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CALLAHAN CONQUEST RALLY HELD WITH BAIRD CHURCH

On Thursday of last week an Associational Conquest Campaign rally for Callahan county was held with Pastor Joe R. Mayes and the First Baptist Church, Baird. Pastor Harlan. J. Matthews of Mineral Wells organizer for that district, presided at the meeting. In the morning hours addresses were made by Dr. Millard A. Jenkens of Abilene, Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth. In the afternoon Pastor Chas. A. Powell, organizer for district 5, conducted a round table discussion of the Campaign. The meeting was very profitable from every standpoint.

In the afternoon the pastors of the association met and organized for the Campaign. Pastor Mayes of Baird is associational organizer and he is planning to put the Campaign over in a great way.

Due to the fact that it was raining most of the day, the attendance from over the association was not very large. The Baird people turned out in a fine way, and the good women of the church served one of the greatest old-fashioned dinners we have ever run across.

District Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention Meets With Lubbock Baptist Church On March 27th-28th

Tuesday Morning, March 27

Rev. B. G. Holloway, presiding.

10:00—Song and Prayer Service: Lubbock Choir.

10:15—Welcome Address, Pastor W. A. Bowen.

10:25—Response to Welcome: Rev. D. H. Heard.

10:35—Address, "Chirst, the Teacher's Example"—Rev. E. V. May.

11:05—Vocal Solo: Mrs. R. L. McKnight.

11:10—Address, "Our B. Y. P. U.": Rev. George Brown.

11:40—Special music, arranged.

11:45—"Our Baptist World Program": Dr. T. V. Neal.

Tuesday Afternoon, March 27

Rev. Ross A. Smith, presiding.

2:00—Song and Devotional: L. A. Wilson.

2:15—Address: Secretary G. S. Hopkins.

2:50—Address, "B. Y. P. U. Leaders That Lead": Secretary T. C. Gardner.

3:25—Vocal solo: L. A. Wilson.

3:30—Daily Vacation Bible School: E. W. Province.

(Round Table, led by Secretary G. S. Hopkins.)

Tuesday Night, March 27

Rev. B. G. Holloway, presiding.

7:30—Devotional Service: Herbert Findley.

7:40—Solo: Mrs. R. L. McKnight.

7:45—Conference On B. Y. P. U. Work:

1) Primary: Mrs. Fred Heim.
(2) Junior: Mrs. H. C. Burris.
(3) Intermediate: Mrs. Ethel Eiland.
(4) Senior-Adult: T. C. Gardner.

9:00—Adjourn.

Wednesday Morning, March 28

Rev. Ross A. Smith, presiding.

9:00—Devotional Service: Owen C. Taylor.

9:20—Address: Rev. B. N. Shepherd.

9:50—Conference on Sunday school Work:

(1) Beginner-Primary: Mrs. R. W. Heim.
(2) Junior: Mrs. P. T. Calloway.
(3) Intermediate: H. L. Davis.
(4) Young People-Adult: G. S. Hopkins.

10:50—Special music arranged.

11:00—Address: "The Associational B. Y. P. U. and It's Work": T. C. Gardner.

11:30—Solo: Herbert Findley.

11:35—Election of Officers.

11:45— Address: "The Sunday School As A Soul and Life Winning Agency": Rev. W. F. Ferguson.

12:15—Lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon March 28

Rev. B. G. Holloway, presiding.

2:00—Song and Devotional: W. P. Clement.

2:20—General Conference On Sunday School Work: G. S. Hopkins.

2:40—Special Music: Lubbock Quartet.

2:50—General Conference On B. Y. P. U. Work: T. C. Gardner.

3:30—"The Associational Sunday School and Its Work": M. C. Bishop.

Wednesday Night March 28

Rev. Ross A. Smith, presiding.

7:30—Devotional: Lubbock Choir.

7:50—Address On B. Y. P. U. Work: T. C. Gardner.

8.20—Special Music: Mrs. R. L. McKnight.

8:30—"Sunday School Teachers That Teach": G. S. Hopkins.

9:00—Announcements and Adjournment.

The Stonewall Association has the distinction of being one of the two associations in Texas in which collections for the Conquest Campaign last year were taken in every church in the association. The association is planning to repeat this again this year.

SOME CAMPAIGNOGRAPHS

L. R. Scarborough

1. The Conquest Campaign seems to be going gloriously. The rallies everywhere have been well attended, inspirational and a great spirit manifested. From what I have heard it looks as if Texas Baptists have made up their minds to pay their debts. And this is a great gain. It looks as if somebody who has got the campaign on his heart is co-operating with practically every Baptist church in Texas, to see that the Campaign is put on and all churches have a good oppotunity to make a worthy offering. The headquarters' officers feel profoundly grateful to God and the brotherhood for the fine way in which the organizers, pastors and other workers are selling the Campaign to the Baptists.

2. It looks as if the organization is functioning better than ever before. The organizers all up and down the line seem to be taking this task very seriously and they are organizing the churches in a fine way. If we rightly mix information, inspiration and organization we are sure to win. Information is the track for the Baptist train. Inspiration is the fire in the engine and organization is the team work of the crew that delivers the freight to its destination.

3. Remember, the debts are on our schools and our representatives made the debts, not in behalf of their own gain, but for the glory of God and for the on-going of His Kingdom. Remember, if these debts are paid Baptists will have to pay them, and co-operating Baptists will have to pay them. The critics are not going to pay them. They cannot take time off from howling and criticizing to attend to a little matter of paying debts and promoting the constructive work of the Convention. But Baptists are going to pay these debts. And they are going to do it in spite of the critics. We are just going to keep on keeping on till we save Baptist honor and save Baptist institutions.

4. I could name a number of these institutions that are worth more than the debts on all of them. I would not be willing to take five and one-half million dollars for the Southwestern Seminary if, on the condition we would stop the Seminary. What Baptists would take five and one-half million dollars for Baylor University or Baylor College or Simmons University? Who would sell out the Foreign Mission Board and its work or the Home Mission Board for five and one-half million dollars and stop this work? We must remember that we have in good assets in all these institutions $18,000,000.00 and our debts are about one-third of our assets and that is not bad business.

5. We must remember that widespread information, high power inspiration and perfected organization are only a means to an end. The need is cash, and it takes cash to pay debts. Would it not be glorious if Secretary Groner could issue a check for one million and a half consecrated Baptist dollars and apply it on the debts of Texas Baptists by April first? What streams of liquid joy would flow through the arteries of co-operating Baptists all through the world—and we can do this easily if we just will do it. But remember, that cash is what we must have. Our creditors are pleased with pledges, but they credit our notes only with cash.

6. Remember to get pledge cards from the Dallas Headquarters' office. Get a sufficient number for your total membership or that number you are willing to use wisely in your church. A card addressed to L. R. Scarborough, Slaughter Building, Dallas, Texas, will bring you the number of pledge cards without cost that you desire. Do not fail to have them ready when you go to take your offering.

7. Gleaning will gather much cash. The workers ought to see that every Baptist is seen and given a fine opportunity to do a worthy thing in this Campaign. Do not leave out one and do not take a collection on a cold collar. There have been very few successful offerings made around the North Pole. The Frigid Zone is a bad climate for large offerings. Get things ready and ripe and in a warm, spiritual, generative, creative atmosphere bring the brethren and sisters to a great offering.

8. The pledge cards when filled out and signed should be held by the church treasurers. Pastors, church secretaries and treasurers should see that these pledges are paid promptly and properly credited. This follow-up method and this gleaning later are very important to a great victory.

9. Remember, that prayer changes things and the right sort of preaching builds things. Remember, that faith is creative and constructive and dynamic. Remember, that heroic leadership is essential to a great triumph. Timidity will not carry a leader far, but bold spiritual courage and heroic leadership will conquer no man's land in all great battles for God.

My prayer is that a great Baptist army will do its duty and its best in Texas for the next thirty days.

VIEW CHURCH DEDICATES NEW HOUSE OF WORSHIP

The beautiful new church building, recently completed by the Baptist Church at View, was dedicated on the second Sunday. Dr. W. F. Fry of the Bible department of Simmons preached the dedicatory sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. Rev. J. Perry King spoke in the afternoon and Dr. J. C. Burkett preached at the evening hour. Brother Jones of Abilene led the song services.

On account of the smallpox scare in the community the attendance was not as large as was expected, but the three services were greatly enjoyed by those present.

G. W. Tankersley who led the church in the building program has been pastor at View for one year. During that time he has preached 84 sermons, made 54 trips to the church, traveling over 1,800 miles. There have been twenty one additions to the church, fourteen conversions, and the sum of $3,241.45 has been raised for all purposes. A B. Y. P. U. and mid-week prayer organizations have also been put in operation in the past year.

Brother Tankersley has led in building three houses of worship for churches he has pastored and he has dedicated each of them on the completion of the building programs. The other two churches were at Mt. Olive and Calvary, both in the Sweetwater Association.

W. R. EARP OF DALLAS ACCEPTS MORAN CHURCH

Dr. W. R. Earp, of Dallas, Texas has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Moran and is on the field. His family will be here next week and will be at home at the pastourium near the Baptist church.

Dr. Earp is a college trained man and one of the best known preachers in the Baptist ministery. He has the reputation of being a constructive builder and a progressive leader and an all round good citizen. He can be counted on as a helper in every good work in the community. He comes to Moran, as a man of mature years and large experience, having been pastor of some of the best churches in the state and a recognized leader in the affairs of the Baptist denomination. He is not only a trained pastor, but a successful evangelist having served in that field for the Baptist General Convention, of Texas, and for the Southwestern Theological Seminary. He has held meetings in nine different states and is well informed about religious and social conditions.—Moran News.

ABILENE FIRST CHURCH SECOND IN ATTENDANCE

First Baptist Church, Abilene is second in attendance, according to the latest report issued by the Sunday School department of the state. Following is published a list of the leading schools in the state:

El Paso—First, 820.
Waco—7th and James, 440.
Denton—First, 460.
Dallas—First, 1703.
Dallas—Cliff Temple, 1124.
Abilene—University, 665.
Abilene—First, 1525.
Amarillo—First, 1145.
Dallas—Gaston Ave., 503.
Average attendance, First, Sherman for past five Sundays 939.

MERKEL CHURCH TAKES CAMPAIGN OFFERING

"Had a great day Sunday at Merkel." Mr. Bert Lowe of Abilene brought a great message to the Business Men's Bible Class at 10:00 a. m. At the 11:00 o'clock hour the pastor spoke and took an offering for the Conquest Campaign. The cash offering ran to $1,250 at this service. The amount will reach $1,500 by March 15th.

Wednesday night the Sweetwater young people put on the pageant, "Arm of Ava." It was the greatest I ever saw. I will be at Winters this week in a training school.—Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

CISCO ASSOCIATION

The Workers Conference of the Cisco Baptist Association met on Tuesday, February 14, with the Baptist Church at Sabano. The feature of the morning service was the sermon by Brother Neil Greer of Rising Star who gave a splendid exposition of the Pologue of John's gospel. In the afternoon Mrs. Osborne of Breckenridge spoke on the women's work in the kingdom, after which the attention of all was centered on the Conquest Campaign. Forty-two of the fifty-two churches in this Association gave to the Campaign last year. This year we hope to report an offering from the entire number.—A. C. Miller, Cisco.

FISHER CO. ASSOCIATION

Our Association has assumed the deficit on our missionary's salary caused by the cut by the State board. Our churches are going to pay the difference.

Highland Home, (Dowell) has called Rev. Isbell of Lamesa as pastor, we do not know whether he will accept.

Rev. A. L. Johnston, our missionary, is leading the Associational work in a great fashion. He is to hold a revival meeting at Royston, Roby, and at Rotan, each at once, "winter revivals."

I have been in the bed with the flu for two weeks, just able to move around a little.—Fred Clark.

GRAHAM FIRST CHURCH ADOPTS NEW PLAN OF FINANCING BUILDING

The First Baptist Church, Graham, is now actively engaged in a building program for a new church building. Pastor W. E. B. Lockridge, in the last issue of his church paper, "The Propeller," outlines a unique plan of financing the program, which we are publishing for the benfit of our readers.—Editor.

In accordance with the direction of the church on January the fifteenth, we will make a canvass next week in the effort to secure pledges for the building of a church here. The committee into whose hands this important work has been committed is as follows:

Fred T. Arnold, Chairman.
Obie Dodd.
T. O. Calvin.
Stanley H. Peavy.
J. E. Parsons.
Frank Forbes.
Pat Bryan.
H. L. McKaig.
W. O. Padgett.
C. E. Penix.
Mrs. G. H. Gregg.
Mrs. G. Earl Hutchings.
Mrs. O. E. Duren.
Mrs. Spencer H. Mayes.
Mrs. J. D. Lamar.

This group will make a canvass of every member of the church, and will present the two plans for the gifts. Under one plan, you will be asked to give the amount that you can in payments, made monthly or quarterly or semi-annually, and the gifts as paid will be credited to your pledge and the money will be deposited in the building fund. Under the other plan, you can give to the building fund, and at the same time secure a paid-up policy in an old-line life insurance company for twice the amount of money that you pay into the building fund. The church obligates itself to pay the premiums on the policy, as we would pay the interest on borrowed money, and your estate will receive the benefits of the insurance at your death, or you may use it to make loans, as you would any other insurance. By arrangement with the insurance company, we will be able to issue policies in smaller amounts than usual and it is expected that this plan will appeal to numbers of our people who are employed on salary and have not sufficient insurance or those who want more. The church will receive the benefits of the insurance premiums, and you will receive the benefits of the policy. A five hundred dollar gift can be extended over a period of two years or even three if necessary, and you will receive your insurance for the amount of one thousand dollars. When you have paid into the church treasury the five hundred dollars your insurance is paid up for life, and the church will carry the premiums on the baisis of twenty year pay. Every type of policy except "Term Insurance" is open to us under this plan.

We hope to find numbers of people who will take the insurance plan and buy the insurance who could not afford to make a gift outright. Perhaps there will be found many among our friends who will help with the biulding in this manner, even though they are not Baptists, inasmuch as they will receive dollar for dollar on their investment in insurance as well as be helping to build a church building. We have had a month to settle in our minds the amounts that we can give to this enterprise and it is expected that we will put the canvass over in a few days and be ready to talk specific plans by the first of March.

