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The Ferment of Hate

Hate puts an awful virus in the soul that affects the whole religious and social system of him who lets it have a place in his heart, however hard he may try to confine it to one person. It affects the speech, the actions, in fact everything about him. There is no exception to its effect in this direction. None ever get high enough to be free from its hurt if they let it have a place in their souls.

One of the very serious phases of our present denominational trouble is the ferment of hate. It is in human hearts, and division, suspicion, criticism, with other kindred ills are being suffered by Baptists. These words are said very deliberately, and after some months of delay, in fear of hurt at saying them. But certainly the time has come for them to be said. It is the ferment of hate that is causing us our gravest trouble in Texas.

The writer has observed its working in some Texas men for years. He has not heard an address from a group of them, in denominational gatherings, in three years but that their extreme dislike of a person has shown itself in their words and spirit. And it is noticeable that they have not delivered one of their characteristic great speeches since hate has entered. Again and again have we settled ourselves comfortably in a seat at some Baptist gathering when one of these honored brethren arose, saying to ourselves, Now we will hear a real address. It would start with the old-time punch, and begin to climb toward a great climax and then gradually sink under the weight of hate, and end in anticlimax.

"Hate" is a strong word to use in this connection. It may be too strong; it may be that we do not grasp the true significance of the word. But it is the only word that we know that describes the antagonism of some hearts towards others. It greatly resembles what is seen in Shimei and which in his case was clearly hate. It is that disposition to wish ill, to destroy, to discomfit, to make ridiculous the object of dislike.

Now we do not wish to be misunderstood as thinking the men of that group are the only ones so possessed. There are others, quite numerous, that have the same spirit, if appearances count for anything. Two brothers in widely separated sections of Texas have told us of having received letters from a certain lesser leader, which letters were very bitter in their denunciation of these brethren because they had had the temerity to protest through the Baptist Standard against some things that obtain. The lesser leader showed clearly that hate was possessing him, and he announced the permanent cutting of the fellowship of these brethren because they had expressed their convictions about the matters. Hate has done its deadly work in that man's heart, we fear, and made him unfit for leadership in any realm.

But how can anything else be expected when men to whom Baptists look for leadership have for these years let their antagonism of one man so color their vision that they have not been able to free their speech of bitterness on any occasion? How serious are the results in the aggregate of hate in human hearts.

Writing for Publication

A brother of responsibility said the other day that he had learned to write for publication. He then explained that when he wrote a letter he always put in it only what could appear in print without embarrassing him. The letter, said he, might get lost, or fall into the hands of another and find its way through the work of an enemy into the public prints, and so prove an embarrassment. Lest such accident should occur, he always writes what might appear on the front page of the morning paper without suffering hurt of reputation or embarrassment.

It put a new idea into our heads. It is a fine idea. In almost every sensational trial in the courts, letters figure, and often a conviction hinges on a letter. They embarrass the writers; they incriminate the writers. No doubt writers of letters would give half the world if they could get hold of and destroy letters they had written. But they were in the hands of their enemies or in the hands of the state in a trial and were used as damaging evidence. Better not mail a letter that would not read all right on the front page.

That suggests another thing. Talk should not be indulged about people that might not be said to their faces. It reminds us of a letter we had from a good brother not long ago. He said that brethren talk in private a lot more about denominational differences than they write for the newspapers or will say in a public meeting. Once upon a time we heard a brother blow up our state leaders in a private conversation, and then soon afterward almost eat them up with honeyed words in a public gathering. It did not leave a very pleasant recollection in the minds of the onlookers who heard both his speeches. He who talks in private ought to talk the same way in public. But, somebody objects, it would lead to endless difficulty. No it would not—just not say in private what would hurt in public.

That is a good principle to employ in life: write for publication.

Judge McCrory of San Antonio told his grand jury last Monday when he impanelled it that women murderers are deserving of punishment exactly as are men murderers.

A Pacific coast professor who has been making exhaustive investigations finds that college women rear very small families, if any at all. College men for the most part marry high school girls and go in for reasonable size families. The uneducated are producing the greatest percent of the population.

