

Gleanings from the Field

Items of Interest Showing Kingdom Progress in the Harvest Field.

The Baptist parsonage at Rotan, which was recently damaged by fire, is being torn down, preparatory to rebuilding. A modern building will be erected in the near future.

Last week's issue of the Brownfield Herald carried the following news item about Rev. D. D. Johnson, who for a number of years resided in Abilene:

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Johnson left Monday morning for Abilene, where they expect to make their home. Brother Johnson plans to operate a small business there. He has resided in this section of West Texas and engaged in ministerial work for many years. For the past three or four years he and family have resided in Tahoka, and they have many warm friends here who regret their removal from this section. May they prosper and be happy in their new home.

The Friendship Baptist Church, near Spur will have their annual homecoming day on the first Sunday in May. The church invites all former pastors to be present and preach, and also invites all former members to be present.

Last week the churches of the Dickens County Baptist Association gave Buckner Orphans Home a "shower" of eggs, canned vegetables and lard. There were six cases of eggs, or enough to serve all the children in the home an egg a day for three days.

Beginning next Sunday the church at Rochester will have a one week's meeting, the pastor, Rev. Lowell Ponder, doing the preaching. Services will be held only at night.

At the annual meeting of the B. T. S. and S. S. convention of district 11, Rev. J. D. Thorn, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Graham, was elected president of the Sunday school group. The meeting was held for one day at Seymour, last week.

N. J. Westmoreland reports a good time at the training school conducted in the Valley View Church in Runnels County. Three workers from Abilene were there to help in the school and the good work done by them resulted in the set-up of the general organization and four unions.

Those helping Bro. Westmoreland were: Frank Burrus, teaching the senior methods; Olla Harlan, the junior manual; La Dola Harper, the intermediate manual and the pastor taught the adults the senior manual. There were seventy-two enrolled, thirty awards so far and probably eight or ten more to be given. There were also two conversions during the school.

Rev. Era T. Miller, who conducted the revival meeting at the University Church, spoke to the Ministerial Council last Friday night and gave some good advice to the young preacher boys. He said that he found the days spent in school the happiest days of his life. He also said that while here in school the preachers ought to study ministerial ethics in order to better co-operate with the other preachers when they get out on the field. Another thought that he left was that all preachers need to be more thoughtful of their fellow preacher. If we hear some gossip about one of them we need to take the best mantle of charity our hearts can fashion and place it about them, not only to protect them but to protect all of the preachers everywhere, because gossip about one will reflect on the entire group.

Last week Rev. C. G. Sewell and Rev. L. B. Trivette were with the church at Roscoe in a Sunday school training course.

An associational B. T. S. organization was perfected a few days ago at a meeting in the church at Knox City. Rev. Lowell Ponder of Rochester was made general director. The next meeting will be held with the church at Rochester on the fifth Sunday.

The preacher boys in Simmons are holding a revival meeting at the Salvation Army hall in Abilene. The meeting started Sunday morning with Orval Hendon preaching. Sunday night Cecil Laster preached, and there were two conversions. Pray for these boys as they go, some of them very young in the service of the Lord. The meetings last for two

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W. M. U. Convention, District 17 Will Meet With Abilene First Church, April 16-17

ERATH COUNTY PASTOR HAS LONG RECORD AS PASTOR AND MISSIONARY

Over 5,000 sermons in 26 years is the record of the Rev. W. L. Stewart, missionary of the Erath County Baptist Association. The veteran minister started preaching in 1908, and his first church was in Erath County—Liberty Valley, where he baptized 40 persons, conducted six funerals and performed six marriage ceremonies.

In addition to his 5,000 sermons, the Erath missionary has been pastor of nearly 20 churches in various parts of Texas and missionary in three counties. He has baptized over 550 persons, held more than 100 funerals and united 60 couples in marriage. He has assisted in ordaining seven ministers and 23 deacons. The Rev. Mr. Stewart has been pastor of the following churches in Erath County: Liberty Valley, Sims Valley, Hannibal, Unity and Salem.

The Rev. Mr. Stewart was born in San Augustine County, Texas, August 28, 1876. When he was about four years of age he moved with his parents to Hempstead County, Arkansas. There he lived until four years after his marriage. Then with his wife and two babies he moved to Texas, settling in Erath County. This was in 1900.

After eight years in this county, Mr. Stewart went into the ministry. The first 11 years of his life in the ministry was spent pastoring rural churches. Then he became missionary of Callahan County, serving there two years.

Following his work in Callahan County, the Rev. Mr. Stewart went to the plains country of West Texas, where he spent three and one-half years in village and rural churches. In 1921 he returned to this section, becoming missionary of the Hamilton County Association where he served one year. Then he pastored rural churches two years before becoming part-time missionary of the Erath Association. Later he became full-time missionary in this county, the place he holds at the present.

The Erath preacher, besides his work in this county, has served churches in Nolan, Taylor, Jones, Palo Pinto, Menard, Concho, Callahan, Coke and Hamilton.

WORKERS' MEETING TO BE HELD AT MIDWAY

The next fifth Sunday meeting of the Dickens County Baptist Association will be held with the Baptist church at Midway, beginning Friday night, April 27th. Midway extends a cordial invitation to everybody to be present for this meeting. Rev. C. L. Edwards, pastor of the church, stated that they wanted everybody to have an enjoyable time. The following is the program outline:

Friday Night, April 27th
7:00—Devotional by Russell Williams.

7:30—Sermon by J. V. Bilberry.
Saturday Morning, April 28th
9:45—Devotional to be arranged.

10:00—"Origin of the Church," by J. W. Grizzle.
10:30—"Ordinances of the Church," by M. F. Ewton.

11:00—"Perpetuity of the Church," by A. P. Stokes.
12:00—Lunch.

1:30—Devotional by L. G. Crabtree.
2:00—"Mission of the Church," by W. B. Bennett.

2:30—"Was There Ever a Commission Given to a Woman in the Church?" by H. T. Harris.
3:00—"The Marriage of the Bride," by H. L. Burnam.

7:00—Devotional, by Johnnie Baxter.
7:30—Sermon by Victor Crabtree.

Sunday, April 30
10:00—Lecture on Sunday School Lesson, by Harvey Draper.
11:00—Sermon by L. S. Bilberry.

We understand that Rev. B. N. Shepherd, for several years pastor of the First Baptist church, Clarendon, has accepted the district mission work in the South Plains section, and he will move his family to Lubbock as soon as the spring school season is over.

Prominent State Leaders to Appear On Tuesday Program

A number of state W. M. U. leaders will be in Abilene to appear on the program of the W. M. U. convention of District 17, which meets at the First Baptist Church on Monday and Tuesday, April 16-17. The opening session will be held beginning Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock, with Mrs. R. M. White of Abilene, president of the organization, presiding. Mrs. B. A. Copass of Fort Worth, president of the State W. M. U., Mrs. T. C. Jester of Houston, and Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Waco will be among the outside speakers. The local W. M. S. of Abilene are planning to entertain several hundred visitors.

