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Great Church, The Result of Student Faith and Effort

By R. L. Holmes

We are apt to see in the routine of weekly meetings, prayer meetings, Sunday school classes and young people's meetings of the average church, only the most prosaic sort of events. The clerk records the humdrum facts with a sort of impatience. He makes short elliptical sentences leaving out the articles and the verbs not realizing that these same records in the future will read like a romance. Such is the case with the Massey Memorial Baptist Church in Algiers. The prosaic records of that church, its founding and its growth when looked at collectively read more like a fairy tale than the history of a Baptist church.

Rev. B. E. Massey was a student in the Baptist Bible Institute when standing one day on the Mississippi he looked beyond the fog of the river to Algiers, a city of nearly 50,000, with no Baptist church. He heard the call "Come over into Algiers and help us." That vision never forsook him. It spurred him on; the city of the lost lung him into almost unbelievable activity.

Brother Massey began his service in a restaurant near the fish market. He says that he had four people in his congregation when he preached his first sermon. The floor of the little dimly lighted restaurant was wet with juice of fish and oysters. The atmosphere was often so laden with the smell of fish and tobacco fumes that it almost nauseated him. However, he appreciated the generosity of the proprietor in permitting him to hold the services in his place. He worked and prayed with dogged persistence through fair weather and foul because he believed that he was following the leadership of God. A less dauntless one would have given up during the many weary months that followed. Many a mission has been closed that showed more promise than the one in Algiers during those dreary months of 1918-1919.

Brother Massey was not a spectacular preacher, not particularly eloquent, but he was possessed with a burning passion for souls. Some one has said that he made eighteen pastoral calls per day. He was everlastingly on the job. When he finished his course at the Institute the Louisiana State Mission Board paid him \$50 a month to move on the field. In April, 1920, he was enabled to report: Twenty three present; collection \$1.94. When he made that report to the pastor's conference there must have been a note of triumph in his voice; it was so much better than anything thus far that he had been able to report. He turned a deaf ear to the luscious offers to pastorate and buried himself in the task. His wife along with him shared his faith in the work and undertook to stretch the \$50 per month to make it pay the rent and buy their food and clothes. They were forced to the most frugal sort of living, every luxury being excluded. The dark pall of want that often hung over their home was not permitted to be seen by their little flock. When the cupboard was bare and the flour barrel empty on Thanksgiving day and they had only a dime in the house his people never knew it.

On August 15, 1920, he organized the mission into a church. Faith has been the heart and life of the church since its organization. It is preeminently a church of prayer. Anyone who visits it is impressed with the fraternal spirit and the profound earnestness of the whole congregation. On the second Sunday in September, 1920 he reported 45 present at Sunday School and 42 at preaching service, a very unusual congregation at that time. The pastor was a builder and he had two things to build, his congregation and a house of worship. The church began to lay aside a building fund in September, 1920. It reported that \$17,000 had been raised on a building fund. Money came from many sources, a great part of it being put up by friends in Mississippi. The church was so appreciative of the leadership of the pastor that when the building was completed they named it for the man who had laid the foundations of the work under such trying circumstances.

Brother Massey is now Superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage. He has been succeeded in the work there by Rev. L. R. Shelton another man from the Baptist Bible Institute. The present pastor believes that the Massey Memorial Church can be taken as nucleus from which the whole city can be evangelized. He is forcibly demonstrating at present that this is no wild dream. The church has opened more than a dozen missions literally taking the city. It is inspiring to see the pastor with a hand of his members going into mission halls, on street corners, shops and other places holding services, the members following up the pastor in personal work.

The church is ideally located for a great enterprise. The magnificent brick building is valued at \$32,000; it has an auditorium with a seating capacity of 320; provision was made for a departmentalized Sunday School at the time of construction giving the building nine Sunday School rooms.

This is just one of the churches organized by Institute men in the last few years. There were six Baptist churches in New Orleans in 1918 with a membership of 1200; there are now seventeen churches with a membership of about 5000.

DR. DODD, SHREVEPORT PRAISES ABILENE WORK

By M. E. Dodd

My visit to Abilene, Texas, gave me a new insight to the great West. Abilene is the mecca of the West Texas Baptists. The first Baptist Church presided over by Millard A. Jenkins is one of the greatest churches of the country. He has many strong and outstanding laymen in its membership. They are willing to back up any progressive program. Abilene is the site of Simmons University whose able president is Jeff D. Sandefer. The school is in its 20th year and Dr. Sandefer is in his 20th year as president. Every institution is said to be the shadow of some personality. In this case Dr. Sandefer is the personality. The shadow is therefore a long one because he is a titanic man in body, mind and heart. The institution now has some twelve or fifteen brick buildings on a forty acre campus with something like \$1,700,000 resources. The faculty is of the best grade, and they have a student body of something over 1000. I have never spoken to a more appreciative or responsive university group anywhere.

West Texas Baptist Hospital is also located in Abilene. Its affairs are being managed very capably and it is rendering a far reaching service. Dr. S. F. Baucum is the field representative and is active and efficient in his duties though he is around seventy years of age. Every unsaved nurse and unaffiliated church came to Christ and the church during our meetings. They tell some wonderful stories also of marvelous conversions. Even whole families being led to Christ by the Christian nurses. Is not this what all of our Baptist institutions should be doing?

Brother R. C. Pender has lived in Abilene some twelve or fifteen years as the field representative of the Buckner Orphan Home. He is one of God's noblemen and is doing a great and good work.

There are a number of other Baptist churches in Abilene whose affairs are being held by capable people, and who are doing a great work.

CATHOLICS IN AMERICA DONATE \$1,126,871 FOR PROSELYTING IN 1927

There is no way of even estimating the total funds that goes from American Catholics to the Roman vatican every year, but figures become available from time to time as to contributions for specific purposes. For instance, the figures have recently been made public as to the amount given by Romanists in the United States for the Propagation of the Faith Society, which has control of propaganda work for the hierarchy. This fund goes direct to the pope and is administered by him, much of it being spent here in America for making this country Catholic.

Manager Quinn, Brooklyn, N. Y., has charge of the society's work in America, and gave out the figures for 1927 just before sailing for Rome to attend the annual session of the propaganda society at the vatican. He states that during 1927 Romanists of America gave \$1,126,871 toward this fund. Brooklyn diocese gave the most, and Springfield, Ill., gave the most in proportion to membership in the Roman church. Chicago, Newark, N. J., and Boston followed after Brooklyn and New York City in amount given, these dioceses putting up from \$154,000 to \$100,000 each. The total represented a gain of about ten per cent over 1926. —Exchange.

ASPERMONT PASTOR RESIGNS

Rev. A. C. Turner, for the past two years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Aspermont, has resigned to move to Abilene and re-enter Simmons University. The Aspermont Star last week had the following good words to say about his ministry at Aspermont:

"At the close of services last Sunday evening Rev. A. C. Turner offered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church at this place—effective May 1st.

"Brother Turner has been here only two years but there has been marked progress as to the church building program which we hope to carry on to completion in the near future.

"Two wonderful meetings have been held under his short leadership and eternity alone will reveal the full fruitage of his labors. He goes from here to Abilene where he hopes to enter Simmons University next fall. For the present he has accepted the care of the church at Truby in Jones county. Our loss is Truby's gain.

"We wish for him and his good family a profitable, and pleasant service in their new field of labor."

There were 126 additions to the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, as a result of the recent meeting there in which Dr. Millard A. Jenkins of Abilene First Church did the preaching. The meeting was one of the greatest the church has had in a long time.

NO PERSECUTION OF CHURCH, SAYS OREGON

Mexican Laws Assure Religious Liberty; Churches On Equal Basis

MEXICO CITY, MEX.—The Mexican religious laws have not interfered with religious worship, but have established religious liberty, said General Obregon, sole candidate for the Presidency to succeed Calles, in the course of a speech at Cuatlas. No country can exist without religion, he continued, and therefore Mexico does not persecute the Roman Catholic church.

Obregon also brought out the fact that foreign capital will be heartily welcomed in Mexico provided it comes to legitimately develop the country, and not to conquer and control it and disregard its laws. "We want honorable foreigners to come in and teach us the things we do not know about for the reconstruction of our country," he said. "We open our arms to capital that has a conscience, but we will not accept capital whose presence here would mean oppression and exploitation of our country and our people."

General Obregon said it is a "calumny" by opponents of the progressive administration to say that religion has been persecuted ever since the start of Mexico's industrial and social revolution in 1910. "This utterly false statement has been made by our enemies in order to spread a belief that our revolutionary triumph means that God is in danger. The revolution's successes are due to the fact that we have established liberty of conscience. For us the Roman Catholic evangelist, the Mason, and persons of every sect and opinion are equally respectable. Without this high moral level, we would have no country, for no country can exist without religion and morality."

CLOSE TIE BINDS TEXAS STUDENTS AND SO. WESTN

BY ELMA E. WOOD
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Texas sends more students to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary than any other state. The tie between Texas and Southwestern is a very close one.

Texas is the birthplace of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was born of consecrated Baptist Texas. For that reason alone, Texas and Southwestern would have a vital relationship.

There are other bonds that hold them in close fellowship. In the student body of five hundred and thirty-nine students, in 1927-1928, there is represented twenty-six states and ten foreign countries. Two hundred and eighty-four of the five hundred and thirty-nine students are Texans, thus showing the loyalty that Texans have for this institution.

On the other hand, Southwestern affords Texas certain benefits that tie Texas on to the Seminary. It gives to Texas the distinction of having one of the three Seminaries owned by Southern Baptists. Southwestern is the largest of these three Seminaries, having four schools: the School of Theology, the School of Missionary Training, the School of Religious Education, and the School of Sacred Music, which is the only school of this kind known in the world.

