him so badly here.

Gracious Years

Good Christian friends, these three and a half years here in Brazil have been gracious ones. As the days pass, the Father seems to grow better. I wonder at his goodness and mercy and long suffering and love I thank Him for you. Some of you have written that while you have not been able to continue your help financially, yet you have not ceased to pray for me and the work here daily. One of you said that as long as we both live, you will not let a day go by without asking our Heavenly Father to bless and lead me that day and all days. One man for some months has sent me \$50.00 a month, and wrote some time ago that while the Lord prospers him he hopes to continue helping me. This one's contribution takes care of my expenses while I do not need to trav-

KRAMER TO BE AT RANGER

Ranger, Texas, June 14. West Texas Baptist, Abilene.

Beginning June 18th the First Baptist church of Ranger begins a two-weeks revival with James W. Kramer doing the preaching and his singer, Grant Sinclair, directing the music. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Thomas, and the church are looking forward to enlisting not only Ranger but also the surrounding communities. Brother Thomas has done a good work at Ranger and a great harvest is anticipated. Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Chairman of Publicity.

el, and helps me help others besides. Then, with others of you who are helping in less amounts, I am able to help out in this crisis, while otherwise, we would have to close our school, as others are having to do. I mean this literally—if it were not for what you good friends are sending to me personally, it would not be possible to continue our little college here. So I heartily and earnestly thank God for you. We think we need much more than we are getting. But when the Master sees best for us to have it, why, it will come!

Pray For Us

Your faces often come to me in my meditations, and in my daily prayers I speak of you. Ephesians 3:14-21 expresses my earnest desire and prayer for you. I request that you not forget me when you pray. This year we shall greatly need the Divine presence to lead us and to provide our needs and to protect us from ourselves and to make us a blessing to others here among this needy people. As many of you as can, and as often as you will, please write. The same amount of postage that is required to take a letter to your neighboring town, brings one to me here, though the time required is considerably different. Your letters brighten my life and help me in my service here.

Your missionary in Brazil,
BLONNYE W. FOREMAN.

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Looking Up and Going Forward

(From Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, June 1st.)

We came away from the Convention with two distinct impressions,—that we must look up and go forward. We must seek the power and wisdom which come from above; with the resources of God made available we must use them to do his will unto the ends of the earth.

Much emphasis was placed on worship. Again and again, President Dodd would say, "Let us pray." Each day at noon, however urgent the business before us, the Convention would turn from everything else while Dr. Truett led us in a period of meditation. His first heart message was on the prayer which our Lord had taught us to pray, particularly on the petition, "Thy will be done on earth as in heaven." That petition precedes the petition, "Give us our daily bread."

We were reminded frequently during the Convention that we fail because of our own unbelief. Like the disciples who, defeated and perplexed, at the foot of the Mount of Transfiguration, we must learn from our Lord, "This kind cometh forth only by prayer." The victory that overcomes the world is our faith. Nothing else will overcome it. We have no right to retreat in despair until we have exhausted the resources of heaven. The two things that characterized Paul were unceasing intercession and unflinching courage as his face was set to the future. In the storm at sea he said to the men on the ship, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good courage, for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken." In prison he wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always . . . I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Our failures and fears come because we lean on arms of flesh rather than on the arms of God. We are governed by the barometer of business conditions rather than by the call and commission of our Lord.

The discussion and spirit of the Convention were along this line. President Dodd in discussing in his message, the Spiritual, Organizational, Financial, and Social problems that face us, put spiritual problems first. "Our first and supreme need is spiritual power." He quoted one of our editors who wrote, "Let us keep our heads, trust our God, and dare to follow where he leads. There is a way out of our difficulties if we will find the mind of our Master." The great sermon by Dr. J. L. White summoned us to look up, to rely upon our God. "The Slain Lamb Prevailing" was his theme. It was the Slain Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, who said to the suffering saint, "Fear not; I am the first and the last and the Living One; and was dead and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades." Renewed hope and courage and strength will be given us if we look away from all else unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. We must look up.