The program of the convention, in full, follows:

Monday Morning, 10:00 A. M.
OPENING SESSION
Mrs. R. M. White, President, Presiding
Mrs. H. J. McArdle, Recording Secretary
President's Page, Miss Jane Bounds
Time Keeper, Mrs. James P. Stinson
10:00-10:10—Song Service, Mrs. Tom McWhirter, Chorister
Mrs. Ruby Morris Miller, Organist, Mrs. James H. Busby, Pianist
Woman's Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."
Watchword—"Be strong and of good courage . . . for Jehovah thy God is with thee."—Josh. 1:9
10:10-10:20—Devotional, Mrs. W. R. Derr, Abilene
10:20-10:30—Greetings, Mrs. Jentry S. Holmes, Abilene
10:30-10:40—Response, Mrs. P. L. Ullom
10:40-10:50—Recognition of Visitors, Missionaries and new members, appointment of committees.
10:50-11:00—Solo, Mrs. M. B. Herring, Abilene
PRESIDENTS' HOUR
11:00-12:20—President's Message, Mrs. R. M. White, Abilene
Reports and Plans of Associational Presidents (7 minutes).
Callahan, Mrs. John Cook, Putnam
Cisco, Mrs. D. G. Reid, Roby
Haskell, Mrs. C. O. Davis, Rule
Jones, Mrs. J. L. Winter, Hamlin
Stonewall, Mrs. T. S. Tierce, Aspermont
Sweetwater, Mrs. C. C. Comper, Abilene
12:20-12:25—Announcements.
12:25-12:45—In Memoriam, Mrs. E. M. Francis, Abilene
Duet, Mrs. Burl Scott, Abilene
Mrs. Yates Brown, Merkel
Prayer.
12:45-1:45—Lunch.

Monday Afternoon
1:45-1:55—Song Service.
1:55-2:05—Devotional, Mrs. Tate May, Hamlin
2:05-2:45—Conferences.
2:45-2:55—Our Year's Work, Mrs. Robt. J. Jones, Abilene
2:55-3:10—Our Finances, Mrs. H. J. Hanks, Abilene
3:10-3:30—Simmons University, Pres. J. D. Sandefur, Abilene
3:30-3:50—Buckner Orphans Home, Hal F. Buckner, Dallas
3:50-4:00—Xylophone Solo, Billy Morrow, Abilene
4:00-4:15—Leaders Encampment, Rev. Henry J. Littleton, Hamlin
4:15-4:25—Our Training School, Mrs. B. A. Copass, Seminary Hill
4:25-4:30—Announcements.

Monday Evening
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
SIMMONS UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
7:30 O'CLOCK
Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Presiding.
Song, Pauline Milton, Chorister
Devotional, Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater
Quartet, Misses Mavis Higdon, Mary Glover, Mary Ruth Humphrey
Stella Clint Miller
Presentation of Awards for Stewardship.
Highlights of Year's Work.
Callahan, Mrs. W. V. Tatum, Clyde
Cisco, Mrs. Allan Crowmover, Cisco
Fisher, Mrs. A. M. Josey, Rotan
Haskell, Mrs. Joe Averitt, Knox City
Jones, Mrs. Tate May
Stonewall, Mrs. Irwin Pearson, Aspermont
Sweetwater, Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Sweetwater
Address, Mrs. T. C. Jester, Houston
Pageant: "Watch—Danger—Lost Opportunity"
Directed by Miss A. M. Carpenter

Closing Prayer.
Ushers: Misses Inez Darden, Sibyl Glass, Lila Fern Martin, Mildred Wallace, Mildred Osborne, Elizabeth Gustavus, Emma Rose Stuart, and Ruby Turner.
Tuesday Morning
8:30-9:30—Executive Board Meeting.
9:30-9:40—Song Service.
9:40-9:50—Devotional, Mrs. H. H. Stephens, Ranger
OUR PLAN OF WORK
9:50-10:00—Benevolence, Mrs. George L. Paxton, Abilene
10:00-10:10—Missions, Mrs. G. B. Callicote, Jayton
10:10-10:20—Publicity, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Abilene
10:20-10:30—Young People, Mrs. J. B. Buckley, Abilene
10:30-10:40—Quartet, Simmons University Girls' Quartet
10:40-10:50—Periodicals, Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Abilene
10:50-11:00—Mission Study, Mrs. J. L. Winter, Hamlin
11:00-11:10—Personal Service, Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Cisco
11:10-11:20—Stewardship, Mrs. E. M. Whitaker, Haskell
11:20-11:30—Margaret Fund, Mrs. F. T. Whitaker, Jayton
11:30-11:40—Education, Mrs. O. H. Cooper, Abilene
11:40-12:10—Co-operative Program.
12:10-12:30—Baylor Memorial Dormitory, Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Waco
12:30-1:30—Lunch.

Tuesday Afternoon
1:30-1:40—Song Service.
1:40-1:50—Devotional, Mrs. J. M. Jackson, Rotan
1:50-2:10—W. T. Baptist Sanitarium, Mrs. E. M. Collier, Abilene
2:10-2:20—Historian, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Abilene
2:20-2:40—Report of Methods and Finance Committee
Mrs. D. W. Arnette, Abilene
2:40-3:10—Missionary Message, Mrs. B. L. Lockett, Africa
Report of Committees
Chairman of Committee, Mrs. W. S. Daniel, Abilene
Registration, Mrs. Ross Smith, Breckenridge
Resolution, Mrs. C. C. Comper, Abilene
Nominating, Mrs. C. C. Comper, Abilene
Election of Officers.
Selection of Place of 1934 Meeting.
Miscellaneous.
Closing Prayer.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE
Mrs. Bert Low, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Mrs. N. A. Moore
Mrs. Ralph St. John, Mrs. J. Morey Miller, Mrs. Floyd T. Lowe
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Mrs. Rufus Grisham, Mrs. J. F. Holliday, Mrs. J. R. McGraw
REGISTRATION
Mrs. E. E. Hollingshead, Mrs. Boyd King, Mrs. Len Smith
ASSIGNMENT OF HOMES
Miss May Kelly, Mrs. Geo. Anderson
DECORATION
Mrs. M. A. Jared, Mrs. J. A. Miller, Mrs. G. T. Sandidge

CISCO ASSOCIATION YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD MEETING

The district young people's meeting of the Cisco Association, held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, was attended by more than 100 visitors from Cisco, Albany, Breckenridge, Eastland, and Ranger.

After a general assembly the four groups, Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeam Band, went into meetings. Each organized a council and elected a president and secretary.

The next meeting will be held in Albany on the second Sunday in July. In the Y. W. A. meeting Miss Lois Denman was elected president and Miss Clarice Burt secretary.

Following the divisional meetings the visitors assembled again and saw a missionary pageant put on by the Breckenridge Y. W. A.

BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH IN GREAT REVIVAL

The revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Breckenridge, continues with pleasing results. The meeting began on April 1, and up to and including the services Sunday there had been 45 additions received into the fellowship of the church. There were 24 additions to the church Sunday—six at the morning service, and 18 at the evening service.

The crowds have been unusually large throughout the meeting, considering the unfavorable weather during the week, when heavy rains fell for several days. It is an evidence of great interest when such large crowds attend the services. The church was packed Sunday. Johnny Cohen, who is conducting the song service, declared Sunday that the crowd present Saturday night was the largest Saturday night crowd he had seen anywhere in five years.

Pastor Ross A. Smith, in commenting on the meeting, stated, "We are having a real old fashion revival. The church is being wonderfully strengthened and revived. There have been a large number of conversions, most of whom have united with the church. We shall continue on through this week with services."

CALLAHAN BAPTIST NOTES

Joe R. Mayes
Our work in this association seems to be on the upgrade lately. We are going over splendidly with our mission rallies, and the offerings are coming up nicely. Potosi, Oplin, and Baird were to have had their rallies and offerings on the fourth Sunday, but the rain made it impossible, so they were deferred to a later date. Eula and Dudley had all-day services and took their offerings on the first Sunday in April, and both were mighty good. We want to have a report from each church by the time of the convention, and we hope to have a good offering from each for missions.

Our churches all have pastors except Putnam, Dressy and Dudley; Putnam has set the first Sunday in May to call. Brother C. A. Voyles of Cross Plains is looking after Dressy, and I am trying to care for Dudley. I think you cannot find a finer set of pastors anywhere than we have here in the Callahan Association.

Our workers meeting, just held at Admiral, was up to a high standard and one can't help but believe that we are into a better day.

RALLY DAY AT EULA

Missionary rally day was observed at Eula the first Sunday. Rev. V. W. Tatum, pastor at Clyde, preached a missionary sermon and following it an offering was taken for home and foreign missions. A sumptuous dinner was spread near the church by the good women.

In the afternoon special music was furnished by Robert Webb and wife. Also a chalk talk by Miss Leolola Harper of Abilene. Rev. John Wood of Abilene brought the afternoon message on the "Great Commission." At the evening service Rev. Joe Mayes, had charge of the service. He furnished special music with part of his orchestra from Baird.

The Watch Tower

Meditations and Comments by the Editor as he Watches the World Go By.

The entire population of the world could inhabit the vast expanse of the State of Texas and live comfortably, according to Tex Oddities, forthcoming book of odd and unusual facts about the Union's largest state. Besides this astounding declaration, the author adds that there still would be room enough for each man to build a yard and even raise chickens. The population, according to the latest authentic figures, was placed at approximately 1,732,000,000.

Gain in the population of the United States last year was estimated Sunday at 797,000 in a report of the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population Problems. The population on January 1, 1932, totaled 126,140,000, the report estimated, with the 6 per cent gain slower than any year except two since 1870. If population growth continues to become smaller as rapidly as during the last decade, the foundation said it will cease entirely about 1940, when the country will have less than 130,000,000 inhabitants. The foundation figured births in 1933 at 2,268,000, a total of 110,000 lower than in 1932 and below any year since 1900. Deaths of 1,412,000 were about equal to a twenty-five-year average. Departures from the United States exceeded arrivals by 41,000 last year, compared with 168,000 in 1932.

Faced with prison terms totaling 182 years, Luke Trammell, youthful Coleman county criminal, hopes some day to get out of his troubles, return to the farm and "never do anything else wrong." That is what he said from his cell in the Erath county jail while being held there this week awaiting officers from Guthrie, Texas, where March 27, he "gently tapped a jailer on the head with a piece of pipe" and made a dash for liberty. Although Luke may be considered a ruthless and hardened criminal because of his activities that have given him prison sentences for burglary, car theft and murder, he said he wished he could tell all boys to stay with their mules and hoes and not get started on a criminal career. "I tell you," he said, "if I ever get out, I'll go straight. I'd lots rather follow a pair of mules or pack a hoe the rest of my life than to be where I am now." He ran his fingers through his thick brown hair, stared at the cell floor and slowly shook his head. The vanishing smile left deep lines around the youthful mouth.

The diamond back rattler, most vicious of the rattlesnake species, is fast losing its fight against civilization in this section. This territory with its vast ranches and remote canyons and hills used to be infested with numerous rattlesnake dens and caves, but today most of these canyon crevices are empty and silent. The greatest factor in decimating these most feared reptiles has been by dynamiting the dens in which they hibernated during the winters months. Many of these caves contained 25 to 50 and in some instances as many as 100 rattlers.

PARK HEIGHTS CHURCH SAN ANGELO MISSION STUDY

I want to congratulate you and your staff of workers on the splendid paper you are giving us. The West Texas Baptist is worthy of a place in all our Baptist homes.

Last Sunday, April 1, was a great day with us in Park Heights. We had 347 in Sunday School and 140 in B. T. S. The ordinance of Baptism was administered at the evening hour. God continues to bless our work here. We are looking forward with happy anticipation to the coming of Mrs. Robert E. Beddow, April 29th, to lead us in a Church School of Missions. We have recently organized a Men's Brotherhood, meeting once each month. Last month sixty-five men attended the service, and Dr. Tom Taylor of Brownwood was the principal speaker.—J. R. Grant, pastor.

MEETING AT IRAN

We are in the midst of a good meeting here. Evangelist W. Y. Pond of Houston is doing the preaching. This is the third meeting Brother Pond has helped me in; and I feel certain that he is doing the best preaching now that he has ever done for us. He believes the Bible to be the Word of God, and so preaches it without fear or favor. We are to continue until April 15th. Pray for us.

We have had enough rain lately to bring grass, and the hills are getting green, and the people are happy. J. C. MCKENZIE, Pastor.

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W. M. U. WELCOME TO ABILENE

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, April 16-17, several hundred women, leaders in the Women's Missionary Union Workers of district 17, will meet in Abilene for their annual convention. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. Arrangements are being made to entertain these visitors in the characteristic West Texas and Abilene style. The West Texas Baptist joins the local women societies, the Baptists of the city, the business men, and the citizenship in general, in extending a hearty welcome to these workers.

District 17, territorially, is one of the largest in the State. The fact that three of our Baptist institutions—Simmons University, the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and Lueders Baptist Encampment, are located in this territory, makes it one of the most strategic centers of Baptist work in the State. A study of the past achievements of the W. M. U. of the district, will show that the women have carried on their part of the work in a worthy and commendable manner. Realizing this fact, it has always been the policy of the West Texas Baptist to give freely of its space for the promotion of the women's work, not only within the district, but also in adjacent districts. It is our intention to continue this policy, and we are hoping that the women, in their business sessions will appoint publicity chairmen in every association and in every church, to send in reports of the work. We are also in position to offer attractive clubbing rates whereby every W. M. U. organization in the district will be able to receive the West Texas Baptist at a surprisingly low rate.