Rev. John P. Hardesty, who recently accepted the position as field representative of the West Texas Childrens Aid and Welfare Association, plans to remain at Slaton until the close of the present school year, after which time he will move his family to Abilene.

Rev. S. F. Baucom, field representative for the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, is in a few days meeting with Pastor L. E. Frazier and the First Church, Fort Stockton.

BAUCOM VISITS CONCHO VALLEY ASSOCIATION

It was a great pleasure to visit the Concho Valley Association to say a word in behalf of the Conquest Campaign at Eldorado. From San Angelo to Eldorado I made the trip with my good friend and brother, T. E. Gallemore. A word about this good layman and his heart should be said.

First in my more than five years as missionary, no man was more willing day or night to go with and help the missionary than he, and when our hospital campaign was launched from the first hour he went right in to win, and no living man has done so much for its success as he has. Of the sixty thousand dollars or more raised, he has raised more than one half of it by personal solicitations, and in addition his good wife and he gave their home outright without one dollar of encumbrance against it, and it will be sold in a few days for five thousand dollars.

As I stand and look at the splendid five story fire proof building now near completion, I say that it will go on and be paid for. My reason for saying so is such men as, L. W. Walker, T. E. Gallemore, J. A. Whitten, Gus Jones, J. A. Thomas, A. C. Hoover, Claud Collins, and a host of other fine laymen backed by one of the noblest bodies of women in Texas.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. W. B. Mathews who at her death will turn her home over to the hospital, having already deeded it to the hospital next door, it is easily worth fifteen thousand dollars.

I could mention others who through wills and in other ways will make it possible for the hospital to go on until Jesus shall come. How glad I am to have had some humble part in the beginning of this institution. God bless Concho Valley Association, and her noble men and women.—S. F. Baucom.

NOLAN CHURCH REPORTS IN FAVOR OF CAMPAIGN

Nolan Baptist Church in the Sweetwater Association is for the Conquest Campaign in a great way. The second Sunday when the program of Baptists was presented to them they took a worthy offering—two hundred and fifty seven dollars and fifty cents, ($257.50). This is great for a half-time church.

The people and the pastor are rejoicing over their doing of the thing that all our churches should be doing. This is a great church. It has a great spirit and membership. It has been the writer's joy to preach to them on many occasions and to help in this offering. There were two additions during the day.

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Brother R. M. McGinnis of Trent supplied for the Lamar Street Baptist Church February 12 for the morning service and Brother S. W. Badgett supplied at the night service. A good report comes from these two men. There were additions to the church. The church greatly enjoyed having these two men with them.

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Brother Owens presented the Conquest Campaign at Hylton on February 12.

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E. K. Dougherty presented the Conquest Campaign at Nolan, February 12th.

Dr. Atwood is to speak at Mt. Olive on the third Sunday morning and at High Point at night. Then at Sweetwater First Church the fourth Sunday morning and at Lamar Street at night.—E. K. Dougherty.

The Rule people dedicated the Baptist church building last Sunday. In a most glorious fashion they raised all the indebtedness with $875.00 over the needed amount. Ball has won their confidence and is leading in a great way. Brother Edmond preached the sermon. The writer preached at the evening service. The house was crowded at both services. They have a beautiful building. The church did a worthy offering for the Conquest Campaign. My work is still growing. I have plenty to do.—W. R. Underwood.

March 11 and 15 Set Aside as Special Days of Prayer and Conference

F. S. Groner

By action of the Promotional Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at its January meeting in Nashville, it was decided to ask every church in the South, cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, to observe Sunday, Marth 11th, as a day of special prayer in the interest of the great causes fostered by Southern Baptists and with special emphasis upon our Cooperative Program. Also, it was decided to request the district associations throughout the South to call their pastors and other workers together on March 15th for a day of prayer and counsel in the interest of our work and for the specific purpose of working out special plans for the Spring Round-Up of our Cooperative Program.

In compliance with this action of the Promotional Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, acting jointly with the Executive Committee of same, I am addressing this request through the columns of our denomination press to the Baptists of Texas.

These two days should be made much of. Every church should observe Sunday, March 11th, as a day of special prayer and then the workers of each association should come together on March 15th for earnest counsel together with the view of working out the best means of successfully conducting the Spring Round-Up for our regular work. Let all our pastors, missionaries, and other workers bear in mind this very important call and comply with this request of our Southern Baptist Convention agency.

The two services here suggested will come toward the close of our Conquest Campaign and the beginning of the Spring Round-Up and can be and should be related to both, the finishing of the one and the inauguration of the other.

RUNNELS COUNTY ORGANIZES FOR CONQUEST CAMPAIGN

Wednesday of last week was a memorable day for the workers of the Runnels Association. On that day about twenty-five pastors and deacons of the Association met in "an upper room" of the First Baptist Church, Winters, and spent several hours in prayer, song, and planning for the Conquest Campaign. There was no sumptuous lunch to be served; the brethren fasted until their work was completed in the afternoon. Many urgent prayers were offered for the success of the Campaign and for a great spirit of fellowship and evangelism in that great association.

Pastor J. H. McClain of Ballinger, organizer for the campaign in that association, led the brethren in that meaningful meeting. He read for his lesson the 12th chapter of Acts, and in a forceful manner called his hearers to a greater life of prayer.

Practically every pastor in the association was present and a number of deacons from over the association were present. Twenty-one of the churches were represented. Missionary John M. Riddell presented a plan for reaching every church in the association in the Campaign and this plan was heartily endorsed. The plan calls for dividing the churches into groups of three with four workers for each group. In this way it will be possible to reach every church in the shortest time possible with a good collection.

Missionary Riddell in the few weeks he has been on that field has already become a mighty force for constructive kingdom building in that field. He is laying much stress on evangelism and training, and has reached and is still reaching many points on his field.

The Runnels Association is one of the best we have had the pleasure of being in. There is a wonderful spirit of fellowship, and with such leadership as is found in men like J. H. McClain of Ballinger, H. H. Stephens of Winters, R. D. DeWeese of Bronte, G. L. Rodgers of Miles, and others, things are just bound to come to pass.

J. M. REYNOLDS REPORTS PROGRESS AT GOLIAD

Perhaps some of my West Texas friends would be interested in reading a short note from this part of the field.

I have been here now just ten months. There have been 88 additions to the church, with over 50 of this number for baptism. We are having conversions at nearly all regular services. We have two approved now awaiting baptism. Our Sunday School has grown from 60 to 140. There was no B. Y. P. U.'s when we came, now we have six well organized and three of them standard.

Our work goes on well. We are trying to get organized for the Conquest Campaign. This is a great mission field. Some 27,000 unsaved ones in bounds of our Association. Most of our churches have pastors, but some are still without pastors. Should anyone feel interested in the work here, let them correspond with our Missionary, Rev. W. S. Gibbs at Beeville.

We are having beautiful spring weather, and old Mother Nature is putting on a beautiful suit of green.

Christian greetings to my West Texas friends and former co-laborers.—J. M. Reynolds, Goliad, Texas.

MILLIONS STARVING IN CHINA, SAYS WRITER

A cable from Peking to the New York Times dated December 27, 1927, reads in part as follows: "China famine spreads. Nine millions are starving. Whole counties in Shantung and Chili Provinces are depopulated.

"Sixty-five of the 107 counties in Shantung are now suffering. Conditions will be appalling later in the winter. Of the sixty-five counties in this stricken district, thirty-five report less than ten per cent normal crop, the others from ten to forty per cent. Drought, locusts, banditry, civil war and extortionate taxes are causes of 'our sorrow.'

"Hundreds fo thousands are wandering over the country, aimlessly, tearing down houses for fuel, eating bark, roots and dry grass."

Another cablegram dated December 17, reads: "A perishing people; hundreds of thousands of them wandering aimlessly about the country seeking bark, chaff, roots and other food, their homes torn down so that the wood could be sold for grain; this is a picture of famine conditions in a portion of the province around Chinan Fu, the capital of Shantung Province which the China National Relief Commission send to Peking.

"Three years of bad crops, merciless taxation, civil war, exploitation by bandits and uncontrolled armies, a locust pest and no rain; these are the factors which have reduced four millions of people in 70 counties to beggary.

"The usually well-to-do are poor today. They can not find buyers for their lands. So great is the glut of land thrown on the market by the starving peasants that farms which were valued at $200.00 an acre are now offered for $2.00 an acre; and yet there are no buyers.

"But it is not only land that is being sold for a sonfi. Young girls are being sold into concubinage and worse for $2.00 to $25.00 each, the price depending on the youth and comeliness of the girl. Parents who have boys sell them to those who have none. Girls too young for vice or work are being killed by their parents to save them from lingering death.

"Chinan Fu one group of 25,000, huddled together are living on one bowl of soup a day, enduring the bitter cold of winter. Many of them die every day."

The International Famine Relief Association in Tin Tain and Peking are raising a million dollars for relief work. But what is this among so many? And there are many other groups of equally destitute people in other parts of China.

The task of caring for the orphan children has been assigned to th Child Welfare Association of China. For this work we need funds now.—J. C. Owen, field secretary.

VICTORY MEN'S BIBLE CLASS HOLDS SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET

The sixth annual banquet of the Victory Men's Bible Class was held in the basement of the church Friday evening, February 10, at 6:30. The beautiful decoration stressing the Valtentine idea and the lovely menu prepared by the ladies of the church, and the program of the Victory orchestra music interspersed with short snappy speeches, and several vocal numbers given by some of our leading artists made the entire evening one of pleasure and of real enjoyment for the more than two hundred members and visitors who were present.

With President Carl Sellers presiding and Judge Stinson acting as toastmaster, several members of the class responded in a truly noble way using all of the eloquence they possessed. Mesdames Emmett Gallemore and Gus Jones, honored visitors from San Angelo, delighted the crowd with their witty speeches. Also Dr. Jenkens in his usual characteristic happy mood scored a success with his talk which displayed much brilliance and thought. The musical numbers rendered by McMurry College girls, Simmons University Quartet, the trombone solo by Alton Sanders, accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Morrow, and a vocal solo by Miss Anna Morris, accompanied by Mrs. Alex Miller, were fine and added much to the evening's enjoyment.—Advance, First Baptist Church, Abilene.

ACCEPTS EDUCATIONAL WORK WITH FIRST CHURCH, DENTON

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hodges left last week for Denton where Mr. Hodges accepts the position of Education Director of the First Baptist Church of that city. Both of these good people have so endeared themselves to this church that it is with great reluctance that we see them go. However, they are going to a great church, with a great program, and we feel that we may now have a part in the future growth of that great institution. The First Baptist Church of Denton is one of the great churches of Texas. We will be more interested in its program now than ever before.—First Baptist Advance.

LUBBOCK ASSOCIATION

On Friday, February 3, we had a splendid rally at Lubbock in the interest of the Conquest Campaign. The Lubbock ladies entertained. There were seventeen churches represented. Dr. F. S. Groner of Dallas delivered the main address, followed by Pastor Pat Horton of Plainview.

The Associational B. Y. P. U. met at Southland on the fifth Sunday. There was a large attendance.

J. W. Mason of Lubbock has accepted the work as educational director of the First Baptist Church, of Wichita Falls.

The Plains and Lubbock associations will have a joint meeting at Idalou on February 21 to consider the matter of cooperation in mission work. Our work goes well at Slaton. Over 250 additions during the past year, and $13,000 raised for all purposes.—B. G. Holloway, Slaton, Texas.

TEXAS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENTS

Texas Baptist, make your summer vacation plans early and attend one of the many Baptist Encampments held in every part of the state. These are some of the dates which we have received:

Riviere Beach, June 4-10.
Hill County, July 4-12th.
Palacios, July 14-22.
Lampasas, July 20-27.
Menard, July 20-29.
Post, July 23-29.
Alta Frio, June 22-July 1.
Woodlake, July 9-18.
Leuders, July 10-22.
Paisano, July 27-August 7.
Panhandle, July 30-August 5.
Christoval, August 3-13.
Canadian, Aug. 26-Sept. 2.

Crane, R. C. July 29

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SUBSCRIPTION STATEMENT

For some time it has been announced that the subscription price of the West Texas Baptist had been advanced to $1.00 per year. About a month ago it was stated that up until the first of March subscriptions would be received for fifty cents per year. Beginning March 1st the subscription price for single copies, will be $1.00 per year; in clubs of ten or more, 75 cents per year, and where placed in every home in the church, 50 cents per year. In order to build up the paper as we feel it should be, it will be necessary to make this increase in price. The West Texas Baptist is not a money-making institution. Any surplus that might accrue will be put right back into the paper to increase its quality and usefulness. To this end we ask the cooperation of our workers everywhere.

THE CAMPAIGN AND DESIGNATIONS

"The spirit of designation seems to be in the air, and I think our pastors should capitalize on it by urging the greatest freedom in designating their gifts in the Conquest Campaign."

These words were uttered a few days ago by a speaker in the interest of the debt paying campaign and the remarks received the hearty endorsement of the entire audience. We believe the hearty response to the Campaign this year is due largely to the fact that the idea of designation is being emphasized. It simply means that the brethren in the territory around our various institutions are going to pay their institutions out of debt in an enthusiastic manner. When this is done the spirit of victory is going to be carried on to the uttermost part of the world, and the debts on the larger institutions, state missions, home missions, foreign missions and every other cause will be paid out. Then our people will again have cause to be proud of themselves.

The matter of 500,000 Texas Baptists paying $5,500,000 of debts is a relatively small task. It means a per capita contribution of only $12 from ever Baptist in the State, this to be paid in a period of four years. It isn't a question of being able to pay these debts; it is a question of having the spirit to do the task. The principle of designation, together with the splendid work of the Budget Control Committee, is creating this spirit to win. Like Joshua we would say: "Let us go up at once and possess it for we are well able to overcome it."