What's father's birthstone? A grindstone.

It is time for Baptists to seek a great spiritual revival that this passion so contrary to peace and spiritual prosperity shall be driven out and forever exiled, and the graces of the gentle Christ, who is long suffering and tender-hearted, never discouraged with His brethren, exalted in Baptist hearts. May the gracious Lord send such a revival and that quickly so that the old-time spiritual fervor may mark the speech and action of all Baptists, and enrich anew their fellowship.

Deacons

By Geo. W. Coltrin

The Bible speaks of deacons. It says: "They that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus."

There are certain key words that unlock the treasure in many significant expressions in God's word. The word "well," in the above, is one of those words. It doesn't modify "useth" except grammatically; it really governs it. The word "well" may easily mean more than the word "deacon" does without it. There is a wealth of possibility in the word. It sounds sort of hopeful, and is certainly suggestive of something different.

Office-holding has various effects upon men—and women. It makes some men poor financially, and others poor—that is, blessed—spiritually. It affords some deacons an opportunity to serve, and offers an opportunity to do several other things. Since there are all sorts of men, there are all sorts of deacons, more or less; and many of them are Scripturally qualified.

A good deacon is the handiest man about a church. He doesn't stop with being a deacon, but fits in almost anywhere except in the M. W. U. He waxes bold in the faith, too; his own faith, of course. He doesn't try to regulate the pastor's doctrinal views, since he is apt to be much occupied in his own business. A real deacon runs along Scriptural lines, and finds his greatest and highest usefulness in fixing things so that his pastor may give himself to the spiritual phases of kingdom work.

A deacon makes a most efficient kicker, provided that he belongs to the kicking class. Some deacons sidetrack most other activities and specialize in kicking. And there is a variety of kicking deacon known as the obstructing deacon. He doesn't kick at the pastor and workers in the church, but he gets in the way of the work in divers ways. Not all obstructionists are deacons, unfortunately, and it is a glorious fact that not all deacons are obstructionists. Many of the kicking deacons will go to heaven when they die. It is not unkind to hope that they may not tarry long here. However, we cannot drown them, or do any other rash thing that we often feel prompted to do. They will no doubt continue with us for some time. They are not devoid of usefulness. The more we know of them, the more we love and appreciate a real man-person, who "deacs" and stops with that.

The Book paints a picture of a man of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom. Perhaps Stephen was the original of this picture. Stephen was glorified long ago, and his successors do not run in bunches. Still, what a grand auxiliary force our many earnest, faithful, God-loving and Christ-loving deacons do make!

Brother deacon, you need strong faith and phenomenal tenacity. You get a lot of cold receptions, icy stares, and fully-developed turn-downs. These things will make you love decent Baptists more. You need a lot of faith in men, because if you don't have it you will always be wondering how covetous men, who are idolaters, and church members who lie about their financial affairs, can reasonably hope

Corpus Christi Association

Met at Kingsville. First session Wednesday night. Finished its business Thursday night at 10:30.

Crowd was good—and tolerably large. It was representative, all the churches of the Association being represented but two, and three were received on petitions.

Editor E. C. Routh of the Baptist Standard was a visitor and spoke, delivering a very timely and uplifting address on religious literature. District Secretary T. Y. Adams was present and delivered a very excellent address on missions. Budget Secretary T. V. Herndon came at the last minute almost and spoke with compelling force on the denominational work. Brother Herndon made the trip from Harlingen during the afternoon in a bus that broke down twice en route, but he did not break down by any manner of means in his informing and appealing speech.

Fraternal visitors were present in the persons of Rev. W. S. Parker of Hocheim in the Guadalupe Association, and Rev. G. W. Coltrin of Mathis in the Blanco Association. These brethren added to the profit and pleasure of the meeting by their presence and words.

Pastor M. E. Weaver of Church, Corpus Christi, presented an annual sermon on, "The Church." There is a strong suspicion that the pastor Weaver is a Baptist, judging from his sermon. It was one of the introductory sermons this year heard—and he has been a frequent visitor to associational parts of Texas for many years.