We must go forward. So far as we recall, there was no suggestion of retreat or radical retrenchment. In answer to the Virginia Memorial proposing certain consolidations, particularly of the seminaries and mission boards, the Convention answered:

"On account of the unsettled financial conditions and the general unrest in the minds of all people, we feel it would be unwise to disturb the minds of Southern Baptists by upsetting in any way the machinery of our denominational agencies. We, therefore, recommend that no institutions or boards be consolidated or eliminated at this time. Our seminaries are all doing splendid work and there seems to be urgent need for each of them, and, as time goes on, with our growing population and with our enlarged Baptist work, we shall need all of them to serve our constituency even more in the future than now.

"The legal complications arising out of combining or moving trust funds would involve us in great difficulty. The same can be said with reference to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. It would be unwise to undertake to combine our Foreign and Home Mission Boards before the existing debts on both shall be fully paid—even if then. We feel that a great loss would be sustained if we were to place on the market any of the unused property belonging to our boards and agencies. We, therefore, recommend that all properties be retained until financial conditions improve and until the agency itself shall deem it wise to dispose of the same to its best interests."

Because the Convention is emphasizing a progressive, constructive program instead of radical retrenchment may be one reason why all institutions, and boards with only one exception, reported less indebtedness than a year ago. Including the Emergency Mission Offering last summer the receipts of both Mission boards exceeded

slightly the receipts the preceding year. The Convention has no other thought than that every cent of its debt must and will be paid. The Hundred Thousand Club got a good start at the Convention. A dollar a month from one out of every forty Baptists in the South will yield more than a million dollars a year to apply on Southwide debts. Let us average a dollar this month on O. B. U., then let us do our part as co-operative Baptists on Southwide obligations. If some church says that it did not make these debts and will not help to pay them, such argument may be made and is made by some individual members concerning debts of churches to which they belong. Jesus Christ could have said that he would not pay the debt of our sins because he did not make them. If we are co-operative Baptists and have any part in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention we will want to carry our part of the burden. The debt on the Foreign Mission Board, for instance, one of the biggest items of indebtedness, is for missionary work already done, for thousands of men and women who have already been led to Christ. Should we discriminate between missionary work already done and missionary work yet to be done?

On the question of our obligations we quote again from President Dodd's address:

"We will again assert our moral and financial responsibility for all debts. But, at the same time, we must face up to the fact that we have our obligations besides bonded indebtedness. We owe moral obligations to the workers, teachers and missionaries who are dependent on us for support, for themselves, and for our work in which they are engaged. If it is a moral obligation to meet our debts, there is also a moral obligation to take care of our work and workers."

We will go forward in our gifts to the Co-operative Program, for our state work and our Southwide causes. On this point we quote from the report of the Foreign Mission Board submitted this year:

"The boards, institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are all bound up together in the Co-operative Program. The Foreign Mission Board has been loyal and consistent in its support of this plan of Kingdom work adopted by the Convention. We believe the principle underlying the idea of the Co-operative Program for the current support of all Southern Baptist Convention causes, is sound. So far as we see now it is the best plan devised or in sight for the systematic, sane and orderly support of the current needs of all our missionary, educational and benevolent work."

Let us look up and go forward. Let us pray up, pay up and stay up.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. Gen. 1:1, 26-27. That this is a true statement, I have not one shadow of a doubt. No other theory of the origin of humanity appeals to me in the least. Not that I am blind to reason, that prompts me to accept the Genesis theory; but that it is the only reasonable theory that I have ever read.

Thousands of saints in their yesterdays; thousands of saints of today, did and do say with the Psalmist, I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. Again the same writer puts us to the test, when he said, O taste and see that the Lord is good: Blessed is the man that trusteth in him. God will prove his Lordship to all who will trust and serve him.

"Thou must be true thyself, If thou the truth wouldst teach; Thy soul must overflow, if thou Another's soul wouldst reach! It needs the overflow of heart To give the lips full speech.

Think truly, and thy thoughts Shall the world's famine feed; Speak truly, and each word of thine Shall be a fruitful seed; Live truly, and thy life shall be A great and noble creed."

For a number of years, altogether too many good men have been handing it out over God's sacred

stand that, the Bible is trite or lost its authenticity. No doubt, such statements will wreck the lives of some. Years ago, two fast-flying trains near New York City met on the same track. Many lives were lost in that awful wreck. Amid the shrieks and groans of the wounded and dying, the engineer of one of the wrecked trains was seen under the burning engine waving with his last strength a piece of yellow paper and the last words of that tragic hour were these. Some one gave me the wrong orders. God forbid that any of us should give men and women the wrong orders and send some souls to eternal ruin.