SIMMONS PICNIC FOR SENIORS

As has been announced in former issues of the West Texas Baptist, the Baptist women of Abilene are sponsoring a movement to entertain the high school seniors of West Texas with a big picnic on the Simmons campus on Saturday, April 28. These women have enlisted the W. M. U. organizations of West Texas in the movement, and these women have responded in a splendid way. It is expected that at least 1,000 young high school graduates will come to Abilene on that day. The Abilene Chamber of Commerce is going to furnish a dinner to be served on the Simmons campus to these young people. The affair within itself will be a big attraction and we are sure the women of the district will not be disappointed in their expectations. There will also be two other attractions on that day that will add to the interests of the events of the day. The West Texas High School Band Contest will be in progress at the time, and, believe it or not, Amos 'n Andy, noted radio comedians are to be in Abilene on that day, in person, to appear at a local theatre. These radio celebrities, for the past few years, have furnished oceans of good, wholesome, clean amusement to the American public, and perhaps there are not many of us who would not go quite a distance just to get a look at them.

False Witness By a Postage Stamp

REV. L. E. BARTON, D.D.,
Baptist Secretary of Missions, Montgomery, Ala.

The Bible says in one of the commandments "Thou shalt not bear false witness." Yet that is what Mr. Jim Farley, Postmaster General, purposes doing, according to press reports, by issuing a postage stamp which will ascribe the rise of religious liberty in this country to the Maryland Colony under Lord Baltimore and the Calverts.

The charter of Maryland does not mention religion liberty or even toleration which is a thousand miles from religious liberty. Maryland's act "Concerning Religion" in 1649:

"Whatsoever person . . . shall . . . deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, or shall deny the holy Trinity . . . shall be punished with death and confiscation and forfeiture of his or her lands and goods to the lord proprietor and his heirs."

Religious liberty indeed! Page Roger Williams, John Huss, Hubmeyer! The Maryland act goes no further toward religious liberty than Hitler has gone toward it in his persecution of the Jews. The Jews deny the "Trinity" for which the Maryland act prescribes death. This gracious "liberty" Mr. Farley would foist upon the country with a mendacious postage stamp, and make our government a party to the falsehood.

The Maryland Catholic-sponsored act "Concerning Religion" which Mr. Farley would now have forwarded as the origin and norm of religious liberty, fixed the death penalty for all who denied the doctrine of the Trinity. This affirmation of "religious liberty" took place thirteen years after Roger Williams had established Rhode Island and embedded in its charter true religious liberty, guaranteeing and guarding the liberty and rights of all citizens, regardless of any and all or no religious beliefs whatsoever.

"In vain we call old notions fudge
And bend our conscience to our dealing;
The Ten Commandments will not budge
And stealing will continue stealing."

Mr. Farley may print a falsifying postage stamp glorifying the Maryland act, which visited the death penalty on all dissenters, and call it religious liberty and involve the government in this falsehood. But one cannot put a patent lie in the mouth of history and make the coming generations swallow it. If Congress lets Mr. Farley get away with this pro-Catholic prejudice and bigotry it will make a silly spectacle of the United States, as the sponsor of unwarranted sectarian claims of Roman Catholicism as to its record and position on religious liberty. It will put our government in the attitude of trying to rearrange and revolutionize outstanding facts of history by enactment in a way to please a religious group known to seek its ends through political pressure.

Anyhow what business is it of the government to decide where and when religious liberty began? The only duty or right the civil government has in matters of religion is to protect the consciences of all men and guard their right to worship as they please or not to worship at all. So soon as our government begins to teach or propagate religion in any way it oversteps its rights and invades the field of conscience, in which it has no rights, bears no authority, is entitled to no voice, and has no excuse whatsoever for meddling.

A government that dabbles in the realm of conscience becomes a tyrant. Any such move should be resisted with all moral suasion and argument. It should even be disobeyed and defied wherever and whenever it seeks to invade and revamp the God-given and inalienable rights of the spirit.

—Western Recorder.

Devotional Thoughts

SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Peter 4:16.

To bear with unfailing meekness the spiteful attacks of malice and envy; not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good; to suffer wrong; to possess one's soul in patience; to keep the mouth with bridle when the wicked is before us; to pass unruffled and composed through a very cyclone of unkindness and misrepresentation—this is only possible to those in whose breast the dove-like spirit has found an abiding place, and whose hearts are sentinelled by the peace of God.—F. B. Meyer.

THE UNSEEN "RECORDER"

Thou understandest my thought afar off.—Psa. 139:2.

When Latimer was being examined before Bishop Bonner at first he answered somewhat carelessly; but hearing the rustling of a pen behind the tapestry on the wall, and perceiving that all his words in what he thought a secret chamber were being taken down he became much more prudent and cautious in his replies. Oh, for a more constant sense of the invisible pen in the invisible hand of Him who, though behind the veil, has eyes that pierce not only it, but my own heart too, who too often live as though I were unwatched by any except myself.—G. H. Knight.

SAVED BY HIS MERCY

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.—Titus 3:5.

Is every thing clear between you and God now? When everything is clear between you and God the result is holiness. If you take this forgiveness as a matter of course you may pretend you are forgiven and go about with a very unclean heart; but if you make your forgiveness sure, if you get near to God and keep accounts with Him, if you settle up every account as soon as you are conscious of it, then you will find that holiness is wedded to forgiveness, and that every forgiveness which a sinner receives, marked with the blood of Calvary, that forgiveness brings holiness with it.—F. S. Webster.

OUR PEACE

He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition.—Eph. 2:14.

Peace with God, the peace of God, a peace made, a peace manifested in a person, a peace proclaimed as already made:

"A mind at 'perfect peace' with God,

Oh what a word is this!

A sinner reconciled through blood—

This, this indeed is peace!"

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, not within our own breasts. We have no peace with what is not subject to the law of God. Peace with a heart at enmity to God—never! Did you ever feel the conflict that goes on in a man's heart?

THE TASK

"I want to do big things," said he,

"The chance is all I ask;

I wish the world would give to me

Some great and glorious task."

"And are you working now?" said I.

"I am," the youth confessed.

A strange look came into his eye,

"At work which I detest."

"Oho," said I, "you wish to do

The splendid tasks which fall

To older, wiser men, but you

Disdain the duties small.

Think you your chief to larger deeds.

Would send you down the way

If with his small, lesser needs

You'd fail him yesterday?"

"And do you fancy men who rise

To leadership and fame

Have done no work which they despise

Before their glory came?

You ask a chance to prove your worth,

Think you the menial tasks they shirked

And waited till they'd reached the top

Before they really worked?"

"My boy, the brilliant man today

Was brilliant as a lad,

To every task which came his way

He gave the best he had,

Wail not at fate or circumstance,

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W. M. U. WELCOME TO ABILENE

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, April 16-17, several hundred women, leaders in the Women's Missionary Union Workers of district 17, will meet in Abilene for their annual convention. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church. Arrangements are being made to entertain these visitors in the characteristic West Texas and Abilene style. The West Texas Baptist joins the local women societies, the Baptists of the city, the business men, and the citizenship in general, in extending a hearty welcome to these workers.