The reports of the church were good showing. There was a net increase of 392 during the year, the present total reported membership being 3246. There were 318 baptisms reported, an increase of 45 over the previous year. The Association is evidently growing.

Missionary J. P. King made a thrilling report of his year's work and the body unanimously elected him to continue at the same salary and he accepted on the spot. The work goes forward without a ripple. Few missionaries live that have succeeded as well as Missionary King.

The next session of the Association goes to Alice. The time was moved back one week so that brethren of the Association could attend the Blanco and Lower Rio Grande meetings next year for the sake of cultivating the fellowship of these adjoining bodies. The time of meeting will be September 30, 10:00 a. m., 1926.

The session was preceded by an all-day meeting of the W. M. U. It is re-

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to enter the saints' eternal home. And you need lots of faith in God, because, dear brother, it takes just that to content and satisfy a man in that his life and its activities are woven into the fabric of God's purpose and blended into the progress of His kingdom. And, too, it takes faith to enable you to appreciate a reward that is mostly "over yonder." But it is worth while. It is the way of the Master.

May God abundantly bless all of our deacons.

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Men and Movements

—A church that is anti-missionary cannot be a Baptist church. It may have "Baptist" in the name of the church, but it had just as well be "Smith" or "Pumpkin." Baptists believe in missions all the way from the center to the rim.

—The Baptist Student Union Convention of Texas meets in Dallas October 23 to 25. A number of students from the State Teachers College at Kingsville will attend. A fare of one-half for the trip has been made by some roads, we are advised.

—Rev. L. W. White has closed his work at West Columbia and is ready for work wherever the good Spirit may lead him. Deacon Dugan, we are happy to say, will continue, even though Brother White has discontinued his "Roustabout." Some Southwest Texas field would do itself a good service to employ this good man. He is a fraternal, efficient, denominational, loyal—all of those things that make a man a desirable fellow-worker.

—The recent meeting of Corpus Christi Association deserves a chronicle. It was not a single mention of the hum of the part of any speaker that was not a reference, direct or indirect, to the disturbed state of the Baptist ranks in Texas.

—The meeting was not a discordant note, though there were numerous negative votes cast; but all were Baptists and when matters received a majority vote all acquiesced and the work moved along. Really, Corpus Christi Association is a Baptist association.

—Evangelist Bob Baucom's meeting at Crystal City is said to have been the best ever held in that section of the state. A fine lot of additions were had to the church and the work moved forward very helpfully and hopefully. Pastor Charles Pitts is very happy over the results. Crystal City church has enjoyed prosperity all the year, there being sixty-eight baptisms in the church since last February and one hundred three added in all ways during that time. Crystal City church is destined to be one of the most influential in the Winter Garden section.

—Rev. J. M. Reynolds moves from Nixon to McCaulley as pastor. No better pastor and faithful worker lives than our beloved Brother J. M. Reynolds. He is faithful to all the fundamentals of the faith, is a sound gospel preacher of winning power, is a loving and faithful pastor, is an evangelist of long-standing success, is a brother beloved in whose fellowship one loves to abide. Southwest Texas is losing one of its best when it loses J. M. Reynolds, and Fisher county is getting a worthy addition to its forces when it gets him. Much of Brother Reynolds' ministry has been spent in that section of the state and he is very highly regarded in all that great section for his work's sake.

—The Lower Rio Grande Association was in session this week, and from reports had a good session, with a fair attendance. Lower Rio Grande Association is one of the most compact in Texas, enjoys several distinctions that none others enjoy, holds a remarkably strategic position and is destined to exert a great influence in the affairs of Texas. The churches of the Association have been the plantings of the State Board for the most part and have in turn become very dependable supporters of the denominational work—a monument to State Missions. This is State Missions time.