These bonds are stronger every year. As Texas grows, so will Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary grow. As the Seminary grows, so will Texas be made better because of her.

MUSSOLINI-POPE HAVE BREAK OVER EDUCATION

BITTER DEBATE RAGES OVER MATTER OF STATE OR CHURCH EDUCATION

ROME, ITALY.—A definite break is forecast between the Roman Catholic hierarchy and Mussolini, as a result of the determination of the fascist dictator to take control of education throughout Italy, which right is claimed by the pope.

Mussolini's recently declared intention to induct 80,000 youths, composing the junior branches of fascism, into the parent body, thereby bringing them under state control so far as education is concerned, was taken here as a challenge to the vatican, as the pope had recently criticized and asserted the right of the church to teach the youngsters.

The extreme fascist paper, L'Impero speaks bluntly of the pope's address in which he denounced state education. "No pontifical document ever contained acrimony toward liberal anti-religious Masonic state such as is used today against fascism." The move of the pope is destined to fail miserably, adds the fascist editor, remaining only as a bad page on the debit side of the papal opposition to state education. Prediction is made that "it will be impossible to arouse Italian Catholics" against the government policy.

Rev. Graves Darby, for several years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wilson, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Roseco, and has moved on that field.

Simmons Evangelist Resigns



"Evangelist R. G. Baucum resigns as Simmons University evangelist. His resignation takes effect July first. He is resigning to re-enter independent evangelism. His address is P. O. Box 378, San Antonio, Texas. He is now in a meeting with the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Texas.

Days of Reconstruction

By M. H. Wolfe, Dallas, Texas

After the civil war of the sixties the people of the South faced a devastated country and the days of reconstruction.

They had plenty of lumber and brick to rebuild the houses and they had plenty of plows and oxen to cultivate the farms but the heart breaking task was to restore confidence in the government at Washington.

Men like Robert E. Lee and Henry W. Grady staked their all on the promise that it could be done. About that time one of the large life insurance companies of New York offered Robert E. Lee a salary of fifty thousand dollars a year to become president of the company. In making reply General Lee said in substance: "I thank you gentlemen for your offer but I cannot accept fifty thousand dollars a year to come to New York but I will accept fifteen hundred dollars a year salary and become president of Washington and Lee University where I can revive the spirit of the Southland and restore confidence in the government at Washington."

That fits the case of the Baptists in Texas and the South today. Baptists have plenty of money to pay our debts and build our institutions and promote the kingdom of Jesus Christ around the world but the crying and imperative need of the hour is to restore confidence in the management of our affairs.

Men with the sacrificial spirit of Robert E. Lee can gather up our people and put them on their feet again and restore confidence in the future operations of the Baptists but

men with axes to grind and selfish interests to promote and monkeys to save need not apply.

Sentiment is a great asset and Baptist traditions cast a halo of glory around our achievements but it takes brains and money to build institutions.

It takes that type of brains and money that is stripped of personal ambition and selfish greed and dedicated to the cause of Jesus Christ without fear of punishment or the hope of reward.

The Baptists of Texas and the South have plenty of such brains and millions of such money seeking investment today. But capital, whether brains or money, is timid and holds back and waits when uncertainty arises.

The false note that has been sounded concerning the origin of man and the deity of Jesus Christ and the debate on evolution has frightened and puzzled multiplied thousands of our people. And the stamp of disloyalty that has been placed upon men who have dared to stand unflinchingly for the faith once delivered to the saints has caused multiplied thousands of others to wonder whether, after all the cause of Jesus Christ is worthy of financial support.

Such false notes and debates and stamp of disloyalty have never had and never will have any place among Baptists; and it now looks like the end has been reached, if so, there is a chance to reconstruct our beloved denomination on the platform planted by Jesus Christ among men when he delivered the great commission.

FACULTY "SOUTHWESTERN" ACTIVE IN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS

L. A. Myers, Publicity Dept., Sem. With the opening of the spring and summer campaigns, the Southwestern Baptist Seminary faculty members have been active in evangelistic campaigns in many sections of the south.

President L. R. Scarborough is leading the group in these meetings. On April 16th he closed the third revival in Oklahoma—Durant, Miami and Tulsa. In these meetings there were more than 250 additions. He leaves during this month for Asheville, North Carolina, where he will assist in a revival with the First Church. Following immediately upon the close of this campaign he will begin three great section wide meetings at Hickory, North Carolina, Forest City, North Carolina and Minden, Louisiana. More than one hundred churches will be engaged.

Professors from the music department are assisting with the music. These have included J. Frank Cheek, B. B. McKinney, E. L. Garnett and E. Reynolds. Other teachers active in these campaigns have been H. E. Dana, B. A. Copas, E. L. Carlson, Albert Venting, W. W. Barnes, W. T. Comer. Members of the educational faculty, as well as the music faculty are scheduled to teach and otherwise lead the work in assemblies in many sections of the south.

Education Commission Makes Report On School Situation

STATE BOARD WILL MEET AT DALLAS THURSDAY TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY TO DALLAS

The Education Board, appointed by the last session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at its annual meeting at Wichita Falls, at its meeting at Dallas last week by a vote of sixteen to two, went on-record as favoring the removal of Baylor University from Waco to Dallas. As a result of this action a meeting of the State Board was called to meet at Dallas on Friday of this week for the purpose of calling a special session of the State Convention to meet at Mineral Wells on June 5th to consider the recommendations of the Commission.

The two dissenting votes on the removal of Baylor were recorded by Hon. Pat M. Neff and Judge O. S. Lattimore. Since the announcement of the commission's decision Baptists and other citizens of Waco have organized for a determined fight to keep the institution at Waco. Literature setting forth Waco's point of view is being distributed all over the state. The matter is creating much interest all over the State and it is expected that the special session of the convention will draw a large attendance at Mineral Wells.

Dallas is offering as an inducement to move Baylor to that city, \$1,500,000 in cash and 1,000 acres of land. On the other hand Waco is offering to build two new buildings on the present campus and secure additional campus room.

Haskell 5th Sunday Meeting Draws Large Attendance

Beginning Friday morning, April 27 and continuing for three consecutive days, the Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting which was held at Weinert proved to be one of the best attended gatherings in the history of the Haskell Association, which has been in operation more than twenty-five years. The program was carried out as planned with few exceptions and those who were on the program responded liberally and only a few substitutes were used.

Friday was given to the Women's Work of the church and their attendance was large and enthusiastic.

Mrs. J. C. Parks of Haskell conducted the devotional at 10 a. m., followed by a short business meeting conducted by Mrs. Elmer Turner of Rule. Mrs. K. J. Reynolds of Haskell deferred

social meeting. Mrs. George Paxton, District Personal Service Chairman of Abilene conducted a round table discussion and made a wonderful talk, beginning at the 11 o'clock hour, which was the feature service of the day. Mrs. Paxton's talk was appreciated very much by all.

Lunch was spread at noon by the Weinert ladies and a bountiful feast was enjoyed by all present. Uncle J. D. McLaren looking after the hot coffee which was also served with the excellent lunch.

The afternoon was given over to the W. M. U. in charge of chairman, Mrs. W. O. Bowden of Munday.

Mrs. Vestus Alvis of Rochester conducted the devotional after which Misses Mae and Faye Free and Mrs. Harry Stalcup all of Haskell rendered a vocal trio. After which Mrs. E. H. Stodghill gave a report of an address at the district meeting held at Colorado.

Mrs. J. O. Bowden of Munday closed the program for the days with a splendid address on the duties and progress of the W. M. U.

This was a wonderful day of progress for the Women's work and the large congregation enjoyed it.

Of course Brushy won the attendance banner which was delivered to them from Haskell who were the last winners of the banner. Brushy is the newest organization of the association and they are a working bunch of people.

Friday night Rev. J. F. Mason of Abilene preached a great sermon to a large congregation.

Saturday morning the meeting was moved to the High School Auditorium for larger quarters and was held in the school building until its close Sunday afternoon.

Devotional was conducted by John Coates of Smith's Chapel at 10 a. m. after which Rev. Hardesty of Abilene substituted for O. A. Dennis who was to discuss the purpose of Missions. Rev. Hardesty made a wonderful talk on this subject which was enjoyed.

Rev. I. N. Alvis discussed the World's out look for missions in an able way followed by Rev. E. R. Whatley with a short talk on church history which was very much appreciated by the large congregation. After this the ladies served another bountiful lunch at the noon hour.

The Board meeting consumed most of the afternoon and all business of the association was discussed and transacted in the usual Baptist way.

Rev. Nathan McGuire of Abilene preached to a large congregation Saturday night which was enjoyed by his many friends and the entire audience. W. M. Free and daughter of Haskell furnished the special music for the day.

Sunday morning after an interesting Sunday school which began promptly at 10 a. m. An excellent congregational song service was directed by John Coates of Smith's Chapel and a special song by the Free sisters of Haskell after which Joe W. English of Knox City spoke on the subject of "Is American in any danger of Rome?" How will the Revolution conflict finally end?" This address was appreciated very much by the large congregation because of

the revelation unfolded by this great speaker.

Lunch was again served and all present were filled with the many good things to eat the ladies had prepared. These ladies deserve much credit for their untiring efforts in feeding these large congregations each day.

The afternoon was given over to the B. Y. P. U. service which was in charge of the President Rev. J. H. Bunch who conducted these services along the lines given in the program. Song services were conducted by S. N. Reid of O'Brien after which County Missionary Rev. Park made a talk on how the B. Y. P. U. study course gets results. The intermediate Sword Drill contest was held. Munday won first place; Knox City, second. The attendance banner for this occasion was given to Rule.