District 17, territorially, is one of the largest in the State. The fact that three of our Baptist institutions—Simmons University, the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and Lueders Baptist Encampment, are located in this territory, makes it one of the most strategic centers of Baptist work in the State. A study of the past achievements of the W. M. U. of the district, will show that the women have carried on their part of the work in a worthy and commendable manner. Realizing this fact, it has always been the policy of the West Texas Baptist to give freely of its space for the promotion of the women's work, not only within the district, but also in adjacent districts. It is our intention to continue this policy, and we are hoping that the women, in their business sessions will appoint publicity chairmen in every association and in every church, to send in reports of the work. We are also in position to offer attractive clubbing rates whereby every W. M. U. organization in the district will be able to receive the West Texas Baptist at a surprisingly low rate.

SIMMONS PICNIC FOR SENIORS

As has been announced in former issues of the West Texas Baptist, the Baptist women of Abilene are sponsoring a movement to entertain the high school seniors of West Texas with a big picnic on the Simmons campus on Saturday, April 28. These women have enlisted the W. M. U. organizations of West Texas in the movement, and these women have responded in a splendid way. It is expected that at least 1,000 young high school graduates will come to Abilene on that day. The Abilene Chamber of Commerce is going to furnish a dinner to be served on the Simmons campus to these young people. The affair within itself will be a big attraction and we are sure the women of the district will not be disappointed in their expectations. There will also be two other attractions on that day that will add to the interests of the events of the day. The West Texas High School Band Contest will be in progress at the time, and, believe it or not, Amos 'n Andy, noted radio comedians are to be in Abilene on that day, in person, to appear at a local theatre. These radio celebrities, for the past few years, have furnished oceans of good, wholesome, clean amusement to the American public, and perhaps there are not many of us who would not go quite a distance just to get a look at them.

False Witness By a Postage Stamp

REV. L. E. BARTON, D.D.,
Baptist Secretary of Missions, Montgomery, Ala.

The Bible says in one of the commandments "Thou shalt not bear false witness." Yet that is what Mr. Jim Farley, Postmaster General, purposes doing, according to press reports, by issuing a postage stamp which will ascribe the rise of religious liberty in this country to the Maryland Colony under Lord Baltimore and the Calverts.

The charter of Maryland does not mention religion liberty or even toleration which is a thousand miles from religious liberty. Maryland's act "Concerning Religion" in 1649:

"Whosoever person . . . shall . . . deny our Saviour Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, or shall deny the holy Trinity . . . shall be punished with death and confiscation and forfeiture of his or her lands and goods to the lord proprietor and his heirs."

Religious liberty indeed! Page Roger Williams, John Huss, Hubmeyer! The Maryland act goes no further toward religious liberty than Hitler has gone toward it in his persecution of the Jews. The Jews deny the "Trinity" for which the Maryland act prescribes death. This gracious "liberty" Mr. Farley would foist upon the country with a mendacious postage stamp, and make our government a party to the falsehood.

The Maryland Catholic-sponsored act "Concerning Religion" which Mr. Farley would now have forwarded as the origin and norm of religious liberty, fixed the death penalty for all who denied the doctrine of the Trinity. This affirmation of "religious liberty" took place thirteen years after Roger Williams had established Rhode Island and embedded in its charter true religious liberty, guaranteeing and guarding the liberty and rights of all citizens, regardless of any and all or no religious beliefs whatsoever.

"In vain we call old notions fudge
And bend our conscience to our dealing;
The Ten Commandments will not budge
And stealing will continue stealing."

Mr. Farley may print a falsifying postage stamp glorifying the Maryland act, which visited the death penalty on all dissenters, and call it religious liberty and involve the government in this falsehood. But one cannot put a patent lie in the mouth of history and make the coming generations swallow it. If Congress lets Mr. Farley get away with this pro-Catholic prejudice and bigotry it will make a silly spectacle of the United States, as the sponsor of unwarranted sectarian claims of Roman Catholicism as to its record and position on religious liberty. It will put our government in the attitude of trying to rearrange and revolutionize outstanding facts of history by enactment in a way to please a religious group known to seek its ends through political pressure.

Anyhow what business is it of the government to decide where and when religious liberty began? The only duty or right the civil government has in matters of religion is to protect the consciences of all men and guard their right to worship as they please or not to worship at all. So soon as our government begins to teach or propagate religion in any way it oversteps its rights and invades the field of conscience, in which it has no rights, bears no authority, is entitled to no voice, and has no excuse whatsoever for meddling.

A government that dabbles in the realm of conscience becomes a tyrant. Any such move should be resisted with all moral suasion and argument. It should even be disobeyed and defied wherever and whenever it seeks to invade and revamp the God-given and inalienable rights of the spirit.

—Western Recorder.

Devotional Thoughts

SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed.—1 Peter 4:16.

To bear with unflinching meekness the spiteful attacks of malice and envy; not to be overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good; to suffer wrong; to possess one's soul in patience; to keep the mouth with bridle when the wicked is before us; to pass unruffled and composed through a very cyclone of unkindness and misrepresentation—this is only possible to those in whose breast the dove-like spirit has found an abiding place, and whose hearts are sentinelled by the peace of God.—F. B. Meyer.

THE UNSEEN "RECORDER"

Thou understandest my thought afar off.—Psa. 139:2.

When Latimer was being examined before Bishop Bonner at first he answered somewhat carelessly; but hearing the rustling of a pen behind the tapestry on the wall, and perceiving that all his words in what he thought a secret chamber were being taken down he became much more prudent and cautious in his replies. Oh, for a more constant sense of the invisible pen in the invisible hand of Him who, though behind the veil, has eyes that pierce not only it, but my own heart too, who too often live as though I were unwatched by any except myself.—G. H. Knight.

SAVED BY HIS MERCY

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.—Titus 3:5.

Is every thing clear between you and God now? When everything is clear between you and God the result is holiness. If you take this forgiveness as a matter of course you may pretend you are forgiven and go about with a very unclean heart; but if you make your forgiveness sure, if you get near to God and keep accounts with Him, if you settle up every account as soon as you are conscious of it, then you will find that holiness is wedded to forgiveness, and that every forgiveness which a sinner receives, marked with the blood of Calvary, that forgiveness brings holiness with it.—F. S. Webster.

OUR PEACE

He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition.—Eph. 2:14.

Peace with God, the peace of God, a peace made, a peace manifested in a person, a peace proclaimed as already made:

"A mind at 'perfect peace' with God,

Oh what a word is this!

A sinner reconciled through blood—

This, this indeed is peace!"

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, not within our own breasts. We have no peace with what is not subject to the law of God. Peace with a heart at enmity to God—never! Did you ever feel the conflict that goes on in a man's heart?

THE TASK

"I want to do big things," said he,

"The chance is all I ask;

I wish the world would give to me

Some great and glorious task."