"I'll trust Thee for today, I'll trust Thee for tomorrow; I know not what the future hath Of pleasure or of sorrow, One thing I know, and on this rest, That Thou wilt give me what is best."

The following lines were written by a man who did not know God. He lived in a time when the people with whom he lived did not know God. But somehow, they knew that there was, or as we would have it, is a God.

"They need not the moon in that land of delight, They need not the pale, pale star; The sun is bright, by day and night,

Where the souls of the blessed are. They till not the ground, they plow not the waves, They labor not, never! oh never! Not a tear do they shed, not a sigh do they heave; They are happy for ever and ever."

When Columbus discovered the western hemisphere, and the Red Man, they had a hope of the Happy Hunting Grounds. Yes, they were devoutly religious, though they did not know God. What was

true of the Indians, is and was true of all people.

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W. M. U. REPORT OF THE HASKELL ASSOCIATION

To the Convention of the 17th District, Convening in Haskell, May 9-10, 1933; Mrs. C. O. Davis, President.

Madam President, and Ladies of the 17th District:

We are happy to extend greetings and welcome to you from the women of the Haskell Association. We have looked forward to this day for many months. We have talked and planned in terms of this District meeting until it has become a part of us.

As we review the progress of the past year's work in our Association we gratefully acknowledge the work of the women and Young People whose excellent work in their local churches has made this report possible. In each of our six reporting societies, the splendid presidents, with each officer and committee chairman, have been wide awake and ever ready and willing to respond to the many calls for service that have been ours. It is with happy hearts we are able to report to you that all apportionments have been met by each church.

One of the things of interest in our Associational work has been our most interesting and inspiring programs at the regular Workers Conference each month. We have an hour on every program for some phase of the work fostered by the W. M. U. The program committee planned the year's work in advance to be printed in the Associational minutes. The men of the Association have co-operated with us in making their programs along the same line, thus strengthening both and making them more effective quarterly meetings.

Then our Young People's work has gone forward in a great way, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Joe Averitt of Knox City. In co-operation with their leader they rallied wonderfully to our Stewardship Declaration Contest. We had our Associational elimination at Knox City, with more than five hundred people in attendance, which gave us opportunity to present the doctrine of Stewardship to many people. We had six to go to Abilene, to the District contest. Three out of the six winning and going to the State Contest at Fort Worth.

Our interest in Missions has been quickened by increased numbers of women attending seasons of prayer. Each of our societies observed them all. Special emphasis was placed on our Lottie Moon offering. A Missionary Rally Day being observed with Miss Bertha Hunt from Brazil, as principal speaker, and our beloved President Mrs. C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, and other District officers taking part, making the day complete.

Mission study has been emphasized in most every church. Sev-

eral having a School of Missions last month, all being well attended. Many courses and awards are to their credit for the past year's work. We would like to pay special tribute of gratitude to Mrs. Leigh, for her untiring interest in our Luaders Encampment, that meant so much to our women this last summer. Eight completed the Young People's Leadership Course under her competent teaching.

Buckner Orphans Home, and our Hospital at Abilene, have not been left out of our program. Many boxes and hundreds of jars of fruit and vegetables have been sent the Home. Each April and October we remember the Hospital with linens and canned goods.

On April 4th at Rule, we had our "Launch Out Luncheon" with seventy-five in attendance. We counted it one of the high days in our year's work. Each one received a new vision of service and resolved to endeavor to enlist our young married women in our W. M. U. work, thus extending God's Kingdom, and guarding the interest of our work in the future.

We will not look backward, but onward, and upward, praying God to open our eyes to the opportunities of service about us, then to give us wisdom and courage to press onward to do greater things in his name.

MRS. C. O. DAVIS,
Asso. President, Rule, Texas.

CISCO ASSOCIATION

From September to May

I Bring You Greetings from Cisco Association:

We have 43 churches in our Association, 14 of which have W. M. S. and Young People's organizations.

It is our plan to organize as many societies in these remaining churches as possible. We have given these 14 organizations one or two churches to go out and organize a W. M. S. in that church.

Our association has an old minister, Brother Ponder. We take care of him by letting a church take care of him for a month. Some of the smaller churches go together for a month.

Our association sent a carload and a half of groceries, feed and clothing to B. O. H. We have met all of our apportionments.