—A new church is being organized at San Antonio, the Woodlawn Church, on Woodlawn street. The organization was perfected with fifty members and at once called Rev. T. Y. Adams, district secretary of the State Board. He has the matter under advisement and it is believed that he will accept. The church is in a rapidly growing residential section of the city where the better class of homes are being built, and affords a rare opportunity for the development of a great church with power and prospect. Brother Adams is a pastor of remarkable efficiency. He believes in organization as a means of effecting the greatest good and wherever he has been has had such organization, which meant much to his success. And he believes none the less in the spiritual. The Woodlawn church will have a fair assurance of success from the start.

—Pastor Ben M. David of Driscoll had to close his meeting on account of the extreme wet weather that prevailed for the last two weeks. And then when the sun did shine the brethren were so busy with home affairs that it was not possible to continue it. He will try it again some time. Brother David is to enter the State Teachers College at Kingsville at the beginning of the winter term and carry on his college work while he serves his churches. The Driscoll saints have provided him a house at their town and he will live among the people whom he serves. Ben M. David is a young man of fine prospects and gives promise of being a man of power and rare ability. He has a family and many cares thereby upon his broad shoulders, but he is brave and consecrated and has his heart set on the best possible training. He will arrive as sure as the world stands.

—After preaching last Sunday night the editor tuned in on Dallas and heard a familiar voice preaching the gospel, the burden of which was that men ought to be anchored to Christ as the hope of their souls and as a safeguard in the ills of earthly life. Instantly the voice was recognized as being that of George W. Truett. We sat through to the conclusion of the sermon, often murmuring "Amen," and when the stirring invitation was given and the congregation sang,

"I am resolved no longer to linger,
Charmed by the world's delight;
Things that are higher, things that are nobler,
These have allured my sight."

we just sang it all the way through. The only trouble with the service was that the announcer cut off from the church before the members were received and voted on. We always like to vote on the reception of members and it is very interesting to sit in your room at home and vote for the reception of members at Dallas and Denver, as we have done on several occasions. Then a little later we tuned in on a number of other services in the Moun-

tain-time area and Pacific-time territory, but there was a flatness about the services that robbed them of compelling force. For example, we got a Christian Science service at Denver that was very literary and elocutionary, but we did not stay long. Responsive readings by elocutionists and poems of some of the masters are all right for a week-night entertainment, but when substituted for preaching it just does not hit the spot. Nothing attracts like the preaching of the gospel of the Son of God by a warm-hearted pastor or evangelist.

—Brother Daniel Delgado, a Mexican brother in the employ of the Home Mission Board, located for several years as the missionary pastor at Corpus Christi, has done a very fine work in the last year. He reports forty-five baptisms during that time. He serves the church at Corpus Christi for the most of his time, but works at Robstown, Springfield, Sandia, Kingsville, and the rural sections in between at odd times. He is a man of faith and a preacher of parts, so the Corpus Christi saints aver. The Executive Board of the Corpus Christi Association at its first meeting of the new associational year set apart a sum for his assistance in his work of evangelization. The Association also raised a fund of \$150 to help Brother Gilbert Roderiquez who is in school at Saltillo, Mexico. He is a worthy young Mexican who has been in service especially at Robstown and who felt the need of further training for his life's work. He is American born, we understand, and understands English better than he does Spanish. Hence his going to Saltillo. It is expected that the Association will also assist the Mexican Baptist Church at Corpus to enlarge its house of worship. This matter of Mexican work ought to get under the skin of Southwest Texas Baptists, and an enlargement of the efforts to minister to this interesting and potential people should be made. We do not know how much is being done by the Baptists, but we are sure that it is wholly out of keeping with the responsibility and opportunity that is ours. In every community some work of ministry needs to be begun and supported. We are for Mexican missions in the U. S.

RESOLUTION

First Baptist Church, West Columbia, Texas.

WHEREAS, the financial strength of our Church has so decreased that it is impossible for us to continue full-time services, and,

WHEREAS, Our beloved pastor, L. W. White, has tendered his resignation, therefore,

Be It Resolved: That we express our sincere regret that this condition, incident to an oil field community, has caused this unavoidable severance of our relations as church and pastor;

Therefore, we commend Brother White and his amiable family to those with whom he may become associated, as being worthy of all love and respect, and further commend Brother White as a most excellent pastor, intensely spiritual, and truly loyal to our denominational work.