"And are you working now?" said I.

"I am," the youth confessed.

A strange look came into his eye,

"At work which I detest."

"Oho," said I, "you wish to do

The splendid tasks which fall

To older, wiser men, but you

Disdain the duties small.

Think you your chief to larger deeds.

Would send you down the way

If with his small, lesser needs

You'd fail him yesterday?"

"And do you fancy men who rise

To leadership and fame

Have done no work which they despise

Before their glory came?

You ask a chance to prove your worth,

Think you the menial tasks they shirked

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Prov. 29:18. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

The writer means by the word vision to know, to realize, to see. I think surely there has never been a time when it was more needful for God's people to have vision than right now. The vision which we are so in need of today covers many things. Let us look prayerfully at a few of them just here.

We need the vision that when God saves a sinner, He not only saves him from the penalty of sin, but He saves him to serve. There is a place and a way for every normal child of God to work in some way for Jesus. Christians, do you realize that there is not one excuse in all the world for not doing something for the Master. There are many alibies but God excuses none. If God's people would live the words:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,

O'er mountain, or plain, or sea; I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,

I'll be what you want me to be." it would pave the way to send many of our missionaries back to the fields where their hearts are, and where they are longing to be. It would cause many unpaid salaries to be paid. Christians would rob God no more, and there would be meat in the Lord's house to carry the Lord's work on. It would open the way for a gracious revival that would bless multitudes of souls.

Then we need the vision that God saves to love. It is a fruitless profession for us to say we love Jesus, and not love our fellowman. Christ said, John 6:53-56, that we have life if He dwells in us. God is love, and Christ is God, therefore, if Christ dwells in us, love must reign in our hearts. We need to realize that we can't drive the lost to Christ; but we can love them to Him. If the world is ever won for God, it will be won by the fingers of love. Let us seek for that love today.

We need the vision that God is no respecter of persons; that Christ is the propitiation, not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world, and that nothing less than a world program will satisfy God's purpose. We need to realize that in nothing less than a world program can we justify ourselves in the sight of Him who died for us.

We need the vision of the terrible-ness of hell. We hear the words so often, "Oh that God would life the curtain and let the Christians see the agonies of hell." The truth is the curtain has been lifted if we could only look. In Luke 16:19-31, the Saviour gives us a vivid picture of the torments of hell. What we need is the vision. We need to see that every person that is not redeemed by the blood of Christ will spend eternity there. Let us remember:

"There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains."

We need the vision that the lack of vision is death to certain things. It is death to the individual's spiritual growth, to his Christian happiness, and to his usefulness in the Master's cause. When we have no vision of a lost world, of the torments of hell, and of God's power to save, we cease to strive to further the Master's cause.

The lack of vision means death to the missionary spirit of a church. How it pains our heart to think of the multitude of churches which, seemingly, have lost the vision of a lost world. In Matt. 7:20, Jesus says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." In the light of this Scripture, the picture is very dark for many churches today. May God help us to know that "Where there is no vision the people perish."

God, give us a vision of the torments of hell, Of the agonies felt therein, Of the multitudes lost and away from God Because of the curse of sin.

God, give us a vision of the power of Christ, Who died on the old Rugged Tree; To pay the debt which was made by sin, And to make the sinners free.

God, give us a vision of the mission field, A vision of the challenging Cross; Give us the courage to never give up, So long as there is one that's lost.

God, give us hearts that will not faint, And a love that is strong and true; That the fruits we bear my prove to the world, That we have the vision anew.

Simmons University News

(From The Simmons Brand)

Wiley Makes Plans For Many Bands To Take Part In Meet

Awards Will Be Presented To Soloists And Ensemble Combinations

Bands from many high schools will compete in the high school band contest held annually in Simmons university sponsored by the Cowboy band, which will be in session April 28, according to Prof. D. O. Wiley, director of the contest. The meet is under the auspices of the Texas Band Teachers' association.

The high school bands of many West Texas school systems will compete in four divisions for awards and the right to enter the National band contest which is to be held at a later date.

There will also be awards for solo work ensemble contests. Individual awards will be given to the winners of these contests.

The contest was won last year by Abilene high school in the class A division.

Five Divisions

The bands will be divided into class A, B, C, and D divisions. Class A bands must be from schools with 650 or more enrolled, class B from schools with 250 to 650, class C from schools with less than 250, and class D bands that have been organized for one year or less.

For the first time in the history of the contest there will be a division for junior high schools and elementary bands.

There will be 34 solo and ensemble contests, including every band instrument, and duets, trios, etc.

Contests for solo work will be divided according to age.

Schools which entered bands last year were: Abilene, Breckenridge, Midland, Albany, Colorado, Wink, Monahans, Lampasas, Levelland, and Fort Stockton.

University Chorus Presents 3 Chairs

Auditorium Furnishings Are Made Possible By Profits From "Mikawo"

Three occasional chairs as the first contribution toward a series of improvements in the furnishings for the auditorium stage were presented in chapel this morning by the university chorus.

Lois Jackson, vice-president, and acting presiding officer of the university chorus for this semester, announced that there had been a profit made on the chorus' spring production, "The Mikawo," and that the sum made had formed a nucleus for a fund for furnishings for the chapel stage. Frank Junell made the presentation.

In behalf of the university chorus, Junell presented the gift of the chorus and the orchestra to Dr. J. D. Sandefer, Simmons president, who received the gift for the university, and who in turn handed the keys of the auditorium property room, in which the chairs are to be kept, when not in use, to Fred Moreland.

Rev. E. T. Miller, evangelist at the University Baptist meeting, was the chapel speaker, and was the first guest to sit in one of the new chairs. It was also noticeable that 24 black chairs, freshly enameled screens, and pedestals had been refreshed to make a background for the new furniture.

Mahon Is Speaker For Commencement

George Mahon, district attorney of the Colorado district and former Simmons student, has been selected to deliver the commencement address for the 1934 graduating class of Simmons university. Administrative officials announced yesterday.

Mahon is one of the most brilliant young lawyers in this section of the state and is a candidate for the United States Congress from his district. Besides attending Simmons he is a graduate of the University of Texas law school.

A baccalaureate speaker has not been chosen, but it is likely that an outstanding Texas Baptist leader will be named.

Quartet To Leave Soon For Revival

Singers To Assist In Services At Troup Meeting For Two Weeks

The boys quartet, composed of Tyler Cagle, Bernard Richards, Paul Davis, and Pete Shaw, will leave Saturday afternoon for Troup, in East Texas, to fill a ten-day engagement at the First Baptist church in that city in its spring evangelistic meeting.

Besides singing as a quartet at each service the boys will have charge of the congregational singing, the junior choir, and the young people's song service, and personal work.

While in East Texas, the quartet will make morning and noon appearances at Commerce, Jacksonville, and other East Texas towns.

Before leaving Abilene, the quartet sang Tuesday night at the University meeting, and Wednesday noon at the Kiwanis club, in Abilene, at which Dr. O. E. Baker was program chairman.