MODERNISM AND MISSIONS

In this issue we are publishing a very timely and sensible article from Rev. R. Cecil Moore of Conception, Chili, on "Modern on the Mission Fields—A Plea for Fair Play." In this article the writer admits the fact that there are some modernistic missionaries on some of the foreign fields, but he makes the plea that it is not necessary to destroy all our mission work in order to correct this condition. In this article the writer says: "I feel sure that if there are any Southern Baptist Missionaries at all who are not sound in the faith, they will feel so out of harmony with their fellow-missionaries that they will soon retire of their own accord or else be brought to see that modernism has nothing, and the modernist missionary nothing, to offer priest-ridden and sin-enslaved souls, and will turn back to their old-time faith in the Bible and its blessed gospel." We cannot believe the missionary who has lost his faith in the old gospel story of redemption through the blood could long endure the hardships and privations of the foreign field. If there is nothing more to be offered the dying millions in the benighted lands of the earth than is being offered by the modernists, then is our preaching vain and our missionary money worse than wasted.

THE PRESIDENT AND PROHIBITION

The statement is frequently made by men who ought to know better that the President of the United States has not the power to change the Federal prohibition Amendment or law or the authority to interfere with their enforcement. Such a statement is so misleading as to challenge the intelligence, if not the candor, of those who make it, for the President is supreme in the matter of federal law enforcement, and if so minded, could completely nullify the law through his appointed sub-ordinates and agents. Again the President has the power to appoint members of the Supreme Court in cases of vacancies in that body, and the validity both of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Enforcement Act rests absolutely in the hands of the Supreme Court. Simple, indeed, is one who can be convinced that the President has no power over the prohibition laws and their enforcement.—Rogers News.

Much emphasis is being placed on the supposition that the president will not be able to change in any way the status of the prohibition situation. Why, then, all this hurrah from the camp of the wets in trying to elect a wet president. We understand that in the Supreme Court there is a majority of only one member on the question of the validity of the Eighteenth Amendment. It is not likely that prohibitionists of our country will be caught "napping" when the time comes to select a president for the new four years.

LINDBERGH

According to the news dispatches an elaborate ball was given in Havana in honor of Colonel Lindbergh, but word came that Lindbergh did not enjoy dancing and had canceled all engagements of that nature while in Havana. This young man who has won the admiration of the world has taught the young people of this generation that dancing and drinking do not contribute to the highest achievements of life. Had he been of the jazz type he would not have attained the measure of success that has given him a place in the hearts of people everywhere. Distinction in things worth while is not won by those who revel in worldly pleasures.—The Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

In all the thousands of columns of news about Lindbergh, not one thing have we ever noticed about his religious affilations. We do not know whether or not he is a member of any church, but the chances are he is. But there is one thing certain: in this age of indifference, ungodliness and worldly-mindedness, his clean character and high ideals are a ringing challenge to the entire world. We do not wonder that this young man who has scorned so many offers to sell his birthright for a mess of pottage, would refuse to place his endorsement on the modern dance. Surely, his example should be a lesson to many of our church people who are trying to hold places of responsibility in the church and at the same time indulge in what is known as the modern dance. Some one has said that a praying knee and a dancing foot do not grow on the same limb. Is it any wonder that so many of our modern churches are without spiritual power and are dying of spiritual "dry-rot."

BIG JOBS AND LITTLE SALARIES

Story of a Young Man Who Chose the Better Part

We heard recently a story something like this: The directors of the steel corporation were in session and it developed that they needed a young man for an especially important task. He must have three outstanding qualities, he must be a university graduate, not over 30 years of age, and a leader of men. After consideraing all the applicants and recommendations, they gave up in despair until a young director said, "I know of one man in the wide world that will fill the bill, but he is already in China."

They wanted a man for a position in China. They asked "What is he doing?" "He is a missionary." "How much does he make?" "About $1,800 a year." The president said, "He will never do. A man that can't make over $1,800 a year will never suit us." "But," the friend said, "remember I said he is a missionary and he is not there to make money, but to perform a task." Then after conference they decided that the need was so great that they would send this man to China to interview the young man. He told him of the good fortune that had fallen to him. He said, "I have been instructed to come and offer you a position with a salary for the first year of $14,000 a year, and after that you name it."

The young missionary shook his head saying, "No, no. You offer me a big salary for a little job. I would rather have my big job with a little salary." When a man believes that his task in the biggest thing in the world, and especially is of the Lord's appointment he cannot be moved.—Florida Witness.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH

Two great problems are weighing down upon us today in our local denominational life. One is the problem of the country church, left, in so many instances, in sparsely settled neighborhoods with highways changing the routes of travel and with consolidated schools shifting the centers of community life. The other is the large city problem, well illustrated by Atlanta where thousands of Baptists are annually coming to live, leaving their church membership behind in these struggling country churches. They are not enlisted by the city churches for two reasons, first the lack of co-operation on the part of the pastors of the country churches who fail to write to city pastors notifying them of these newcomers and asking them to look them up, and second because of the already overcrowded conditions in most city churches which result in lack of workers and lack of space in which to deal with these newcomers.

Both problems must be met, and they can be met. The leaders of our country churches must save our country churches by effecting consolidated churches, wherever conditions make this wise. And pastors of country churches must join hands with city pastors in getting immediate touch with those who leave the country churches and move into the big cities. The city pastors and city churches much find some way not only to go out and find newcomers, but they must enlarge their buildings and constitute new churches to provide church homes for our people who have been thrust into the rush and stress of city life. Our people have sense enough to deal with these pressing problems, and we earnestly appeal to our brethren everywhere to constantly give themselves to the great task. If "The Christian Index" can be used in this task, command us.—Christian Index, (Georgia.)

There is no question but that the country church problem is one of the most serious problems facing the religious world today. A number of the leading denominations, once strong in the rural sections, have practically abandoned that field. These denominations are centralizing in the urban districts. Our Baptist people are the last of the larger bodies to surrender the rural territory, but they are, nevertheless, gradually losing ground. It is alarming to think of the thousands of country churches that are pastorless and practically dead. Many of these churches that a few years ago were strong half time, vigorous bodies are now weaklings, and many of them are dead.

Is it any wonder that the country churches are on the decline when we consider the fact that our trained preachers refuse to go on these fields to help build them up. The country church problem can be solved. Our seminaries and Baptist school must take the lead in this by stressing the need for trained leaders on the rural fields, and by offering training that will equipt young preachers for the work.

As the rural school districts consolidate and build great rural educational institutions, so must the rural churches consolidate. With trained leaders with a real vision on these fields strong churches can be maintained. The rural community life in these days offer almost every advantage that the city offers. It seems to us the rural sections offer the most inviting field of labor now open to the ministry. All that is needed is for our young preachers with a vision to "go up and possess the land, for they are well able to overcome the difficulties that lie in the way.

ARE OUR GIRLS WORTH SAVING?

Complaint has reached The Journal office that local or out-of-town jellies (no doubt out-of-town drug store cowboys) have for the past several days been annoying resident and Baylor College young ladies by herding their high-powered "Lizzies" up to the curb and offering to "lift" the young ladies to their destination. Refusing their offer, the gallants in some instances have been so insistent as to frighten their intended passengers. Saturday afternoon two lounge lizzards accosted two young ladies on the downtown streets and offered them a ride in their car. The offer was promptly refused The passage of the young ladies was blocked at cross streets a number of times by these parodies on men, and finally, on their return home, they were accosted in the residence section and frightened almost into hysterics. The young ladies sought refuge in a home of a citizen, whereupon the gentlemen (?) vanished. These young ladies reported that the practice had been going on for some time, and that many other young ladies have been accosted in the same manner, though possibly the gentlemen have not been so insistent in other instances. The gentleman informing The Journal of last Saturday's caper said he held a responsible place in his church, had been regarded as a law-abiding citizen for many years and was opposed to capital punishment, but would be glad to forget his religion for a few minutes if he could run across the young sprouts causing the trouble last Saturday, when he would violate the penal code of the State and make some business for the local sanitarium.—The Belton Journal.

Is it possible that the above is a record of events that have happened in this supposed civilized Christian nation of ours? Yes, very possible; and Belton is not the only city that is infested with this brand of moral degenerates. A number of instances have been brought to our attention right in Abilene where young women, who, after refusing to ride with young men whom they did not know, were forced to seek protection in some nearby residence, in order to avoid being forced into the car for a ride. An investigation will reveal the fact that similar instances may be found in every one of our larger towns and cities. A few months ago a good woman living on a highway near one of our larger cities stated that she had listened to the distressing screams of young girls during all hours of the night, until she was almost crazy. In another instance a whole lot nearer home a man made a similar statement. Many times near his home on the highways he had heard these distressing cries that came from automobiles, some fo them parked, others on the run. It has not been many years back when the citizenship of a country would not have tolorated such condition. What is the cause of this changed condition? We do not profess to know. But someone will say these indictments are but the raving of some old foggy. If you doubt the truthfulness of these statements, just make an honest investigation of conditions in any of our larger communities and the results will be startling.

We say we do not know the cause fo such conditions. However, we venture two or three suggestions that might be worth considering. In the first place, the parents in the modern home are too busy with other things to look after their own children. Thrown on their own resources under the environment found in the average community, a great majority of our young people will not be able to withstand the temptations. Again, women, with their new-found freedom, independence and competition with men in the business world have lost that chivalorous respect of the men that in the past was so gallently displayed. We believe in time to come women will learn to use this freedom and self reliance, but at present they are having to pay a tremendous price for their new-found liberty.

MODERNISM ON THE MISSION FIELDS—A PLEA FOR FAIR PLAY

Rev. R. Cecil Moore,
Concepcion, Chile

The steady decline in missionary contributions for the past several years is notorious and is an unwelcome subject, but for some of us it is a very vital subject; not so much for our own bread and raiment to be sure (most of us could find a way to live) but for our very life's work. You can hardly blame one for showing grave concern when he sees the work of sacrificial and prayerful labor seriously endangered because of his inability to provide even the slenderest help that would insure its continuance and stability.

At first the diminished receipts, making necessary the refusal of our Board to grant any increases to take care of growing work, produced in the missionaries on the field keen disappointment; but adjustments were made, petitions for help were refused with a heavy heart, opportunities that had been sought for years, after being in their grasp, had to be disregarded. Then when came the disastrous cuts there was an experience of horrified questioning, of almost incredulous stupefaction. Finally, with further decline still and further sacrifice of the missionaries of that which was dearer to them than their heart's blood, they have settled down into a sort of dazed numbness of heart, bull-doggedly trying to just hold and keep the work from utter loss. Surely what God has enabled them to do has been marvelous in view of the disastrous situation imposed upon them. But I write this to ask why the decline, and some remarks about fair play.

Undoubtedly there are many factors to be taken into account in seeking the reason for the sad state of our Mission Boards, and work. I will not try even to enumerate them but leave that to more capable hands. I am firmly persuaded that one factor, perhaps a principal one, is the wave of materialism under guise of a social gospel that has pervaded our churches in the homeland on the one hand, and has resulted in some modernist, materialistic missionaries going to some mission fields on the other hand. Now no one can be more tenaciously opposed to modernism in all its deadening forms than the writer, and I solemnly declare that if I were a rich man, I would rather burn my money than to see it go to uphold some mission work that I have seen on the foreign field. However, having said that, I now want to put in a plea for straight thinking and fair play on the part of our people in the home churches.

Many are there, legions I am persuaded, in our churches in the South, who still love their Lord, and who still love lost souls whether these be at home next their own door, or in the heart of Africa or Chile. To such I write now.

A few missionaries of some denominations are thoroughly imbued with the materialistic, modernistic interpretation of the Bible. They are not many anywhere I believe, and none of them last long. Most of them soon "peter out." They can have no message that will heal the sin-sick soul in any place. Some few stick. But why destroy all mission work because of the sins of a forlorn few missionaries? Thank God, I can say with all assurance there is not in Chile one single Baptist missionary who is even tainted with modernism. Nor do I know among a fairly large acquaintance of missionaries in various fields a single Southern Baptist missionary who is not thoroughly sound and conservative. Why, in the name of all that is fair, crucify the hard-working, striving missionaries who are as sound in the historic Baptist faith as anyone, just because there are some scattered modernist missionaries, and these mainly, if not altogether, of other faiths? I feel perfectly sure that if there are any Southern Baptist missionaries at all that are not sound in the faith, they will feel so out of harmony with their fellow-missionaries that they will soon retire of their own accord, or else be brought to see that modernism has nothing, and the modernist missionary nothing, to offer priest-ridden and sin-enslaved souls, and will turn back to their old-time faith in the Bible and its blessed gospel. However, I repeat, I do not know, or know of, one single missionary working under the Southern Baptist Board, who is not absolutely sound in the conservative Baptist faith. I appeal to my brethren: Do not allow anyone for any motive to cause you to lose your faith in your representatives on the front battle line. They are fighting your battle and they are worthy of your sympathy, your prayers, your money. HELP THEM DO THEIR WORK BETTER!

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

In Genesis the world was made
By God's creative hand,
In Exodus the Hebrews marched
To gain the promised land.
Leviticus contains the law,
Holy and just and good;
Numbers records the tribles enrolled,
All sons of Abraham's blood,
Moses, in Deuteronomy,
Records God's mighty deeds.
Brave Joshua into Canaan's land
The host of Israel leads.
In Judges their rebellion oft
Provokes the Lord to smite,
But Ruth records the faith of one
Well pleasing in His sight.
In First and Second Samuel
Of Jesse's son we read.
Ten tribes in First and Second Kings
Revolted from his seed.
The First and Second Chronicles
See Judah captive made;
But Ezra leads a remnant back
By princely Cyrus' aid.
The city walls of Zion
Nehemiah builds again,
Whilst Esther saves her people
From plots of wicked men.
In Job we read how faith will live
Beneath afflictions rod,
And David's Psalms are precious song
To every child of God.
The Proverbs, like a goodly string
Of choicest pearls, appear.
Eccelsiastes teaches man
How vain are all things here.
The mystic Song of Solomon
Excels sweet Sharon's Rose,
Whilst Christ, the Saviour and King,
The rapt Isaiah shows.
The warning Jeremiah
Apostle Israel scorns,
His plaintive Lamentations
Their awful down fall mourns.
Ezekiel tells in wondrous words
Of dazzling mysteries.
Whilst Kings and empires yet to come
Daniel in vision sees.
Of judgment and of mercy
Hosea loves to tell.
Joel describes the blessed days
When God with man shall dwell.
Among Tekoa's herdsmen
Amos received his call.
Whilst Obadiah prophesies
Of Edom's final fall.
Jonah enshrines a wondrous type
Of Christ our risen Lord.
Micah pronounces Judah lost,
Lost, but again restored.
Nahum declares on Ninevah
Just judgment shall be poured.
A view of Chaldea's coming doom
Habakkuk's visions give
Next Zephaniah warns the Jews
To turn, repent, and live.
Haggai wrote to those who saw
The temple built again.
And Zachariah prophesied
Of Christ's triumphant reign.
Malachi was the last who touched
The high prophetic horn;
Its final notes sublimely show,
THE COMING OF THE LORD.
—Western Evangel.