Be It Further Resolved: That we express our sincere appreciation to Brother White for his unwavering devotion to our Master's cause in our behalf, having labored unceasingly, under many difficulties, yet we feel that the Lord has given us many blessings during his pastorate.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to The Southwest Texas Baptist for publica-

Laymen's and Preachers' Conference

The laymen and preachers of the Corpus Christi Association enjoyed a day of wholesome discussion on last Wednesday just prior to the annual meeting of the Association, and while the W. M. U. was in its annual meeting. Of course the brethren had to bring the sisters and while on hand they did not want to embarrass the women with their presence (?) nor did they want to lose a whole good day. So a program was prepared and the day spent in very helpful, enjoyable discussion. All the topics were live and created an interest when announced. We did not get to hear Brother C. A. Hornburg at the morning hour discuss three Scripture texts that are in dispute, but he did it very expertly, we are advised, and while there was not perfect agreement among the brethren as to whether he is right or wrong in his interpretations, all bore tribute to the vigor with which he went into the work of unfolding the Scriptures.

In the afternoon Brother B. F. Bickley spoke on, "The Most Important Item of the Preacher's Ministry." He mentioned the importance of visitation, of being a man among men, of staying in his study, and other matters regarded as important, but none of these, said he, are the all important matters of the preacher's ministry. What then? The preaching of the gospel. Strange to say nobody differed—all gave perfect agreement that he was right. And this writer agrees most heartily that the one big thing, the prime thing, in the preacher's life is the declaration of the message of Christ in all of its ramifications to the men and women of this world.

In the absence of one of the speakers, Brother C. A. Hornburg spoke on the opportunities of Southwest Texas. Brother Hornburg thinks the bigness of the country is a great opportunity. One can plan big and do great in this great territorial expanse and take God into his plans. It is also an opportunity because of its newness. Everything is in the making. The men here now can lay foundations, can start things in the right directions, can initiate currents that may forever flow in the right direction. Other opportunities mentioned were the fact that this territory has more gateways into the neighbor nation on the South than any other section of the whole nation, there being four recognized gateways in Southwest Texas, Rel Rio, Eagle Pass, Laredo and Brownsville; the fact that so many irrigation projects and power plans are being initiated, all of which mean greater populations, and much prosperity and all of which give vast, unmeasured opportunities for workers in this field. Surely Southwest Texas is the land of opportunity.

Another discussion by the laymen was interesting: What laymen think of the preachers. They were very liberal in their views of the preachers, and asserted their faith in, and desire to co-operate with the preachers of this section.

Other matters were discussed helpfully, but this is enough to give the reader a sample of the things that the brethren were thinking about and discussing. It was all mentally stimulating and soul uplifting.

And a copy be made a part of our church records.

Adopted by the church in conference, October 4, 1925.

J. H. Hardcastle, Moderator.

Young People's Activities

L. L. LEGGETT, Editor

Let's make this last quarter an A-1 quarter.

Secretary Gardner tells us that Texas leads America in B. Y. P. U. effort. More than 700 new B. Y. P. U.'s, with a membership of 18,500 were xorganized in Texas within the last year. This makes 3487 B. Y. P. U.'s in Texas with a total membership of 110,000. But we are not satisfied yet. An intensive campaign is being launched throughout the state to organize new B. Y. P. U.'s in all the rural district churches. It is desired that we reach, enlist and train all the Baptist young people in the State of Texas.

The spiritual welfare of our Baptist students at the State Teachers College at Kingsville is being looked after in a splendid way by Miss McKay, who is our new efficient student worker at that place.