Rev. E. J. Barb, pastor of the Weinert Church was moderator and his work was efficiently, pleasingly accomplished.

Thus ended a great meeting with large attendance throughout. The next meeting of the workers' council will meet with Hood Church near Munday, Monday after the fourth Sunday in May which will be Monday, June the 4th.

JESUS LIVED THROUGH CALVARY, SAYS DOCTOR

The theory that Jesus did not die on the cross is advanced by Dr. Hugo Toll, a prominent Swedish surgeon, in a new book which has caused discussion among Swedish clergy and scientists.

Dr. Toll, formerly a surgeon in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, chief surgeon at the Deaconess Hospital here and president of the Stockholm society of physicians, concludes that the Saviour was not dead when taken down from the cross and that, after resting for some time in the grave, he regained consciousness and left the tomb in a normal way.

The doctor's conclusions are based mainly on analysis of the possibly having been caused by an earthquake, a not infrequent occurrence in that region. Jesus then probably walked out of the grave, he suggests, and remembering his sufferings, obeyed the instinct of self-preservation and hid, showing himself only occasionally to his most loyal friends and followers and behaving as a man would do under conditions of a grave danger.

Dr. Toll maintains that several facts point to the possibility that the Saviour found his ultimate refuge at Srinagar on the Cashmere slopes, under the name of Izza. There is reported still to be an Indian sect claiming to be the descendants of the followers of Jesus.

NEW YORK METHODIST ARE AGAINST "WETS"

The New York Methodist Church Conference in its 129th session in New York City last week passed ringing resolutions against any "wet candidate" for president. The resolutions said: "We hereby declare that we will not vote for any man for President of the United States or for any other public office who is not avowedly dry. We urge our constituency to vote only for avowedly dry candidates."

WASH. BEGGARS FEET

MADRID.—The king and queen of Spain watched the feet of twenty-six beggars, thirteen men and thirteen women, in an annual holy Thursday ceremony betokening Christian humanity. Twelve of the men and three of the women were blind.

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THE BAYLOR QUESTION

The question of removing Baylor University from Waco to Dallas, where the medical end of the university is now located, is creating a great deal of interest throughout the state. The issue to be settled at the special session of the convention at Mineral Wells is of tremendous importance to all Texas Baptists. Baylor, with her eighty years of glorious services to the cause of Christ throughout the whole world, is dear to the hearts of all our people. Just what the final outcome of the matter will be cannot possibly be forecast at this time. We believe our people as a whole will withhold any final judgment in the matter and will approach the question with open minds and prayerful hearts. The matter of sentiment on the part of the thousands of alumni and ex-students of the institution will play a tremendous part in deciding the issue. These friends, naturally, have a greater love for their alma mater than any others could possibly have. The Baylor of yesterday and today are inseparably linked with Waco, and this environment with all its sacred memories are dear to the hearts of those who have been so fortunate as to have found refuge within the sacred halls of Baylor.

On the other hand we have the mature, prayerful judgement of sixteen noble leaders of our denomination, who after prolonged consideration of the matter, have expressed their belief that the future of the institution demands that the part of Baylor located at Waco be united with the plant at Dallas, where it is believed greater support can be given in the future.

At this time we are not in position to pass judgement on the issue. However, we would venture two or three suggestions in regard to the matter: We do not believe it will be practical to try to continue to maintain this great institution with parts of it located in two cities. If the institution is to remain at Waco, we feel it would be the part of wisdom to dispose of the medical end of it in Dallas. We understand S. M. U. is beginning a medical school in Dallas; perhaps, as an inducement to keep Baylor out of Dallas, S. M. U. could be prevailed upon to take over the Baylor medical school. Again, we understand the Rockefeller foundation would consider taking over the medical school at Dallas and make of it one of the Nation's outstanding medical schools. We doubt the wisdom of Baptist schools, in view of the keen competition in state education, going very strong on educating doctors and dentists.

The other suggestion that we would make is that this is a pretty good time for Texas Baptists to use some good common horse sense and gumption. It will not help matters for our people to get mad and lose their heads. The progress of our denomination in Texas for the next fifty years is at stake at this time. With our present chaotic conditions it will be suicidal for our people to lose their balance and play the fool. Brethren, let us remember that it is Christ's cause at stake; we are His ambassadors, and it behooves us to so conduct ourselves as to not bring reproach upon His wondrous name and His righteous cause. Let us meet this tremendous question in a meek spirit of prayer and He will lead us to a safe anchorage in our present sea of unrest.

CONCERNING CLUBBING RATES

Several weeks ago we announced that a statement would be made soon in regard to a clubbing rate with our denominational paper, the Baptist. Dr. McConnell to the effect that we had always had a clubbing arrangement with the Standard and had been sending between 500 and 1,000 Standard subscriptions each year as a result of the clubbing arrangement. After Mr. Moore became business manager we also wrote him in regard to the matter. So far we have failed to receive a reply from either letter. We judge that this silence is an indication that the new management does not desire to continue the clubbing rate with the West Texas Baptist.

While we are on this subject we are going to venture a few remarks in general about our denominational newspaper situation. At the present time there are being published in Texas about five regional Baptist newspapers. They are as follows: The East Texas Baptist published at Tyler; The Southwest Texas Baptist, published at San Antonio; The Central Messenger, published at Brownwood; The Panhandle Baptist, and the West Texas Baptist. All of these papers, with the exception of the West Texas Baptist, are published weekly.

When the West Texas Baptist was launched nearly four years ago by the present editor, it was started as a semi-monthly. We felt that as a semi-monthly the paper would not in any way be considered a competitor to our own paper the Baptist Standard. We have merely tried to make the paper serve a local need that could not possibly be filled by our state paper, and at the same time we have conscientiously tried to make the paper an asset to the Standard. To this end we have traveled thousands of miles over West Texas presenting our papers, and we have never made an address for the West Texas Baptist that we have not laid the claims of the Baptist Standard on the hearts of our people. Last year at the State Convention at Wichita Falls the Sweetwater Association tied with the Young County Association for second place in a contest conducted by Dr. Routh, the prizes of the contest being banners awarded to the associations that made the largest gain in circulation of the Standard. The fact that our home association made such a fine showing in the Standard contest bears out our contention that the West Texas Baptist has been an asset to our denominational paper.

It will continue to be the policy of this paper to cooperate with our denominational paper in every way possible. We can appreciate the trying problems its editor and business manager have to confront right at this time. At the same time we expect to go on with the West Texas Baptist, feeling that it has a mission to perform in this great section of the Lord's kingdom. In this work we prayerfully ask the cooperation of our friends.

The workers conference of the Sweetwater Association at View last Monday was one of the greatest the association has had this year. At the morning session home missions was discussed by Pastor C. A. Powell of University Church, Abilene. J. C. McKinzie of Abilene discussed foreign missions. At the eleven o'clock hour Dr. J. C. Burkett of the South Side Church, Abilene preached a great sermon on "The Doctrine of Christ," which placed the large audience on the mountain top. Following the board meeting in the afternoon, Walter Jackson brought a fine report on the Sunday School Convention at Corsicana. Missionary Owens next outlined a plan whereby an effort will be made to make the Sweetwater Association a Standard Association during the year. The women also held a meeting in the afternoon and discussed plans for their work in the association.

The attendance at the workers conference of the Runnels County association meeting at Drasco Tuesday was large and a splendid program was rendered. At the morning hour Pastor Holland of Norton gave an exposition of the eighth chapter of Romans. This was followed by an exposition of the ninth and tenth chapters of Romans by Pastor R. D. De Weese of Bronte and Pastor J. H. McLain of Ballinger. In the afternoon Pastor Ira L. Parrack discussed the evangelistic messages in these three chapters. The board meeting was held following this address.

Two churches in the Jones County Association have recently reached the A-Standard in Sunday school work. Pastor L. B. Smith and the Stith church have qualified for the standard following two fine training schools. The church is now going after the advanced standard and one department has already qualified. The other church to reach the standard is the Hodges church. Pastor Perry King has been assisted in two training schools by J. C. McKinzie of Abilene which have resulted in standardizing this fine school.

News Notes

On the last Sunday in April there was a revival meeting in the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Abilene. The D. L. A. C. on that date had an attendance of over 100. All phases to the church work is growing under the leadership of Pastor W. C. Mollie.

A revival meeting is in progress at the First Baptist Church. The D. L. A. C. of Waco is doing the preaching. The music is being directed by Mark Short of Waco. The services are being held in a large tent, located near the church.

The revival meeting at the Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater, will continue through this week. Rev. Ira L. Parrack of Merkel is doing the preaching. There have been about twenty additions to the church during the meeting. The services are being held in the basement of the new church building.

Pastor Joe Ford and Trinity Church, Abilene, closed a good meeting Sunday in which there were twelve professions, ten additions, three of the number being for baptism. Henry Morgan of Abilene conducted the singing. There have been forty additions to this church since their new building was completed a few months ago.

The spring revival at University Baptist Church, Abilene, closed Sunday with twenty-five additions to the church. Pastor Alvin Billberry of Jackboro did the preaching and local forces conducted the music. Brother Billberry preached some fine gospel sermons and there was a good attendance throughout the meeting.

The View Church has called Brother G. W. Lowry of Abilene as pastor and we understand he has accepted the work. The new church building recently completed is one of the nicest rural church buildings in the Sweetwater Association. The building was constructed and paid for within about three months, under the leadership of G. W. Tankersley who resigned recently to accept the call of Shamrock, Okla.