The Western editor of "The Congregationalist" says that the real antagonists of the fundamentalists are not the modernists, but the people who deny the existence of a spiritual world. He is mistaken. The fundamentalists have no controversy with non-Christians, but with Christians who prevert Christian doctrines.—The Watchman Examiner.

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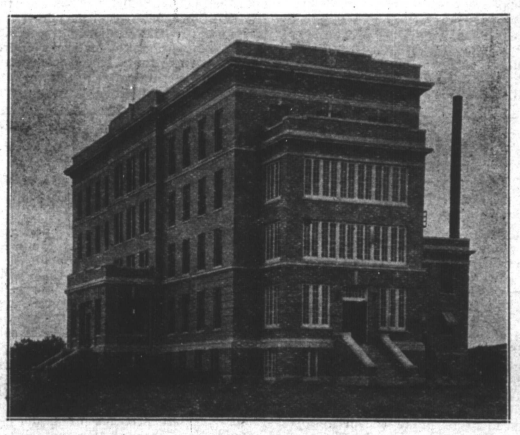
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MISS PENICK WRITES ABOUT Y. W. A. CAMP

About one fifth of $500.00 asked for the Y. W. A. Hut at Leuders Encampment is assured.

Will you not send in your pledge right away and cash as soon as possible, that work may start on this building early this spring?

Y. W. A. Abilene First Church paid $10.00.

W. M. S. Hamlin paid $10.00.

The following seven Y. W. A.'s have promised to pay at least ten dollars each:

First Church, Midland, Texas.
First Church, Breckenridge.
First CHurch, Sweetwater.
First Church, Olney.
First Church, Leuders.
First Church, Stamford.
University Church, Abilene.
First Church, Mineral Wells.

Others having promised to help are W. M. S. of First Church Abilene, First Church Stamford W. M. S., W. M. S. of Leuders Baptist Church.

And one of the most appreciated expressions of interest came from the Sunbeam Leader, way out at Lamesa. Mrs. R. R. Townsend wrote, "I am delighted to know that you are planning a Camp for the young women that is not a step forward, but a great big leap I consider. Our Sunbean Band will take action soon and send you a little check, we want a part in such a worthy cause." These Sunbeam girls hope before many years to be Y. W .A.'s and enjoy the benefits of this building.

Others have expressed interest thus Mrs. S. J. Marcell the Y. W. A. Counselor at Olney wrote: "I am always interested in young people's work—and I gave this matter of the Y. W. A. Camp immediate attention, as soon as I received the first letter. Our girls voted to send you at least $10.00 and I am sure you can count on them. I have a number who will be especially interested in the Camp. I will just say you can always count on me in helping to put over anything worth while for our young people."

Two letters from Breckenridge have expressed great interest in the Y. W. A. Camp. These came from the Associational Secretary and the Y. W. A. secretary. The Y. W. A. secretary said they had been hearing about the Y. W. A. Camp and planning for it since the State Convention and they would pay ten dollars by March 1st or have it accounted for and we could count of some of them at the Camp.

With interest expressed from places a hundred or two miles away such as Midland, Lamesa, Olney and Breckenridge and the district president of Wichita distrct at Wichita Falls has expressed her interest and willingness to cooperate. Also Mrs. Higginbotham of Stephenville Cisco-Breckenridge W. M. U. president there will surely be cooperation from all the nearer towns and financial aid to put this project over in a worthy way.

We know there are many more who are already planning to help and we would like to hear from you as to how much we can count on you to help.

Do you want a part in this Y. W. A. Hut which will mean so much for the young womanhood of West Texas? It would be fine if individuals would come in with gifts and give us enough to build this building large enough to take care of all the young women of this section who want to come.

Send your money to Miss Lilias Penick, Stamford, Texas, Treasurer of this Fund.

BIG SPRING AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of the Big Spring association met with the Greenwood church in an all day conference on February 7th. Mrs. E. E. Mason, president, presided, opening the meeting with a very impressive devotional. Her subject was "The Three Looks" as found in Psalm 139. First, the Inward Look; second, the Outward Look, and third, the Upward Look.

Mrs. Carroll Hill gave a very full report of the Abilene District Board meeting which was held at Simmons University, January 12th. She made special mention of the splendid report from the W. M. U. of the Big Spring Auxiliary, calling attention to the fact that the Midland church was the only one in the District reporting a full graded A-1 Union. Mrs. Hill is the leader of the G. A. in the Midland church.

Mrs. George F. Brown, of Midland, gave an inspirational talk on the first seven verses from Hebrews 2. Her theme was "Taking Heed." She made special application of this to the Conquest Campaign.

Mrs. Norman Reed, of Big Spring, was elected corresponding secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Clarence Ligon was appointed chairman of the program committee. Mrs. W. W. Wimberly was made chairman of mission study.

The president urged that all societies attend our conferences and cooperate in every part of the work. She emphasized the fact that it is only this that we can make the Auxiliary A-1.

Christians of all denominations and of all lands are called upon to observe Friday, February 24, 1928, as a World Day of Prayer. The subject for prayer is "Breaking Down Barriers." Programs for the observance of this day may be had at two cents each or $1.75 a hundred from the Board of Missionary Cooperation, 276 Fifth avenue, New York City.

HAS SOME ONE SEEN CHRIST IN YOU TODAY?

Has some one seen Christ in you today?
Christian, look to your heart, I pray,
The little things you have done or said—
Did they accord with the way you prayed?
Have your thoughts been pure and your words been kind?
Have you sought to have the Savior's mind?
The world with a criticizing view
Has watched—but did it see Christ in you?
Has some one seen Christ in you today?
Christian, look to your life, I pray,
There are aching and blighted souls
Being lost on sin's destructive shoals,
And perhaps of Christ their only view
May be what of him they see in you.
Will they see enough to bring hope or cheer?
Look to your light! Does it shine out clear?

MY FATHER

I like to play close to my father's den,
Where he's at work, and every now and then
Ask: "Father, are you there?" He answers back:
"Yes, son." That time I broke my railroad track
All in bits, he stopped his work and came
And wiped my tears, and said: "Boy, boy! Be game!"
And then he showed me how to fix it right,
And I took both my arms and hugged him tight.
Once when I asked him if he still was there,
He called me in and rumpled up my hair,
And said: "How much alike are you and I!
When I feel just as boys feel when they cry.
I call to our Big Father, to make sure
That He is there, my childish dread to cure.
And always, just I to you, 'Yes, son,'
Our ather calls, and all my fret is done!"

—Strickland Gillilan.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

By Anna Shipton

Have faith in God; for He who reigns on high
Hath borne thy grief and hears the suppliant's sigh:
Still to His arms, thine only refuge, fly.
Have faith in God.

Fear not to call on Him, O soul distress'd;
Thy sorrow's whisper woos thee to His breast;
He who is oftenest there is oftenest blest.
Have faith in God.

Lean not on Egypt's reeds; slake not thy thirst
At earthly cisterns. Seek the kingdom first.
Though man and Satan fright thee with their worst,
Have faith in God.

Go, tell Him all. The sigh thy bosom heaves
Is heard in heaven. Strength and grace He gives,
Who gave Himself for thee. Our Jesus lives.
Have faith in God.

—Selected.

HOME NURSING DEPT.

By LOVELLE THOMPSON, R. N.
Director of Nursing, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene.

(Miss Thompson, superintendent of nurses at the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium will answer any questions on home nursing. Address your questions to Miss Lovelle Thompson, West Texas Baptist Sanitarium and they will be answered in these columns.—Ed.)

Dear Miss Thompson:

My boy two years old has contracted whooping-cough. Please advise me as to best treatment.

Mrs. J. F. M.

Answer:—Give the child plenty of fresh air. Frequent changes of atmosphere and clothing seems to aid the spasms of cough. Feed again if food is vomited. Light flannel underwear should be worn. Rub the chest with camphor oil daily. A tight binder around the stomach gives support during coughing and in turn frequently prevents vomiting. The child should be kept away from other children.

Dear Miss Thompson:

What is the treatment for influenza?

Answer:—Put the child to bed and keep it there until the fever is normal. Give plenty of fluid diet. Spray the nose and throat, and treat earache by spraying the ear with warm water.

Rev. Chas. R. Smith of California supplied Sunday for First Church, Clyde.

How it Feels to be Eighty Years Young

A. J. Holt, Arcadia, Fla.

Being now in my eightieth year, I may venture to answer the above question for myself but not for another. I say this because all do not feel alike.

Solomon and David felt much older than I feel, though I am older than either of them was at the time of his death. I know several people who are not so old as I, who express themselves as tired of life. I am neither tired of life, nor dissatisfied with the world.

I love to live, because I live to love. I love brethren and sisters in the Lord. I love old people for what they have borne: I love young men and maidens, for their enthusiasm and redundance of spirits. I love little children for their unaffected innocence. I love God's children all, simply because they are saved by Grace.

But how does an old preacher feel, who can not stand forth in strength of body and mind as he one time stood? Well, he is thankful that he was once strong and vigorous of body and mind and he thanks God that there are others who are brave and strong who are bearing the heat and burden of the day as he once did. Then an old preacher has great joy in knowing how his labors have been blessed in the Lord's cause. That so many whom he was instrumental in bringing into the Kingdom are doing such valiant service.

Then an old preacher has so many people to love him. It is wonderful how an old preacher has accumulated so many precious saints in his book of remembrance. Do not regrets shadow his life on account of his mistakes? Yes. We can all sing "The mistakes of my life have been many." But where sin has abounded, grace hath much more abounded, and the joy outweighs the sorrow by far.

Does not an old preacher feel loath to relax his hold on the work of the Lord? Yes. He regrets that he is not so strong and vigorous as he once was. But then he rejoices in stalwart brethren that are stepping into the trenches, and rejoices that they are better equipped than was he, to do battle for the Lord.

May not one so outlive his usefulness as to make life a burden? Possibly so. It may be the case that I have thus arrived at the stopping place. But my good brethren keep me busy and life is by no means a burden to me.

If an old preacher is poor in purse and dependent on charity, does he not feel so discouraged as to wish he might be relieved of life's burdens? Well, I am not at that line yet. I do receive a pension because of my having been a Confederate soldier. I think that is kind and generous of the State to provide for the old soldier. I thank God every day. They make me feel that they are honoring themselves by providing for me, and that takes the sting out of the charity. When I get so I can not stand and preach, I may then be able to sit and preach. If I can do neither, I may be able to write words of comfort. Or if I shall be wholly helpless, I fear not but some provisions shall be made for my being taken care of.

I am not apprehensive that I shall go to the poor house. I still have access to God, and He is rich and will supply all my need. So I am happy, despite the burden of years. I can not say I am wating for the call, but I am ready for it. When He calls I suspect He wil find me busy. I may write after a bit on, "How It Feels To Be Ninety."

BIRTHDAY

(From Liberty Magazine)

This week we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ.

For the last fifteen centuries our civilization has been "Christian." We have not, on the whole, been able or willing to do as the Founder did, or to obey very well the precepts of His disciples. But the ideals which mothers have taught their children have been generally Christian, and they are the basic ideals of our part of the world.

Man's reach ever exceeds his grasp. We have reached toward the ideals of Christ, even though we never could grasp them.

Christianity has been losing ground of late. When the Bolsheviks took Russia, they took 130,000,000 people and one-sixth of the earth's surface. This had been Greek Catholic territory: that is, its official religion was Christianity. Now in Russia the official religion is atheism.

To the south of us is Mexico, with 15,000,000 people and three-quarters of a million square miles of land. This country is now governed by Plutarco Elias Calles. Judged by his actions, he is a convert to Bolshevism, and an ardent one.

Startling documents recently printed by W. R. Hearst indicate that Calles has sent gold to Moscow, gold to finance communist schools in Mexico, gold to the Chinese adherents of Bolshevism, gold to the liberal ('red') part of Nicaragua. He sent $100,000 to the striking British coal miners "as a secret aid contributed by the Government of Mexico to the maintenance of the ideals of the proletariat."

He has also done what he could to drive the Roman Catholic religion out of Mexico, and he has been able to do a good deal. For it he is substituting atheism of the Moscow brand.

With the atheists ascendant in Russia and Mexico now, it may be remembered that the Christians once held the Holy Land, northern Africa, and Constantinople, and that a powerful Christian organization once extended throughout Persia and central Asia, and into India. Christianity is not gaining territorially. It is contracting.

Nor is it becoming vital within Christian countries.

We all have seen how the "pink" doctrines are spreading in the United States and in Europe. Pink and red writers, some of them very clever, are doing what they can to destroy the old ideals.

The effect is plain enough in the younger generation. Not only are our sons and daughters wild in manners and morals. Those who go in for heavy thinking are apt to take a loud pride in atheism, in a single standard of immorality, in pacifism—except should the war be within the boundaries of one's own country. Then, to the barricades for the revolution!

Under Christian ideals our part of the world has traveled the path from the fourth century, when pagan Rome was rotting itself to death, to what we call our modern civilization.

Christian people in general have believed in private property, personal chastity, the family unit, patriotism, church-going. Holding these ideals, though ever falling short of them, we have come a long way down through the years.