Other singing groups in action this week include the girls quartet which sang at Merkel high school convocation on Tuesday morning and for the University Baptist meeting on Friday night.

The ministerial octet also sang for the University meeting on Wednesday evening, and on Monday evening Geraldine and Dorothy Jean Shaw were the musical feature. Other singing groups have been helping during the meeting at the University church.

S. U. Band Returns From Western Trip

"Tour Most Successful We Have Had Recently" Says Sandefer

Members of the Cowboy band returned Sunday afternoon at 6:00 from an extended tour through West and South Texas. The band played 14 concerts during the six days they were gone.

Matinees were given in Miles, El Dorado, Big Lake, Rankin, Texon, Iraan, Marfa, and Balmorhea. Night concerts were given in Ballinger, Oozna, McCamey, Fort Stockton, Alpine and Pecos.

Those who made the trip were: Harold L. Wooldridge, Burgess Brown, Grayson Ray, Billy Ghomelly, James Walker, clarinetists; James Steward, flute; Walter Dickenson, John Peter Huey, Johnnie Hensley, H. H. Copeland, and Fouche Pollard, cornetists; William Gallrein, oboe; Gurnath Gilligan, Hall Hilton, and Gene Guthrie, trombones; Sumpter Reed and Gaines Shults, French horns; Hubert Owens and Jack Hensley, basses; Dan Tarpley, Conway Pickard, an Walter Kerr, saxophones; O. B. Cole, baritone; Carson Jordan and Billy Morrow, percussionists.

"This is one of the best trips the Cowboy band has ever made over West Texas," said G. B. Sandefer, manager of the band.

Faculty Members Attend Convention

Landers, Wiggins, Baker, Rich, and Ribble Are Present

Several members of the Simmons faculty attended the two-day meeting of the Social Science Society of the South held in Dallas last Friday and Saturday.

Dr. R. N. Richardson spent much time with the committee on social sciences research, in the work and study of the committee on its findings on research in social sciences in the Southwest. The committee reported much work done in this field and much accomplished. On Friday, Dr. Richardson spoke at the luncheon of the history section of the social sciences on "Research in History in the Southwest." He gave results of an investigation he had been making on this subject.

Those attending the association meeting from the Simmons faculty included: Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Richardson, Prof. and Mrs. W. A. Stephenson, Prof. W. C. Ribble, Dr. O. E. Baker, Prof. and Mrs. Emmett Landers, and Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Wiggins.

Societies Promise To Aid With Picnic

Rule, Breckenridge, and Cisco Units Pledge Full Cooperation

A group of Abilene women in Rule last Friday for the spring meeting of the Haskell Baptist association presented plans for an all-day picnic to be held Saturday, April 28, at Simmons university.

High school seniors within a 100-mile radius of Abilene are to be invited to join in the picnic, and the invitation is also extended to include boys and girls of high school age who reside elsewhere.

Mrs. Oscar H. Cooper extended the formal invitation to the picnic at the association and a conference regarding plans was held by Mrs. Robert J. Jones, with presidents of societies of the association. Mrs. M. M. Ballard, Mrs. J. R. Fielder, Mrs. J. B. Buckley and Mrs. R. M. White also attended the meeting from Abilene and taught classes for the association.

Members of women's missionary unions of First Baptist churches of Breckenridge and Cisco, Monday, promised co-operation with women's missionary societies of Abilene Baptist churches in the picnic.

Presidents of unions at both points named committees to visit other high schools in their counties to extend the invitation to the students and arrange for transportation for them to Abilene on that day. Plans for the picnic were presented at the meeting by representatives of the hostess' group, Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Mrs. George S. Anderson and Mrs. R. L. Faucett.

Students to Enter New Essay Contest

\$20 In Prizes To Be Offered For Papers On Founders

Twenty dollars will be offered in prizes for the winning essays on the subjects "Dr. James B. Simmons," and "Why I Prefer Simmons," if enough interest is shown by the student body, according to an announcement made this week. This offer will be made by an alumnus of the institution.

Students will be limited to one contest. The first prize is \$5.00; second prize is \$3.00; and third is \$2.00.

This contest is sponsored especially in commemoration of Dr. Simmons, whose birthday anniversary is April 17. This date is observed each year in chapel as Founder's Day, and a special program is offered.

Further details and regulations will be announced after a test to determine the degree of interest and the number who will take part in the contest.

Applications Filed For Voice Contest

Numerous applications have been received by Prof. Clyde Garrett, head of the voice department of Simmons, for entrance to the West Texas voice contest which is to be held here this month.

This is the official contest for the National Bureau for the Advancement of Music and is open to high school choral clubs and students throughout West Texas.

In addition to a greater number of schools being represented this year, Prof. Garrett said that a larger number of events will be included. This year's contests will include boys' and girls' glee and choral clubs, mixed choruses, quartets, trios, sextets, and solo events.

Colonel D. O. Wiley To Return Sunday

Colonel D. O. Wiley, director of the Simmons university Cowboy band, is expected to return tomorrow from Enid, Oklahoma, where he served as a judge for the Tri-State band contest, this week.

Wiley served as a judge for the third consecutive year, along with Earl D. Irons, William F. Ludwig, Dr. Carl Busch, Austin A. Harding, and Edwin Franko Goldman.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Phillips university band, directed by Russel L. Wiley, who is a brother of the local leader.

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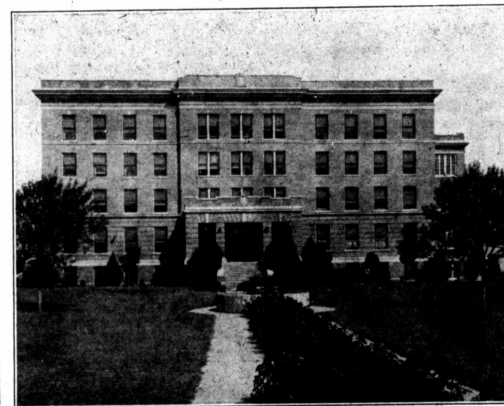
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DISTRICT 8 W. M. U.

The fifth annual convention of W. M. U. of Texas, District 8, was held with the Fourth Street Church, Big Spring, April 5th and 6th.

The board meeting and young people's program filled Thursday afternoon and evening. Both were profitable for education and inspiration.

This was the best meeting ever held in the history of the district—more people in attendance, better reports, and more and better speakers.

Dr. Hal Buckner represented the B. O. H. Miss Blanche Rose Walker inspired all with her address on both days, on foreign missions. Dr. Chalmers of New York, forty years worker with the Jews, and who is conducting mission work now in New York City, was a welcomed speaker. Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, S. B. C. missionary to the Jews, was also an appreciated speaker, but made the women feel that they were doing little to obey. (To the Jew first).

The West Texas Hospital was represented by the superintendent, Mr. Collier. A memorial to Baylor memorial dormitory, honoring the retiring president, Mrs. B. Reagan, was given.

A love offering was taken for Buckner Orphans Home.