Rev. J. W. King of Abilene was with the Caps church in a revival meeting last week. Services were held each evening during the week, and the church was greatly revived. The services had a great climax Sunday morning at which time the beautiful church building was dedicated. Rev. W. H. Hughes of Levelland, a former pastor, preached the dedicatory sermon. Lunch was served on the ground and services were continued through the afternoon.

Rev. G. W. Tankersley, who is to receive his A. B. degree from Simmons University in June, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Shamrock, Oklahoma, and has moved on that field. Brother Tankersley has been pastoring churches in this section during the past year. He has been in Simmons and he has done a fine work in each instance. His many friends here wish him much success in that important field to which he goes.

The Aspermont Star tells the story of another preacher fishing party held by the pastors of the Stonewall Association. "In spite of the high winds and low water," says the Star, the preachers managed to get enough fish to satisfy their fish appetite. Several of the crowd got ducked by capsizing boats. The preachers in the party were G. W. Montgomery, W. J. Brisco, A. S. Holmes, D. N. White, W. T. North, C. E. Best and A. C. Turner.

Speaking about fishing, we understand that the pastors of the Runnels County Association are going to try the editor for failing to appear for the "school of prophets" held recently on the Concho River. Brethren, go easy; we have already suffered enough after hearing of the wonderful time you had there with the fellowship, the fishing, and all that. There is this about it, though, if it can be proven that his absence was deliberate and with malice aforethought, nothing short of the death penalty would be just verdict.

Pastor J. Q. Herrin, Rochester: "Pastor P. D. O'Brien of Munday has just helped us in a series of revival services. Brother O'Brien greatly magnified the Lord, bringing us great blessings. Our church unanimously requested him to preach for us during the Fall revival."

Rev. O. F. Smith, a former West Texas pastor is doing a fine work at Daingerfield, Texas. He will have a son ready for Simmons university next Fall, and for this reason would consider a pastorate somewhere in the West. He is a good pastor and preacher and we would be glad to see some good church bring him back to the West.

Brother L. E. Millican, the grand old man of the far West, writes these good words to the editor: "I enjoy your good paper and do thank you for sending it to me. Wife thinks it great. Come to Paisano encampment as my guest and I will see that you have a place to sleep and plenty to eat. Just bring your cot and plenty of bedding, and I will see after the balance. I am on my way to Pre-balance."

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sidio, on the Rio Grande where the Orient railway is to cross into Mexico. I want to hunt up the few Baptists down there and try to get them harnessed into the Lord's chair, and help move the border of His Kingdom in that region." Thanks, Brother Millican, we will try to make connections with that great encampment. It would be our delight to put our feet under the chuck wagons and in between meals hear Dr. Trust and Gates preach, and incidentally we're coming after that story of your life on the frontier that you have promised us.

Pastor A. C. Miller and the First Church, Cisco, have just closed a week's training in Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible School work. In the three classes there were forty-two enrolled with an average of thirty-three in attendance, and thirty-three taking the examination. The church is in a revival meeting this week.

"I closed a meeting with the North Waco Baptist Church Sunday night. W. D. Boswell is pastor. There were 100 additions. I am now with Jesse Yelvington and the Baptist Temple, San Antonio. I will be here two weeks. T. D. Carroll is singing. Blessing upon you and the West Texas Baptist."—W. Y. Pond.

RUNNELS COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Rev. W. B. Holland has been with Pastor Z. E. Parker of Lometa in a revival meeting the past week.

The revival meeting at Winters is in progress with Pastor Whaley of Sweetwater doing the preaching.

The Missionary, J. M. Riddell is busily engaged in meetings covering the greater part of the association. He preached the commencement sermon for the Maverick High School Sunday evening, and will be with that church in a meeting beginning soon.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. will give their quarterly program Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the high school auditorium at Norton. A cordial welcome is extended. The Worker's Meeting of the Runnels Association will meet with the Drasco church May the 8th.

There were twenty-five professions in the meeting held with Pastor Jenkins and the Bomarton church, in which Evangelist John W. Newsom did the preaching. The church was greatly revived.

IN REMEMBRANCE

In loving remembrance of Miss Josie Barkley, member of the First Baptist Church at Anson, Texas. Poem by Rev. J. D. Reeves.

She lived with her parents
All their life through,
From a child to womanhood,
In their home she grew.
Faithful and true, she
Honored, with parental fear
The promise she received
With long life here.

Your Bible class misses you,
Like a racer you ran,
Clothed in Christ's meekness
With Bible in hand.
By good works she proved, her
Faith was not dead
She encouraged the weak, the
Needy she fed.

Her father left her, years ago
The mother she followed, like
All of us go.
She stayed in the home,
Like a little mother and
Kept a cozy place for sister and
brothers.

She did not falter through sorrow
With the sword of the Spirit,
humble in prayer,
She fought a good fight
A good race to win
Looking to Jesus,
The Saviour from sin.

We'll meet you no more
In the breaking of bread
Whose little children meet
And Fathers are fed.
But we'll meet you again
In that prepared place
Redeemed and glorified
By the head of our race.

Dr. J. M. Dawson of Waco assisted his brother, E. E. Dawson in a revival at Del Rio in which there were sixteen additions to the church.

FISHER COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Our fifth Sunday meeting of the Fisher County Association was a glorious success in spite of the fact that we only had two men to take their regular places on the program. These two were Brother W. T. Patterson, a layman of Rotan who brought a great message on the laymen's

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work in the church. The other one was Brother Charley Bryant, pastor of Sylvester, whom the whole association loves, brought a great message on the subject of "Salvation." The report of the District W. M. U. meeting was brought by Mrs. J. Gentry in the absence of Mrs. McNeal, our president.

Brther Johnston, our missionary is a meeting in Kentucky, and therefore was absent from the meeting. Brother Phil J. Little did not get there at all, and some of the pastors arrived at noon and some on Sunday. The churches are all looking forward to the summer campaign of soul winning. We are hoping and praying for a great revival among our churches.

"SOUTHWESTERN" ALUMNI BANQUET

T. B. Maston, Pres. Alumni Ass'n. The Alumni and ex-student association of the Southwestern Seminary will have its annual banquet during the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga. The exact time will be announced at the Convention.

Brother R. C. Campbell, pastor at Hickory, North Carolina, and President Scarborough will speak. Professor I. E. Reynolds will provide some good music.

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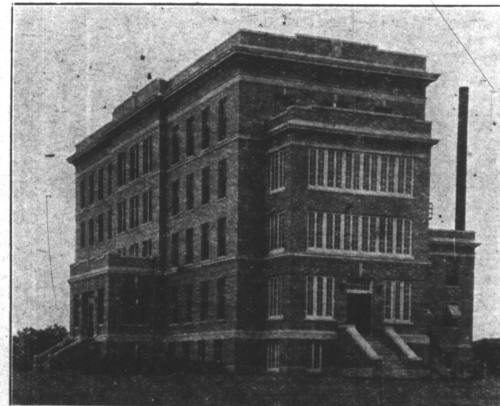
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DISTRICT REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31

Since the associational secretaries may desire to file the report for every quarter, these figures, which were included in the annual report, are given separately.

Big Spring Association
 Conquest campaign, W. M. S. \$522.50; Y. W. A. \$80; Lottie Moon Christmas offering \$5; home mission thank offering W. M. S. \$20.25; Y. W. A. \$3; G. A. \$1.50; R. A. \$1.50; Sunbeams \$3.33; B.O.H. cash, W.M.S., \$27.50; Sunbeams \$12; B.O.H. boxes \$1.25; Ass'n. missions \$49; city missions \$33; charity \$32.60; miscellaneous \$46; district and association expense fund \$4; scholarships \$6.35; local W.M.S. \$504.62; Y.W.A. \$11; Total \$1398.33.—Mrs. Norman Read, Corresponding Secretary.

Fisher County Association
 Conquest campaign \$219.75; Lottie Moon Christmas offering \$17.75; home mission thank offering \$8.55; B.O.H. cash \$55.50; B.O.H. boxes \$11; association missions \$16; miscellaneous \$24.65; district and association expense fund \$20; local \$672.50. Total \$1045.70. Mrs. Guy McNeal, President; Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Corresponding Secretary.

Haskell Association
 Conquest campaign \$919.42; Lottie Moon offering \$22.75; home mission thank offering \$39.13; B. O. H. cash \$54.24; B.O.H. boxes \$100; sanitariums \$39.72; miscellaneous \$136.65; district and association expense fund \$25; scholarships \$75.50; local \$598.50. Total \$2011.21. Mrs. J. O. Bowden, President; Mrs. A. C. Brock, corresponding secretary.

Jones County Association
 Conquest campaign W.M.S. \$1093.35; Y.W.A. \$10; Sunbeams \$1.96; home missions thank offering W.M.S. \$24.25; G. A. \$7.05; B.O.H. cash \$15; miscellaneous W.M.S. \$15; Y. W. A. \$15.05; district and association expense fund \$11.75; local W.M.S. \$693.20; Y. W. A. \$40; R. A. \$9; Sunbeams \$5; total \$2010.61; Mrs. J. W. Doherty, president; Miss Lillian Penick, corresponding secretary.

Lamesa Association
 Coop. prog. \$34.29; conquest campaign \$391.15; Lottie Moon offering \$32.50; home missions thank offering W.M.S. \$92.72; int. G. A. \$5.15; G. A. \$3.85; R. A. \$1; Sunbeams, \$12.32; B. O. H. cash \$4.05; boxes \$60.75; association missions \$60.58; charity \$39.92; misc. \$14.80; district association expense fund \$23.50; scholarships \$17.80; total \$1420.43; Mrs. Ross A. Smith, president; Mrs. J. Elmer Barron, corresponding secretary.