Now communism, triumphant in Russia and apparently in Mexico, is likewise a religion. Its adherents are as truly sincere in their devotion to their creed as were the early Christians.

We do not profess to know which system will be dominant in 3000 A. D. nor, for that matter, in 2027. But we think it is clear hat those who believe in the Christian system would better study what is going on, and if possible devote less time to quarreling among themselves and more to closing up their ranks against the enemy at the gates.—Liberty Magazine.

A Step Forward

T. C. Gardner

In 1888 a young people's society was born. Its purpose was to enlist and train young Christians for heroic Christian service. This organization is known now as the Senior B.Y.P.U. In 1913, a Junior B.Y.P.U. was created to train the young people from twelve to sixteen years of age inclusive. In 1917 the Junior Society was reorganized and adopted for boys and girls nine to twelve years of age and an Intermediate Organization perfected for young people thirteen to sixteen years inclusive. These three grades were all we had until 1920. At that time two forward steps were taken when organizations for the Primaries, eight years of age and under and the Aults, thirty-one years and above were set up. The last two steps completing organizations for training the whole church family seems to be near the ideal.

The development of the Baptist Training Service has been a slow process. One step at a time has been taken, therefore foundations have been laid that are solid and we hope permanent. We began with one single organization for Seniors. We now have the five departments, the general organization and the departmental organizations. Many people have thought perhaps that we were going too slow but we feel sure that our course has been wisest and best. One thing we have done is, we have kept on going. This reminds me of a conversation which took place on a fast going train recently.

"We do not seem to be going very much faster than an ordinary train." said the passenger to the conductor. "I suppose that is a tribute to the smoothness of the roal bed and the efficiency of the engineer."

"Not entirely," replied the conductor, "The truth is, we do not go very much faster than an ordinary train."

"No!" exclaimed the passenger in surprise.

"Not very much faster," the conductor replied, "but we keep on going all the time."

It is the church, the Sunday school, the B.Y.P.U., that keeps on going all the time that reaches, teaches and trains its constituency for service. Our need is B.Y.P.U. directors, leaders and sponsors who are not so much in the class of the genius or especially brilliant, but who have staying power, who will keep on "a-keeping on."

Our next step is to create an interest for real Christian training in the minds and hearts of all our Baptist people. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sherman, Texas, recently said, "We should expect all our church members to be in the Bible School every Sunday mroning. We should also expect all our church members to be in the Training Service every Sunday evening." We will solve many of our church and denominational problems when all of our churches take this step. In order that we may ultimately reach this ideal, allow me to make the following suggestions:

First. Let's make a place in our Training Service for every member of the church family. All Baptists need training. Training is power. Power is what we need, spiritual, intellectual and financial. The Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult B.Y.P.U.'s, plus the Departmental and General Organizations provide for all ages and trains all for heroic Christian service.

Second. Let's go on a hunt for men and women who have staying qualities. Our greatest need in the B. Y. P. U. or the Training Service is leaders, leaders who have a desire to go forward with Christ; who are willing to take positions of leadership in the Training Service: who are willing to equipt themselves for a challenging task; leaders with the qualities to delegate work and direct workers, who are optimistic, enthusiastic affable and amaible; leaders who keep their sky-light so clean that they can see the face of God every time they look up. We should go after the best trained men and women in our churches to lead and direct the work of the B.Y.P.U. There is a place for all members in the right sort of a Training Service. The Training Service either needs them as a leader or officer, or they need the training that the Training Service provides.

Third. Let's provide a challenging program. Impressions that have no outlet, that are depressed, that never find expression in word or deed finally die. As we train our Baptist people for service, we should assign to them tasks and positions that challenge, inspire and enthrill. The impressions made Sunday evening while the B. Y. P. U. programs are being rendered, concerning Christian service should be expressed in Christian deed during the week days. We are saved to serve and Paul urges us "to study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." One of the greatest things that the church can do is to appoint a committee of large experience and training, whose task it shall be to provide proper places of service for the entire membership of the church. If we can get the job and the person together that fit each other, all of our people will be happy and Christ's cause will go forward after a marvelous fashion.

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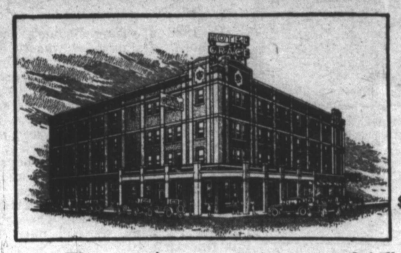
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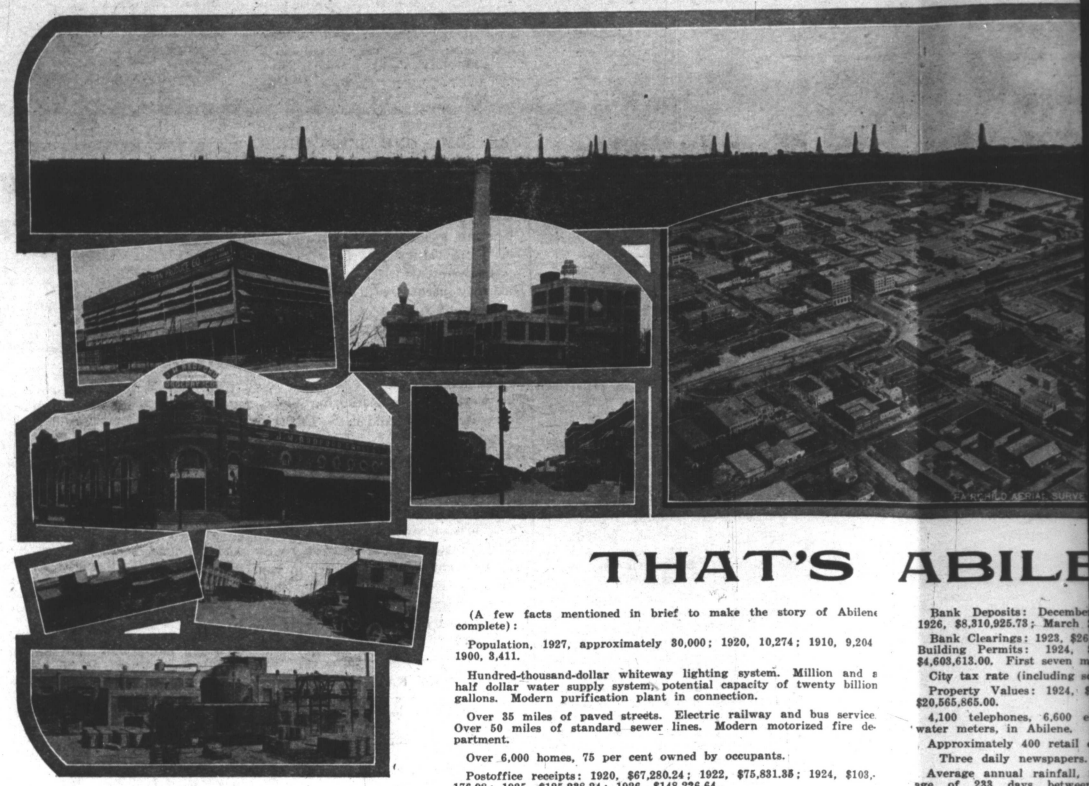
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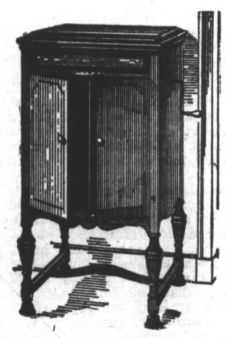
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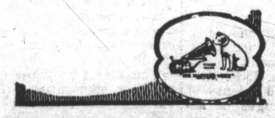


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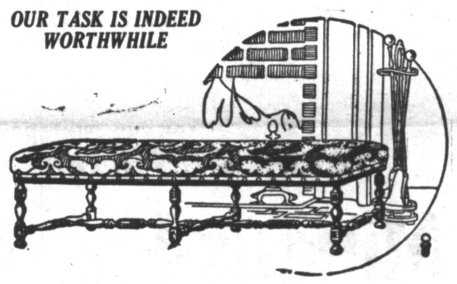
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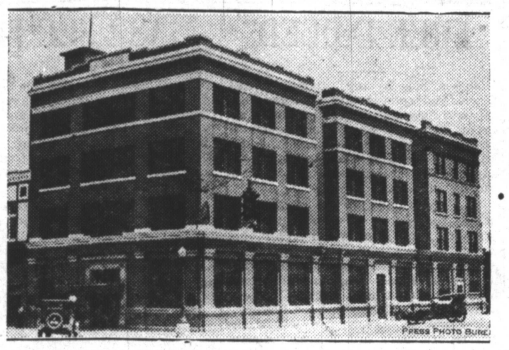


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Home Economics Club Will Present Brilliant Pageant "The Style Of The Age" March 12

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ROYALTY OF ALL ABILENE SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN PROGRAM

Show Spring Styles

Several Organizations Will Cooperate To Assure Big Success

Nelson Hutto

Formal acceptance of invitations to the pagenat "The Styles of the Ages" being sponsored by the Home Economics Club of Simmons University, have been received from all the Royalty of the schools of the city, and final plans for the brilliant affair are being rushed to completion. The pageant will be presented in the Simmons auditorium March 12 and will be one of the most colorful events ever staged in Abilene.

The Royal group will gather on the stage at the Queen's garden, to review the Pageant, the purpose of which is to survey fashions or styles of the ages past in order to show how they have developed, run their course and died away, only to appear again sometime nearly a century later in a slightly different guise.

It has been said that there is "Nothing new under the sun." This can justly be said of costumes. By tracing, through study, the progress and development of dress from the earliest Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian countries through Greece and Southern Italy, through Asia Minor to Bagdad and Byzantium, to the Mogul court, to Italy, France, England, and America on to present time, we find in each costume reflections of ideas, lines, design, and composition that have been used by people of some previous period.

The girls of the Home Economics Department under the direction of Miss Alma D. Phillips, Head of Home Economics Department and Miss Lillian Meadows, instructor in Home Economics, desire not only to aid in arousing sentiment for costume both past and present, but to give an evening of educational entertainment in this line.

Music To Match Costumes

A very attractive feature of the pageant is that the presentation of costumes will be against an appropriate musical background, both music and costumes matching down the ages in chronological order. As the material life will be reflected in dress, the spiritual life of the different times and countries will be reflected in music.

The mystery of ancient Egypt, the classic beauty of Greece, the grave dignity of the Puritan, and the exquisite daintiness of colonial ladies will be echoed in the music which is being prepared by members of the Simmons conservatory.

The arrangement and selection of the music is being supervised by Miss Lucile Patterson, head of the Theory department. The Cowboy Band, under Prof. D. O. Wiley's direction is to furnish the musical setting for the more spectacular scenes. Special music by Miss Camilla Marrs, of the violin department, Prof. Allison, head of the piano department, Miss Lyda Gresham of the piano department and Miss Patterson of the piano department will accompany the classic costumes of Egypt, Greece, Rome, Judea, Byzantium, and other countries.

Prof. W. J. Work and Miss Anna Morris, both of the voice department, are to sing quaint old English and French airs and the women's quartet, in costume of civil war time, will sing a medley of Southern songs.

The feature number will be a trio for violin, violincello and piano to be played by Miss Marrs, Misses Ruth and Betty Lasley, done in colonial costume.

For the grand finale, when all the different costumes will pass in rapid review before the Court of Nations, the Cowboy Band will play an impressive closing number.

Spring Models Shown

A promenade of advanced Spring models furnished by the leading merchants of the city will also prove to be a prominent feature of the evening.

The members of the Home Economics Club are delighted over the interest and assistance they are being offered by the members of the Simmons Round Table Club, with Miss Head as chairman, as well as other organizations in the school.

The personnel of the Court of Nations, which will review the Pageant, is to be as follows: Her Majesty Evelyn of the House of Jordan, queen of Simmons University, duchess of American Costume, Prime Minister Raymond DeBerry; Her Majesty Aleene of the House of Mitchell, queen of McMurry College, duchess of English costume, Prime Minister Austin Newton; Her Majesty Oma of the House of Cure, queen of Abilene Christian College, duchess of French costume, Prime Minister, Standley Mitchell; Her Majesty Mary Elva of the House of Burns, queen of Abilene High School, maid of honor to Her Majesty, Prince Arthur Compere; Lady Francis of the House of Melton, lady in waiting to Her Majesty, duke William Sutton; Lady Elizabeth of the House of Porter, lady-in-waiting, Duke Leroy Jennings; Lady Bernice of the House of Thompson, Lady-in-waiting, duke Barramore Bounds; Lady Virginia of the House of Hockenhull, lady in waiting, duke John Brewer.

Sir Brooks Jenson, Herald to the Queen will be Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The Queen's pages, who are to act as ushers for the occasion will be chosen from the Freshman and Sophomore classes and from the Home Economics Club, of Abilene High School.

WHERE DO UNBAPTIZED INFANTS GO?

In view of the words of Jesus, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," the following appeared November 12 in the regular Question Box column of The Tablet, official organ of the Roman bishop in Brooklyn, is interesting:

"Question. Will you kindly tell me through your Question Column where do the souls of infants go who die without receiving the Sacrament of Baptism?

"Answer. Catholic theologians teach that they go to a place of rest and natural happiness called Limbo. They can never enjoy the sight of God, because they were never raised by grace to a supernatural state."

Such is the papal form of the unschiptural doctrine of infant damnation. Under that doctrine the perfectly helpless and perfectly unoffending infants are barred from the presence of God and from the glorious estate which He has prepared for those that love Him, not for any fault of theirs, but because parents and other custodians neglected a duty which Roman Catholic theologians have imposed on them.

Touching that duty and the consequences of its non-performance, the Bible is totally silent. No one seemed to touch the heart of God when incarnate in the flesh more endearingly that the little children. He declared that the kingdom of heaven is composed of such creatures. But cold Roman Catholics formalism banishes them forever from His presence and His love and consigns them to the Limbo. God has revealed no such cruel and unjust doctrine. It is no part of Christianity.—The Protestant.