Special music was given by the good pastor of the hostess church, Rev. Woody Smith and Mrs. Smith, with their charming daughter at the piano.

The new officers elected were: president, Mrs. Lee Jones, Colorado; corresponding secretary—treasurer, Mrs. R. H. Hubbard, Colorado.

The next meeting is to be with the Colorado Church.

RESOLUTIONS

To the Mens' Bible Class, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas.

We, your committee, appointed to draft suitable tribute to Brother W. P. Whitman, deceased, submit to you the following:

In recognition of his attendance and loyalty to the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church of Abilene, said class wishes to express its sense of personal loss in the death of Brother Whitman and its appreciation of his services as a member.

He stood for the things that make up a clean life and an honored citizenship. His dealings with his fellowmen were patterned after that precept of our Master, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and this Christian attitude will be an incentive to those with whom he walked. He is gone but his deeds will live after him.

For the bereaved wife and family our hearts go out in sincere sympathy and tender consolation.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. SHELTON, Chairman.
W. S. DANIEL,
J. T. McCARTY,
J. E. BROWN.

Moody Institute Gospel Teams

The Moody Bible Institute in Chicago has revived the practice of putting out student gospel teams, and during the spring recess five or six such teams will be in operation in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri. This activity is in addition to the regular church, mission, and visitation work done by students in and around Chicago. Each group will consist of a speaker, a vocalist, an instrumentalist, and in some cases vocal groups.

As many as seventy-five churches or pastors were approached, who welcomed the idea as a movement of the Spirit of God that would revive communities visited and promote the salvation of souls. The Institute hopes materially to enlarge the scope of the work during the summer vacation and, if possible, to make it a permanent feature of student training and a means of blessing over even a wider area than the Middle West.

CISCO ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARY

The W. M. U. Auxiliary of the Cisco Association met with the Rising Star church April 3, 1934, with a very good number present.

Devotional from Matthew 28, was given by Mrs. Campbell of Moran. Mrs. Campbell stressed the fact that we were to share our joys and not delay in spreading the Gospel.

Mrs. H. H. Stephens of Central Church, Ranger, spoke on "Carey's World Vision," giving a vivid description of her subject, by outlining Carey's visions of the "Souls of Men," "The Power of the Gospel," and "The Endlessness of the Task."

Mrs. Cobb of Moran, read from the first chapter of Isaiah to emphasize her talk on "Renewing the World Vision." Mrs. Cobb told of the need of studying God's Word and for Christians to wake up and win the lost.

Mrs. Derr, wife of the pastor of the Emmanuel Church, Abilene, was presented by an invitation to all W. M. U.'s of the association to bring the seniors of their respective high schools to Simmons on April 28th for an all-day picnic.

The president, Mrs. George W. Thomas, urged that each associational and local chairman and officers be in Abilene for the district meeting the 16th and 17th of April.

Moran won the banner for attendance. The meeting next month will be with Central Church, Ranger.

MRS. K. C. EDMONDS,
Publicity Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His wisdom, saw fit to call to her Heavenly home March 27, 1934, Margaret Ellen Guest of Aspermont.

Mrs. Guest had been an active member of the First Baptist Church of Aspermont for 36 years. Serving as Sunday school teacher, church building committeeman, church treasurer, local church and associational W. M. U. president and mission study chairman, W. M. U. historian and district board member at large. Serving all them faithfully.

Whereas, her death removed from our midst a Christian worker whose whole influence and Christian example, and faithful service, was an inspiration to all who knew her.

First, we express to her loved ones our deepest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement. Second, that we express to the church of which she was a member, and to the associational W. M. U. which she so faithfully served, our feeling of incomparable loss.

The loss of her fellowship, the loss of encouraging words, the loss of her inspiring example, and the loss of her noble deeds.

(Signed) W. M. U. STONEWALL CO. ASSOCIATION.

HASKELL ASSOCIATION

Haskell Associational W. M. U. quarterly business meeting met with the Rochester W. M. U. Tuesday.

The president, Mrs. C. O. Davis, presided. All reports show progress in every phase of the work. Work among our young people was especially stressed. Financial report was very gratifying. The new member of our W. M. U. family, Mrs. J. Lowell Ponder, brought a wonderfully helpful message from the third chapter of Colossians.

CONVERT YOUR LEMONS

We know a man who "takes all the lemons handed him and makes lemonade out of them." Differences of opinion do not distract him. Criticism does not annoy him. Harsh words do not embitter him. He keeps the even tenor of his way and bears with a good courage all that befalls him. He is never disappointed when honors do not come his way, for he desires no honors that men can bestow. He is companionable, but his intimacy is with God.—Exchange.

Gleanings From the Field

(Continued from page one)
weeks, with preaching every night at 8 o'clock. Ray Mathis is leading the singing this week and Paul Wright is playing the piano.

The two weeks meeting of University Baptist Church, in which Rev. E. T. Miller of Corsicana did the preaching, closed Sunday night. There were 35 additions to the church. Baptismal services were held Sunday night. Brother Miller brought some fine messages all through the meeting. Friday night of last week was Simmons night and a large number of Simmons teachers and students attended.

Rev. Joe R. Mayes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baird, is planning to hold some revival meetings during the summer months, in which he plans to teach singing schools in connection with the meetings. The plan for the services are about as follows: an hour is spent in the morning in a singing lesson. This is followed by the regular morning revival service. Preceding the evening service some time is spent in practice singing, just enough to get the congregation in a good mood for the preaching service. A collection taken at the close of the meeting takes care of both the revival and the singing school.

THE RESURRECTION

They killed my Lord, and buried Him
In Joseph's own new tomb.
No doubt the imps of Hell then thought
That this would be His doom.

But when three days had passed
away,
Triumphant he arose.
He mastered Hell and Death that day,
And conquered all His foes.

He lives, He lives today on high,
Thank God the price was paid,
He died for me that I might live,
He hath atonement made.
He is today a reigning King,
And He no more shall die.

He sits each hour at God's right hand
And watches Time go by;
Until His foes shall be His friends,
As God has sworn they should;
For He must reign until that time,
For God has said He would.

He comes again, the Lordly train
Comes from the Father's throne,
Triumphant over Death and Hell,
He comes to claim His own.

Ye peoples of the earth draw nigh,
Come, at His feet now fall.
"Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

Written by J. C. McKenzie; to be used at the close of a sermon March 25, 1934.



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My activities in the past have been largely in the field of public service and I have yet to refuse to respond when any community or congregation could use my efforts. If you doubt the above, I am confident that in your congregation there is some good deacon, Sunday school worker, or perhaps the pastor, that will say this is true, but not for one moment would I appeal or ask for your vote on account of church affiliation or efforts of like endeavor. But I believe that you will agree that Christian standards and faithful stewardship merit recognition.

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LEROY STONE

For County Clerk, Taylor County:
WALTER MOORE
W. P. BOUNDS (re-election)
C. L. DARDEN
BERT E. LOW.

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