Mitchell-Scurry Association
 Coop. program \$33.30; conquest campaign \$197.05; Lottie Moon offering \$19.85; home missions thank offering W.M.S. \$51.03; Y. W. A. \$1.40; G. A. \$3.15; B.O.H. cash \$10; boxes W. M. S. \$65; Y.W.A. \$2; association missions \$43.00; city missions \$13.35; dis. and assn. exp. fund \$12; local \$738.95; ch. bld. and parsonage \$296.75; equipment for the church \$72.30; misc. study books \$8.20; total \$4539.64; Mrs. A. L. Whipkey, president; Mrs. Dean Phenix, corresponding secretary.

Sweetwater Association
 Coop. prog. \$677.88; conquest campaign \$1890.35; Lottie Moon offering \$5.50; home missions thank offering \$45.50; association miss. \$48.51; Lockett fund \$81.78; Simmons U. \$105.42; Breedlove loan fund \$166.68; First Church Abilene Loan fund \$175.80; B. O. H. cash \$20; sanitarium \$3; misc. \$185.23; Sunshine nursery \$15; Love gifts \$113.20; pastors salaries \$10.70; exp. fund \$13; young people work \$15; Y.W.A. but \$25; charity \$46.04; local \$1159.30; total for W.M.S. \$4890.64; Young People's Report: Coop. prog. Y.W.A. \$63.52, G. A. \$11.05; R. A. \$8; Sunbeams \$1; Conquest campaign, Y. W. A. \$25.45; Lockett fund, Y.W.A. \$37.70; G. A. \$31; Simmons Fund, Y.W.A. \$10.35; G. A. \$1.08; association missions \$5.90; Y. W. A. \$5.19; G. A. \$5.4; city missions, Y. W. A. \$1.73; G. A. \$1.8; home mission thank offering, G. A. \$60; R. A. \$4.50; Sunbeams \$3.25; sanitarium Y. W. A. \$6.92; G. A. \$7.2; Breedlove loan fund Y. W. A. \$29.47; G. A. \$3.64; First Baptist Church, Abilene, loan fund Y. W. A. \$1.73; G. A. \$1.8; local Y.W.A. \$122.68; G. A. \$20; R. A. \$31.30; Sunbeams \$44; misc. Sunbeams \$1; scholarships Sunbeams \$7; totals Y.W.A. \$275.75; G. A. \$39.50; R. A. \$45.80; Sunbeams \$50.25; grand total \$498.25; total of all organizations \$5299.94; Mrs. L. M. White, president; Mrs. Geo. L. Paxton, cor. sec.; grand total of the seven associational auxiliaries \$17,725.86.

We regret that a report was not received from Stonewall Auxiliary, but regret far more the reason, the very sad bereavement of the president, Mrs. B. O. Wilkerson, of Girard, whose husband passed away suddenly about a month ago. We all tender our sincere sympathy to our fellow worker in this hour of sadness and pray that the blessed Comforter may be with her and her children at this time.

YEARLY REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

By Lillian Penick
 April 1, 1927 through March 31, 1928
 Seven full graded W.M.U.'s. Our aim was twenty-five. Let us work for twenty-five by April 1, 1929.
 Abilene: First Baptist Church;

Abilene: University Church; Haskell—First Baptist Church; Midland: First Baptist Church; Snyder: First Baptist Church; Stamford: First Baptist Church; Sweetwater: First Baptist Church.

One of these, the First Baptist Church of Midland is standard full graded—that is it has all five of its organizations standard A-1. One year ago there was only one such W.M.U. in Texas so we are very proud of Midland. We are delighted. She will bring home a banner from the Southern Baptist Convention for this standard. It is sincerely hoped that these seven full graded unions will see that all their organizations are standard A-1 immediately before the Southern Baptist Convention May 14 and maintain those standards for a year so that they may all get a banner at the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1929. Then we want at least twenty five full graded W.M.U. reported at our next district meeting next spring in Munday, Texas.

Each of the seven full graded W.M.U.'s received a test banner of award. Eighteen young people's organizations are to be awarded pennants in their colors for having reached the A-1 standard. They are as follows: four Y.W.A.'s Midland; University Church, Abilene; Stamford, First Church; Sweetwater; First Baptist Church.

Two intermediate girls' auxiliaries: First Church, Abilene and Stamford.

Four junior girls' auxiliaries: Midland; Stamford; First Church, Abilene and University Church, Abilene.

One intermediate R. A., Stamford.

Two junior K. A.'s: Midland and University Church, Abilene.

Five Sunbeam bands: Midland; Hamilton; Stamford; First and University Churches, both of Abilene. A new young people's organization in the district year 1927-1928; 45 in 1st quarter; 9 in 2nd quarter; 11 in 3rd quarter and 10 last quarter.

1. W. A.'s—1; 1st quarter, Haskell, Hamilton in Jones Asso; and West broke in Mitchell-Scurry asso; 1st quarter leaders in Jones asso; 1st quarter association rural church in the Sweetwater asso; and Merkel in the Big Spring Association.

Intermediate G. A.'s—I Quarter Haskell, 1st quarter Plainview rural church in Mitchell-Scurry asso, and Roscoe in same association and First Church, Sweetwater in the Sweetwater association; 1st quarter combination int. and Jr. G. A. in Lamar St. Church, Sweetwater, Sweetwater association; The IV Quarter another reported in Sweetwater asso. but not named and one Munday, Haskell association.

Junior G. A.'s—I Quarter Haskell, 1st quarter Coahoma in Big Spring Association, Stamford and Tuxedo, both in Jones asso; First Church, Sweetwater in Sweetwater association; IV Quarter Leaders in Jones Asso, and two in Abilene at First Church and Walnut St. churches both in the Sweetwater association.

Intermediate R. A.'s—I Quarter Lamar St. Church, Sweetwater; IV Quarter two in Jones Asso, at Hamilton and Stamford and one in Sweetwater Asso., at First Church, Abilene.

Junior R. A.'s—I Quarter, Haskell; II Quarter First Church Sweetwater in Sweetwater Association; III Quarter Lamesa in Lamesa Asso; IV Quarter Liberty Church a rural church in Fisher association.

Sunbeam Bands—I Quarter, four in Haskell, Haskell asso, in Hamilton, Jones asso, Five-Mile Church in Lamesa asso, and Aspermont in Stonewall asso; II Quarter four, two in Big Spring Asso, at Knott and Coahoma, one in Jones asso, at Stamford, one at Dunn in Mitchell-Scurry association, III Quarter four one at Rotan in Fisher asso., one at Leaders in Jones asso., one at Bethany church in Lamesa asso., and one at Buffalo Gap in Sweetwater asso. IV Quarter three, one at Big Spring in Big Spring asso, one at Sparenburg, Lamesa asso., and one at South Side Church, Abilene, in Sweetwater Asso.

Big Spring Association—Miss Anna Lee King, Associational Leader. 21 Baptist churches, 9 W.M.S.'s; 2 Y.W.A.'s with an enrollment of 30; 2 G. A.'s with an enrollment of 16; R. A. with an enrollment of 12; 2 Sunbeam Bands with an enrollment of 31. Total enrollment of 89 young people with a probable possibility of 1300. Four young people's organizations observed the week of prayer. They had one Y.W.A. and 1 Sunbeam mission study class. The associational young people's leader holds the leadership certificate and another leader is taking this course. There was one new Y.W.A. 1 Jr. G. A. and a Sunbeam band this year; 1 full graded standard A.W.M.U. has been by. Reported every quarter.

Fisher Association—Mrs. Fred Clark, Rotan, Association Young People's Leader. 24 Baptist churches; 11 W.M.S.'s; 1 Y.W.A. with 6 members and 1 R. A. just organized; 1 Sunbeam band with 11 members. Mrs. Clarke is making an efficient leader and is laying a foundation for young people's work in this association that should reach its probable possibilities of young people. Five churches now have young people leaders and three of these are rural churches. We shall expect a number of organizations in the near future. They reported 4th quarter.

Jones Association—Mrs. Frank Estes, Hamilton Leader. 35 Baptist churches; 10 W.M.S.'s; 1 full graded

W.M.U.; 4 Y.W.A.'s with an enrollment of 44; 3 G. A.'s with an enrollment of 64; 2 R. A.'s with an enrollment of 30; Sunbeam bands with an enrollment of 79; Total of 217 young people out of probably 2000 Baptist possibilities receiving some missionary training in young people's organizations; 8 of these young people's organizations observed the December Week of Prayer and 10 the one in March. There were 5 Y.W.A. mission study classes held; 3 for G. A. and 2 for Sunbeams; mission study awards gained Y.W.A.'s 35; C. A.'s 4; R. A.'s 1; and Sunbeams 38; two new Y.W.A.'s; 2 Jr. G. A.'s; 2 Int. R. A. and 3 Sunbeams bands this year. Total of ten. Two leaders and 2 other women hold the leadership certificate and 2 the Sunbeam certificate; 8 leaders and seven other women are taking the leadership course; 1 leader taking Sunbeam course; reported 3rd and 4th quarters.