Simmons University Physicians



DR. H. H. RAMSEY



DR. J. M. ESTES

"FREE INDEED"

This article by my young friend, Dr. R. T. Hanks is very true and logical and precious and men must account for our Lord for usurping powers which He has reserved for Himself. Setting themselves up as superior to governments and the authority of God.

The great question for us to study is not the theory of democratic government for Baptist churches, but rather, do we have democratic government in our churches? I am writing not from an imaginary supposed hypothesis of what might happen; but from actual happenings, history.

I know an Association where the missionary went into a free independent and otherwise democratic Baptist church in the absence of the pastor and created a division by working against the pastor, which spread until there are now two Baptist churches. This same man makes a practice of ousting undesirable pastors and suggesting others more suitable and causing them to be elected not through fasting and prayer; but by scheming and untigue equal to any of the papal elections which have scandalized the past. This practice has continued until an overwhelming majority of the pastors who compose the Board which elects him from year to year are under an obligation to this man from having received their "appointments" or "calls" thru his influence. He sometimes fails to oust a pastor. He then organizes another church. He does not always get away with his schemes, then he tries again until his will has been carried out. The will of the church does not seem to matter particularly.

How long will such practices have to be continued until our people cease to be democratic in government or Baptists in principle? Thus Romanism begins! What kind of a monstrosity would Baptists become if they allowed themselves to be guided away from the very principles which made them?

The principles of freedom have been maintained through war and resistance against the encroaching schemes of entriguing men. It seems an opportune time to check up on ourselves. We will leave a better record by doing as our Master said in all matters. Church government—pastors placed over the flock by the Holy Spirit—not the associational missionary. Missions—go into all the world to the heathen and the difficult fields at home. Education. Teaching them to observe all things which I have commanded. Not just anything, baptizing them. We have just as much authority to vary our baptism as our church government. In fact the convenience in baptism followed many centuries after the curruption of church government. Think on these things brethren.—A. B. Carlisle.

AS I SEE IT

West Texas Baptists must help pay the outstanding indebtedness of the Texas brotherhood. If I am correctly informed as to the new policy, "which is to pay as we go," we can finally pay out. It will not take more than fifty years to make our Baptist name good again.

West Texas Baptists

I am for the whole world; but particularly and especially I am for West Texas and West Texas Baptists.

I am every inch for your West Texas Baptist paper. Ever let her live to do good in God's growing kingdom.

The West has been in all the past ages, and will be in all the coming ages, bigger hearted folks, clearer in their visions of equality, truer and more loyal to the doctrines of eternal life, and the great atonement of Jesus Christ.

Also, contending more earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints; and believing firmly and without any equivocation or mental reservation of mind in the church being of Divine origin and perpetuity. We do not have so many centers, joining house to house, or so many axes to grind. True Baptists live and grow out in the open, and most time under much persecution.

Old Countries and Big Cities

Look with amazing pity and astonishment at the oldest gospel grounds where our good Lord Himself preached His blessed life-giving gospel. This now the darkest spot on earth. Oh! Jerusalem is there one stone upon another left in thy walls?

Can the call of ages answer why? Yes, "The love of money which is the root of all evil."

May our good Lord deliver us for we as Baptists, I fear, are being caught on the same hook.

The Remedy

Let lal the "common" Baptists from all over Texas go forth weeping and winning souls for twelve months or longer until fellowship of the true kind is fully established, which condition would bring the Lord in the camp, then full confidence would be restored, and all the little rivlets would be opened to the river and all debts would be paid in a short while.

All other needed changes would soon take place. The good sensible, consecrated laymen must at this time save the situation, also help to save as many preachers as possible. You will lose some as they are bigger than the churches.

Let us be faithful to the trust imposed in us.—J. Mat Harder.

CONCERNING CURRICULUM OF THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

By a Th. M. Graduate

There are two interesting facts about the expansion of the curriculum of the Baptist Bible Institute. This expansion has occurred in response to the demands of a growing student body. The original Christian Training Course in the English Bible, which had sufficed for the first four years of the Institute's life, was supplemented in 1922 by a two-years theological course which includes Greek and Hebrew. This was done to meet the needs of several students who had enrolled that year. The following year, the theological course was lengthened to three years so as to lead to the Th. M. degree because these students, and others, desired a full, standard theological course. In 1924, moreover, a student who had been in the student body from the beginning of the Institute qualified for the doctorate and received the Th. M. degree. Indeed, so greatly has the demand for theological work grown during the last five years that today the number of students enrolled for this work exceeds that pursuing any other course offered. The theological course, therefore, represents not an armitrary and exotic addition but, rather, a spontaneous, normal and inevitable development.

Another noteworthy fact about the expansion of the curriculum concerns the auspices under which this expansion has occurred. The policy of expansion has, of course, originated with the Institute's distinguished president. The several steps of expansion, however, have been made by the Board of Directors and acting for Southern Baptists. Since, then, this body of trustees is appointed by Southern Baptists to be their agent in administering the affairs of the Institute, it follows that ultimately and actually the curriculum has developed just as it has because our people have desired it. Moreover, the Southern Baptist Convention has directly approved this expansion step by step by its endorsement of the annual reports which the Institute has made to the convention. The present curriculum, then, represents the will of Southern Baptists concerning the work of the Institute.

To eliminate the theological course is, therefore, both to arrest the normal development of the Institute and to thwart, or reverse, the will of Southern Baptists.

The Winsett meeting in Abilene will continue through this week. Large crowds are attending and Jack is preaching some great sermons.

FAITH

"Faith does not require authority; it confers it. To those who face the Sistine Madonna, in the room in the Dresden Gallery, where it hangs in mony of tradition, nor of the thousands of its living admirers throughout the world, that renders it beautiful; it makes its own irresistible impression. There are similar moments for the soul when some word, or character, or event, or suggestion within ourselves, bows us in admiration before the incomparably Fair, in shame before the unapproachably Holy, in acceptance before the indisputably True, in adoration before the supremely Loving—moments when belief overmasters doubt and we know that we know. At such times the sense of personal intercourse is so vivid that the believer cannot question that he stands face to with the living God."—*Henry Sloane Coffin.*

"RUN AWAY, BOY, I'M BUSY"

Doctor Potter tells the story of a young man who stood at the bar of a court of justice to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had known him from a child, for his father had been a famous legal light, and his work on the "Law of Trusts" was the most exhaustive work on the subject in existence. "Do you remember your father?" asked the judge sternly, "that father whom you have disgraced?" The prisoner answered, "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the "Law of Trust" and say, 'Run away boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book, and here I am." The great lawyer had neglected his own trust, with awful results.—Selected.

KNOW YOU THE LAND?

Know you the land—the land of peace
Where tranquil spirits dwell?
Where sobs and sighs forever cease,
Where life is always well?

Know you the land—the land of joy,
Where melodies are true?
Where pleasures are without alloy,
Where skies are bright and blue?

Know you the land—the land of love
Where perfect praises ring?
Where love is patterned from above,
Where love alone is King?

It is the land, the perfect land
Without one trace of sin;
And only those who understand
May hope to enter in.

—J. M. Ballantyne.

President J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College, spoke at the First Baptist Church, Hamlin, on February 12, at both hours. On Monday morning following he spoke at the High School auditorium.

Peggy: "Daddy, what did the Dead Sea die of?"

Daddy: "Oh, I don't know, child."

Peggy: "Daddy, where do dreams go when you wake up?"

Daddy: "I don't know."

Peggy: "Daddy, why did God put so many bones in the fishes?"

Daddy: "I don't know that either."

Peggy: "Goodness, dady, who made you an editor?"

BOOK REVIEW

"PRESENT TENSE SALVATION"
By John W. Ham

"Present Tense Salvation" is one of the most inspiring books of sermons that has fallen into the hands of the writer in many days. Read the "Subjects Used" and you will want to read the book through. Here are some of them: "Carrying Your Corner of the Sheet," "New Testament Repentance," "The New Birth," "Following the Trail of Two Worshippers," "The Power That Changes Scarlet To White," "Great Salvation," "Walking With God," "The Four Men at the Gate," "Spiritual Millionaires," "Heaven: Shall We Know Each Other There?" Fourteen great sermons by one of America's greatest soul-winners. For logical arrangement, simplicity of approach, wealth of beautiful illustrations and that power that comes only from a heart of deep compassion for lost men this book will commend itself to every reader. Write to The Bible Institute Colportage Ass'n., 843-845 North Wells St., Chicago, Ill. Price $1.50.—Rev. Lyn Claybrook, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Canyon, Texas.

The Jews are trying to make Palestine a kind of "homeland," under the protection of the British government. This Zionist movement is not proving an overwhelming success. There has been difficulty concerning the movement among the Jews themselves. Things are now at a kind of standstill, although considerable progress was made up to this year. There is some clashing between the leaders of the movement and the British government.

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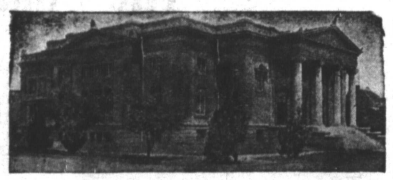
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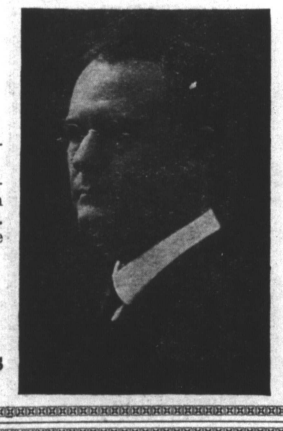
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Simmons University Cowboy Band Receives National Recognition



Successful Revival Closes Thursday Night; Over Forty Additions to Local Churches

Last Morning Service Is High Point Of Meeting: Many Rededicate Lives

(From Simmons Brand)

The University revival, one of the most successful meetings held in Simmons during recent years, closed Thursday night with a record of more than forty additions to the churches of the city. Dr. W. R. White of Greenville, Texas, led in the services and brought powerful messages twice daily to large audiences.

The highest hour of the meeting was reached Thursday morning when nine students accepted Christ as their Saviour, and practically the entire student body re-dedicated their lives to the service of Christ. For more than an hour following the appealing message from the text "What do you think of Jesus?" the congregation remained standing while great numbers of boys and girls filed down the aisles to reach Dr. White and President Sandefer and make promises to live better lives.

Much Personal Work

At the same time many of the faculty members and students were busily working throughout the chapel, talking and pleading with their friends to surrender their hearts. Many of the football men made known their intentions of living better and talked to other students about their condition.

One of the principal points in Dr. White's message was the tranquil and jeaceful death of Christians. Among other instances he told again the story of Prof. Anderson, former head of the Piano Department in Simmons, who died two years ago, saying just before death, "I have reached the heights and the beautiful boulevards lie out before me."

Thirty-Nine Additions

A check of the results of the meeting through Thursday morning revealed that at that time thirty-nine additions had been made to the different churches of the city. Twenty-three of these united with the First Baptist Church, eight with the University Baptist Church, five with St. Paul's Methodist Church, and three with the First Presbyterian Church. Nine presented themselves for baptism and the remaining thirty came by letter.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the ready response of the students in turning out for the night services. A number of friends from the city also attended and were benefitted by the inspiring messages.

Dr. White Popular

Dr. White is one of the most popular ministers that ever held a revival in Simmons. His great messages together with his friendly attitude and cheerful humor attracted the students to him at once and all enjoyed listening to him. He also did a great deal of personal work staying in the campus workshops two or three hours a day for conferences.

A SPELLING RULE

When "ie" and "ei" both spell "e,"
How can we tell which it shall be?
Here is a rule you may believe,
That never, never will deceive.
And all such trouble will relieve,
A smiple rule you can't conceive.
It is not made of many pieces,
To puzzle daughters, sons and nieces.
Yet with it all the trouble ceases.
After "C" an "E" supply;
After other letters "I."
Thus a general in a siege
Writes a letter to his liege,
Or an army holds it field
And will never deign to yield
While a warrior holds to shield,
Or has strength his arm to wield.
Two exceptions we must note,
Which all scholars learn by rote;
Leisure is the first of these,
For the second we have seize.
Now you know the simple rule,
Learn it quick, and off to school.
—Unknown.

While on his visit to this country Marshal Foch made a witty reply to a man who, when one of the guests at a dinner in Denver, given by a party of Americans, took exception to French politeness. "There is nothing in it but wind," he said with questionable taste. "Neither is there anything but wind in a pneumatic fire," retorted the gallant marshal, "yet it eases the jolts along life's highway wonderfully."

ALLISON TO GIVE 7 RECITALS THIS SPRING

A series of seven recitals, all free, during 1928 is announced by Irl Allison, head of the piano department of Simmons University.

The first recital already has been given by Mr. Allison on January 16, at Simmons Auditorium, in which he played numbers from Chopin, Liszt, Grieg and D'Albert. The future dates are April 30, June 15, June 26, July 8, July 17, and October 29.

It is doubtful if any pianist instructor in Texas' musical history has taken "time out" from his day-by-day grind with his classes to give seven concerts of 67 numbers from 18 composers—and all entirely from memory.

Numbers to be played in his seven 1928 concerts include thirteen from Chopin (termed by Mr. Allison the "cream of music"), these numbers being etudes, ballades, valses, preludes, nocturnes and polonaises. They also include eight Liszt numbers with the Second, Sixth and Twelfth Rhapsodies; four from Bach and three Beethoven sonates; the Pathetique, Moonlight and Appassionata.

In the second program, April 30, Mr. Allison will present his own compositions, eleven numbers distributed by Schroeder & Gunther, Inc. For the biggest of these numbers, Concerto in E Minor, Miss Lyda Gresham will be at the second piano. Six will be voice numbers, sung by William James Work and Miss Anna Morris, one of these, "Song of the Buffalo Hunters," having been dedicated to Mr. Work by the composer. The fourth and sixth programs, June 26 and July 17, will be for students only.

Numbers scheduled also include three of the biggest, concertos—Grieg's A Minor, liszt,s E. Flat and Arensky's in F Minor. Among the lighter numbers are "Whims," by Schumann; "Hark, Hark, the Lark," by Schubert-Liszt; and "March-Jig," by Grainger. In the seventh and concluding program of October 28 Mr. Allison will play Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite."