We had our "Launch Out Luncheon" in front of Lake Cisco with about two hundred present. Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Francis were also there. Our women are endeavoring to launch out into the deep for the Master's cause.

Mrs. Francis spoke to us on Launch Out in Deep Through the Youth of Today. The W. M. S. organization is coming to realize the importance of educating our young people in the Master's work. We have had more new organizations in the last few months than we have had all year.

The 14 W. M. S. organizations

are too realizing the importance of mission study. Some of them are having great classes in Mission study. We too are stressing the great importance of all of our women reading the Baptist Standard and Royal Service. We have fourteen of the most faithful presidents in Cisco Association, and committee chairmen. In fact I have never seen a more loyal spirit anywhere than we have, so all that is done is done through their cooperation with me.

Several churches have sent crates of eggs to B. O. H. Also handkerchief showers and cash offering to the Home.

We have observed our Weeks of Prayer. Sent over \$300.00 Lottie Moon offering.

Home Mission offering—some of our churches are planning outside charity institutes. Served for Red Cross—all winter.

Workers Conference—once a month. We have afternoons. We have sent linen showers and cash offerings to West Texas Baptist Hospitals. Cash offering to hospital on Mother's Day—a part of our Baylor debt paid.

Eastland church has a Mexican Sunday School. Five we baptized last Sunday night.

Girls went to Y. W. A. house-party at Brownwood.

Had our Mission rally at Cisco. Miss Bertha Hunt spoke.

It is said of Woodrow Wilson that the secret of his great life was hidden in three words, "I Am Ready." Dr. Newton tells us that in answer to every call that came to that great man he responded, "I am ready."

Then one day when the shadows began to lengthen upon his life and the sunset hour was near his Doctor leaned close and told him that he was swinging open for him the last great door to eternity, he hesitated a moment, and then said, I am ready.

Shall we as women of the 17th District not let these three words of the Apostle Paul and of Woodrow Wilson challenge us day by day as we watch for the open doors that are in God's plan for our lives.

ANNUAL REPORT OF JONES
COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL
W. M. U. GIVEN AT HASKELL MAY 9, 1933

I bring "Greetings" from Jones County association. I have only served the association as president since October, so I feel that my report will be amateur both in presentation and in activity.

I am certain that nothing really spectacular in progress can be reported in this year's work; I think if I could point out all the handicaps and pressing difficulties in our work in Jones county that everyone would understand why our

report is so small. However I am not going to dwell on the things we have not done, except to say that our lack of a glowing report is due to the churches who have failed to do their part. There are three W. M. U.'s in our association

who have met all the apportionments, observed all the weeks of prayer, held their regular meetings, studied missions, and done everything that a real W. M. U. should do. To these three churches (Continued on page 4)

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goes the credit of this report. One or two other churches have done a little at one time or another, but they have not done much.

When I accepted the work I wrote each church which had a missionary society and invited myself to visit them. At various times since then I have gone to the churches that accepted my invitation. I and my very efficient corresponding secretary, Mrs. Littleton, have been in seven churches during the past six months. The purpose of these meetings was to go over the work and confer about it. I felt that each meeting was profitable. I met more ladies personally than I could have met in any other way. As far as I know we have only seven missionary societies in Jones county; out of the thirty-three churches. Only three are full-time churches. I can't find it out and I have certainly made a desperate effort to get in personal touch with them. I was informed that there was a society in one other church from whom I had never heard; so I wrote the fourteenth letter to this place and enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for an answer. I haven't heard from them yet; so I say we have seven societies with four making reports and three doing all the work.

I think my first official act was to call the women of the county together for a rally in behalf of December Week of Prayer. At this meeting the Anson church acted as hostess and brought to us a devotional that was inspiring. Then our beloved district president, Mrs. Caldwell, gave a talk on "Launch Out." Mrs. Caldwell always inspires me and she did that time. She introduced Miss Bertha Hunt, a returned missionary from Brazil. Miss Hunt seemed to live over her life on the field and then when she told of being asked to resign as a missionary her heart overflowed and she really gave a challenging appeal. Our association was apportioned one hundred and fifty dollars on the offering. We took in sixty-sixty-one and six.

At our county meetings we always have a stirring missionary sermon then we have a message from some one out of the association on some part of our work. Our county meetings are well attended in numbers but five societies are the most we have ever got to a meeting at one time.