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Association of B. Y. P. U. was held at Bishop last Sunday afternoon at 3:30 as per schedule. A fairly representative attendance was on hand and several matters of importance were attended to, in addition to the election of officers. It was decided to send a representative of the association to the Semi-annual State Convention which meets at Waco on November 25th, 26th and 27th this year. The newly-elected president happens to be the happy recipient of this favor. Also, our annual associational social was set for Friday night, December 4th, at Robstown, at which time a report from the Waco Convention will be expected. An effort will be made to have

Secretary T. C. Gardner for the principal speaker of the evening. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, L. L. Leggett, First Church, Corpus Christi.

First Vice-president, J. W. Walker, Park Avenue, Corpus Christi.

Second Vice-president, Mr. Frazier, Robstown.

Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Marie Ashworth, Park Avenue.

Field Secretary, J. P. King, Bishop, Pres. Zone 2, E. C. Carlisle, London, Pres. Zone 2, Mr. Frazier, Robstown, Pres. Zone 3, John Lynn, Alice, Pres. Zone 4, Mr. Glazener, Ricardo, Intermediate Leader, Mrs. W. F. London, London, Junior Leader, Mrs. J. P. King, Bishop, Primary Leader, Mrs. E. A. Bishop, Bishop.

Brother E. E. Dawson of Kingsville suggested a traveling study course week, soon after the first of the new year. The plan is to have Secretary Gardner with us for the week and begin Monday night at Kingsville, then Tuesday night at Bishop, Wednesday night at Robstown, Thursday and Friday nights at the two churches in Corpus Christi.

Park Avenue reports the election of the following new officers for the coming term: J. W. Walker, director; Miss Margaret Warren, president of Senior Union; Miss Maria Ashworth, Leader of Intermediates; Miss Lola Bickley, Leader of Juniors.

The associational secretary asks that each Union send her a list of its members as well as a list of the present officers. This is important, so that definite information may be on hand in the office of the Secretary at all times, and for use as a mailing list. Address Miss Maria Ashworth, 1523 Comanche St., Corpus Christi.

Also, the secretary asks for a report

from each Union for the last quarter. Some of these are already in hand, but others are not. Secretary Gardner at Dallas wants reports from each B. Y. P. U., especially those making the Standard.

The next meeting of the associational B. Y. P. U. will be with the Ricardo church on November 29th. These good folks invited us two months ago and it goes without saying that frying chickens can be fattened to perfection in two month's time.

Let's talk up the State Convention at Waco, and see if we can't send a delegate from each church. It would be fine if we could capture the banner for our association this year. The dates are November 25, 26, 27.

Riding the Paper

The title of this item may not be correct, apropos, but if it is not we will explain it sufficiently so that none may misunderstand. Sometimes we mention some brother in our columns whom we do not know—we just get his recommendation of himself and mention him on that recommendation. In such cases we merely mention such a brother. This editor has consistently avoided commending brethren whom he did not know and have ample reason to say a word of commendation about such brother. But on occasion we have mentioned brethren as we state above.

There are brethren in the world that want to get on. They do not hesitate to use the newspapers to help get on. They know the editors of religious papers are soft-hearted and disposed to take every man on his face value and to believe whatever is told them—even by the brethren themselves. They send their notes about themselves and tell of remarkable things accomplished. Really their news of themselves remind one of the news notes of Rev. I. Dunit, made famous by Brother A. B. Carlisle. Well, the editor sets them out in a pretty good light, for he wants to be helpful to all his brethren, and he cannot know them all. He gives the brother a fair report, though he does not commit himself to the truthfulness of the report he publishes. Then later he finds out that he has been exploited by an adventurer who rides every paper as far as he can for his personal advantage. The editor then feels like swearing off from ever saying anything about anybody unless he has a court record to back him. Recently caught? Well, yes.

DEACON DUGAN'S DIARY

The Unvarnished Truth
By L. W. White

Monday: It rained a young flud. Sim Flenders floundered close to my house in his gitney. He cum in; and was mud and slush from hoof to head. I lent him a change of rament. He sed, "Gitneys afit made for the rodes in this neck of the brush when it rains, caws they sputter, sling mud, make ruts, and dig holes." Ma, she laffed. Sim sed, "Whats funny?" and Sed Ma, "Sum people sling mud, sputter round, get nowhere except in a rut, and finally dig their own graves." He sed, "Im havin a chill." And, sed I: "Thats enuf to give most of us tempertuer, but it so." Ma, she fixed things then, as she sed, "Ill give another dose now, but thissen will be quenine."