WATCH PALESTINE

A press dispatch announces that scientists have discovered deposits of phosphates and other chemical deposits in the Dead Sea representing fabulous wealth. An English syndicate will develop these resources. It is estimated that enough wealth will be mined from this source to pay for the entire rebuilding of Palestine.

Now turn to Isa. 60:5 and read, "Then thou shalt see, and flow together and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted into thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee."

On your next visit to Palestine, you will have the opportunity of seeing it from the air if you so desire. In that case Isa. 60:8 will be interesting: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows."

COWBOY BAND, SIMMONS U. MAY MAKE NEW YORK TOUR

A trip made to New York City last week by Gilbert Sandefer, manager of the famous Cowboy Band, may result in a fifteen weeks engagement in New York and other northern cities, according to a telegram received this week by the Abilene Reporter-News from Mr. Sandefer. A contract was also signed with Galli-Curci, famous singer to appear at the Simmons auditorium on April 2. Sandefer's telegram follows:

"Have several propositions to bring the Cowboy Band to New York this summer. We will be under the management of Frank T. Kintzing, of the Manhattan Opera Company, who recently managed Creatore's band. He will book us in New York, leaving June 1, playing in all the large theaters. We will have a week's engagement in New York at one of the largest theaters and stay here indefinitely. Contract calls for 15 weeks. Nothing definite will be done until I put the proposition before the university board. Possibility of our making trip to Paris. Write the story to suit yourself. Regards."

"Have just signed contract for Galli-Curci, the idol of millions, for Abilene Monday, April 2, appearing at the Simmons University Auditorium under auspices of the Cowboy Band. (Signed)
GILBERT SANDEFER."

CAMPAIGN AT LEUDERS

We have just completed a B. Y. P. U. study course among our young people, in which there was good interest shown. Our women are putting on a speaking program among some of the churches in the interest of the Conquest Campaign. Our church is to be blessed by the coming of Brethren J. H. Edmonds and J. T. Nicholson on the third Sunday in behalf of the campaign. Our work at Swenson, in Stonewall county is taking on new life and we are hoping for good things to come to all our work.—W. E. Brown, Pastor.

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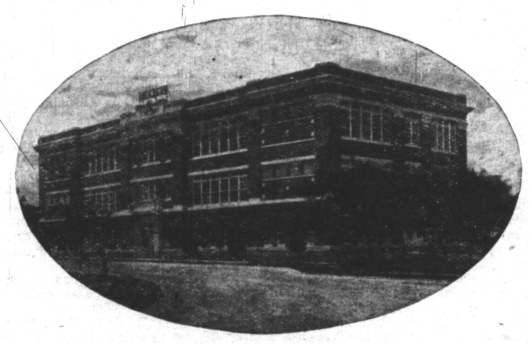
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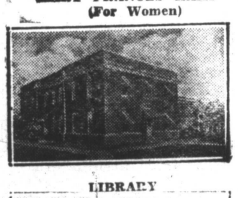
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Successful Revival Closes Thursday Night; Over Forty Additions to Local Churches

Last Morning Service Is High Point Of Meeting: Many Rededicate Lives

(From Simmons Brand)

The University revival, one of the most successful meetings held in Simmons during recent years, closed Thursday night with a record of more than forty additions to the churches of the city. Dr. W. R. White of Greenville, Texas, led in the services and brought powerful messages twice daily to large audiences.

The highest hour of the meeting was reached Thursday morning when nine students accepted Christ as their Saviour, and practically the entire student body re-dedicated their lives to the service of Christ. For more than an hour following the appealing message from the text "What do you think of Jesus?" the congregation remained standing while great numbers of boys and girls filed down the aisles to reach Dr. White and President Sandefer and make promises to live better lives.

Much Personal Work

At the same time many of the faculty members and students were busily working throughout the chapel, talking and pleading with their friends to surrender their hearts. Many of the football men made known their intentions of living better and talked to other students about their condition.

One of the principal points in Dr. White's message was the tranquil and jeaceful death of Christians. Among other instances he told again the story of Prof. Anderson, former head of the Piano Department in Simmons, who died two years ago, saying just before death, "I have reached the heights and the beautiful boulevards lie out before me."

Thirty-Nine Additions

A check of the results of the meeting through Thursday morning revealed that at that time thirty-nine additions had been made to the different churches of the city. Twenty-three of these united with the First Baptist Church, eight with the University Baptist Church, five with St. Paul's Methodist Church, and three with the First Presbyterian Church. Nine presented themselves for baptism and the remaining thirty came by letter.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the ready response of the students in turning out for the night services. A number of friends from the city also attended and were benefitted by the inspiring messages.

Dr. White Popular

Dr. White is one of the most popular ministers that ever held a revival in Simmons. His great messages together with his friendly attitude and cheerful humor attracted the students to him at once and all enjoyed listening to him. He also did a great deal of personal work staying in the campus workshops two or three hours a day for conferences.

A SPELLING RULE

When "ie" and "ei" both spell "e,"
How can we tell which it shall be?
Here is a rule you may believe,
That never, never will deceive.
And all such trouble will relieve,
A smiple rule you can't conceive.
It is not made of many pieces,
To puzzle daughters, sons and nieces.
Yet with it all the trouble ceases.
After "C" an "E" supply;
After other letters "I."
Thus a general in a siege
Writes a letter to his liege,
Or an army holds it field
And will never deign to yield
While a warrior holds to shield,
Or has strength his arm to wield.
Two exceptions we must note,
Which all scholars learn by rote;
Leisure is the first of these,
For the second we have seize.
Now you know the simple rule,
Learn it quick, and off to school.
—Unknown.

While on his visit to this country Marshal Foch made a witty reply to a man who, when one of the guests at a dinner in Denver, given by a party of Americans, took exception to French politeness. "There is nothing in it but wind," he said with questionable taste. "Neither is there anything but wind in a pneumatic tire," retorted the gallant marshal, "yet it eases the jolts along life's highway wonderfully."

ALLISON TO GIVE 7 RECITALS THIS SPRING

A series of seven recitals, all free, during 1928 is announced by Irl Allison, head of the piano department of Simmons University.

The first recital already has been given by Mr. Allison on January 16, at Simmons Auditorium, in which he played numbers from Chopin, Liszt, Grieg and D'Albert. The future dates are April 30, June 15, June 26, July 8, July 17, and October 29.

It is doubtful if any pianist instructor in Texas' musical history has taken "time out" from his day-by-day grind with his classes to give seven concerts of 67 numbers from 18 composers—and all entirely from memory.

Numbers to be played in his seven 1928 concerts include thirteen from Chopin (termed by Mr. Allison the "cream of music"), these numbers being etudes, ballades, valses, preludes, nocturnes and polonaises. They also include eight Liszt numbers with the Second, Sixth and Twelfth Rhapsodies; four from Bach and three Beethoven sonates; the Pathetique, Moonlight and Appassionata.

In the second program, April 30, Mr. Allison will present his own compositions, eleven numbers distributed by Schroeder & Gunther, Inc. For the biggest of these numbers, Concerto in E Minor, Miss Lyda Gresham will be at the second piano. Six will be voice numbers, sung by William James Work and Miss Anna Morris, one of these, "Song of the Buffalo Hunters," having been dedicated to Mr. Work by the composer. The fourth and sixth programs, June 26 and July 17, will be for students only.

Numbers scheduled also include three of the biggest, concertos—Grieg's A Minor, liszt,s E. Flat and Arensky's in F Minor. Among the lighter numbers are "Whims," by Schumann; "Hark, Hark, the Lark," by Schubert-Liszt; and "March-Jig," by Grainger. In the seventh and concluding program of October 28 Mr. Allison will play Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite."

WATCH PALESTINE

A press dispatch announces that scientists have discovered deposits of phosphates and other chemical deposits in the Dead Sea representing fabulous wealth. An English syndicate will develop these resources. It is estimated that enough wealth will be mined from this source to pay for the entire rebuilding of Palestine.

Now turn to Isa. 60:5 and read, "Then thou shalt see, and flow together and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted into thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee."

On your next visit to Palestine, you will have the opportunity of seeing it from the air if you so desire. In that case Isa. 60:8 will be interesting: "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows."

COWBOY BAND, SIMMONS U. MAY MAKE NEW YORK TOUR

A trip made to New York City last week by Gilbert Sandefer, manager of the famous Cowboy Band, may result in a fifteen weeks engagement in New York and other northern cities, according to a telegram received this week by the Abilene Reporter-News from Mr. Sandefer. A contract was also signed with Galli-Curci, famous singer to appear at the Simmons auditorium on April 2. Sandefer's telegram follows:

"Have several propositions to bring the Cowboy Band to New York this summer. We will be under the management of Frank T. Kintzing, of the Manhattan Opera Company, who recently managed Creatore's band. He will book us in New York, leaving June 1, playing in all the large theaters. We will have a week's engagement in New York at one of the largest theaters and stay here indefinitely. Contract calls for 15 weeks. Nothing definite will be done until I put the proposition before the university board. Possibility of our making trip to Paris. Write the story to suit yourself. Regards."

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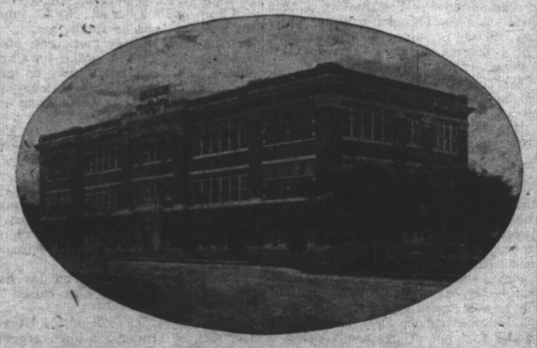
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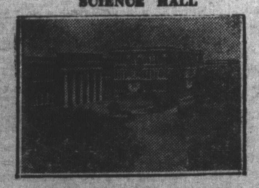
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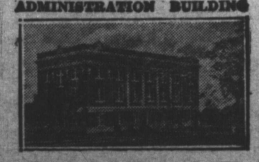
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C. A. Baskin

We notice that God created man mentally and morally responsible. He was placed in a world rich in resources. It is clearly seen that God retained full ownership of everything. Man was made steward as seen by Gen. 2:15—"And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

Adam was in full fellowship with God, and it was to be his delight to do all his Maker had commanded. It should still be our delight to do ALL our Savior wants us to do. Jehovah made it clear just what He wanted Adam to do. Adam understood. God has made our duty plain enough that any one who really wants to do shall know. Jesus says, "He that willeth to do shall know the doctrine."

Three Fundamental Institutions

There are three great institutions begun in Genesis that are basis in all man's relation to God and to man.

1. The first is the Sabbath. This was given before Adam had a Companion. It is to commemorate God's rest after creation and also for man's rest and spiritual growth. It is God's day.

2. Marriage is the basis institution in the propagation of the race, and all social relations. Every one understands how the law of Sabbaths and marriage is to work.

3. The third institution is Stewardship. Man is made a Steward. Stewardship implies that one person has under control and use that which belongs to another. Since it belongs to another, it is to be used to the satisfaction of the owner. From the time man was expelled from the fellowship with God in the Garden, he has been expected to bring and has brought offerings. The kind of substance was proscribed but the amount, at first, was not. The offerings were required, not because God needed them but because man needed to give them. They were for his sins and to show his love and faithfulness to his Maker.

The Tithe

In Gen. 14:20, we find Abraham meeting with Melchizedek — God's representative—gave a tenth. This is the first definite proportion for gifts to God. It begins the matter of material gifts that were not blood offerings. It was given apparently without the least suggestion from Melchizedek. It was because of God's blessings upon him and his gratitude. After this, wherever in the Bible any definite amount was spoken of it is always the tenth, or more.

In Gen. 28:22 we find Jacob receiving a special blessing from God. In return as his gratitude, Jacob promises to give the tenth of all he gets to God. This was also voluntary and based upon love. It is interesting to note that Jacob was penniless and friendless when this covenant was made at Bethel, and that afterwards God made him a very rich man. We find him then returning to this same sacred place and offered special offerings to God. This is in strict harmony with the general promise later made through Malichi in Mal. 3:10.

You will remember this was nearly 500 years before the Law was given. Yet God's best men were tithers, and God blessed them. When the law was given through Moses, the tithe, the sabbath, and marriage were incorporated in the law.

The law was threefold: ceremonial, civil and moral. They are clearly distinguished. For instance, the various cleansings, etc, were ceremonial, the cities of refuge, law of recompense nad slavery were civil, while the laws of the Sabbath, marriage and tithe, etc., were moral. No civil law was to demand the tithe. In Lev. 27:30, God plainly says, "The tithe is the Lord's." It has never changed. To those who kept it, God made a definite promise, while to those who refused, He dealt with, and called "robbers."

The tithe was clearly made the requirement for His people, the Jews. Perhaps the clearest teaching concerning the tithe, is in Malichi. He wrote after the captivity of Judah by Babylon. Remember the captivity was permitted for the purpose of punishing the people for breaking the law, especially of the Sabbaths and tithing. Now that they had taken their punishment and had seen their mistake, He closes His instructions to them for 400 years with this.

"Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye rob me, even this whole generation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove now herewith saith Jehovah of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground. neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, saith Jehovah of hosts."—Mal. 3:8-12.

After giving this, He says in the last chapter, "Remember ye the law." then closes the Book with, "Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." The curse is promised those who refuse to tithe. Can the world not see that the many curses in the way of pestilences, droughts, etc., are but the fulfillment of God's word? God is collecting the tithe. "Will a man rob God?" He asks. "Can a man rob God and get by with it?" I ask.

New Testament Stewardship

You will notice that in the Old Testament the tithe is always used to designate man's debt to God. The New Testament uses the word "Stewardship." Thus the concrete terms of the Kintergarden are changed to meet the conditions of the Adults. Stewardship is a much broader term than the tithe. It means ALL we have is His. The only time in the New Testament the tithe is used is in Mat. 23:23, "Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye TITHE mint and anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faith: but THESE YE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE and not left the other undone." It is significant that Jesus is the one who uses the term and that He endorsed the tithe along with the justice, mercy and faith.