Lamesa Association—Mrs. H. R. Wainwright, Haskell, Texas, leader; 29 Baptist churches; 11 W. M. S.'s; one full graded; 3 Y.W.A.'s with enrollment of 60; 1 G. A.'s with 141 enrolled; 2 K. A.'s with 67 enrolled; 6 Sunbeam bands with 118 enrolled. A total of 391 young people in these organizations out of a probable possibility of 1,000; 7 observed the December week of prayer and five the week in March; 25 subscribe to the World Comrades; 6 new organizations this year as follows: Y.W.A., 2 Int. G. A.'s 1 Jr. G. A. 1 Jr. A. R. and 1 Sunbeam band. The leadership course is held by one person, 8 leaders including the associational leader and 3 others are taking the course. 1 Sunbeam leader hold the Sunbeam certificate and another is taking that course. Reported 2nd, 3rd and fourth quarters.

Mitchell-Scurry Association—Mrs. Geo. Alexander, Snyder, Texas, leader; 26 Baptist churches, 12 W. M. S. one is full graded; 3 Y.W.A.'s with 20 members, 6 G. A.'s with 39 members; 4 K. A. with 12 members; 3 Sunbeam bands; 59 members. Total of 100 young people in missionary organizations out of a probable possibility of 1,300. 3 observed December week of prayer and 6 the March week of prayer; 1 Y.W.A. study class with 10 pupils; 4 new organizations this year; 1 Y.W.A., 2 Int. G. A.'s and 1 Sunbeam band and growing. The associational leader and 7 other leaders and 12 other women hold the leadership certificate. The associational leader and two Sunbeam leaders hold the Sunbeam certificate.

Lamesa Association—Mrs. Theo Asberry, Texas; 22 Baptist churches; 7 W.M.S.'s; 1 Y.W.A. with 39 enrolled; 2 G. A.'s with 25 enrolled; R. A. with 4 enrolled; 4 Sunbeam bands with 50 enrolled; Total enrollment 121 young people out of a probable possibility of 900; 4 observed December week of prayer; 4 observed the week of prayer in March; 1 Y.W.A. study class; one leader taking leadership course; one Sunbeam leader taking Sunbeam leadership course. 3 new Sunbeam bands and 1 new Jr. K.A., this year. Reported first, second and third quarters but not the fourth.

Stonewall Association—Mrs. A. C. Turner, Aspermont, acted as associational leader with her many other duties. 12 Baptist churches; 2 W. M. S.'s; 2 G. A.'s with 27 members and 1 Sunbeam band with 27 members. Total of 63 young people who got some missionary training out of probable 600 possibilities; The Sunbeam band was new this year. The associational leader holds the leadership course. Reported only first quarter.

Sweetwater Association: 36 Baptist churches; 15 W. M. S.'s; three are full graded W.M.U.'s; 4 Y. W. A.'s with 70 enrolled; 7 G.A.'s with 123 enrolled; 3 R.A.'s with 44 enrolled; 3 local young people's leaders hold the leadership certificate; 4 more taking course; 2 local leaders hold the Sunbeam certificate and two Sunbeam Leaders taking Sunbeam course; 11 new organizations; 1 Y. W. A., 3 Int. G. A.'s, 2 Jr. G. A.'s 1 Jr. R. A. and 2 Sunbeams. Reported second, third and fourth quarters.

Some totals—64 W.M.S.'s and 83 young people's organizations as follows: 18 Y.W.A.'s; 30 G.A.'s; 11 R. A.'s and 24 Sunbeam Bands; Y. W. A. members 285; G. A. members 464; R. A. members 227 and Sunbeam members 491. A total of 1,465 young people out of probably 12,500 Baptist possibilities that are getting some of the missionary training they should have. We are only giving about one out of every nine of our possibilities any direct missionary training in the fundamental principles of stewardship through out young people's organizations, and I fear only a small percent of the 1,465 members of these are receiving the full instruction they should receive. Since we always have so many inactive members who miss much needed instruction. Let us aim to have all these 83 organizations Standard for the years 1927-1928. That they may minister to the needs of our young

people. When we look at this small percent getting missionary training and remember it is even larger than it was ten or twenty years ago we do not find the solution as to why Southern Baptists are retrenching in missions both at home and abroad as too few of our people know enough about missions to be interested in missions. As long as they are not interested they will never pray for missions or give to missions. If God would only give us a vision of our obligation to train the youth for His word says "without vision the people perish." Abilene district is composed of 17 and a half counties with an estimated population of 200,000. In this part of Texas every fourth person is a Baptist or a Baptist possibility and one fourth of the population are in the ages of our young people's organizations. So you see where I got the estimated 125,000 Baptist possibilities among these young people. We must really see the stupendous opportunity we have of giving missionary training to the coming generation if we would but maintain full graded W. M. U.'s for their missionary training in all our Baptist churches and see that all of this function. They could reach organizations out of a probable possibility of 1,000; 7 observed the December week of prayer and five the week in March; 25 subscribe to the World Comrades; 6 new organizations this year as follows: Y.W.A., 2 Int. G. A.'s 1 Jr. G. A. 1 Jr. A. R. and 1 Sunbeam band. The leadership course is held by one person, 8 leaders including the associational leader and 3 others are taking the course. 1 Sunbeam leader hold the Sunbeam certificate and another is taking that course. Reported 2nd, 3rd and fourth quarters.

Our growth in new organizations has been very rapid, but I fear we allow too many of these organizations to die. Last year we had 35 new organizations reported and 45 this year, making a total of eighty and yet two years ago we had probably fifty and now we only have 33. It is a sad fact that our churches and W. M. U.'s have not been interested enough to see that all the new ones grow; they cannot do it alone. We should have 130 today if the churches and W. M. U.'s had been interested. I wish I knew all the 45 I am reporting as new were all alive and thriving today. I call on you the W. M. S. members, the "mothers of the young people to see that they all live and grow. And will you pastors give your sympathetic, practical cooperation. Those that lived a short time ministered to the young people's needs some—so better have them for a short time than not to have them at all. But as loyal W. M. S. members let us determine we will not let any more young people's organizations die.

Three facts point to our great need of them. First the fact of the multiplied thousands of unevangelized foreigners and others in our own country. Second the fact such a large number of our foreign missionaries are at home on furlough, and unable to return to their fields for lack of funds in our mission treasury. Third the fact that Southern Baptists are retrenching on the foreign field in the face of the greatest opportunities we have ever faced. These facts ought to be enough to make us determined our young people to get their interest aroused in missions that they shall be taught about the triumphs of the gospel on the foreign field and at home, and that they shall be taught to pray for missions and to give to missions, and so taught that they will shoulder the responsibility of evangelizing their generation.

One hopeful sign is that we are getting some few leaders trained for this great task of leadership in young people's organizations. 15 leaders hold the leadership certificate and 21 other women in the district, 23 leaders and 10 other women are taking the leadership course now. Nine leaders hold the Sunbeam leadership certificate and 4 other women hold it, while six leaders are taking the course.

Your district young people's leader has visited three other district meetings this spring and compared their reports on young people's work with that of ours and it has greatly encouraged her, for many reasons. First she discovered that ours was not the only district in which we got very incomplete reports. But I must say to the credit of our eight associational young people's leaders that I believe my report came nearer covering the work done in young people's work than that of either of the other young people's leaders did. Their associational presidents reports revealed more than their young people's leaders report often. That sometimes happens, in our district but not as often as it use to. In the second place I found we were not at the bottom in young people's work in the four districts visited. I was surprised to find our report compared favorably with that of a much older district.

I shall give some comparisons that you may see where we stand but remember we are a larger district than either Fort Worth or Wichita Falls and so should do more. I regret I did not keep figures for Pecos-El Paso district. This is all of them. The district are just merely starting to cultivate the vast fields we have. Let us determine we will double our work in the coming year. Thus far most of our work has been foundation work, but I trust we have laid our foundations deep enough to be able to go on and build substantially on that foundation. I notice Wichita district has provided more mission study for her young people than we have if

these figures represent the extent of ours I hope they do not.

Accurate reports are hard to get, but I feel this coming year we shall get more accurate ones than we ever have before.

Fort Worth district with 158 churches and 67 W. M. S.'s reported 13 Y. W. A.'s; 14 G. A.'s; 3 R. A.'s and 21 Sunbeam Bands. A total of 61 young people's organizations with 25 of them new this year and 56 mission study awards for young people with 8 Standard A-1 organizations and 7 observing the Week of Prayer. 2 Full Graded W. M. U.'s Wichita District with 121 churches and 60 W. M. S.'s reported 10 Y. W. A.'s; 11 G. A.'s; 5 R. A.'s and 29 Sunbeam Bands; a total of 56 young people's organizations; 37 mission study awards for young people with 339 mission study awards for them. Full graded W. M. U.'s; One reason Wichita excelled in missions study classes for young people and awards is because she planned her mission study well; she had 16 mission study institutes and 9 church schools of missions.

Abilene District with 205 churches has 18 Y. W. A.'s; 30 G. A.'s; 11 R. A.'s and 24 Sunbeam bands; a total of 83 young people's organizations; 45 of which are new this year. We had 19 mission study classes for the young people with 192 mission study awards. We had 18 Standard A-1 young people's organizations and 7 full graded W. M. U.'s one of which has been Standard A-1 for a full year.

I want to request each associational and local young people's leader to go over all these reports carefully and write me any mistakes you find in them anywhere that I may correct my permanent record. The only way I have of gathering correct record is what you send me. I would appreciate associational and local presidents doing the same. I wish I knew it is far from correct. There are several reasons for this. First some of the reports were never sent me, some that were I got mixed up, because of contradictory reports, then there is such constant changing that a report made today would not be correct tomorrow. However that does not lessen the importance of reports. Begin now from the local organization to compile correct reports for this quarter and see that they go into the Association correct and on time then the Associational leaders can let me correct reports. Remember the state holds W. M. S. presidents responsible also for correct reports on young people's work.