"They say" nobody loves a fat man—the fat man grieves less about it than anybody else.

Philosophy is often all the philosophy has.

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Program for Ministers and Laymen's Conference

Following is the program announced for the Ministers' and Laymen's Conference preceding the Baptist General Convention, Mineral Wells, Texas, November 17 and 18, 1925.

TUESDAY

Morning

Devotional, C. R. Steward, Galveston.

Organization. Address, "Evangelism as Related to Denominational Progress," W. Y. Pond, Dallas.

Address, "The Province of the Preacher in Denominational Life," I. E. Gates, San Antonio.

Afternoon

Devotional, C. S. McKinney, Jacksonville.

Address, "Liberty and Limitations of Denominational Leaders," C. F. Andrews, Huntsville.

Address, "The Scope of Scientific Teachings of Our Denominational Schools," J. D. Sandefer, Abilene.

Evening

Devotional, C. W. Culp, Port Arthur.

Address, "The Creation Story in Genesis," J. B. Tidwell, Waco.

WEDNESDAY

Morning

Devotional, C. V. Edwards, Fort Worth.

Address, "What Preparation Is Necessary for the Christian?," J. W. Cook, Abilene.

Address, "The Basis for Denominational Cooperation in Our Associations and Conventions," J. H. Pace, Beaumont.

Address, "Are Inter-denominational Organizations Necessary for Baptists to Declare Their Loyalty to the Fundamental Teaching of the Bible and the World Program of Christ?," R. E. Bell, Decatur.

Afternoon

Devotional, E. P. Kennedy, Corsicana.

Address, "The Foundation of Brotherhood and How to Maintain It," George W. Truett, Dallas.

T. M. KENNERLY.

A. D. FOREMAN.

M. M. WOLF.

The committee suggests that forty minutes be given to each speaker on the program and the rest of the time for general discussion.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF GIVING

By L. W. White

Five young men were staying together in a room at a hotel in a little Western frontier town. It was just a few days before Christmas that the following was heard while they were all in the room together: "See here; I have a silk veil for mother, a knife for father, and a doll for sister." Yes, and I have some house-slippers for ma, a bandana for pa, and a baseball for buddy." "But hold on," said another. "I have some gloves for mother, a story book for sister, and a ring for another girl." "Yes, and I have a watch for another girl besides my sis,"

said another. Another fellow spoke very sadly as he said: "Say, fellows, do any of you know anybody I could give something to? You know my mother died when I was a kid, my father was killed in a railroad wreck about a year ago, I have no brother nor sister nor other girl to whom I can give a Christmas present."

"Yes, Bill, I know one; if you will go with me to some place where we can be alone, I'll tell you." Another said: "You fellows don't have to leave the room; we will go down on the street and leave it with you." The three went out leaving Jack and Bill in the room alone.

"Bill, you are the finest fellow I ever knew. It's a shame that you have neither a mother nor a sweetheart; did you ever notice that little girl in the boss's office that writes our pay checks?" "Not especially," said Bill. "Well," continued Jack, "that is the most queenly little lady in this burg; and she does not go to the skating rink and to dances like the other girls do out here, and I know she must be lonely; suppose you give her a present?" "I'd like to," said Bill, "but I want to meet her first." "Very well," said Jack, "we will go to the church right now. It's Wednesday night and she'll be there, and if you'll watch your step perhaps you can make a hit."

They went to the church. A small group of people were about the organ singing. The singing was soon finished and Ruth took a seat where she could be seen from where Bill and Jack were sitting. A visiting minister preached a stirring sermon and made a strong appeal for all who felt lonely to accept Christ. Bill and Jack forgot what they were there for. Jack was thinking about Bill and Bill was thinking about himself. Presently both of them stepped out, went to the front, and accepted Christ joyfully.