But the law was fulfilled in and by Jesus. What does that mean to us who are servants to Him? Does it mean that Christians are not under any rule of the law? Does it mean that we are free to violate any law of the Old Testament? The law for obvious reasons was divided into three classes: ceremonial, civil and moral. Each set of laws was to serve distinct purposes, of course. The ceremonial was for personal cleanliness, etc., the civil for personal and material protection, the moral law was spiritual attainment, and moral character. The first two classes named could be rigidly kept. The moral law has never been perfectly kept by any beside Jesus. It must first be kept by a man before a man could free those under its curse.

Did Jesus in freeing man from the curse of it also free him from the observance of it? If we are not under the moral law, then certainly we are free to violate it at will. We grant that we Christians are not bound by any civil law of the Hebrew nation which has long since been destroyed. But we are not free to violate any moral obligation, that is that which has to do with our Maker. Can a man murder and not sin? Can a man lie and not sin? Can a man steal and not sin? Can a man break the Sabbath and not sin? To all this we answer, NO!

What Is the Christian's Relation To the Law?

Is he free from it all? Is he to become a Jew to be saved? as some preachers in Paul's day declared. Is he to keep it in the same manner and for the same purpose as the Jew? NO. The Jew looked to Moses for the law. Christians look to Christ. We both have the same objective—a spiritual life and approval of God. The law of God heads up in Christ. All are saved by the same power and plan, or else we have two plans of salvation. Acts 4:12 settles that.

Since Christ has satisfied the demand of the law, "All power and all authority is given unto Him." And we look to Him for our law, what does He say about the law? In Mat. 23: 37-40, He sums up the law as we are to keep it. "And He said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments the WHOLE LAW hangeth and the phophets."

You notice He restates the law in fewer words. It is very general. Nothing specific is injoined. We are just to "LOVE" rightly. He declared a law of love that is just as binding as the law of fear was to the Jew. He dealt with the Jew as with young children. To us He says, "Ye are my friends." They were in the Kintergarden; we are in high school. They dealt with concrete things; Christ deals with the abstract. The Jews were as minors; we have reached our majority. But remember they had definite amounts proscribed as the minimum. Should we as mature men do less honor and service to our parents under the law of love than we did under the law of fear? Certainly not. There is no intimation anywhere that Christians are to do less of any service than the Jew. Sure, we are given more freedom, but we are warned to "use not your liberty to an occasion of the flesh." We are to do all that love should prompt us to do. He says, "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments." Where there is sufficient love there is no need for so much specific instruction. When two loving hearts are united in marriage there is not given detailed instruction as to what is expected of the other. Love will do all possible, even to the sacrifice of the physical life. That is the kind of love Jesus expects of us. Hence Paul says in his summary of the law the Christian is to keep, "Love therefore is the fulfillment of the law."

What Has This To Do With Tithing?

Much. It has as much to do with tithing as with keeping the Sabbaths, marriage, or any other of the moral law Jesus gives us. All agree that Jesus meant the Sabbath is the "Lord's Day." Why not agree that He meant that the "The tithe is the Lord's" All are within the law. Bear in mind that we are not to observe the Sabbath because of fear of restraint, but by the law of love. So with tithing. One will look in vain for a New Testament passage that plainly says that believers in Christ should pay a tenth of their income to God. No one can prove by the New Testament any certain amount as the exact amount the Christian is to pay, and what amount to have left.

Neither can you find a passage that says we should give Him the seventh or the first day alone, of the week. The Jews were told to keep the seventh day. It commemorates creation. Christians keep the first day of the week in commemoration of Christ's resurrection, yet there is no definite command stated. We worship Him as Redeemer, rather than as Creator, hence the change. Even then are we to give Him the one day in seven and keep the six pursely for ourselves. Certainly not. We are to make it the minimum. Why? Not because of restraint but because of love.

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Rev. Chas. A. Powell, district organizer for district five in the Conquest Campaign, spoke Sunday morning at the First Church, Rotan. The Rotan church is in a training school this week with five classes being taught.

President Sandefer of Simmons University is to be with Pastor Geo. F. Brown and the Midlean church on the First Sunday in March. Last Sunday morning he spoke at the First Church, Sweetwater, in the absence of Pastor Chas. T. Whaley who was out in the interest of the Conquest Campaign; at the evening hour he spoke at the Lamar Street Church, Sweetwater.

R. Q. LEE, OF CISCO, TEXAS ANNOUNCES FOR CONGRESS

R. Q. Lee of Cisco has definitely announced his candidacy for congress from the seventeenth district. This decision was reached by Mr. Lee this week after careful consideration and he is now preparing his platform and plans at an early date to announce his views.

Mr. Lee was reared on his father's farm in North Mississippi, coming to Texas with his father in 1886. After spending one year in school, he entered the employment of The W. H. Taylor Dry Goods Company at Fort Worth and worked for this company four years, advancing from a roustabout clerk to a department manager and director of the company.

Having heard the call of the West, it was in July, 1891 that he went to Caddo, Stephens county, twenty miles from a railroad and opened a small general merchandise business. By hard work and rigid economy his business prospered from the beginning until he built up one of the largest inland mercantile businesses in Texas.

Having faith in the future of that section of West Texas, he invested his savings from his mercantile business in ranch land near the east line of Stephens county, stocking his pastures with a good grade of cattle.

His ranch adventure prospered as had his mercantile business.

as school trustee, deacon in his Mr. Lee served the Caddo section church and was known county wide as a wide awake, energetic community builder.

In 1913, Mr. Lee moved with his family to Cisco where he has since lived. He had not resided in Cisco long until he was elected school trustee, a bank director and still a little later president of the Cisco Banking Company and has served that institution as its president up to the present time.

When the oil boom came to Breckenride in 1918, it found that county without a railroad. An effect was made to get one of the trunk line roads, operating in this section, to build a line to Breckenridge, but this did not seem to appeal to them.

It was then that the business men of Cisco drafted Mr. Lee to organize a company and build a line from Cisco to Breckenridge. After some hestitation, Mr. Lee agreed to undertake the task and as a result he built one of the best short line railroads in the country.

He personally supervised the construction of this road and after its completion, operated it until the road was sold to the Texas & Pacific Railway Company in March, 1927.

Before selling the Cisco & Northeastern to the Texas & Pacific, Mr. Lee realizing that Throckmorton county had been trying for forty years to get a railroad, but for some reason had failed, then undertook to promote an extension of the Cisco & Northeastern from Breckenridge to Woodson and Throckmorton, a distance of forty miles.

He at once took maps of that splendid section to Washington and presented them to the Interstate Commerce Commission and with but little hesitation on the part of that tribunal he was granted a permit to build the extension and in his sale of the Cisco & Northeastern to The Texas & Pacific, that road agreed to carry out this contract.

This new line has been under construction since August, 1927, and will be completed to Woodson by March fiirst, and to Throckmorton by July 1st, 1928,(in time to move the Throckmorton county grain crop this coming season.

Mr. Lee's friends think that one of the greatest works he has accomplished was his memorable diversification farming campaign in 1925 and 1926 while president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The good results of this effort are visible throughout West Texas today and the good he did can hardly be estimated. It should be said that he never presented an expense account to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for any of his trips and that he paid his own traveling expenses during the campaign on many of them He is now operating his model farm and demonstrating the practicability of the farming program advocated in this campaign.

Having spent the greater part of his life on the farm and in a country store, and having been a life-long student of the agricultural needs of the South, he feels a keen interest in agriculture.

His friends feel that there are few men in the country better fitted than he is to represent the seventeenth district in congress and that he can do a real constructive work, not only for West Texas, but for the entire South.

His decision to offer for congress came only after he had been earnestly solicited by people from all over the district. His only desire to go to Washington is that he believes he can do some good work for the development of the country and he is beginning his campaign with the same earnestness which has characterized all his other activities.

(Political Advertisement)



R. Q. LEE
Cisco, Texas

COLEMAN ASSOCIATION

Our Workers meetings today at Silver Valley was a great success in points of attendance, spirit and educational value.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer was at his best and brought us two great addresses.

Dr. Prince of First Church, Brownwood, also brought us a fine message.

Brother Prince has been in the state only a few months but is fast gaining the respect, admiration and love of our people. His life, his speech, his attitude lifts us upward.

Our next meeting will be held at Talpa March 5th.—J. R. McCorkle.

Mother: "Which apple do you want, Junior?"

Junior: "The biggest one."

Mother: "Why Junior! You should be polite and take the little one."

Junior: "Well, mama, should I lie to be polite?"

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION COLUMN

Chas. D. Owen, Missionary

Words of cheer and enthusiasm are being heard all along the battle line of our associational work. Nolan country churches, on the second Sunchurch set a good example for other day by going to $250.00 mark for the Conquest Campaign. Rev. E. K. Dougherty was with Pastor Badgett on that day and presented the Campaign. Those men are capable of leading a church in doing a big thing.

The missionary was with Pastor Lowrie at Hylton church in the evening service of the same date, although sickness prevented some members being present, the offering for the Campaign went beyond $100.00, others will get in with a worthy offering.

The Ovalo church on the same date gave $100.00 for Association Missions and Tye church gave $28.71 for same cause. We feel sure Pastors Tatum and Sibley will lead these good churches into a worthy offering for the Campaign.

The Live Oak church and Pastor Lowrie will go strong for the Campaign. This church is considering the idea of moving their church building some three miles southwest of its present location which will not only put it within the center of its membership, but in the center of the canyon, which is one of the best farming sections of the county.

Pastor Tankersley had a great day with his church at View on the second Sunday. Having lead his church to build a new, beautiful house of worship, they dedicated it to the Lord on the above date. Dr. W. F. Fry preached the sermon to the delight of a great congregation.

We are still hearing words of praise concerning the good services rendered in our University revival by Dr. W.R . White. It was our good fortune to come in close personal touch with Dr. White during the first years of his ministry, having been his Bible teacher in Rusk College. He is not only a deeply consecrated man, but a great preacher and pastor.

Great congregations are hearing Evangelist Jack Winsett in the tent meeting on Pine Street. He denounces sin without fear or favor, and is delivering some timely messages. Many have taken a definite stand for Christ during the meeting. Let us pray that such a revival spirit may continue throughout our Association during this year.

The missionary preached at Elmdale last Sunday morning on the Conquest Campaign, offering went to $75.00 and will reach $100.00 I am sure. He preached at Cedar Gap Sunday evening. Five young people asked that the Christians present remember them in prayer. This church made their offering of $50.00 for the Campagin.

Trent church had a good day Sunday, $235.00 in cash was raised for the Campaign.

The Fielder B. Y. P. U. of University Church rendered a good program at 6:30 p. m. for this church.

PROGRAM

Of Workers Council Sweetwater Baptist Association, University Church

Monday, March 5.

10:00: Prayer and Praise: Houston Scott.

10:20: Reports of Conquest Campaign: Group Captains.

10:45: A Worthy Finish of the Conquest Campaign: C. T. Whaley.

11:45: Sermon on Missions: M. A. Quinlin.

Noon.

1:15: Board Meeting.

2:00: Prayer and Praise: W. H. Howell.

2:15: An Associational Evangelistic Program: J. C. McKenzie.

2:45: Pastoral Evangelism: Joe Ford.

3:15: An Associational Training School Program: G. W. Lowrie.

REV. SAM POWERS DIES

Rev. Samuel H. Powers was called to his Heavenly Home on January 20, 1928, from the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Scott near Drasco church in Runnels county.

Brother Powers was actively engaged in the ministry for sixty two years, holding many revival meetings and pastoring churches. He was pastor of Carlton Baptist Church for eighteen consecutive years. The larger part of his ministry was spent in Comanche, Hamilton, and Brown counties. He was one of the best pioneer preachers in that part of the state. He missed only two sessions of the old Bosque County Association in over twenty years.

Samuel Hobson Powers was born in Cook county, Missouri, February 6, 1837. He was converted and joined the Missionary Baptist at the age of fourteen years. In 1856 the family moved to Comanche county, Texas, where on September the 10th, 1868, has was married to Miss Frances Lumerilus Kiser.

He was ordained to the ministry by Little Green's Creek church in Erath county at the age of twenty. He held his last revival meeting with the Juniper church in Coke county at the age of 82 years. At his death, he lacked only fifteen days being 91 years old.

He leaves to mourn his going, six children, many grandchildren, and an innumerable host of friends. They rise by the thousands to call him blassed. The children are: Mrs. Geo. Scott, Brandshaw, Texas; J. H. Powers, Port Lavaca, Texas; D. A. Powers, Tucumcari, New Mexico; R. R. Powers, Winters, Texas; F. M. Powers, Norton, Texas; and Mrs. Frances Scott, Stamford, Texas.—E. D. Dunlap.

S. S. LESSON IN POETRY

G. W. Thomas, Cisco

On the storm swept sea of Galilee,
A little boat was driven;
And on a pillow, serenely slept,
The Lord of earth and Heaven.

But His disciples, comrades, friends,
Accusing thoughts did cherish;
And in their deepest fear cried out,
"Carest thou not, we perish?"

And He arose and rebuked the wind,
And said unto the sea: "Peace be still,"
The raging winds, they blushed to silence
And the surging sea, obeyed His will.

Out on the sea, I too am sailing,
Out in the storm so dark,
Out where the cruel waves are lashing
Against my feeble bark.

Buy why should I fear and tremble
Why doubt His tender care?
He who rules the storm is in my boat
And His "Peace be still," I hear.

'Nora, me jewel, see if yez can guess this: If a man was born in Lapland, and lived in Finland and died in Poland, what was he?"

"A corpse."

"Ah, some one must have told yez.'



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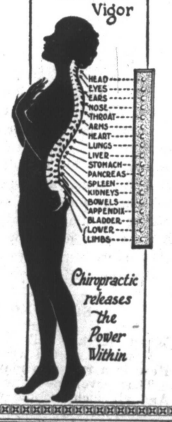
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