BAPTIST W. M. S. ENJOY NOVEL PROGRAM
 A cruise on board the "Good ship" W. M. U. was enjoyed by the members and several visitors of the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church, Aspermont Monday afternoon. The guests meetings at the Baptist church to begin their voyage.

As the guests entered they were forced to walk the gang plank, by Mrs. Marion Simpson, and were ushered into the upper deck and there met the Captain and other officers of the ship. A tour of inspection was made through the lower deck and for a few minutes the voyagers enjoyed looking at the lovely blue waters below them, now running smoothly, waters that often times

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rise until it is almost all we can do to surmount them, but soon God quiets the waters as Christ did in the long ago by the three small words "Peace, Be Still" and then the calmness the sweetness of smooth enjoyable sailing!

The shore at which the ship was anchored was beautiful in its array of lovely flowers in brilliant shades. The ship from which waved the American flag, the lovely water and the beautiful shore was a beautiful picture to behold.

Mrs. Ellis Scoggin, mate of the ship, introduced the speakers, Mrs. J. B. Ward being first to tell of the "First trip of the Good Ship W. M. U." Mrs. C. S. Kenady told of another cruise of the ship under her leadership. Mrs. Tom Fowler rendered a very beautiful piano solo, and Mrs. O. W. Coats told of "Some other voyages."

Then followed a lovely vocal solo by Baby Sue Fowler which was enjoyed very much. A reading was given by Miss Ada Davis and little Miss Peggie Lou Fowler played for us.

Mrs. C. B. Callicott told of still some other voyages of this good ship while Mrs. F. T. Whitaker talked on "How I came to be Captain of the Good Ship W. M. U." Mrs. Simpson sang "Our Yesterday," as the concluding number on the program.

Those enjoying the voyage were: Mesdames Ellis Scoggin, C. S. Kenady, Claud Darden, W. J. Hambree, O. W. Coats, F. T. Whitaker, E. T. Jones, George Rice, J. B. Ward, C. R. Campbell, Wyatt, C. B. Callicott, Mayer, Alvis Hancock, Ben Harrison, G. M. Shallock, Tom Fowler, L. O. Walton Davis, Boyce Kenady, J. E. Gallagher, and Marion Simpson.

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SWEETWATER BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION COLUMNNEW ORGANIZATION IN SWEET-
WATER ASSOCIATION

Several Sunday School workers met at First Baptist Church, Sweetwater on the fifth Sunday in April and organized an Associational Standard Sunday School.

There are five requirements to be attained, according to our Sunday school board—first is concerning reports. Second, meetings. Third, reports. Fourth, extension and enlargement and fifth, standardization. Fifty per cent of the schools in the Association shall be standard. Monthly meetings under the direction of the associational superintendent must be held for all the Sunday school workers. Fifty per cent of the schools must be represented in these meetings.

The following officers were elected in the meeting at Sweetwater: Associational Superintendent, W. J. Largent of Merkle; Secretary-Treasurer, Curtis D. Owen of Abilene. Four group superintendents will be elected to preside over certain territory according to requirement given in Standard of Excellence.

Only one Association in the state had reached this standard when our State Sunday School Convention met at Corsicana last month. Quiet numbers are working for it now, and expect to attain it by our next annual meeting at Sherman April 17-19, 1929. Our Association must be one of that number. We can, if every pastor and superintendent will cooperate. Talk it up.—C. D. Owen, Missionary.

HELPING MINISTERIAL
STUDENTS

There are many ways of doing in this life. It is a noble thing to care for orphan children. We should give freely to missions, to our hospitals and schools. But in doing so, we should not neglect to our shame, that noble young preacher whom God has called to preach His Word. Most of them come from poor parentage and therefore, have to struggle through poverty in their preparation to answer God's call.

There is no class of men on earth that brings a greater blessing to the human family by their service than the gospel ministry. Their message has to do with both, our life here and hereafter. It is also true, that no class of men on earth makes as great sacrifice in preparation to serve humanity as does the gospel ministry. It is also true, that no class of men receives as small remuneration for the services rendered humanity as does the gospel ministry. If you will compare them with men of other professions of life you will find that the above statements are true. Why should they be forced to sacrifice so strenuously in their preparation to render the best service to mankind?

A certain young preacher whom I have known for a number of years, enrolled as a student in one of our universities last fall with less than one dollar with which to face the future in his preparation to answer God's call to preach. He secured little jobs here and there and paid his bills as they came due. He rented a garage for sleeping quarters, and for several months prepared his own meals. He finally secured a position as dishwasher at a restaurant where he got his meals, still working during spare moments to enable him to help an invalid father at home. During all this time he made good grades in school until some weeks ago, he was forced to go to a hospital for a painful operation. He was there fifteen days, then returned to the university to take examination that he was to have taken during his period of illness. But he had to leave school in order to pay his hospital bill. Would it not be a worthy thing for those who have money to invest some of it in this splendid young preacher?

There are some young preachers in Simmons University who are just as deserving as the one mentioned above, who need help. Send an offering to Dr. W. F. Fry, 2136 Swenson Avenue, Abilene, Texas. He is Bible teacher of ministerial students of Simmons University and will see that every dollar will be used wisely for this cause.—C. D. Owen.

TANKERSLEY ACCEPTS CALL

Rev. W. G. Tankersley, Simmons senior, has just recently accepted the call of the First Baptist church, Shamrock, Oklahoma, and will begin his work on that field the first Sunday in May. He has resigned his pastorate at View and Calvary, half time churches, and will finish his school work for a degree from the university by correspondence.

Tankersley has been in Simmons seven years, during which time he has pastored a number of churches, built three church buildings, added 502 to churches, 332 of whom were by baptism, and has organized and built up Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U.'s to standard rating.

He was pastor at Champion in Mitchell county for five years and at that place added 157 to the membership, of which total 137 were by baptism. He gave up the work at Champion to accept the View pastorate over a year ago.

Tankersley built church buildings at Calvary, Mt. Olives and View. The modern structure at View was completed last December at a cost of about \$3,000 and was dedicated by Dr. W. F. Fry in February.

He is leaving three A-1 unions out of four B. Y. P. U.'s at View, all of which were organized under his leadership. At the regular Wednesday night prayer service the average attendance at View is one hundred.

Rev. Tankersley is accepting the pastorate of a full time church of about three hundred members in a town of three thousand inhabitants. He reports that the opportunity for a great work is indeed challenging. There are eleven candidates waiting baptism at the first Sunday night service of Tankersley's ministry in Shamrock as a result of a recent week-end meeting which he held with the church.

When the Fire Burned

By J. O. Heath

The country was in the fierce grip of an awful blizzard. Across the prairies of the West snow and wind roared in a wild and pitiless disregard of the welfare of man. The snow fell with tireless energy and the tempestuous winds, bitter in their coldness, swept madly onward, utterly indifferent to the suffering which they occasioned.

A small frame house, where the Rev. John Goodwin made his home stood in the path of the raging storm. As the fury of the storm seemed to be increasing in violence he arose from his chair, opened the south door and looked out into the blackness of the night. So penetrating were the wintry blasts that a shudder shook his declining body, but the trembling came partly from an intense coldness that had previously settled within his heart. On the altar of John Goodwin's soul the fires of hope had burned low and the inward cold had congealed the ardor of his spirit.

On the stormy night of which I write John Goodwin and his wife sat in the dim and fitful light of a small fire built in a coal grate which had been placed inside an old fashioned chimney. Their thoughts were too deep and pensive for conversation; but occasionally they would replenish the falling fire from their scanty supply of coal and the furious winds finding entrance down the chimney would cause the flames to flare brightly for a moment, then they would die down leaving melancholy shadows in the room. As the fire burned low on the hearth, the steady flames and the somber shadows came and went like the hope and despair that struggle within a dependent soul. But John Goodwin heedless of the terrors of that fearful night mused beside his lowly fire until an aching memory carried him back into the fascinating regions of previous experiences. He lived again in a mighty past; once more he moved over battle fields renowned for spiritual victories; once more he was in trials often and in labors abundant for the honor of his Master.

In memory John Goodwin bore valiantly the flag of truth up difficult heights; again he planted the standard of righteousness on contested frontiers; again he saw hazy horizons become radiant in the transforming rays of the glorious gospel which he preached. For he it was that had been the unwelcome active work of the ministry until the decrepitude of age bade him "cease from his fond employment."

For nearly fifty years Goodwin had been a Baptist preacher. As he was a diligent student, an earnest pastor, a faithful pastor, the churches prospered, under his ministry. Not only were many believers added to the churches, but they were so thoroughly confirmed in the doctrines that they became strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Thus the churches in which he was pastor became noted for their spirituality, their liberality and their boldness of faith in originating and supporting large enterprises. So one may imagine the strange and tumultuous feelings that agitated the soul of John Goodwin when physical infirmities reminded him that the time had come for him to give up the work to which he had devoted nearly fifty years of his life. It is certain that he did not gladly relinquish the responsibility that had been imposed upon him by his call to the ministry. Rather he felt keenly the depressing fact his bodily weakness would not permit him to continue in the exacting yet delightful duties of the ministry.