Bill and Jack went back to their room happy. The other boys were there. Bill said: "Say fellows, I've got somebody to give gifts to now." One said "Who?" Another said, "Is she pretty?" Another said, "I'm glad." But Bill said, "I'm a Christian now, and I'm going to give Christ my life and God a tenth of my wages from now on; and besides that, that little office girl is going to be my girl and I'm going to be the superintendent of the mill before I die." They clapped their hands and patted Bill on the back as they said: "Go to it Bill. You've got something good; stay with it."

Nine years have passed since the eventful night. Bill and Ruth have a happy home. Both are active in church work, and Bill has been superintendent at the mill almost three years. He is still giving his tenth to the Lord's work and says his experience has taught him the blessedness of giving.

A REPORT ON PROHIBITION

The report on the social consequences of prohibition in the United States, which the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of Churches has issued, is a document which many friends of prohibition regard with strong misgivings. Accepted as it was by the press as the utterance of the Protestant Churches, it contains many sentences which the "wets" can quote with glee and which they will not hesitate to twist about for their own ends. The report very evidently, was written with a desire to be absolutely fair and to state facts impartially, but opponents of prohibition may be expected to make the most of its admissions that prohibition thus far has not

achieved many of the benefits its supporters claimed for it, and that since 1920-21 the evils have been growing, as well as its tabulations of straw votes in various centers which show sentiment against the present prohibition system.

Already some readers of the Christian Herald have written in to express their displeasure over the report. One New York State resident writes: "It is most disquieting and so inopportune, yet coming as it does from a great national church organization I do not question its sincerity. The pity is that it should be published NOW, when the Government is beginning a more vigorous campaign for the enforcement of the laws. There is not a bootlegger but can take fresh courage after that report and the newspaper comments. The statement that statistics are never very conclusive in social matters of this kind is not satisfactory and should be taken with allowance. It is a blow from the inside and firing on friends. The result can not help in this great battle." Others express in plain terms the conviction that at such a critical period in the enforcement of prohibition the report "has tended to weaken the cause of which the Christian Churches have always been the recognized champion."

Leaders of the Federal Council point out that the report is a research document, "not propaganda, but a scientific study of the actual facts." Rev. Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, General Secretary of the Council, says: "The report on the social study of the consequences of prohibition comes from staunch friends of prohibition. An effort was made to find the facts so that they can be frankly faced. The churches cannot work effectively unless they have an exact and thorough knowledge of the conditions that confront them. The report has no relation whatever to the policy of the Federal Council of Churches or its official attitude toward prohibition. The Council itself, as well as the great bulk of the Churches supporting it, is clearly on record as favoring prohibition. With the coming of national prohibition there has been a tendency to rely on legislation alone and to relax educational efforts as to the evils of alcohol and the meaning of temperance. A survey of the methods of religious education now in use in the churches shows that training and habits of temperate living have made little or no progress in recent years. Such a situation, if long continued, would be fatal. It is believed that one of the results of the report will be a movement to reinstate a program of thorough temperance education in the Sunday Schools, adult classes and other organizations of the Church."

CORPUS CHRISTI ASSOCIATION

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ported to have been a very excellent session. The laymen and preachers likewise held a very enjoyable and profitable meeting all day Wednesday. Pastor Judd B. Holt of Robstown was re-elected moderator and E. E. Dawson was named as clerk. Mr. Cecil London of Route 2, Corpus Christi, a member of the London Church, was elected treasurer.

A fine spirit prevailed all the way through, and some things were not mentioned once, or even hinted at. Denominational cross currents were left out of everybody's speech, and the finest of fellowship obtained. It was much as a little bit of heaven to meet with and work together with the brethren and sisters of this big association. All went away with a feeling of renewed faith in the brethren, the

denomination, the work of the Lord, the mission of the Baptists, and with a determination to make everything count for the ongoing of the Kingdom of our Lord.

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