We are very proud of one church in the association which trained its young people in the Stewardship Declaration contest. As there were no other contestants in the county the ones from this church represented us at the district meeting and came away with first place. Second and third place. The first place was won by an Intermediate R. A. and he represented district seventeen at the state meeting where he won third place. This accomplished alone is worth striving a year for because the value of molding young life can never be estimated. I feel that in the Stewardship Declaration contest that Jones County should have credit for the winner in the Y. W. A. contest. I am sure Mrs. Whitaker will report this winner from Stonewall Association, as Miss Elva Greenway was teaching in that association when she entered the contest rally though she is our girl and we feel that she won for us in another association.

Six young ladies from our county attended the Y. W. A. house-party at Brownwood. They were thrilled and inspired. Each of them determined to go next year and take all the members with them.

Two of our societies have entertained the Seniors in our High

School and we are hoping that several of these seniors will attend Baptist schools next year.

We have had two showers for W. T. B. S. consisting of linens and canned foods. Our offerings to B. O. H. have been small, but that worthy institution has not been forgotten.

One church reported that the intermediate G. A.'s had quilted a fan quilt and sent to the Seminary to be used by district seventeen's scholarship girl. These girls are "Fans for the Seminary," all should be.

One society reported they were studying mission books, Royal Service and then they were having circle programs from Home and Foreign fields. I think this is a splendid plan as we need more missionary information.

Our Young People's organizations are the hub of our work. I feel that each society that is fostering one or more organizations is making history that eternity alone will disclose. My one desire is that we may have Young People's organizations in every church.

We had our quarterly meeting in January built around the theme of "Launch Out." Each officer and committee chairman used this theme in bringing her reports. We did not have the L. O. luncheon but used this idea in the meeting.

One fine thing about our association we have faithful officers. Our Cor. Sec., Mrs. Littleton, keeps a perfect record and understands the work. She always gives a report that is educational and I think after she talks to us we know what apportionments etc., are. Our Recording Secretary, Miss Colbert, is grand. She not only keeps the minutes, but writes a history of each meeting. In the minute book is a complete report of each meeting. Her memory is marvelous and her minutes are good. Each of our committee chairmen gives an inspirational report of their work for the quarter and gives the secretary a copy of their report.

Our aim in Jones County is to organize more missionary societies and make the ones we have more missionary. MRS. TATE MAY, Association President.

REPORT FROM STONEWALL ASSOCIATION

Madam Chairman, Co-Workers and Friends:

It is a joy to be with you and I bring you greetings from the Stonewall Association. As we launched out into our year's work, with all possibilities of a large draft, thinking of the sea, all the boats we had to sail, all the nets we had to let down, considering the draft we brought, I am afraid we did not get as far out in the deep as we hoped for, the waves have been pretty high, perhaps not faith enough to go into the still deep waters. When we think of the morning Jesus walked by the sea and the meal he prepared for the fishermen, I wonder if we are worthy of the meal he has prepared for us, but, when we look about us and see the large drafts our co-workers have brought, we take new courage and thank God we had a small part in the W. M. U. work of District Seventeen. We appreciate very much the help and co-operation our district officers have given in this year's work.

We have ten active churches in our association, with two hundred eighty-four women as members, five Missionary societies, with two of these being new. Forty-nine active members in W. M. S. Twelve Young People's organizations with others planning to organize soon.

We had one all-day meeting for our young people under the lead-

ership of our young people's leader, Mrs. Pierson. We find our young people's leaders untiring in their efforts and appreciate very much our district young people's leader, Mrs. Buckley, and the help she has been to us in our association, having come to our association and taught a class on young peoples leadership, nine taking examinations. We won first place in the district Y. W. A. Stewardship Declaration Contest, through the efforts of Miss Elva Greenway. Nineteen of our girls attended the Y. W. A. house party at Brownwood; and we feel we can go forward with our young people's work in a greater way this year than we have in the past.

We have had four all-day Quarterly Meetings with good attendance, good reports, and very inspirational. Mrs. E. M. Francis being our inspirational speaker at our last meeting. She made us feel that we must and can do greater things for the Master thru our W. M. U., that we must keep on.