Thus it came to pass that at the advanced age of seventy-two he resigned his last pastorate and retired to the little house that he referred to as his home. He had not only come to the evening time of life, but he had well earned the repose that belongs to that period of a man's earthly existence. Yet while he was in the sunset time of life, that golden period over which serenity is supposed to dwell in unbroken calmness, his mind was not free from dark and disturbing anxieties. He was now in retirement and he reasoned that as he would not again take his stand in the front of the battle, he would soon be forgotten by his own denomination. He was also uneasy by the constantly recurring thought that he was in a condition to live without the salary which he had been receiving in his pastorate. John Goodwin had not accumulated any property or saved any money, for he had freely given himself and his money, in order that the churches and their institutions might thrive in the earth. He was renting the little house that he called his home; and the trailing vines that in summer cast about it a softening shade, grew in soil that he did not own. He held no deed to the tiny garden in which his flowers bloomed and from which they diffused their fragrance. Even the mocking bird that entertained him with its song or amused him with its mimicry, performed its part in trees to which he had no legal rights. Even the falling snow flurried above or settled down to reign in wintry pomp over ground for which he paid a monthly rent. And as he had given his all to the Kingdom of God, he was now when aged and worn, dependent on a denomination that he had loyally served for nearly a half century.

But when his name was placed on the retired list, the Relief Board from which the old preachers were to be supported was greatly embarrassed for lack of funds. The amount that was paid to each old preacher was the merest pittance and there was no immediate prospect that it would be increased. It was indeed a bare existence that the denomination afforded the men who, that they might preach the saving truths of the gospel, had hazarded the material comforts to which age is entitled. It was this feeling of indignance that reduced fervent fires to cooling ashes and filled John Goodwin's heart with cold sensations. It was this meager support that caused the fire to burn low on the hearth before which he should have been comfortable and hopeful.

John Goodwin had received his quarterly stipend, and with it he had purchased some provisions and coal. For a brief time he entertained the hope that they would last until the

next quarter should begin, but he did not calculate on a hard winter nor did he expect to be visited by the severest blizzard in the history of the country. But it was when his money was all gone and his larder and coal bin about empty that the great storm came.

That we might gather up a few interesting events connected with his useful life, we left the old preacher now sitting by a little fire on the night when the notable storm was at its height. In memory he was dwelling amid scenes remote and animating and in which he had been a forceful figure. The spell which memory held over him was broken by a remark from his wife. In response to it, he arose, arranged the fire for the night and sought forgetfulness in sleep. But sound sleep did not come and through the long night the deep voiced winds reminded him of the hoarse cry of some ferocious animal roaming in the blackness of the night. When morning arose ominous clouds hung low and the world was wrapped in snow freezing winds held sway.

A few miles from John Goodwin's home lived a man by the name of Jim Helpful. As he was inclined to do generous deeds and as he possessed the other qualifications that are essential in a deacon, the church had called and ordained him to fill that important office. Being mindful of his obligation, he was ever watchful that he might use the office of a deacon well.

"This is about the coldest weather that I have ever seen and I am wondering how Brother Goodwin is getting along on such a morning as this," said deacon Helpful in his own home. But with the thought came the purplish glow of his face. The snow was deep on the level, the drifts were high, the frigid winds were strong, so that it was with painful effort that he made his way to the Goodwin home. On invitation he entered a cold room and found just a little fire burning on the hearth.

"My! but it is cold this morning," said the deacon along with his greetings. "And you have not enough fire to keep you warm in this blizzard," said Jim Helpful in a voice as cheerful as he could command.

"We are nearly out of coal and that is as much fire as we can afford, for it is we should make it any larger we would be entirely out of fuel before the day is gone," replied John Goodwin.

Seating himself before that dismal fire the deacon asked John Goodwin about his condition. The amount of money that he received from the Old Minister's Relief Fund for his support and the time payments were made. Among the things that he learned was that the preacher had bought as much coal as he had money to buy, that he was out of money, and that the next quarterly payment was due for some time. A profound silence followed the brief conversation, in which the deacon did some straight thinking. He realized that unless help came that the preacher and his wife would perish in the storm. In his mind he went down the path that John Goodwin had traveled and stood in the bright glow of the spiritual fires that the preacher had kindled in the land. And had the preacher's eye-sight been clear he would have noticed some of the reflection from his fires shining on the face of Jim Helpful as he bid him good day.

Before the on-coming night had settled over the land, Goodwin and his wife sat before the warmest and brightest fire that they had known since they had ceased to be active in the ministry. There had been given to them warmth for coldness, plenty for privation, and "the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Not only were their bodies comfortable, but there was in their hearts the warmth of contentment. Thoughtful and substantial treatment had revived hope and caused its fires to again burn brightly in John Goodwin's soul and in their illumination the good man walked toward that "fair and happy land" where brightness abides in unclouded splendor.

But Jim Helpful was sorely haunted by the miserable condition in which he found John Goodwin and the more he thought about it, the more pathetic his case became and he concluded that the Baptists were criminally neglectful of their old and worn-out preachers. He had never attended a state gathering of the Baptists, but he decided to go to the next convention and when the hour came to speak on the matter of an adequate support for retired ministers. So at the next convention the deacon related how wretchedly circumstanced John Goodwin was, how low the fire was on his hearth, and how densely thick was the woe that environed him. The speech was electrical and amid heart searching and tears the convention adopted plans for raising a fund of one million and a half dollars, to be used in properly carrying for old and retired Baptist preachers. The Baptists there assembled highly resolved that never again should the fire burn low on the hearth of any Baptist preacher who had spent his life in preaching the gospel of Jesus. The money was raised, expiring fires were renewed, and the old preachers found sufficient warmth and light to gladden their hearts, no matter how vehement became the wintry elements.—Megargel, Texas.

WANTS WHIPPING POST

McALESTER, OKLA.—In passing on cases brought before him Saturday, Federal Judge R. L. Williams bewailed the passing of the days of the whipping post. He asserted a good whipping was none too severe for some of the criminals brought before him and expressed the wish he might have been on the bench in an age of corporal punishment.

Actual construction of the new church building for the First Baptist Church, Hamlin, has been started and the work is being rushed to completion. The contract for the construction of the building was let to Tip Ross of Gorman.

SANITARIUM NOTES

All of us are glad that our superintendent, L. A. Sanders, was re-elected, unanimously, to continue as superintendent of the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium. His resignation had met to elect his successor, after prayer. A communication signed by the nurses and other workers connected with the hospital was presented and the board, after a thorough discussion unanimously elected him as his own successor. One thing about his reelection, it means we are to have his fine wife and their two sons. All of us think we might have secured a superintendent, but we all know we could not find anywhere the combination we have in this family for hospital work in every way.

We thank God and take courage and will go forward to greater heights in obedience to the command of our Lord who said "Heal the sick."

Some of the most interesting cases of all our history have come to us in the last few weeks.

Brethren, during the last year we have not turned away without service, one charity patient. Your cooperation has made this possible. Continue with us and we will run this institution as we believe Jesus would have us.—S. F. Baucom.

NURSES COLUMN

The nurses in training school at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium grieve, and yet rejoice as Miss Emma Shaw packs her trunk and tearfully bids each of us good-bye. She has completed her three years of training here and has proven herself capable and efficient as a student supervisor.

Four of our nurses took state board examination at Dallas last week. They were: Miss Emma Shaw, Miss Peggy Kemp, Miss Sarah Ann Proctor and Miss Velma Gill. We are indeed sorry that Mrs. Ellis (our home mother) is ill this week and are praying for her early recovery.

The February probation class met Wednesday, May 2, and perfected the organization of three class, Miss Thompson acting as chairman. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Maudie Conklin; Secretary and Business Manager, Miss Hazelle Harmon; Chairman of Social Committee, Miss Myrtle Massey; Chaplain, Miss Laura Williams; Librarian, Miss Lois Adams.

An athletic club was organized and Miss Iva Ward elected president. With hearty good cheer we welcome Miss Minta Millap of McCaulley, Texas to our training school. The members of the student body desire to express to the board of

trustees their appreciation of the granting of the request contained in their petition presented to them recently, that Mr. Sanders be asked to reconsider his resignation. The cloud of sorrow that has hung over the institution since Mr. Sanders announced his intention of leaving, has lifted, and we see "the silver lining behind the dark cloud shining."

MUSSOLINI'S SCHEMES
EXPOSED BY BULLETIN

A constitution for the formation of groups of Fascist living abroad, setting forth hard and fast rules and insuring their allegiance to the Italian government and, above all, the Fascist party, was recently drawn up by Mussolini.

Notwithstanding the fact these men have become naturalized and sworn allegiance to the laws of their adopted country, this constitution sets forth that they must obey without question the orders of the Italian consuls and chiefs of the Fascist regime in the countries where they are stationed and must be under discipline the same as members of the Fascist party in the homeland. All Fascists abroad will come under the charge of the secretary-general of the party in Rome and in cases of breach of discipline, they may be expelled from the party. The organization abroad includes Fascist Boy Scouts as well as women's organizations.

Il Duce does not recognize the right of Italians to become citizens of another country and evidently regards their sojourn from Italy as temporary, as he sets forth as one of the provisions, "To be respectful to the laws of the new country of which they are the guests."

Some of the other provisions are as follows:

1. Not to provoke differences in Italian organizations, but on the contrary to keep them harmonious.

2. To respect the representatives of Italy in foreign countries and to obey their instructions.

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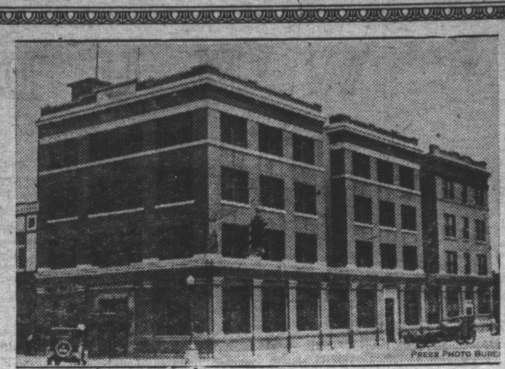
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