Each Missionary Society in our association observed the three seasons of prayer, with an offering for each. We went over the top with our apportionment for Lottie Moon Xmas offering, having with us Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Bertha Hunt and we believe with their coming they left some of the spirit of our missionaries. They inspired us so by their talks that we will be more willing to work for the missionary cause.

Four missionary societies and four young people's organizations have had mission study classes, receiving ten certificates, and seals. We only lack one subscription having quota of 70 periodicals. We have increased the number of tithers in our association. Boxes of clothing and crates of eggs with some cash offerings for B. O. H. and boxes of linens have been sent to W. T. B. S. We have met all our apportionments.

We had Launching Out Lunch- eons for Executive Board of our association and two societies had Launching Out teas to plan work. Two societies had banquets for seniors in High School, one having a speaker on Christian Education from Simmons University.

In reviewing our year's work and thinking of our song, "Jesus Calls Us," let us answer the call. (Then launch and let.) We feel there is greater awakening for our Missionary cause and we wonder and pray God will lead individually into the deep of increasing spirituality that we may do greater things for the Master.

MRS. F. T. WHITAKER, President.

GREETINGS FROM FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Launch out into the deep and let down your net was the Master's command to His disciples nineteen hundred years ago. That Jesus meant this incident to become a parable of spiritual challenge is revealed in His own words "From henceforth thou shalt become fishers of men."

The success which He gave them that day on the Sea of Galilee was a prophecy of the success which He would give them in the world as fishers of men.

He spoke not only to Simon and those other disciples, but His command to "Launch out into the deep" has been our watchword for the year. There never was a greater challenge to the women of our district than comes through these words.

By experience we have found this command not an easy one to obey. The deep signifies the unknown and to walk into the unknown takes courage and faith.

Perhaps here is where we have had our greatest lesson, that to undertake great things for the

Master we must go to Him who is the source of all our strength.

After returning from the annual meeting at Breckenridge we were better prepared to make plans to try to accomplish more than we had in previous years. In reviewing the past year's work we find in some of our plans we have failed and perhaps fallen short of many privileges and opportunities. Yet we feel we have had a small part in helping to carry on the work of District Seventeen. We can report no new societies, but believe each organization has been strengthened through study and prayer. The work of the young people has grown. Two new Junior G. A.'s and one Junior R. A. has been organized. The young people seem to be ready to enter into the work with more zeal than ever before.

There has been increased interest in Mission Study. Mission Study classes have been held in every Society. One School of Missions was held in which seven Mission Study classes were taught.

The three seasons of prayer were observed. The women over the Association came together at Roby for one day's program during the week of prayer for Foreign Missions. It was our privilege to have with us at this meeting our District President, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Bertha Hunt, a returned Missionary from Brazil.

We reached our full quota in the Lottie Moon offering. We have stressed Christian Education and done our best to influence the young people who go away to school to attend Christian Colleges. Two banquets were given to High School students. The quarterly meetings have been very well attended and we have good programs.

We regret the failure to meet our apportionment in full, but in each we have had a part.

A carload of canned goods, clo-

thing, grain and various other farm products were sent to Buckner Orphans Home.

Our report would not be complete without a word about personal service. The word spoken to the stranger, the hungry fed, the sick ministered to, the comforting word to the sorrowing, are but little deeds, and yet Christ said when ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me. Let us not become discouraged, but hope and pray that ere another year comes we may be able to launch out and do greater things for the Master.

MRS. D. G. REID.

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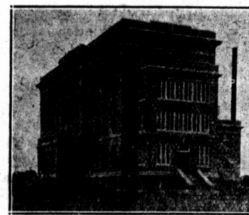
On April 22, 1933, one of the most loyal and devoted members the Bronte Baptist church ever had entered into eternal rest. Homer R. Wilkins was born Dec. 21, 1876, at Plano, Texas, coming to Coke county in 1900 where he had since resided.

While yet a youth he gave his heart to God and served Him faithfully until his death. He became a member of the Bronte church in 1901. Several years ago he was elected church clerk for life and in September, 1931, was ordained deacon. Brother Wilkins was the pastor's friend and helper; always dependable and always in his place at all church meetings. A Sunday school teacher of rare ability, he will be greatly missed by the Men's Bible class.

Surviving him are the wife, Mrs. Mae Cumbie Wilkins, two brothers and three sisters. A vacancy which cannot be filled is left in the family circle, the church and the community.

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